

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 24, 2017
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

- ~ONE Worship Service at 9 AM for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- ~Christmas Eve Services
 - ~3 PM - Communion & Candlelight
 - ~7 PM - Family Service with Candlelight
 - ~10 PM - Communion & Candlelight
- ~NO Sunday School

THIS WEEK

- ~Church Office Closed, Mon., December 25th in observance of Christmas Day
- ~ NO Panther Packing on Wed., December 27th
- ~Worship Choir Christmas Party, Thurs., December 28th, 7-9 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Preschool-6th Grade Sunday School in their respective classrooms
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Lunch and Learn (Sound Board Tips), 11:45 AM-1:15 PM in the Sanctuary

We will be having ONE Worship service to celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent TODAY, Sunday, December 24th. That service will be held at 9 AM. At the 9 AM worship service, please feel free to wear your favorite Christmas sweater and to bring some Christmas cookies to share. We will set up a table for the cookies and will provide hot cocoa! The Christmas Eve services will remain the same as previous years, at 3 PM, 7 PM, and 10 PM.

Please note, NEXT week we will have adjusted operating hours for the church office. Please call before coming into church to make sure that someone is here to greet you.
We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Pastor Jeff will be out of the office starting December 26th and will return on January 2nd. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact the church office or Pastor Danielle.

Soles4Souls Offering ~Thank you to all those who contributed to the offering on Sunday, December 17th. Through your gifts, we were able to send \$6,464.21 to Soles4Souls. By supporting Soles4Souls, we are participating in an effort to bring shoes and clothing to those in need, which enables them to go to work and to school. You can learn more about the life-changing work of Soles4Souls by visiting their website, www.soles4souls.org. Thank you for journeying with us this Advent as we prepared for the Hope of the world, Jesus Christ. Through this offering, we were able to offer hope to those who need it most. If you were unable to contribute on December 17th, please know that we will be accepting donations to Soles4Souls until the end of the year. Please have all contributions to the church by Sunday, December 31st. Thank you!

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~ For the month of December the Northeastern Food Pantry is now accepting donations of paper products. They will continue to accept paper products until the end of January. Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the early service on Sunday, January 28th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Year End Contributions- In order for Jesse to prepare the 2017 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2017 by NEXT Sunday, December 31st. **2018** 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, 2018. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to our church.

No Sunday School, TODAY, December 24th ~ TODAY, December 24th we will have one worship service at 9 AM, followed by our regularly scheduled Christmas Eve services at 3 PM, 7 PM, and 10 PM. *Because of this schedule we WILL NOT have Sunday school on December 24th.* We will resume with regularly scheduled Sunday school classes on December 31st when we return to our normal worship schedule. Sunday school that day will combine all grades (PreK-6th) for a movie in the 4th-6th grade Sunday school room with Bonnie Murphy and Kristen Mekulsia.

Sponsorship Opportunities for 2018~ Opportunities still remain to provide resources for the Summer Program for our children, our children's library, Messy Church, worship supplies, music, our A/V subscriptions, all church events, youth, camperships, and J-Walkers. Leaves with sponsorship amounts 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 put the monetary amount in the plate at this time. In January of 2018, you will receive a letter confirming your sponsorship commitment. The letter will include an envelope in which you can place the amount of money you committed to contributing towards the sponsorship. You may place this envelope with your monetary contribution in the offering plate beginning in 2018. Thank you!

Panther Packing ~ Please note that we WILL NOT be packing on December 27th due to the Christmas holiday.

Adult Bell Choir ~ As a reminder, the adult bell choir will be playing NEXT Sunday, December 31st at BOTH services. Please plan to be at the church by 7:30 AM for a quick warm-up.

WOW Kids Volunteers Needed ~ Our WOW Kids program is one of the essential programs that we offer for the children of our congregation. Without volunteer support, programs like WOW Kids are not possible, and we are seeking volunteers who would be willing to help as lead teachers or support teachers at WOW Kids. Anyone who would like to volunteer will need to have their proper clearances (state police criminal background check and Pennsylvania child abuse clearance). Those who have their clearances can simply sign up using the signup sheet in the side narthex. If you have more questions about what WOW Kids is, or what is involved in becoming a volunteer, please contact Pastor Jeff at pastorjeffk@comcast.net or by calling the church office.

Mt. Zion Cemetery Association Treasurer Position ~ Mt. Zion Cemetery Association is seeking a volunteer to fill it's Treasurer position. The individual should have experience with general book keeping. The position requires 2-3 hours per week. Any interested parties should contact Sherry Dunbar at dunbar.sherry007@gmail.com

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 on PCs, tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome. If you are streaming from home and experience technical difficulties, please contact mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net.

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 Jeff.

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.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
November 26 th , 2017	137 members +10 Guests	\$2,450.00	\$2,401.00	\$4,851.00	\$5,435.00
December 3 rd , 2017	178 members +11 guests	\$3,571.00	\$1,954.80	\$5,516.80	\$5,435.00
December 10 th , 2017	160 members +16 guests	\$2,859.00	\$1,954.80	\$4,804.80	\$5,435.00
December 17 th , 2017	234 members +25 Guests	\$0	\$0	\$6,464.21 to Soles4Souls	\$5,435.00

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

Hospitalized:

Recuperating: Lonny Gordon, Tammy Gordon, Ellie Arnold

Undergoing Treatment: Pat Cooper

9 AM CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING

9 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by staff members
9 AM Worship Tech: Coordinated by staff members
9 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal
9 AM Video Tech: John Schriver
9 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

CHRISTMAS EVE 3 PM

Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Tim Snyder, Barb Stebbins, Robin & Emily Schriver
Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder
Sound Tech: Ron Miles
Video Tech: John Schriver
Camera Tech: John Kollasch

CHRISTMAS EVE 7 PM

Welcome Team: The Strine Family
Worship Tech: Dave Strine
Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker
Video Tech: Denny Daugherty
Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

CHRISTMAS EVE 10 PM

Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Becky & Jerry Hester; Dan Kinard, Mary Jane Snyder
Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
Sound Tech: Ron Miles
Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

NEXT WEEK: DECEMBER 31st

8 AM Welcome Team: Jack & Deb Herlocker; Danika & Drew Dallam
8 AM Sound Tech: Denny Daugherty
8 AM Video Tech: Ken Dunbar
8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jeff & Nancy Sleeper; Melissa & Delaney Shindler
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
10:30 AM Video Tech: George DeMers
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney