

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF August 14, 2016**

*Please silence all cell phones and games when entering the sanctuary. Thank you!*

*This weekly announcement sheet is included on Mt. Zion's website.*

### **TODAY**

- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Summer Sunday School 9-10 AM, PreK/K rooms
- ~Community Life Core Planning Session, 9-10 AM in the fellowship hall
- ~Baptism of Payton Abel during 10:30 AM worship
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Mission Core Planning Session, immediately following late worship in the fellowship hall

### **THIS WEEK**

- ~There are no events scheduled for this week.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Summer Sunday School 9-10 AM, PreK/K rooms
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Council Meeting following late worship

**Our *Monthly Mission* for August will be split between the Hoffman Home and Homewood Homes.** Hoffman Homes for Youth treats the needs of boys and girls ages 6 to 17, who have a major mental health diagnosis. Their treatment program provides behavioral and cognitive therapy, physical health care services, and a safe and comfortable home for up to 141 children on our campus. Homewood Homes is a retirement facility that supports a population of over 600 residents. They offer independent living, assisted lifestyle services, skilled care, hospice care and respite care. Your support to these two missions will ensure both young and old alike receive quality care.

**Northeastern Food Pantry-** During the month of August, the food pantry is in need of paper products: napkins, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Barbara Krier will collect the donations August 28th after the early service. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!

**Altars in the World and Flat Jesus in the World~** This summer, we are asking Mt. Zion friends to build altars in the world! Whether you are traveling or staying home this summer, take the time to invite God into your everyday life! Build an altar (it doesn't have to be fancy or big-- but it can be!) and take a picture for us. You can email them to us (mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net) or you can put them on Facebook or Instagram and tag us with #altarintheworld and #mtzionucc. We will also have copies of Flat Jesus available in the side narthex. If you take Flat Jesus with you, snap a picture and send it to the above email, or tag us on Facebook or Instagram using the hashtags #mtzionucc and #flatjesus. We can't wait to see where you are finding God this summer!!

**Adult Sunday School: "Christianity and the Problem of Evil" begins Sun. Sept. 11th.** With so many atrocities occurring within our world, one cannot help but sense a pervading presence of evil, acting to bring about diabolic goals. But, as Christians, how do we account for this evil? Why does it exist? Where does it come from? Why doesn't God put an end to it? Furthermore, are evil beings real and how should they be understood? This class will help us to think through some of these issues. We will consider evil in the twenty-first century by examining both traditional and contemporary views. If you are interested in exploring these topics, join us in the fellowship hall during Sunday School at 9 AM for a six week class taught by David Bradnick beginning on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> entitled, "Christianity and the Problem of Evil".

**Summerfest at Mt. Zion ~** Mt. Zion has enjoyed two summerfest events so far. If you haven't been able to attend any of the previous activities, don't worry; there is still one more left! Our next activity is scheduled for Friday, August 26th at 7 PM. We will be having a drive-in movie in our parking lot. The event is for everyone, simply come and enjoy fellowship with your church family. There is a signup sheet in the side narthex, please let us know if you're planning to attend this event.

**The Mt. Zion Outreach Team** is pleased to share the new Mt. Zion travel mugs and tumblers are available for purchase! The mugs and tumblers cost \$5.00 each, with all proceeds going to the purchase of gift cards for Central York and York City school guidance counselors to help students in need. They are in the narthex along with a box for payment.

**Core Planning Sessions ~** It's that time of year again where we get together to plan for the 2016-2017 program year. We welcome and need YOUR input! Planning sessions are scheduled as follows: Community Life, TODAY at 9 AM; Mission, TODAY at 11:30 AM; Outreach, Aug. 28th at 9 AM; Worship, Aug. 28th at 11:30 AM, Spiritual Formation, Sept. 11th at 11:30 AM; and Youth, Sept. 25th at 11:30 AM. Please see Pastor Dani or Pastor Jeff if you have any questions. *Agendas for Community Life and Mission Core Planning Sessions are available in the narthex. Please note the change of date for the Youth Core to Sun., Sept. 25th at 11:30 AM.*

**Books for Oktoberfest~** Planning has begun for Mt. Zion's 3rd annual Oktoberfest! They plan to have another book sale, and would like to start collecting books (novels only, please) in August. There will be a bin in the narthex if you have novels you would like to donate. The Oktoberfest committee thanks you for your support!

**Chop & Peel~** The next chop & peel is scheduled for Monday, August 29th at 6 PM in our kitchen & fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the side narthex that has the food items we need listed on it. If you are able to donate any of

the needed items, please indicate that on the sheet. Hope to see you on the 29th, and thank you for your continued support of this ministry. ~Nancy Sleeper

**Blanket Sunday Offering** ~ Sun. Aug. 28th, during both worship services. We will receive your gifts in this special all church offering. \$5 provides a blanket like the one on the sanctuary wall to homeless shelters, in times of natural disaster and to refugees. Please give generously so we can blanket the world with love!

**Blessing of the Backpacks and Blankies**~ Sun. Aug. 28th, during the 10:30 worship service. Join us as we pray for the schools and bless the blankets and backpacks!

**Seeking Sunday School Teachers!** Mt. Zion is seeking dedicated individuals to serve as Sunday school teachers for the 2016-2017 program year. At this time, we are specifically looking for 1 more Pre-K/K teacher, 2 more M.S./H.S. teachers, and 1 more teacher for 1st-3rd grade group. We are also looking for leaders for the adult Sunday school classes. If you would be interested in serving as a teacher in these classrooms, please contact Pastor Danielle. Thank you!

**Audio/Visual Training** ~ We have received positive feedback regarding the streaming of our worship services. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this possible, but we need more help! No previous experience is required to become a part of the team. There are training sessions scheduled so you can learn how to be a part of this fun and meaningful process. If you're already a volunteer, you can attend the training to refresh your memory on what you already know! There is a sign-up sheet in the side narthex if you would like to attend either or both of the sessions. Sound training will be held on Sun. Aug. 28th from 6:30-8:30 PM, and video training is scheduled for Sun. Sept. 11th from 6:30-8 PM. Look for more upcoming dates in October where we will go over your questions and introduce more advanced concepts. Feel free to contact Denny Daugherty via email if you have questions: [dennyd@triple-d.us](mailto:dennyd@triple-d.us).

**E-Spirit**~ There are a few printed copies available in the side narthex, along with a sign-up sheet to have your email address included on the distribution list. If you have a submission for our newsletter, please email it to us at: [mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net](mailto:mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net).

**WOW Kids**—WOW (Worship Our Way) Kids is a program for the younger children of our congregation to participate in during the 10:30 worship service. After the children's message, the kids go downstairs for a lesson and snack. There is no sign up process – simply bring your child and we'll do the rest!

**Please consider sponsoring either an altar flower arrangement or our weekly bulletins.** It's a great way to send a special message, remember a loved one or celebrate a birthday or event. You are encouraged to take a few minutes upon sign up to complete the form providing the information as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Flower arrangements cost \$14.75 & bulletins cost \$15.00. Thank You!

**Mt. Zion is Streaming!** The 10:30 AM service is posted on the Mt. Zion website at: <http://www.mtzionucc.org/services-online.html>, with a live feed (during the actual service) and you can view past services for some of the last few Sundays. The 8 AM service is no longer available to be viewed as a live stream. We will continue to live stream the 10:30 service. The streaming works to PCs, tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome. If you are streaming from home and experience technical difficulties, please contact [mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net](mailto:mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net).

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
July 17, 2016	106 members + 16 guests	\$3,184.00	\$1,453.80	\$4,637.80	\$4,352.04
July 24, 2016	173 members + 30 guests	\$2,570.00	\$1,453.80	\$4,023.80	\$4,352.04
July 31, 2016	162 members +20 guests	\$2,315.00	\$1,453.80	\$3,768.80	\$4,352.04
August 7, 2016	135 members + 23 guests	\$2,560.00	\$1,817.25	\$4,377.25	\$4,352.04

Special needs prayer chain - please call the church office at 755-6117.

**Hospitalized:**

**Undergoing Treatment/Therapy:** Fran Spangler, Tillie Henry

**Recuperating:** Adonna Barshinger, Bonnie Dull, Carol Hartman

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Barry & Nancy Schwartz, David Strine & Heather Wantz

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** John Schriver

**10:30 AM Sound Tech:**

**10:30 AM Video Tech:**

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Red & Ellie Arnold, Al & Ann Lewis

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Alan Neff

**WOW Kids:** David & Brigitte Bradnick

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Ryan Neal & Mary Jane Snyder

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Terry & Deb Barnes, Dave & Steph Beyer

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Clyde Snyder

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Jodi Graham

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Elaina & Marco Angelone

**WOW Kids:** Alan Neff & Melissa Shindler