

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 31, 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

- ~Worship Services at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult Bell Choir (Holy Dingalings) Warm-up, 7:30-7:45 AM in the Choir Room
- ~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

THIS WEEK

- ~Church Office Closed, Mon., January 1st in observance of New Year's Day
- ~Ridgerunners in the Fellowship Hall, Wed., January 3rd at 12 PM
- ~Panther Packing on Wed., January 3rd 6 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Investment Advisory Board Meeting on Wed. January 3rd at 7 PM in the conference room.
- ~Worship Choir Practice, Thurs., January 4th, 7:30-9 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services & Communion at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Celebration of Epiphany
- ~Preschool-6th Grade Sunday School in their respective classrooms
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal, 9:10-9:50 AM in the Choir Room
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Single's Lunch at Fujihana's, 12 PM
- ~Youth Group, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:45-8:45 PM in the Sanctuary

Soles4Souls Offering ~Thank you to all those who contributed to the offering on Sunday, December 17th. Through your gifts, we were able to send \$6,589.21 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 TODAY, 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 TODAY, 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.

We need SWAG! Sassy. Wonderful. Appropriate. Gifts...For our Women's Retreat, that is! We hope to gift each of the 54 participants with a small welcome bag at our mid-winter retreat January 19th-21st. If you'd like to contribute a small item, please let Cindy Hogentogler (lucindahogen@gmail.com) or Connie Wolfe (jlmom8288@comcast.net) know by January 13th. If you have a business and would like to contribute a promotional item like a pen or lip gloss, fabulous! If you crochet and have an abundance of dish cloths, terrific! The sky's the limit as long as your item fits in a small bag! As always, thank you so much!!

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 Pack Ministry~ This week packers will meet on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 6 PM at North Hills Elementary. If you would be interested in helping to pack bags (day and evening times available), please contact the church office.

All Church Dinner and Game Night ~ Save the date! On Friday, January 26th we will be having an all church dinner and game night! Look for more details in the coming weeks!

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.

Chop & Peel~ The next chop & peel is scheduled for Monday, January 29th at 6 PM in our kitchen & fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the side narthex that has the food items we need listed on it. If you are able to donate any of the needed items, please indicate that on the sheet. Hope to see you, and thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Book Discussion ~ Join us at Panera Bread on East Market St. Wed. January 10th between 11:30 AM and 12 PM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book, *The Radium Girls*, by Kate Moore. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Outreach to Pleasant Acres at Elm Springs Apartments~ Come join us on Friday, January 12th from 10-11:30 AM while we share the spirit of Mt. Zion UCC with the residents at Elm Springs Apartments. They very much appreciate our presence, and enjoy the games, goodies and giggles!

Mt. Zion Cemetery Association Treasurer Position ~ Mt. Zion Cemetery Association is seeking a volunteer to fill its 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

The Church Office has **Weis and Giant gift cards** available in \$10, \$25, and \$50 denominations. A portion of every card purchased benefits Bell Socialization! Checks should be made out to Mt. Zion U.C.C.

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 \$15.00 & 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 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 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.

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
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	\$6,589.21 to Soles4Souls	\$5,435.00
December 24 th , 2017	9 AM- 91 +2 Guests 3 PM- 172 +20 guests 7 PM- 147 +16 guests 10 PM- 72 +10 guests	\$9,697.00	\$1,954.80	\$11,642.00	\$5,435.00

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

Undergoing Treatment: Pat Cooper

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Coordinated by Danika Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney