

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF August 19, 2018
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

- ~**Sunday Worship Services** at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~**Community Life Core Planning Session**, 9 AM in the conference room.
- ~**Preschool-6th Grade Summer Sunday School**, during the late service, after the children's message, in the PreK/K Classroom
- ~**Blessings of the Blankies and Backpacks** at the 10:30 AM service
- ~**Church Council** immediately following the late service

THIS WEEK

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**Sunday Worship Services** at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~**Blanket Sunday Offering** at both services
- ~**Oktoberfest Kick-Off Meeting**, 9 AM in the 4th-6th Grade Classroom
- ~**Preschool-6th Grade Summer Sunday School**, during the late service, after the children's message, in the PreK/K Classroom
- ~**Worship Core Planning Session**, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Jeff begins his parental leave starting tomorrow, August 20th. We send him with blessings as he spends this precious time with Ivyn. Let us endeavor together to keep the work of the church off of his radar during this time. We look forward to welcoming him back on Tuesday, October 2nd. If you have any questions during his time away, please feel free to direct them to Pastor Danielle or to Pastor Jeff's Pastor-Parish Relations Team (Tori Everhart, Rick Hogentogler, and John Schriver).

Our Monthly Missions for August are Hoffman Homes and Homewood Homes. Hoffman Homes for Youth treats the needs of boys and girls ages 6 to 17, who have a major mental health diagnosis. Their treatment program provides behavioral and cognitive therapy, physical health care services, and a safe and comfortable home for up to 141 children on their campus. Homewood Homes is a retirement facility that supports a population of over 600 residents. They offer independent living, assisted lifestyle services, skilled care, hospice care and respite care. Your support to these two missions will ensure both young and old alike receive quality care.

Our Monthly Mission for July went to the social workers of Central York and York City School districts. Thanks to your generosity, we were able donate \$1,969.00 to the social workers so that they can provide gift cards and funds for children and families in crisis. We also thank you for your generous donations of school supplies to each district.

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of August the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of paper products. Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the early service NEXT Sunday, August 26th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Oktoberfest Kick-Off Meeting ~ The Oktoberfest committee will meet NEXT Sunday, August 26th at 9 AM in the 4th-6th grade classroom. Anyone who would like to attend and contribute to this meeting will be welcome.

Are you resuming group meetings or practices? Contact the church office! If you have schedules for your group, (i.e. bible study) please submit them to : mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net as soon as they are available. In order to have your information printed in our weekly announcements, it needs to be received by 10 AM on the preceding Tuesday.

Adult Spiritual Formation ~ Beginning September 9th in the fellowship hall David Bradnick will be presenting a spiritual formation series entitled "The Christian Faith and the World Religions". Throughout the series we will learn about other religions outside of Christianity, and we will explore the question of how they are involved or included in what we call salvation. Each class will take place at 9 AM in the Mt Zion fellowship hall, and the series will run for 6 weeks with the last session being on October 14th. We invite you to join us for this informative and deep spiritual formation offering!

Bible Sunday~ It is a tradition of Mt Zion to present bibles each year to our 3rd grade students as well as our new confirmation students. On Sunday, September 9th, we will present bibles to those students entering 3rd grade as well as students entering into our confirmation program. If you have a student going into 3rd grade or entering confirmation please contact Pastor Danielle or the church office by September 4th to let us know whether you will be attending the 8 AM service or the 10:30 AM service on September 9th, and also please let us know how you would like your child's name to be printed in the bulletin and written in the front cover of their bible. If you have questions, please call the church office.

Back to School Pictures ~ As students and school employees return back to school, snap a picture and tag us on Facebook or Instagram, or email us at mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net. We will be sharing a Back to School Slideshow on September 9th. **All pictures are due Tuesday, September 4th.**

Worship Ministry Teams are being formed for the months of October and November and for the season of Advent. We need 4-5 individuals to serve on each team. A sign-up sheet can be found in the side narthex. Please indicate which team you would like to serve on (October, November, or Advent). Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Join the Tech Team ~ We are looking for volunteers to join the team which runs sound and video for Sunday morning worship services. Training is available, and no prior experience is required. Sign-up sheet available in the side narthex. See Denny Daugherty or email denny@daughertys.net with any questions.

Worship Choir ~ Weekly rehearsals will resume Thursday, August 30th at 7:00 PM. Open to youth and adults grades 7 and up. Please see Denny Daugherty or email denny@daughertys.net with any questions.

Book Discussion ~ Join us at Panera Bread on East Market St. Wed. September 12th at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book, *Wish You Well*, by Dave Baldacci. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Pictorial Directory Update~ If you have not yet been able to get your picture taken for our new picture directory, there are going to be two more dates available so that you can have your picture taken here at the church. These dates will be September 23rd and September 30th, between 9-10 AM and 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. You do not need to sign up for these dates or times. These will be “walk-in” times. Simply go to the high-school room downstairs during these dates and times. Again, they will be September 23rd and September 30th, between 9-10 AM and 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. If you are unable to make one of these dates, you can continue to submit non-copyrighted photos to mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net.

Oktoberfest “Cash and Carry” Sale~ Oktoberfest will be collecting items for the "Cash and Carry" sale table. Almost new items (housewares, electronics, crafts), gift cards, and gift baskets are welcomed. Donations may be placed on the table marked Oktoberfest near the lower level entrance. Please have all items in by Wednesday, October 3rd. Questions may be directed to Diane Strine (717-887-4617) or Deb Barnes (717-757-6155). Thank you.

Oktoberfest Book Sale~ Deb Barnes is collecting **novels** (recent releases, award winning authors, and best sellers) (paper and hardcover) as well as **children’s books** for the Oktoberfest book sale. Check the copyright date inside the front cover. We are collecting years 2000-2018. Deb is also collecting **Music CDs** and **DVDs**, but please no VHS tapes. Please place in the box located in the narthex. There are two boxes in the back narthex, one to collect the books, and one to collect the CDs and DVDs.

Sunday School PreK-6th Grade ~ Summer Sunday School for all children age 3 through 6th grade will continue to take place during the late service, immediately following the children’s message and there will be no Sunday school from the 9-10 AM hour. Classes will be held in the PreK/K room downstairs with Kathy Sweeney serving as the teacher. *We will resume Sunday school during the 9-10 AM hour, as well as WOW Kids, beginning Sunday September 9th.* If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jeff at pastorjeffk@comcast.net, or by calling the church office.

Calling all Mt. Zion Ladies!! Mark your calendars for the weekend of **March 29-31** for the **Mt. Zion Women’s Retreat!** We want to see you there! Join us for a weekend of reflection, connection, and relaxation. In order to book the facility, we need to submit a preliminary count. To reserve your spot for the weekend, please sign up in the side narthex and submit a (non-refundable) \$25 deposit to the church office (made out to Mt. Zion UCC) by **September 30th**. Estimated cost for the weekend will be approximately \$145 per person and includes lodging (in motel style rooms at a church retreat center) and all meals. If covering the cost of the retreat is a financial hardship for you, please see Pastor Danielle (this information will be held in confidence) as we do not wish for cost to be an excluding factor.

Core Team Planning Sessions ~ It’s that time of year when we get together to plan for the 2018-2019 program year. We welcome and need YOUR input! Planning session schedules are as follows: Community Life Core, TODAY, Sunday, August 19th at 9:00 AM, and Worship Core, NEXT Sunday, August 26th at 11:30 AM. All are invited to attend, and we need your participation to continue in the tradition of having a vibrant, active, God-filled church!

Considering Joining Mt. Zion?~ Have you been attending Mt. Zion as a guest and wondering how you might become a member? Mt. Zion welcomes new members throughout the year and we would love to have you join us! **If you would be interested in joining, please contact Pastor Danielle or Pastor Jeff.**

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
July 22 nd , 2018	136 members +11 guests	\$3,799.00	\$1,856.80	\$5,655.80	\$5,704.00
July 29 th , 2018	98 members +8 guests 51 members in worship @ Shenandoah NP	\$1,505.00	\$1,856.80	\$3,361.80	\$5,704.00
August 5 th , 2018	173 members +35 guests	\$3,689.00	\$2,321.00	\$6,010.00	\$5,704.00
August 12 th , 2018	166 members +18 Guests	\$3,190.00	\$2,321.00	\$5,511.00	\$5,704.00

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

Undergoing Treatment:

Recuperating: Al Fauth, Mike Wagaman, Barb Neff, Maddie Gyenes

Deployed: JR Hogentogler

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Danika, Drew, Holt, & Hayden Dallam
8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine
8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barb & Jon Waltemyer; Robin Schriver & Jim Shiffer
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bill Murphy
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Cora Beyer
8 AM Sound Tech: Denny Daugherty
8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers
8 AM Worship Tech: Connie Wolfe
8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Cora Beyer
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Video Tech: Jim Firestone
10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Guy Wenck
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney