

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 11th, 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

~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

~J-Walkers, 5-7 PM in the fellowship hall

~Youth Group, 6-8 PM in the youth room

THIS WEEK

~Advent Bible Study, Wed. Dec. 14th, 5:45-6:45 PM in the fellowship hall and kitchen

~Blue Christmas Service, Wed. Dec. 14th, 7 PM in the sanctuary

~Worship Choir Practice, Thurs. Dec. 15th, 7-9 PM

~Cantata Rehearsal, Sat. Dec. 17th, 9-11 AM, all ages and participants

NEXT SUNDAY

~Fourth Sunday in Advent~ "Love All"

~One Worship Service at 10:30 AM

~Church Offering goes to Living Water International

~Christmas Cantata

~PreK-12th Grade Sunday School at 9 AM in their respective rooms

~WOW Kids during 10:30 service

~Youth Group Christmas Party, 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall

Thank you to Lee and Patsy Brown for providing us with the Christmas tree and wreaths!

A reminder that there will be ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

on NEXT SUNDAY, December 18th and Sunday, December 25th. There will be no Sunday school or WOW Kids on December 25th. Our regular worship schedule (8 AM & 10:30 AM) will return on Sun, January 1st.

We invite you to share with us in the birth of Christ by attending one of our Christmas Eve services. On Saturday, December 24th, we will have a service of carols, communion, and candlelighting at 3 PM and 10 PM and a family service of carols, candlelighting and participation from our children at 7 PM. There are postcards in the narthex so that you can invite in a friend or neighbor. All are welcome. On Christmas Day, we will have one worship service at 10:30 AM and all are invited to wear their jammies to worship if they choose (not required!!)

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!

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.

OFFERING ON SUN. DEC. 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!

Angel Tree~ Thank you to all those who took tags off of the angel tree. These gifts will go towards families in Central York School District who could use some extra care this holiday season. Please return the item gift wrapped, along with the tag, by Sunday, December 18th. 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. Please do not give your contributions until the new year. A letter reminding you of your commitment will be mailed in January.

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". To accommodate the Blue Christmas service, this week's Bible study will begin at 5:45 and will conclude at 6:45. Next week, we will resume the usual 6-7:30 PM schedule. 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. 11th & 18th. Reading the book before or in tandem with the class is recommended but not required.

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 mtzionuccorkpa@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 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
December 4, 2016	195 members + 10 guests	\$3,912.38	\$1,912.25	\$5,824.63	\$4,352.04

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

Recuperating: Deb Barshinger, Clyde Snyder

THIS WEEK:

- 8 AM Acolyte:** Hayden Dallam
- 8 AM Sound Tech:** Ryan Neal
- 8 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
- 8 AM Welcome Team:** Danika & Drew Dallam, Ivy & Norman Leach
- 8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer
- 10:30 AM Acolyte:** Ellery Wagaman
- 10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Tom Mulligan
- 10:30 AM Video Tech:** Jim Firestone
- 10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Team Gyenes
- 10:30 AM Worship Tech:**
- 10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK (one service at 10:30 AM):

- 10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Elaine Bevivino & John Kollasch
- 10:30 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
- 10:30 AM Acolyte:** Maddie Gyenes
- 10:30 AM Welcome Team:** David, Steph, Carter, Layla Beyer
- 10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Clyde Snyder
- 10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
- WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney