ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF August 26, 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
- ~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

THIS WEEK

- ~Worship Choir Practice, Thurs., August 30th, 7:00-8:30 PM
- ~Sound System Training, Sat., September 1st, 9-10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Sunday Worship Services at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult Spiritual Formation: The Christian Faith and World Religions, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Single's Lunch, 12 PM, Lunch at Joann Snyder's Home

Pastor Danielle will be attending a church conference in St. Paul, MN this week. She departs this evening (Sun. 8/26) and will return Friday, 8/31. She will have email access and can respond when not in session. Pastoral care emergencies will be covered by Rev. Brenda Marin (Pastor, Hayshire UCC). If you have a pastoral care emergency, please do not hesitate to contact the church office so that Pastor Brenda can respond.

Our Monthly Mission for September is PET Project. PET Project makes personal energy vehicles for people in developing countries with disabilities. Your donations will go towards this organization in furthering their goal of bringing the gifts of mobility and dignity to those in developing countries unable to walk.

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of September the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene items (bar soap, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, & deodorant). Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the early service on Sunday, September 30th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Shenandoah Camping Dates 2019 Correction ~ Please note that the Shenandoah Camping dates printed in the last E-Spirit were incorrect. The correct dates are <u>July 18th-21st</u>, 2019.

Ridgerunners will meet Wednesday, September 5th at noon at Rudy Park for a picnic. If you have forgotten what you signed up to bring please call Nancy Kinard. We will hope for nice weather and a fun fellowship.

Adult Spiritual Formation ~ The Christian Faith and the World Religions: Want to know more about other religions' beliefs? Ever wonder if there are truths in other faiths or if different religions are compatible? What is the Christian response to various faiths? If you would like to explore these questions, join us on Sunday mornings from 9-10 a.m. in the fellowship hall for a six-week series. In addition to these questions, we will study several religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. Our study runs from September 2 - October 7, and all are welcome at any time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Bradnick: bdbradnick@gmail.com.

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. The first sound system training is scheduled for THIS Saturday, September 1st, from 9-10:30 AM.

Worship Choir ~ Weekly rehearsals will resume THIS Thursday, August 30th at **7:00 PM**. Open to youth and adults grades 7 and up. Please see Denny Daugherty or email <u>denny@daughertys.net</u> 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 ~Please see the various sign-up sheets in the back narthex. They are in need of helpers and donations to make this event possible. Also, feel free to take a flyer and pass it out (where allowed) in the community! Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Mt. Zion Good Samaritan Fund and the Mt. Zion Current Fund. Oktoberfest will be on Saturday, October 6th from 11 AM-2 PM.

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 <u>novels</u> (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 ~ The final day of summer Sunday School will be today, Sunday, August 26th. There will be no Sunday school on September 2. We will resume Sunday school during the 9-10 AM hour, as well as WOW Kids, beginning Sunday September 9th. Sunday school will be held in each age group's respective classrooms. The 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade classrooms are upstairs while the Pre-K/K room is downstairs. If you have any questions please call 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 ~ The worship core planning session will be held TODAY Sunday, August 26th at 11:30 AM. This will be our final core team meeting for the 2018-2019 program year.

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.

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.

Letters or cards can be sent to Cole Bailey during his time of deployment. SR Bailey, Cole D., Ship 14, Div. 366, 3410 Sailor Drive, Great Lakes, IL 60088-3510.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
July 29th, 2018	98 members +8 guests 51 members in worship @ Shenandoah NP	\$1,505.00	\$1,856.80	\$3,361.80	\$5,704.00
August 5th, 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
August 19 th , 2018	146 members +15 guests	\$2,349.00	\$2,321.00	\$4,670.00	\$5,704.00

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

NEXT WEEK

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

Deployed: JR Hogentogler

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Steph, Dave, Cora, & Layla

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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 Bever 10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Video Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz 10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Guy Wenck

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney & Robin Schriver

10:30 AM Summer Sunday School: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman 10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney & Robin

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Terry Barnes

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Guy Wenck

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

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