

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 6, 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

~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

THIS WEEK

~Book Discussion Wed. Dec. 9th, Panera Bread 11:30 AM lunch, discussion at 12 PM

~Worship Choir Thurs. Dec. 10th, Choir Room 7:30-9 PM

~Outreach to Pleasant Acres Fri. Dec. 11th, Elm Springs Apts., 10-11:30 AM

~Mt. Zion Cemetery Association Annual Public Meeting Sat. Dec. 12th, Cemetery Office, 8-9 AM

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

~Youth Praise Band Rehearsal Sanctuary, 4:30-6 PM

~J-Walkers (3rd-6th grade) Youth Group Fellowship Hall & Kitchen, 5-7 PM

~MS/HS Youth Group Fellowship Hall & Kitchen, 6-8 PM

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.

Angel Tree~ Mt. Zion is once again sponsoring families in the Central York School District for this Christmas season. If you would be willing to purchase an item (or two) for a family who is struggling, please take a tag off the angel tree and return the gift wrapped with the tag on the outside by **Sunday, December 20th**. Thank you for your generosity.

Northeastern Food Pantry- 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 helped to support the Homewood Auxiliary. Whether you registered to become a member, shopped for gifts, (or both), you have made a difference in the lives of others! The deadline to bring the packages in is today. Blessings and peace to you from Paulette Smith & the Homewood Auxiliary.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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

Chop & Peel for the soup kitchen is December 28th at 6:00 PM; please join us to prepare the food. Please also sign up to donate the food needed. You can find the sign-up sheet in the side narthex. Thanks for continuing this ministry!

Singles will meet for their monthly luncheon at Crimson American Grill today following late worship. 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. 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
Nov. 29, 2015	134 members + 13 guests	\$1,735.00	\$1,958.94	\$3,693.94	\$4,765.08

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

Hospitalized: Baby Jack, Lois Yingling

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

Recuperating: Ken Barshinger, Rhonda Vacante, Terry Hevner, Elaine Doll, Virginia Dietz

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Acolyte: Holt Dallam

8 AM Welcome Team: Dave Strine, Dan Kinard, Kerri & Brent Ames

8 AM Scripture Reader: Tama Allison

8 AM Narrator: Tama Allison

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Scripture Reader & Narrator: Cora Beyer

10:30 AM Acolyte: Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jim, Cora, Layla & Steph Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Brent & Kerri Ames, Mike & Kathy Ferree

8 AM Scripture Reader: Danika Dallam

8 AM Advent Wreath Reader: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barry, Sandy & Hunter King, Megan & Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Scripture Reader: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Advent Wreath Reader: Sandy King

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney