

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 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

~Christmas Day

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

THIS WEEK

~Church Office Closed, Mon. Dec. 26th

~Woven Threads, Tues. Dec. 27th at 6:30 PM

~Worship Choir Rehearsal, Thurs. Dec. 29th, 7:30-9 PM in the Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY

~New Year's Day

~Worship at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

~Sunday School for PreK-12th grade, 9 AM in their respective classrooms

~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service

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

A reminder that our regular worship schedule (8 AM & 10:30 AM) will return on Sun, January 1st.

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.

Thank you for all of your Christmas well wishes and gifts. We are grateful to serve as your pastors and look forward to another Spirit-filled year! Merry Christmas! ~ Pastor Danielle & Pastor Jeff

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!

Living Water International Offering- Thank you to all those who contributed to the offering on Sunday, December 18th. Through your gifts, we were able to send \$7,332.75 to Living Water International. Through these gifts, we are participating in an effort to bring access to clean drinking water to our sisters and brothers throughout the world. You can learn more about the life-changing work of Living Water by visiting their website, water.cc. Thank you for journeying with us on the Advent Conspiracy. We hope that through our focus on Worshipping Fully, Spending Less, Giving More, and Loving All, you were able to more fully immerse yourself in the beautiful and life-changing story of Christ's birth.

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!

Year End Contributions- In order for Jesse to prepare the 2016 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2016 by TODAY, 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.

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!

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 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.

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 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
December 18, 2016	291 members + 30 guests	\$5,420.50	\$1,912.25	\$7,332.75 to Living Water International	\$4,352.04

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

Recuperating: Deb Barshinger, Jerry Hester

THIS WEEK:

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Camera Tech:
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Team Neff
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Tim Snyder
8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Nancy Sleeper
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney