

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 4th, 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

~**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

THIS WEEK

~**Ridgerunners Christmas Luncheon**, Wed. Dec. 7th, 12 PM at Round the Clock Diner East.

~**Advent Bible Study**, Wed. Dec. 7th, 6:00-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall and kitchen

~**Worship Choir Practice**, Thurs. Dec. 8, 7-9 PM

~**Outreach to Pleasant Acres at Elm Springs Apartments**, Fri. Dec. 9th, 10-11:30 AM

NEXT SUNDAY

~**Third Sunday in Advent~ "Give More"**

~**Worship Services** at 8 AM & 10:30 AM

~**Jubilation Performs** at the 8 AM service

~**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

~**WOW Kids** during 10:30 service

~**Compassion York Food Run**, 2:00 PM, meet in the fellowship hall

~**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 crison on the tree.

A reminder that there will be ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM on Sunday, December 18th and Sunday, December 25th. There will be no Sunday school or WOW Kids on December 25th. Our regular worship schedule will return on Sunday, January 1st.

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 December 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!

COMPASSION YORK FOOD RUN HELP NEEDED- The Compassion York Food Run is happening on Sunday, December 11th. We are in need of a number of food items donated for this effort. We are also in need of people to serve. Please consult the list and sign up sheet in the side narthex and have the food items here by next Sunday, Dec. 11th.

Special Offering on Sunday, December 18th- 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 18th, 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 a few more 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.

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. 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 TODAY, 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.

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. Thank you, Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary

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 mtzionuccnyork-pa@comcast.net.

In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL's (www.wgal.com) or Mt. Zion's website (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
November 6, 2016	157 members + 21 guests	\$2,858.00	\$1,912.25	\$4,497.25	\$4,352.04
November 13, 2016	145 members + 10 guests	\$2,968.58	\$1,912.25	\$4,880.83	\$4,352.04
November 20, 2016	201 members + 20 guests	\$2,352.00	\$1,912.25	\$4,264.25	\$4,352.04
November 27, 2016	161 members +14 guests	\$2,328.00	\$1,912.25	\$4,240.25	\$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 Schleeter

THIS WEEK:

- 8 AM Acolyte:** Holt Dallam
- 8 AM Sound Tech:** Jack Herlocker
- 8 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
- 8 AM Welcome Team:** Kim Shaffer, Scott Cooper, Danika & Drew Dallam
- 8 AM Worship Tech:** Mary Jane Snyder
- 10:30 AM Acolyte:** Maddie Gyenes
- 10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Ron Miles
- 10:30 AM Video Tech:** Elaine Bevivino
- 10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Jen Cooper
- 10:30 AM Worship Tech:**
- 10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
- WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

- 8 AM Acolyte:** Hayden Dallam
- 8 AM Sound Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
- 8 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
- 8 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Dani Kardisco
- 8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer
- 10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Tom Mulligan
- 10:30 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
- 10:30 AM Acolyte:** Ellery Wagaman
- 10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Dani Kardisco
- 10:30 AM Worship Tech:**
- 10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
- WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney