

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF November 27th, 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

- ~**First Sunday in Advent ~ "Worship Fully"**
- ~**Worship Services & Communion** at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~**Children's Hand Bell & Vocal Choir Practice** (all ages) 9-9:10 AM, Hand Bell Choir Room
- ~**PreK-12th Grade Sunday School** at 9 AM in their respective rooms
- ~**Adult Sunday School "Being Mortal"** 9-10 AM, fellowship hall
- ~**Worship Choir Performs** at 10:30 service
- ~**WOW Kids** during 10:30 service
- ~**Youth Group** 6-8 PM Fellowship Hall

### THIS WEEK

- ~**Chop and Peel**, Mon. Nov. 28th, 6:30-8 PM in the fellowship hall and kitchen
- ~**Advent Bible Study**, Wed. Nov. 30th, 6:00-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall and kitchen
- ~**Worship Choir Practice**, Thurs. Dec. 1, 7-9 PM
- ~**Messy Church**, Fri. Dec. 2nd, 6-7:30 PM in the sanctuary and fellowship hall

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**Second Sunday in Advent~ "Spend Less"**
- ~**Worship Services** at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~**Children's Hand Bell & Vocal Choir Practice** (all ages), 9-9:10 AM, Hand Bell Choir Room
- ~**Jubilation Rehearsal**, 9:10-9:55, choir room
- ~**PreK-12th Grade Sunday School** at 9 AM in their respective rooms
- ~**Adult Sunday School, "Being Mortal"**, 9-10 AM, fellowship hall
- ~**Worship Choir Performs** at the 10:30 service
- ~**WOW Kids** during 10:30 service
- ~**Singles Lunch**, 12:00 PM at Carol Hartman's home
- ~**Youth Group**, 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall

**Thank you to Lee and Patsy Brown for providing us with the Christmas tree and wreaths! After worship today, please take a moment to put a crismom on the tree.**

*A reminder from Pastor Dani & Pastor Jeff~ Please have patience during this time of transition as we seek to find a new secretary. During the week, please call ahead to make sure one of us is here before coming to the church building. Thanks for your cooperation!*

**Our Monthly Mission for November will be the UCC Christmas Fund.** The Christmas Fund helps retired clergy and spouses by providing supplemental monies for pension and health insurance premiums to low-income retirees. At Christmas, the offering provides checks to hundreds of annuitants, and it also provides emergency assistance throughout the year. Thank you for your gifts to the Christmas Fund.

**Northeastern Food Pantry**~ Thank you for your donations of Thanksgiving dinner items during the month of November. For the month of December, the Northeastern food pantry is in need of paper products and cereal. Barbara Krier will pick the items up on Tuesday, December 27th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

**Special Offering on Sunday, December 20th-** Throughout Advent, we will be focusing our attention on the coming Christ and what this gift means in our life. In particular, we will explore what gifts we can offer the world that can truly make a difference. Each week we will embrace a theme: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All. As we detach ourselves from the more consumer aspects of the Christmas season, we will further engage with giving more to our sisters and brothers in the world who are suffering. On Sunday, December 20th, as a congregation, our church offering will go towards Living Water International, an organization that works to help people across the world gain access to clean drinking water. Any designated money (towards the monthly mission or otherwise) will be applied appropriately, but all general fund offering will go towards this meaningful mission. We ask you to consider giving generously to this cause. Thank you!

**Sponsorship Opportunities for 2017**~There are opportunities to provide resources for the Summer Program for our children, Messy Church, and advertising for special events, and they are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a leaf, place your name on the back and put it in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment.

**Homewood Homes Auxiliary**~ The auxiliary is made up of men & women who wish to add a little more sunshine through their contributions. Our kindness is appreciated at whichever level of care the resident lives. Dues are \$3 for a single membership or \$5 for a couple membership. In the past, we have purchased small gifts for the residents, but this year we will not be doing that. The administration has requested that we can be participants by signing Christmas cards and putting them in sealed envelopes to be addressed once they get to the home. This way, the residents will receive several cards, letting them know we within the UCC are thinking of them at this special time of year. There will be a mailbox in the narthex today. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Paulette Smith at 757-3625.

**Advent Conspiracy Bible Study** ~ During the season of Advent we will be hosting a companion bible study to our series based on "The Advent Conspiracy". The bible study will take place each Wednesday night from 6 PM - 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall. We will have a light supper, a hands on component, and age appropriate break out sessions for both adults and children. Please sign up in the side narthex if you are interested in attending so that we know how much food to prepare.

**Adult Sunday School - 9 AM Sun. mornings in the fellowship hall.** Throughout Advent (Nov. 27th-Dec. 18th), Scott McCracken will be leading a Sunday school class based on the book, Being Mortal by Atul Gawande. Advent is a season where we think about the reality that God sent his son to be with humanity, in the flesh. God was embodied and experienced a human life, filled with human experiences including love, joy, pain and even death. In the book, Gawande explores the hope both that we have a good life, but also a good death. Join us for an honest, caring look at how we perceive, talk about, and view death. This class will meet in the fellowship hall at 9 AM, Sun. Nov. 27, Dec. 4th, 11th & 18th. Reading the book before or in tandem with the class is recommended but not required.

**Blue Christmas-** The Christmas season is often filled with joy and laughter, but it can also bring with it feelings of sadness and loneliness. This year, Mt. Zion is offering a special worship experience that will offer a space of comfort and care for anyone for whom the holidays are challenging. The service will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 7 PM. We invite you to attend and we encourage you to share the information with a friend, neighbor, or coworker.

**Singles Luncheon--** The Singles will host their December luncheon next Sunday, December 4th. The luncheon will be held at the home of Carol Hartman. The group will gather in the narthex after late worship on that day to carpool.

**Christmas Poinsettias-** The time has come to place your orders for Christmas Poinsettias. Please complete the order form which can be found in your bulletin, then put it in the box on the table in the narthex. All orders are due by December 2nd.

**Year End Contributions-** In order for Jesse to prepare the 2016 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2016 by Sunday, December 25th. **2017** giving envelopes are available for pick up in the side narthex. YOU may take them with you but please do not use them until January 1, 2017. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to our church.

**E-Tithing~** To all current E-Tithers and anyone who is interested in e-tithing: If you plan to change your E-Tithing for 2017, please see that I have your change form before Dec. 17, 2016. Unless you have changed banks, or your bank has made a change to the routing number or your account number, I will not need a voided check. For any new E-Tithers I will need a voided check attached to your request form. If anyone has questions, you may see me in church, call me at 717-873-6576, or email me at [pencilpusher6@gmail.com](mailto:pencilpusher6@gmail.com). Thank you, Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary

**RIDGERUNNERS:** If you did not sign the sign-up sheet for our Christmas luncheon please call Becky Hester (755-2047) to let her know you will attend. She will need to know by the end of November. It will be Wednesday December 7th at Round the Clock East

**Chop & Peel/Soup Kitchen~** We have Soup Kitchen and will have Chop & Peel TOMORROW, Monday November 28th at 6:00 PM; Please sign up to donate food and come join us for chopping and peeling. See you there, Nancy Sleeper

**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 [mtzionuccnyorkpa@comcast.net](mailto:mtzionuccnyorkpa@comcast.net).

*In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL's ([www.wgal.com](http://www.wgal.com)) or Mt. Zion's website ([www.mtzionucc.org](http://www.mtzionucc.org)) for changes. WGAL may list church cancellations due to a major snowstorm on television, but it will be at their discretion. You may also call the church. Please listen to the message to learn if we have altered our schedule for the day.*

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 |
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| October 30, 2016  | 129 members<br>+ 8 guests  | \$2,626.00       | \$1,513.80            | \$4,139.80                 | \$4,352.04                    |
| November 6, 2016  | 157 members<br>+ 21 guests | \$2,858.00       | \$1,912.25            | \$4,497.25                 | \$4,352.04                    |
| November 13, 2016 | 145 members<br>+ 10 guests | \$2,968.58       | \$1,912.25            | \$4,880.83                 | \$4,352.04                    |
| November 20, 2016 | 201 members<br>+ 20 guests | \$2,352.00       | \$1,912.25            | \$4,264.25                 | \$4,352.04                    |

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

**Recuperating:** Deb Barshinger, Barry Schwartz, Clyde Snyder, Barb Krier, Lyn Schleter

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Sound Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**8 AM Welcome Team:** Danika & Drew Dallam, Tim Snyder, Kathy Ensminger  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Ken Dunbar  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Ron Miles  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Jim Shiffer, Jim Beyer, Anne Henry, Jen Cooper & Tori Everhart  
**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 Sound Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**8 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Jen Cooper  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Mary Jane Snyder  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Ron Miles  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Elaine Bevivino  
**10:30 AM Acolyte:** Weston Wagaman  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Jen Cooper  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Bonnie Dull  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney  
**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney