

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 31, 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 at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

~Fourth Sunday of Lent

~One Great Hour of Sharing offering at both services

~Adult Spiritual Formation Offering "Renegade Gospel," 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall

~Preschool-6th Children's Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM in the Children's Choir Room

~Preschool-6th Grade Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms

~Praise Band participates in the 10:30 AM service

~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service

~Youth Group, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

~Care Disciples Meeting, Tues., April 2nd, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

~Ridgerunners, Wed., April 3rd, 12 PM in the Fellowship Hall

~Panther Packing, Wed., April 3rd, 6:00 PM at North Hills Elementary

~Mini-Messy Church, Wed., April 3rd, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

~Mid-week Lenten dinner, Wed., April 3rd, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

~ "...and Why? Worship Wednesdays," Wed., April 3rd, 7 PM in the Sanctuary

~Worship Choir practice, Wed., April 3rd, 8-9 PM in the choir room

~Jubilation Rehearsal, Wed., April 3rd, 9-9:30 PM in the choir room

NEXT SUNDAY

~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

~Fifth Sunday of Lent

~Adult Spiritual Formation Offering "Renegade Gospel," 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall

~Healing Service, 9 AM in the sanctuary

~Preschool-6th Children's Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM in the Children's Choir Room

~Preschool-6th 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

~Single's Lunch, 12 PM at White Rose Bar & Grill

~Youth Group, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall

*Please note, you are welcome to bring drinks, but please **do not bring food** into the sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding!*

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!

Donations Needed for Helping Hands for Veterans- The Mission Core is collecting in-kind donations from now until April 14th for Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands for Veterans. Items being collected are: reusable grocery bags, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent pods, dryer sheets, paper towels, paper plates, bowls, hot/cold cups, toilet paper, plastic forks, sealable plastic bags (all sizes), Clorox disinfectant wipes. Any sizes of these products/items are wanted. There is a bin located in the narthex to receive your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be TODAY Sunday, March 31st at both services. Your donations to this offering will support disaster, refugee, and development activities throughout the world. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Thank you for supporting this special offering!

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 31st. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

The Easter flower sale forms are now available in the rear narthex. Purple tulips, yellow tulips, and lilies can be ordered for a donation of \$8.00 in celebration of Easter. The flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2018. Please have all orders turned in by Sunday, April 7th.

Sing it out for Easter! We are looking for some more voices to help us celebrate Easter Sunday in song with the choir! If you can commit to two short rehearsals, we would love to have you sing with us. See Denny Daugherty following the service if you are interested. You can also email denny@daughertys.net.

Egg Hunt ~ On April 14th Mt. Zion will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt from 2-4 PM. Children 10 and under are welcome to participate. We are also in need of volunteers to help run games, crafts, parking, and snacks on the day of the event. Sign-up sheets for volunteers, as well as participants, can be found in the side narthex. The deadline to sign up is April 9th. Please contact Pastor Jeff with any additional questions!

Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt~ Please take some of the plastic eggs from the narthex and fill them with wrapped candy, or trinkets/change, for the children of Mt. Zion to find at our egg hunt on April 14th. 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 7th. If you have additional questions please contact Pastor Jeff.

Hartman Center Summer 2019! ~ 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 TODAY, March 31st. 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. 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.

Ridgerunners will meet Wednesday, April 3, in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Bring a sandwich. We will have a refresher CPR course but no certification will be issued & we will also be stuffing eggs for the egg hunt. Don't forget we will be making candy April 11th & 12th.

Easter Cards for our home-based members can be found on a table in the back narthex. Please take a moment to sign them, as they are greatly appreciated by those who receive them!

Easter Hospitality Table~ We plan to have various cookies, breads, pastries, etc. available to share after each worship service on Easter Sunday, April 21st. 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 19th. 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.

New Partnership with Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands for Veterans~ The Mission Core is pleased to announce a new partnership with Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands for Veterans. In lieu of serving with the Compassion York Food Run, beginning this summer, Mt. Zion will be serving meals downtown with Mr. Sandy's. An information session to learn more about Mr. Sandy's and our ministry of feeding those who are homeless or food insecure in downtown York and how you can help will be held on Sunday, April 28th at 9 AM in the fellowship hall or Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 AM in the 4th-6th grade classroom. There is a sign up sheet in the side narthex to indicate your interest. Thank you for taking time to learn more about this important ministry!

School to Prison Pipeline Presentation by PA Council of Churches ~ On April 30th 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. Please sign-up in the side narthex so that we can have an idea of how many people will plan to attend. Please contact Pastor Jeff with questions at pastorjeffk@comcast.net.

Church Council~ This is a friendly reminder that church council meetings are open to the congregation. Generally speaking, church council occurs the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10:30 worship service. The next few council dates, however, have different days and times. Due to Easter, the council meeting for April will be held on April 28th at 11:30 AM. The council meeting in May will be held on May 19th, but it will be at 8:30 AM. And the June council meeting will be on June 16th but at 9 AM.

Book Discussion ~ Join us at Panera Bread on East Market St. Wed. April 8th at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book *Every Breath* by Nicholas Sparks. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Lenten Book Study ~ During the season of Lent the adult spiritual formation offering which looks into the book "Renegade Gospel" by Mike Slaughter will continue to take place each Sunday during the 9 AM hour, until April 14th. For more information please contact Pastor Jeff.

TODAY, Sunday March 31st is your last day to order **Ridgerunners' Easter candy**. The sign-up sheet can be found in the side narthex. The candy will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, April 14th.

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.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
March 3 rd , 2019	134 members +14 Guests	\$3,412.00	\$1,646.00	\$5,178.00	\$5,770.00
March 10 th , 2019	148 members +12 Guests	\$3,657.00	\$1,646.00	\$5,303.00	\$5,770.00
March 17 th , 2019	180 members +22 Guests	\$2,351.50	\$1,646.00	\$3,997.50	\$5,770.00
March 24 th , 2019	149 members +15 Guests	\$3,695.00	\$1,646.00	\$5,341.00	\$5,770.00

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

Receiving Treatment:

Recuperating: Belinda Harvey, Nancy Smith

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Tim Snyder, Joan Masimore, Dave Strine, & Barry Schwartz
8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Video Tech: Dave Beyer
8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer
8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Steph, Dave, Cora, & Layla Beyer
10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Dani Kardisco
8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch
8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers
8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
8 AM Hall Monitor: Carol Bair
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Dani Kardisco
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Joey Bevivino
10:30 AM Video Tech: Jim Firestone
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff
10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon