

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF November 29, 2015

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

~**First Sunday of Advent**

~**Worship Service & Sacrament of Holy Communion** at 8 & 10:30 AM

~**Sunday School for all Ages** at 9 AM, **Gospel of John** series

~**Advent Storytellers** during Sunday school

~**WOW Kids** during 10:30 AM worship

THIS WEEK

~**Ridgerunners Christmas Luncheon** Wed. Dec. 2nd, 12 PM, Round the Clock Diner

~**Worship Choir Rehearsal** Wed. Dec. 2nd, 7-9 PM, Choir Room

~**Messy Church** Fri. Dec. 4th, 6-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY

~**Worship Service** at 8 & 10:30 AM

~**Sunday School for all Ages** at 9 AM, **Gospel of John** series

~**WOW Kids** during 10:30 AM worship

~**Singles Lunch** 12 PM, Crimson American Grill

Dear Mt. Zion Family, thank you for your outpouring of love and generosity. It was overwhelming and humbling. Thank you for your love, support, trust and respect during my tenure as your pastor. I pray you continue to seek God's will and vision for Mt. Zion. Blessings and peace, Pastor Cathy

Thank you to everyone that helped to make Pastor Cathy's celebration such a special experience! Thank you for the many ways that you made the day such a success: through your donations, your service, your help setting up and cleaning up, and your support of Pastor Cathy! What a blessing you all are! Thank you!! ~Pastor Danielle

Our Monthly Mission for December is 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 gift checks to hundreds of annuitants, and it also provides emergency assistance throughout the year.

Northeastern Food Pantry- First, we would like to thank you for your contributions during the month of November. We were able to deliver 11 large bags of assorted Thanksgiving foods! During the month of December, the food pantry is in need of paper products: toilet paper, tissues, napkins & paper towels. Barbara Krier will collect all of the donations Sun. Dec. 20th after the early service, and will deliver them Mon. Dec. 21st. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

Homewood Auxiliary~ Thank you to everyone who has shown your support to this auxiliary through your membership registrations. I will be available today after the early service & before & after the late service if you would like to register. For those who would like to do some shopping for the residents, Christmas wish lists are now available (gifts are in the \$5.00 range). Please wrap the present and attach the wish list with the items circled that are in the package, and put it in the box in the narthex by Dec. 6th. If you have any questions, please see Paulette Smith.

Gospel of John Sunday School Class - Would you like to learn more about the life of Jesus? Want to prepare your spiritual well-being for the upcoming Advent season? Do you have questions about Christian beliefs concerning Jesus? If so, join us for a series that explores the exciting Gospel of John. This study meets in the fellowship hall and is led by David Bradnick. Be sure to bring your bibles. Don't worry if you missed the study today, there are still a few weeks left!

Come Sing With Us! Singers of all skill levels, including youth 7th grade and up, are encouraged to sing in Mt. Zion's two choirs. *Jubilation* rehearses Sunday mornings and sings at the early service. *Worship Choir* rehearses Thursday evenings and sings at the late service. Schedules are posted outside the choir room.

Please note the change in date & time for **Worship Choir Practice: Wed. Dec. 2nd from 7-9 PM**. Thank you!

UCC Advent Devotional-- We have a number of copies of the UCC Advent Devotional to help guide you through the holy season of Advent. The devotionals are available at no charge, or for a suggested donation of \$5 (the cost of the devotional, simply place the money in the box provided). They are available side narthex and are entitled, "Wonder".

Advent Bags-- A special thank you to Kathy Sweeney and the 1st-3rd grade Sunday school class for preparing Advent Bags! Included in each bag are ingredients to make a special Advent calendar complete with scripture readings, candy, and activities. We hope that this adds to your sense of wonder and anticipation as we await the birth of the Christ child! You can pick one up in the narthex. Thank you!

Blue Christmas- The Christmas season is often filled with joy and laughter, but it can also bring with it feelings of sadness and loneliness. This year, Mt. Zion is offering a special worship experience that will offer a space of comfort and care for anyone for whom the holidays are challenging. The service will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 7 PM. We invite you to attend and we encourage you to share the information with a friend, neighbor or coworker. Postcards with service information are located in the back and side narthex. If you would like to attend but have need of transportation, please contact the church office so that we can help you arrange a ride.

A Winter Getaway!- Are you free the week of January 16-23? Do you want to go to Daytona Beach, FL? A generous donor has come forward and offered up their timeshare condo for silent auction. The proceeds of the auction will go towards the Youth's fundraising efforts to attend the National Youth Event in July. More information about the condo and its amenities are available in the side narthex. The vacation package is valued at \$2,300. Bidding starts at \$500.

Want to be a part of a special Mt. Zion UCC tradition? Join us for "Advent Storytellers!" We are looking for folks to read stories to each Sunday school class throughout Advent (Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th). Stories are provided for you to read. You will read during the first or last 15 minutes of the Sunday school hour. This long-held tradition is loved by adults and kids alike! The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Questions? Talk to or email Kristen, Kristen.km.adams@gmail.com.

Ridgerunner members planning to attend the Christmas luncheon: Please notify Becky Hester **by tomorrow** if you did not sign up so that she can give the restaurant and approximate count. We are meeting at the Round the Clock Diner in East York at 12 PM this coming Wednesday, December 2nd.

Christmas Poinsettias - The time has come to place your orders for Christmas Poinsettias. Please complete the order form which can be found in your bulletin then put it in the box on the table in the narthex. All orders are due by Fri., Dec. 4th.

Year End Contributions~ In order for Jesse to prepare the 2015 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2015 by December 29, 2015. **2016** giving envelopes are available for pickup in the side narthex. You may take them with you but please do not use them until January 3, 2016. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to the church!

ATTENTION E-GIVERS: If you wish to change your giving for 2016 or need to have any other changes made to your account, please give them to me, in writing, on or before **December 18, 2015**. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Sincerely, Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary

Singles will meet for their monthly luncheon at Crimson American Grill on Sunday, December 6th at noon. The address is 1839 S. Queen St., York.

Book Discussion of "*Skipping Christmas*" by John Grishom will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at Panera Bread. Lunch is at 11:30, followed by discussion at noon.

Outreach to Pleasant Acres at Elm Springs Apartments is on Fri. Dec. 11th from 10-11:30 AM. We will enjoy our time of fellowship with coffee, juice, goodies and cards! A good time is always had by all, please come join us!

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!

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. Flower arrangements cost \$14.75 & bulletins cost \$15.00. Thank You!

Mt. Zion is Streaming! The 8 AM service is now posted on the Mt. Zion website at: <http://www.mtzionucc.org/services-online.html>, with both a live feed (during the actual service) and past services for some of the last few Sundays. The streaming works to PCs, tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome.

Through our new audio-visual upgrade we now have a new hearing assistance system called **Listen Technologies**. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Questions or Concerns relative to the transition..... Forms are available for pickup on the table in the narthex. Please fill one out and put the completed form in the white box provided.

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.

Cards and well wishes to Carol & Leon Hartman's grandson, Aiden, can be sent to:
Aiden Fowler : 970 Park Ave., Woolrich, PA 17779

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
Nov. 1, 2015	137 members + 11 guests	\$2,289.00	\$1,551.15	\$3,840.15	\$4,765.08
Nov. 8, 2015	177 members + 32 guests	\$2,538.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,089.15	\$4,765.08
Nov. 15, 2015	182 members + 12 guests	\$2,936.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,487.15	\$4,765.08
Nov. 22, 2015	253 members + 25 guests	\$3,095.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,646.15	\$4,765.08

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

Hospitalized: Vanessa Bicher

Undergoing Treatment/Therapy: Glenda Chilcote, Fran Spangler, Leon Hartman

Recuperating: Ken Barshinger, Rhonda Vacante, Terry Hevner, Elaine Doll, Lois Yingling

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Mary Jane Snyder, Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, David Strine

8 & 10:30 AM Monologue & Candle Lighting: David Firestone

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Tori Everhart, John, Robin & Emily Schriver

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Steph Beyer

8 AM Acolyte: Holt Dallam

8 AM & 10:30 Monologue & Candle Lighting: Matt Grimes

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Steph Beyer

10:30 AM Acolyte: Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney