

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF September 25th, 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
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM, choir room
- ~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

THIS WEEK

- ~Preschool-3rd Grade Hand Bell Choir Practice Thur. Sept. 29th 6:30-7 PM
- ~Worship Choir Practice Thur. Sept. 29th, 7:30-9 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~World Communion Sunday
- ~Neighbors in Need Offering collected during both worship services
- ~Worship Service & Communion at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Congregational Meeting 9 AM, Sanctuary
- ~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
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM, choir room
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Worship Choir Performs during 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~Singles Lunch at 12 PM, Great American Saloon

Congregational Meeting to vote on Mt. Zion UCC's church profile and Pastor Danielle's call to serve as our Senior Pastor is scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd at 9 AM in the sanctuary.

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 ~ Thanks to everyone's contributions, we were able to purchase a total of 202 blankets!

Membership at Mt. Zion ~ If you are interested in becoming a member of Mt. Zion UCC, please contact Pastor Jeff. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, October 9th.

Neighbors in Need Offering ~ Next Sunday 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 today after the early service. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!

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 ~ Planning session for our Youth Core is today at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

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

Children's Hand Bell Choir Practice Dates ~ Pre-School-3rd Grade Hand Bell Choir will have rehearsal on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7 PM September 29th through October 22nd. The complete schedule for fall is posted in the side narthex. Please contact Travis Pinci at travispinci1280@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 prayer 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: The trip to Flight 93 has been **cancelled**. We will meet Wednesday October 5th at noon in the fellowship hall. Bring a sandwich and our host/hostesses will be Carol Hartman, Joann & Charlie Test. Hope to see you there. Nancy Sleeper

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. Thank you for your cooperation in the above matter. Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary

Oktoberfest ~ 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. **The meeting previously scheduled for Sun. Oct. 2nd at 9 AM has been cancelled.**

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 Church Office has **Weis and Giant gift cards** available in \$10, \$25, and \$50 denominations. A portion of every card purchased benefits Bell Socialization! Checks should be made out to Mt. Zion U.C.C.

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 mtzionuccyorkpa@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
September 18, 2016	156 members + 15 guests	\$2,165.00	\$1,817.25	\$3,982.25	\$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 Acolyte: Weston Wagaman

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Welcome Team: Becky & Jerry Hester, Charlie & Joann Test

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jon, Heidi, Emily & Megan Merritt

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:

Cora Beyer, Steph Beyer, Sydney Cooper, Tim Snyder

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:

Tori Everhart, Anne Henry, John Kollasch, Robin Schriver

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

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