

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF September 11th, 2016

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 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult Sunday School "Christianity and the Problem of Evil" 9-10 AM, fellowship hall
- ~PreK-12th Grade Sunday School at 9 AM in their respective rooms
- ~Oktoberfest Planning Meeting at 9 AM, parlor
- ~Presentation of Bibles to third graders & incoming confirmands during 10:30 AM worship
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Spiritual Formation Core Planning Session from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, fellowship hall
- ~Single's Lunch Picnic at Joann Snyder's house, after late worship
- ~Streaming Training Video System, 6:30-8 PM

THIS WEEK

- ~Ridgerunners Picnic Wed. Sept. 14th, meet at 11 AM, Mt. Zion parking lot
- ~October Worship Planning Team Meeting Thur. Sept. 15th, 11 AM
- ~Preschool-3rd Grade Vocal Choir Practice Thur. Sept. 15th, 6:30-7 PM
- ~Worship Choir Practice Thur. Sept. 15th, 7:30-9 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult Sunday School "Christianity and the Problem of Evil" 9-10 AM, fellowship hall
- ~PreK-12th Grade Sunday School at 9 AM in their respective rooms
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Church Council Meeting after late worship
- ~Youth Group (7th-12th Grade) Potluck 6-8 PM, fellowship hall

Our Monthly Mission for September will be the 2017 Lakota Trip. Where is Lakota? South Dakota! The donations you give will be used to purchase supplies and defray the cost of travel expenses for this mission trip. Our members, including youth, are planning to make this trip in the summer of 2017.

Blanket Sunday Offering ~ We will be accepting Blanket Sunday offerings until September 18th. We have collected enough thus far to donate 174 blankets. Thanks for your generosity!

Northeastern Food Pantry- During the month of September, the food pantry is in need of: peanut butter, canned soup, and paper towels. Barbara Krier will collect the donations Sept. 25th after the early service. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Compassion York Food Run~ The next Compassion York Food run is scheduled for Sept. 25th after late worship. Please sign up in the side narthex if you would like to help with this mission. Thanks for your participation.

Adult Sunday School: "Christianity and the Problem of Evil" begins today at 9 AM in the fellowship hall. With so many atrocities occurring within our world, one cannot help but sense a pervading presence of evil, acting to bring about diabolic goals. But, as Christians, how do we account for this evil? Why does it exist? Where does it come from? Why doesn't God put an end to it? Furthermore, are evil beings real and how should they be understood? This class will help us to think through some of these issues. We will consider evil in the twenty-first century by examining both traditional and contemporary views. If you are interested in exploring these topics, join us in the fellowship hall during Sunday School at 9 AM for a six week class taught by David Bradnick beginning on Sept. 11th entitled, "Christianity and the Problem of Evil".

The Mt. Zion Outreach Team is pleased to share the new Mt. Zion travel mugs and tumblers are available for purchase! The mugs and tumblers cost \$5.00 each, with all proceeds going to the purchase of gift cards for Central York and York City school guidance counselors to help students in need. They are in the narthex along with a box for payment. **Also, if you received a Mt. Zion magnet and it is peeling, we received replacement magnets, please feel free to take another one.**

Core Planning Sessions ~ It's that time of year again where we get together to plan for the 2016-2017 program year. We welcome and need YOUR input! Planning sessions are scheduled as follows: Spiritual Formation Core, today at 11:30 AM; and Youth, Sept. 25th at 11:30 AM. Please see Pastor Dani or Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

2016-2017 Worship Ministry Teams are being formed! Sign up to plan services for November or Advent in the side narthex.

Children's Vocal Choir Practice Dates ~ Pre-School-3rd Grade Vocal Choir will have rehearsal on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7 PM September 1st through the 22nd. The complete schedule for fall is posted in the side narthex. Please contact Travis Pinci at travispinci1280@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Youth Group ~ Our first gathering of the youth group will be held on September 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM in the fellowship hall of the church! The goal for this night is for all of us to come back together after a summer of adventures to reconnect as a group. **We will have dinner together, pot luck style, when we gather at 6:00. Please bring a dish or a side to share with the group that night. Pastor Jeff will be making Halushki, one of his old family favorites!** Otherwise, just bring yourselves (and a friend if you'd like) and be ready for some fun and fellowship! Our youth group in-

cludes all youth from grades 7-12.

Ridgerunners September Meeting~ The date for September's meeting is Wed. Sept. 14th. Plan to meet in the Mt. Zion parking lot at 11 AM to carpool to Ed & Sharon Baines' home at the river. Remember to wear clothes that you can get splashed (or soaked if you want!) on the boat ride. Please contact Nancy Sleeper if you have any questions. Look forward to seeing you there! **October 12th bus trip to the Flight #93 Memorial Site:** forms are available in the side narthex, include your phone number & the names of your guests. All are welcome to sign up to go for a fee of \$85 per person, which is due in the church office by Oct. 3, 2016. Questions, contact Diane Strine at 757-2370 or 887-4617.

Request From Your Financial Secretary: To all members of the congregation, if you don't remember your envelope number, please list your FULL name, first and last, on your pew envelope, special offering envelope, or any other envelope you use. If you only list your last name there may be other members with the same last name and you may not get credit for your contribution. In regard to that, married couples that are members should list the husband's full first and last name on the envelope. Reason being, if a husband and wife are both members, our software is designed to look at the husband as the primary contributor and he receives the envelope number. Thank you for your cooperation in the above matter. Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary

Oktoberfest~ Planning is underway for Mt. Zion's 3rd annual Oktoberfest! Please see the various sign-up sheets in the main narthex. They are in need of helpers and donations to make this event possible. The next planning meeting is today at 9 AM in the parlor.

Seeking Sunday School Teachers! Mt. Zion is seeking dedicated individuals to serve as Sunday school teachers for the 2016-2017 program year. At this time, we are specifically looking for 1 more M.S./H.S. teacher. We are also looking for leaders for the adult Sunday school classes. If you would be interested in serving as a teacher in these classrooms, please contact Pastor Danielle or Pastor Jeff. Thank you!

Audio/Visual Training ~ We have received positive feedback regarding the streaming of our worship services. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this possible, but we need more help! No previous experience is required to become a part of the team. If you're already a volunteer, you can attend the training to refresh your memory on what you already know! Video training is scheduled tonight from 6:30-8 PM.

The Rotary York - North Club is in need of families in the Central School District to host an exchange student from Chile. He is attending Central High School this year and is currently in temporary housing until host families can be found. The preferred arrangement is (3) different hosts each hosting for three months each during the school year. If you live in the Central School District and are interested in hosting, please contact Danika Dallam for more information. T: 968-3125 or E: danikarsd@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration!

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. Please complete the form providing the information as you would like it to appear in the bulletin upon sign-up. Flowers cost \$14.75 & bulletins cost \$15.00. Thank you!

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 to PCs, tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome. If you are streaming from home and experience technical difficulties, please contact mtzionuccyork-pa@comcast.net.

Letters of encouragement can be sent to Zachary Miles during his time at boot camp. **Letters only, no cards, please.** Rct. Miles, Zachary A., 1st RTBN PLT 1084 CO D, P.O. Box 16155, Parris Island, SC 29902-6155.

Letters or cards can be sent to Shaelynn Bailey during her time of deployment. SN Bailey, Shaelynn M., USS Whidbey Island (LSD-41), FPO AE 09591-1729.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
August 14, 2016	150 members + 35 guests	\$1,935.00	\$1,817.25	\$3,752.25	\$4,352.04
August 21, 2016	175 members + 10 guests	\$2,350.00	\$1,817.25	\$4,167.25	\$4,352.04
August 28, 2016	185 members + 15 guests	\$2,400.00	\$1,817.25	\$4,217.25	\$4,352.04
September 4, 2016	125 members + 10 guests	\$2,885.18	\$1,817.25	\$4,702.43	\$4,352.04

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

Hospitalized:

Undergoing Treatment/Therapy: Tillie Henry

Recuperating: Sharon Baines, Junior Spahr

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Nancy Schwartz, Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Steph Beyer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Welcome Team: Tom & Carol Bair, Norman & Ivy Leach

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

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

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney