

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF February 22, 2015

*Please silence all cell phones and games when entering the sanctuary. Thank you!*

*This weekly announcement sheet will now be included on Mt. Zion's website.*

### TODAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Communion at both worship services
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~ 20:30/Adult Discussion Combined Sunday School- 9 AM in the fellowship hall
- ~Children's Choir Practice - room 5, 10-10:30 AM
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM worship service
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM
- ~ Child Protection Task Force Meeting- fellowship hall, following 10:30 worship
- ~Youth Group 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

### THIS WEEK

- ~Woven Threads at the Abel home, Mon. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM
- ~Family Worship Service in the sanctuary, Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM
- ~Lenten Dinner in the fellowship hall, Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM provided by Ridgerunners
- ~Worship in the sanctuary, Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM
- ~Adult Choir Rehearsal Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:45-9 PM
- ~ Youth Group Overnight Mission to First Reformed UCC, Philadelphia- Fri. Feb. 27-Sat. Feb. 28

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~ 20:30/Adult Discussion Combined Sunday School- 9 AM in the fellowship hall
- ~Children's Choir Practice - room 5, 10-10:30 AM
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM worship service
- ~Winter Confirmation Retreat 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- ~Singles Lunch at the Paddock at 12 PM
- ~J-Walkers Youth Group 5-7 PM, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

**Our Monthly Mission for February is Mt. Zion's Disaster Relief Fund.** When the tsunami devastated Indonesia the day after Christmas in 2004, we, like many other churches received contributions for the relief effort a month or so later. It was following that disaster Mt. Zion's Mission Core established this fund so that aid would be readily available to respond immediately. Since that fund has been established, we have sent financial assistance immediately to victims of tornadoes in Mississippi, flooding in Colorado, spring storms and flooding in the mid-west and following Hurricane Sandy. When disaster strikes the need is great. Your contributions to this month's mission will be there to go where it is needed most! Thank you!

**Northeastern Food Pantry-** During the month of February, the food pantry is in need of the following items: **toilet paper, facial tissues and paper towels.** All donations of food, personal care and laundry supplies are appreciated!! Barb Krier will be delivering items to the food pantry tomorrow. Thanks to all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

**WOW Kids**—WOW (Worship Our Way) Kids is a program for the younger children of our congregation to participate in during the 10:30 worship service. After the children's message, the kids go downstairs for a lesson and snack. There is no sign up process – simply bring your child and we'll do the rest!

**Lenten Adult Sunday School Class Offering** ~ David Bradnick and Pastor Danielle are teaming up during the season of Lent to continue with a discussion and study of spiritual disciplines (as described in the book Celebration of Discipline). You need not to have read the book to come. Simply bring yourselves and a willingness to think about how we can be better connected to God. Classes are Sundays during the 9 AM Sunday school hour in the fellowship hall beginning TODAY.

**Photo-A-Day Lenten Challenge** -- During the season of Lent the Youth Group invites you to join in with them on their photo-a-day challenge. The youth are challenging themselves to take pictures that represent the a different word each day. As they take and post the picture, they will reflect on God's presence in their life. This will be their Lenten spiritual practice, and they would like you to join in with them. There are cards in the narthex with the list of words. You are welcome to email your pictures to Pastor Danielle or you can post them on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook using the hashtags #mtzionucc and #40faithfuldays.

**March Forth for Literacy.** During the month of March we will be collecting gently used or new books for elementary age children. Picture books or early reading books would be appreciated. Please no adult books, text books or encyclopedias. Thank you, the Mission Core.

**Messy Church, Fri. March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 7:30 PM.** We will learn about the story of Esther in the Bible and celebrate the Festival of Purim. You are welcome to come in costume for this Messy Church!

**Place your order for the Ridgerunners delicious Easter Candy** on the signup sheet in the Narthex no later than **March 8.** The candy is \$10 per pound with a selection of Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Cream Eggs, Raisin Clusters and Peanut Clusters. The candy will be ready for pick up on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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, March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 am. No prior experience is needed. 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 755-4065 before 9 pm, or email at: [ljf424@comcast.net](mailto:ljf424@comcast.net). Thanks to all who have signed up!

**The Ridgerunners** will celebrate their anniversary on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the East York Stoneybrook Family Restaurant. We will meet at noon. Upon arrival, please inform the host that you are a Ridgerunner and they will seat you in the appropriate area. This is a self paying event. Thank You!

**Reminder:** Ridgerunners will be in charge of the first Lenten Dinner on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Thank You!

**Woven Threads:** During Lent we will be meeting on Monday nights due to the mid-week Lent services. Monday dates are: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and then back to Wed. On Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will continue at Janet Abel's home. All women are welcome to join!

**Changes in Child Protection Laws in Pennsylvania-** Due to changes in the child protection laws in the state of Pennsylvania, Mt. Zion now requires all volunteers who work with children and youth (even in a one time capacity) to submit a background check and child abuse clearance. Packets of information as well as a volunteer information sheet is available in the side narthex and in the church office. Upon completion of materials, please turn them in to the box in the church office. Information will be kept secure. If you have any questions, please see a member of the child protection task force (Barb Krier, Kathy Sweeney, Mike Miller, and Jess Crowell) or one of the pastors. Thank you for your help in this matter!

**J-Walkers Meeting--** J-Walkers is the new youth group forming for 3rd through 6th graders at Mt. Zion. Join us for our first gathering on Sunday, March 1st from 5-7 PM. Dinner will be provided. If you are interested in helping or need more information, please contact Pastor Danielle. Youth are welcome to bring their friends with them.

**So who's up for a little friendly competition?** We've been invited by Chapel Church in Red Lion to play DODGEBALL on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 5:30 and play is from 6-9. A team consists of 8 members and all ages are welcome. If we don't have a group to complete a team, no worries!! Smaller teams will be combined, so all will have an opportunity to play. There is no cost for Mt. Zion members and their guests to play. There is also no charge for anyone who wants to go along to watch/cheer for their team. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Children (with parents), youth AND adults are all invited. We will play with a foam ball, so it is safe for all ages (parental permission is required for everyone under 18 -- keep in mind that if you are there, you run the risk of being hit with the ball.) Please either sign up on the sheet in the narthex OR contact Robin Schriver at 542-4116 or [rschriver1@comcast.net](mailto:rschriver1@comcast.net). Permission forms can be found with the sign-up sheet. Robin will be in touch to discuss car pooling. Invite your friends! Looking forward to a fun night!

**We are seeking acolytes** for March. If your child (or you!) would be interested in acolyting, please sign up on the sheet in the side narthex and please indicate if training is needed. As a guide, children typically begin acolyting around third grade. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Pastor Danielle.

**Please 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. You are encouraged to take a few minutes upon sign up to complete the form providing the information as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Cost of flower arrangements is \$14.75 and cost of bulletins is \$15.00. We are in need of bulletin sponsors for **March 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We are in need of flower sponsors for **March 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**.

*In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL's ([www.WGAL.com](http://www.WGAL.com)) or Mt. Zion's website ([www.mtzionucc.org](http://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 |
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| January 18, 2015  | 167 members + 19 guests | \$2,239.00       | \$2,103.94            | \$4,342.94                 | \$4,765.08                    |
| January 25, 2015  | 147 members + 16 guests | \$1,876.00       | \$2,103.94            | \$3,979.94                 | \$4,765.08                    |
| February 1, 2015  | 146 members + 15 guests | \$3,077.00       | \$2,128.94            | \$5,205.94                 | \$4,765.08                    |
| February 8, 2015  | 149 members + 15 guests | \$2,797.50       | \$2,128.94            | \$4,926.44                 | \$4,765.08                    |
| February 15, 2015 | 101 members + 20 guests | \$1,482.00       | \$2,128.94            | \$3,610.94                 | \$4,765.08                    |

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

**Undergoing Treatment/Therapy:** Leon Hartman, Paulette Smith, Glenda Chilcote

**Recuperating:** Joey Harvey, Nancy Spangler, Mike Ferree

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Ken Dunbar

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, Mary Jane Snyder, David Strine

**8 AM Communion Servers:** Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, Mary Jane Snyder, David Strine

**8 AM Acolyte:** Hayden Dallam

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Bonnie Dull

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Tori Everhart, John & Robin Schriver, Barb Stebbins, Mason DeMers

**10:30 AM Communion Servers:** Tori Everhart, John & Robin Schriver, Barb Stebbins, Mason DeMers

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Kathy Sweeney & Youth Helper

**WOW Kids:** Jason & Erin Shiffer

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Mary Jane Snyder

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Robin Schriver

**8 AM Acolyte:** All are welcome to sign up!

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** John Schriver

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Robin Schriver

**10:30 AM Acolyte:** All are welcome to sign up!

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Michelle & John Kollasch

**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney