

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 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**

- ~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
- ~"Being Mortal" Discussion Group- 9 AM in Room 5
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 service
- ~Youth Group Christmas Party, 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall

### **THIS WEEK**

- ~Advent Bible Study, Wed. Dec. 21st, 6:00-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall and kitchen
- ~Worship Choir Christmas Party, Thurs. Dec. 22nd, 7-9 PM
- ~Christmas Eve Services
  - ~3 PM- Communion & Candlelight
  - ~7 PM- Family Service with Candlelight
  - ~10 PM- Communion & Candlelight

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- ~Christmas Day
- ~One Worship Service at 10:30 AM~ All are welcome (but not required) to wear their pajamas!

***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, Sunday, December 25th. There will be no Sunday school or WOW Kids on Christmas Day. 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!!)***

***Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, December 26th. For pastoral emergencies contact Pastor Jeff directly or leave a message on the church voicemail and Pastor Jeff will return your call. Pastor Danielle will be out of the office December 26th through January 2nd.***

*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!

***OFFERING ON TODAY, 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. ***Today, 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 TODAY. Thank you!

***Considering Joining Mt. Zion?~*** Have you been attending Mt. Zion as a guest and wondering how you might become a member? Mt. Zion welcomes new members throughout the year and we would love to have you join us! We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, January 8th. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Pastor Danielle or Pastor Jeff. If the 8th doesn't suit, we can schedule another date for your convenience. God bless you!

**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". We will meet one final time this week on Wednesday, Dec. 21st from 6-7:30 PM. We will have a light supper, a hands on component, and discussion. Please sign up in the side narthex if you are interested in attending so that we know how much food to prepare.

**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

**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](mailto:mtzionuccnyork-pa@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
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
December 11, 2016	172 members + 17 guests	\$3,709.00	\$1,912.25	\$5,621.25	\$4,352.04

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

**Hospitalized:** Jerry Hester

**Recuperating:** Deb Barshinger

**THIS WEEK:**

**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Elaine Bevivino

**10:30 AM Video Tech:** John Schriver

**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Carter Beyer

**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

**NEXT WEEK:**

**10:30 AM Tech Booth:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Team Neff

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Alan Neff