

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 10, 2019**

*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 and Communion at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~First Sunday of Lent
- ~Adult Spiritual Formation Offering "Renegade Gospel," 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Choir Practice, 9 AM in the Children's Choir Room
- ~Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Worship Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Mission Core Meeting, 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall
- ~J-Walkers, 5-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Youth Group, 5-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

### **THIS WEEK**

- ~Woven Threads, Tues., March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 PM in the parlor
- ~Book Club at Panera Bread, Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup>, starting between 11:30 AM and 12:00 PM at Panera Bread
- ~Panther Packing, Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Mini-Messy Church, Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Mid-week Lenten dinner, Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~ "...and Why? Worship Wednesdays," Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~Share the Vision Team Mtg, Thurs., March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM in the Conference Room
- ~Worship Choir practice, Thurs., March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM in the choir room

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Second Sunday of Lent
- ~Jubilation participates in the 8 AM service
- ~Adult Spiritual Formation Offering "Renegade Gospel," 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Choir Practice, 9 AM in the Children's Choir Room
- ~Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Sacrament of Baptism at 10:30 AM service
- ~Children's Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Church Council following the late service
- ~Youth Group, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall

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**Our monthly mission for March is Hartman Center.** Hartman Center is the United Church of Christ summer camp and retreat center for the Penn Central Conference. Your gifts to Hartman Center go towards the operation of the camp and any new equipment or programming needs they may have. Mt. Zion children and youth have been the recipients of the gifts of Hartman Center for many years. We thank you for your gifts to this monthly mission!

**Our monthly mission for February was Mt. Zion's Disaster Relief Fund.** Thanks to your generosity, we were able to deposit \$2,267.00 in this fund to help fund various relief efforts in times of crisis.

**Northeastern Food Pantry**~ For the month of March the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene items (bar soap, shampoo/conditioner (2 in 1), toothbrushes, toothpaste, & deodorant). Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the late service on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

**Egg Hunt Save the Date!** ~ On April 14<sup>th</sup> Mt. Zion will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt from 2-4 PM. Sign-up sheets for volunteers, as well as participants, can be found in the narthex and side narthex. More information will be coming soon, but in the meantime please see Pastor Jeff with any questions!

**Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt**~ It's that time of year again! Please take some of the plastic eggs from the narthex and fill them wrapped candy, or trinkets/change, for the children of Mt. Zion to find at our egg hunt on April 14<sup>th</sup>. When selecting candy please avoid any candy with peanuts so that we can be sensitive to young ones with allergies. Eggs should be returned to the narthex by April 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have additional questions please contact Pastor Jeff.

**Hartman Center Summer 2019!** ~ Summer may seem far away, but summer camp at Hartman Center is right around the corner! The schedule for Hartman Center has been posted on their website, which you can find at <https://hartmancenter.com/summer-camp/>, where you can also register for camp. Early bird registration for camp ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mt. Zion also has camp scholarships available for Hartman Center and can cover up to 50% of the cost for registration, so please don't let anything stand between you and an incredible camp experience!

**Mid-Week Lenten Services & Sign-Ups**~ The sign-up sheets for Lenten dinners are now in the side narthex. Please sign up if you plan to attend the dinners on Wednesday evenings. Please also note that there is one Lenten dinner that is a potluck. We welcome you to join us for a family activity (mini-Messy Church) in Room 5 at 5:30 and/or for worship at 7 PM. Dinner will be at 6 PM.

**Lenten Book Study** ~ During the season of Lent there will be an adult spiritual formation offering which looks into the book "Renegade Gospel" by Mike Slaughter. Copies of the book are available to borrow, and they can also be purchased at Amazon. The series will begin THIS Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, taking place each Sunday during the 9 AM hour, until April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you plan to attend, and please sign out your copy of the book if you plan to borrow one. For more information please contact Pastor Jeff.

**E-giving pew cards** can now be found in the pews. If you are part of the e-giving program, simply take one of these cards and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. Thank you!

Place your order for the **Ridgerunners delicious Easter candy** on the signup sheet in the narthex no later than Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The candy is \$11 per pound with the selection of Peanut Butter Eggs, Dark Chocolate Coconut Cream Eggs, Raisin Clusters, and Peanut Clusters. The candy will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Hospitality Table**~ We plan to have various cookies, breads, pastries, etc. available to share after each worship service on Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are able to donate any of these items, please sign up on the sheet in the side narthex. Please bring your donations to the church by 3 PM, Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, Carol Bair is looking for extra volunteers to help in maintaining the hospitality tables at both services on Easter Sunday. If you are interested in helping or have questions about donating food, please contact Carol Bair at 717-968-7742.

**School to Prison Pipeline Presentation by PA Council of Churches** ~ On April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM Mount Zion will host a presentation from the PA Council of churches in our fellowship hall. The school to prison pipeline is a term that's used to describe the cycle of students being punished at school in non-constructive ways, leading to suspensions, thus eventually leading to prison later in life. This cycle disproportionately affects students of color, especially young black men. By engaging the research that bears this out, the PA Council of Churches aims to educate and empower congregations to participate in cycles of healing in the hope that they might help to disrupt the harmful cycle of the school to prison pipeline. The presentation will be a combination of videos, PowerPoint, and dialogue. Please sign-up in the side narthex, or online, so that we can have an idea of how many people will plan to attend. If you have questions in the mean time, please contact Pastor Jeff at [pastorjeffk@comcast.net](mailto:pastorjeffk@comcast.net).

**Volunteers Needed for Candy Making.** Put on your apron and join the Ridgerunners for a fun day of making Easter Candy on Thursday and Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. No prior experience is needed. Lunch will be provided. Please bring along a Pampered Chef small scoop if you have one. Please sign up in the narthex. Point of contact for volunteers is Lana Fritz at 717-487-6606 before 9 PM or email at [ljf424@comcast.net](mailto:ljf424@comcast.net).

**Book Discussion** ~ Join us at Panera Bread on East Market St. THIS Wed. March 13th at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book, *The Curiosity*, by Stephen Kiernan. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

**Cooks on the Road** will travel to the Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> following late worship. Please sign up in the side narthex if you would like to help with this mission. There is room in their kitchen to accommodate 8 volunteers. Please see Jim Shiffer with any questions.

**Messy Mission**~ On Sun. March 24, right after late worship, join us for Messy Mission. We'll be making "Sweet Cases"-- which are duffel bags for kids entering the foster care system-- the bags are filled with comfort items like a stuffed animal and blanket- along with necessities like toiletries. These bags help make a very difficult time a little easier for a child.

**Church Council**~ This is a friendly reminder that church council meetings are open to the congregation. Generally speaking, church council occurs the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 10:30 worship service. Our next council meeting is NEXT Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**A worship team** is being formed for the season of Eastertide. We need 4-5 individuals to serve on this team. A sign-up sheet can be found in the side narthex. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

**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](mailto:mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net).

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	183 members +22 Guests	\$3,277.00	\$2,075.00	\$5,352.00	\$5,770.00
February 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	164 members +20 Guests	\$2,641.00	\$2,075.00	\$4,716.00	\$5,770.00
February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	137 members +10 Guests	\$2,320.00	\$2,075.00	\$4,395.00	\$5,770.00
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019	134 members +14 Guests	\$3,412.00	\$1,766.00	\$5,178.00	\$5,770.00

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

**Receiving Treatment:**

**Recuperating:** Tom Mulligan, Dennis Hartman, Jack Bicher, Bob Ensminger, Belinda Harvey

**THIS WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:** Jodi Graham, Terry Barnes, Tama Allison, & Dan Kinard  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** Ryan Neal  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Denny Daugherty  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer  
**8 AM Hall Monitor:** Pam Minnich  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:** Carrah Wagaman, Lana Fritz, Megan Merritt, Sandy King, & David Firestone  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** John Kollasch  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** John Schriver  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Jim Firestone  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Alan Neff  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** George DeMers  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Kathy Sweeney  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

**NEXT WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Danika, Drew, Holt, & Hayden Dallam  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** Jack Herlocker  
**8 AM Video Tech:** George DeMers  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Dave Strine  
**8 AM Hall Monitor:** Pam Minnich  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** The Rhinehart Family  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Elaine Bevivino  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Joey Bevivino  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Hunter King  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Barb Stebbins  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** Coordinated by Bob Katherman  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Erin & Jason Shiffer  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Danielle Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher