

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF September 18th, 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 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult Sunday School "Christianity and the Problem of Evil" 9-10 AM, fellowship hall
- ~PreK-12th Grade Sunday School at 9 AM in their respective rooms
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Installation of New Youth Council Members during 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~Church Council Meeting after late worship
- ~Youth Group (7th-12th Grade) Potluck 6-8 PM, fellowship hall

### THIS WEEK

- ~Preschool-3rd Grade Vocal Choir Practice Thur. Sept. 22nd, 6:30-7 PM
- ~Worship Choir Practice Thur. Sept. 22nd, 7:30-9 PM

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult Sunday School "Christianity and the Problem of Evil" 9-10 AM, fellowship hall
- ~PreK-12th Grade Sunday School at 9 AM in their respective rooms
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Worship Choir Performs during 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~Youth Core Planning Session 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, fellowship hall
- ~Compassion York Food Run 2 PM, kitchen & fellowship hall

Our Monthly Mission for September will be the **2017 Lakota Trip**. Where is Lakota? South Dakota! The donations you give will be used to purchase supplies and defray the cost of travel expenses for this mission trip. Our members, including youth, are planning to make this trip in the summer of 2017.

**Blanket Sunday Offering** ~ This is the final day to submit your Blanket Sunday offerings. Thanks for your generosity!

**Neighbors in Need Offering** ~ On October 2nd during both worship services, we will receive the Neighbors in Need special offering. The funds will be distributed to a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects, including the Lakota region.

**Northeastern Food Pantry-** During the month of September, the food pantry is in need of: peanut butter, canned soup, and paper towels. Barbara Krier will collect the donations next Sunday after the early service. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!

**Compassion York Food Run**~ The next Compassion York Food run is scheduled for Sept. 25th after late worship. Please sign up in the side narthex if you would like to help with this mission. Thanks for your participation.

**Adult Sunday School: "Christianity and the Problem of Evil"** takes place at 9 AM on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall. With so many atrocities occurring within our world, one cannot help but sense a pervading presence of evil. Join us in the fellowship hall during Sunday School at 9 AM for an in depth class taught by David Bradnick where you can discuss traditional and contemporary views of evil in the 21st century.

**The Mt. Zion Outreach Team** is pleased to share Mt. Zion travel mugs and tumblers are available for purchase! They 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. **Also, if you received a Mt. Zion magnet and it is peeling, we received replacement magnets, please feel free to take another one.**

**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 session for our Youth Core is scheduled for Sept. 25th at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Please see Pastor Dani or Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

**2016-2017 Worship Ministry Teams** are being formed! Sign up to plan services for November or Advent in the side narthex.

**Children's Vocal Choir Practice Dates** ~ Pre-School-3rd Grade Vocal Choir will have rehearsal on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7 PM September 1st through the 22nd. The complete schedule for fall is posted in the side narthex. Please contact Travis Pinci at [travispinci1280@gmail.com](mailto:travispinci1280@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Youth Group** ~ Our first gathering of the youth group will be held TONIGHT from 6:00-8:00 PM in the fellowship hall of the church! The goal for this night is for all of us to come back together after a summer of adventures to reconnect as a group. **We will have dinner together, pot luck style, when we gather at 6:00. Please bring a dish or a side to share with the group that night. Pastor Jeff will be making Halushki, one of his old family favorites!** Otherwise, just bring yourselves (and a friend if you'd like) and be ready for some fun and fellowship! Our youth group includes all youth from grades 7-12.

**Blessing of the Animals** ~ We are having a Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 16th at 4 PM outside at Mt. Zion. Bring your pet (on a leash or in a carrier and with whatever poop clean up supplies you need!) and we will say a special pray-

er of blessing for each of them! Tell your friends and neighbors! A gentle reminder that if your pet is skiddish or aggressive around other animals, this may not be the venue for a blessing.

**We are seeking Acolytes!** If your child (or you!) would be interested in acolyting, **please sign up on the sheet in the side narthex** and please indicate if training is needed. As a guide, children typically begin acolyting around third grade. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Dani or Pastor Jeff.

**Ridgerunners October 12th bus trip to the Flight #93 Memorial Site:** Forms are available in the side narthex, include your phone number & the names of your guests. All are welcome to sign up to go for a fee of \$85 per person, which is due in the church office by Oct. 3, 2016. Questions, contact Diane Strine at 757-2370 or 887-4617.

**Messy Church Returns!** All are welcome to join us, we will be exploring the heroes of our faith from 6-7:30 PM on Fri. Oct. 7th. We are in need of 8 volunteers to make this evening of dinner, stories & holy messiness complete. Share your inner hero with this group by signing up to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the side narthex. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dani. Volunteers do need to have current child abuse clearances on file, if you need assistance obtaining them, please contact the church office. Thank You!

**Request From Your Financial Secretary:** To all members of the congregation, if you don't remember your envelope number, please list your FULL name, first and last, on your pew envelope, special offering envelope, or any other envelope you use. If you only list your last name there may be other members with the same last name and you may not get credit for your contribution. In regard to that, married couples that are members should list the husband's full first and last name on the envelope. Reason being, if a husband and wife are both members, our software is designed to look at the husband as the primary contributor and he receives the envelope number. Thank you for your cooperation in the above matter. Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary

**Oktoberfest ~ Mt. Zion's 3rd annual Oktoberfest** is fast approaching! Please see the various sign-up sheets in the main narthex. They are in need of helpers and donations to make this event possible. Also, feel free to take a flyer and pass it out (where allowed) in the community! Proceeds from this event will benefit the York Rescue Mission, Compassion York Food Run, Ronald McDonald House & Mt. Zion's Youth Programs.

**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 M.S./H.S. teacher. 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 or Pastor Jeff. Thank you!

**The Rotary York - North Club** is in need of families in the Central School District to host an exchange student from Chile. He is attending Central High School this year and is currently in temporary housing until host families can be found. If you live in the Central School District and are interested in hosting, please contact Danika Dallam for more information. T: 968-3125 or E: [danikarsd@yahoo.com](mailto:danikarsd@yahoo.com). Thank you for your consideration!

**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. Please complete the form providing the information as you would like it to appear in the bulletin upon sign-up. Flowers 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 service) & you can view past services for some of the last few Sundays. 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 [mtzionuccyork-pa@comcast.net](mailto:mtzionuccyork-pa@comcast.net).

Letters of encouragement can be sent to Zachary Miles during his time at boot camp. **Letters only, no cards, please.** Rct. Miles, Zachary A., 1st RTBN PLT 1084 CO D, P.O. Box 16155, Parris Island, SC 29902-6155.

Letters or cards can be sent to Shaelynn Bailey during her time of deployment. SN Bailey, Shaelynn M., USS Whidbey Island (LSD-41), FPO AE 09591-1729.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
August 28, 2016	185 members + 15 guests	\$2,400.00	\$1,817.25	\$4,217.25	\$4,352.04
September 4, 2016	125 members + 10 guests	\$2,885.18	\$1,817.25	\$4,702.43	\$4,352.04
September 11, 2016	176 members + 14 guests	\$1,742.00	\$1,817.25	\$3,559.25	\$4,352.04

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

**Undergoing Treatment/Therapy:** Tillie Henry

**Recuperating:** Sharon Baines, Junior Spahr

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Ryan Neal  
**8 AM Acolyte:** Ellery Wagaman  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** Tom Mulligan  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Jack Herlocker  
**8 AM Welcome Team:** Tom & Carol Bair, Norman & Ivy Leach  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Clyde Snyder  
**10:30 AM Acolyte:** Maddie Gyenes  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Dave, Steph, Carter, Cora & Layla Beyer  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Tom Mulligan  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** John Kollasch

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Ken Dunbar  
**8 AM Acolyte:** Weston Wagaman  
**8 AM Welcome Team:** Becky & Jerry Hester, Charlie & Joann Test  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Bonnie Dull  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Jon, Heidi, Emily & Megan Merritt  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney  
**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney