

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF November 25, 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
- ~**Preschool-6th Grade Sunday School**, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~**WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM service
- ~**Worship Choir** participates during the 10:30 AM service

THIS WEEK

- ~**Woven Threads**, Tues., November 27th, 12:30-3:30 PM in the parlor
- ~**Panther Pack Ministry**, Wed., November 28th, 2:30 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~**Worship Choir Practice**, Thurs., November 29th, 7:00-9:00 PM in the choir room
- ~**Messy Church**, Fri., November 30th, 6-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**Sunday Worship Services & Communion** at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~**First Sunday of Advent**
- ~**Preschool-6th Grade Bell & Vocal Choir Practice**, 9:00 AM in the bell choir room
- ~**Preschool-6th Grade Sunday School**, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~**Worship Choir** participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~**WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM service
- ~**Youth Group**, 12-2 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Travis will be out of the office on Monday, November 26th, so the church office will be closed on that date. He will return on Tuesday, November 27th to normal office hours.

Our Monthly Mission for November is the Central Penn Food Bank. The Central Penn Food Bank distributes food and grocery products to soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Your donations will go towards this worthy cause.

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of November the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, and tissues). Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the late service TODAY Sunday, November 25th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Sponsorship Opportunities for 2019~ There are opportunities to provide resources for the summer program, our children's library, Messy Church, worship supplies, music, all church events, youth, camperships, and J-Walkers. Leaves with sponsorship amounts are available on the tree at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a leaf, place your name on the back and put it in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment. Please do not put the monetary amount in the plate at this time. In January of 2019, you will receive a letter confirming your sponsorship commitment. The letter will include an envelope in which you can place the amount of money you committed to contributing towards the sponsorship. You may place this envelope with your monetary contribution in the offering plate beginning in 2019. Thank you!

Giving Tree for Pleasant Acres~ In the back narthex, we have a tree with various gift tags that list items needed for the Resident Gift Giving Program at Pleasant Acres. Please take a gift tag and return the item **unwrapped** to the church no later than Sunday, December 9th. Please make sure all Christmas items are new. All clothing donated must be durable for institutional laundry and they cannot be items that need to be hand washed or dry-cleaned. Thank you for providing Christmas cheer to the residents of Pleasant Acres.

The Christmas Poinsettia Sale has begun! Poinsettias can be purchased for a donation of \$4.50 each. Complete the order form (found in the back narthex) and turn them in, with your payment in the box located in the rear narthex. Make checks payable to Mt. Zion United Church of Christ. Orders are due by Sun., December 9th, but if you can turn them in sooner, it would be much appreciated! Thank you!

Advent Story Tellers~ We are looking for volunteers to read stories to our PreK/K and 1st-3rd grade Sunday school classes during the season of Advent, starting December 2nd. Please sign up in the side narthex, and contact Pastor Jeff with any questions you may have!

Advent Devotionals can be found in the side and back narthex. Please feel free to take one!

Women's Christmas Sock Exchange! Join us on December 9th from 2-4pm for a Christmas Sock Exchange. Buy a pair of Christmas themed socks and spend \$20 on fun items to fill the socks in a creative & fun exchange! This could or could not be more healthy than a traditional cookie exchange!! Please sign up in the side narthex. Location to be determined based on number of attendees. If you have questions, please contact Danika Dallam at E: dani-karsd1215@gmail.com or T: 717-968-3125.

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 will once again offer a special worship experience that will provide a space of comfort and care for anyone for whom the holidays are challenging. The service will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 7 PM. We invite you to attend and we encourage you to share the information with a friend, neighbor, or coworker.

We will be having **ONE Worship service** on Sunday, December 16th at 10:30 AM which will be our Christmas Cantata. The Christmas Eve services will remain the same as previous years, at 3 PM, 7 PM, and 10 PM.

Adult Bell Choir~ We will once again be having our adult bell choir, the self-named "Holy Dingalings" playing during both services on Sunday, December 30th. Please see the sign-up in the side narthex for practice dates if you are interested.

Ridgerunners will meet at the church to carpool for lunch and the American Music Theater, (if you signed up) on Wednesday December 5th. Be here by 10:45 so that we can leave promptly at 11:00 AM.

Year End Contributions- In order for Jesse to prepare the 2018 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2018 by Monday, December 31st. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to our church.

Compassion York Food Run~ Our next Compassion York Food Run will take place on Sunday, December 9th. There are sign-up sheets in the side narthex to volunteer to cook or serve, and we will have more information on food donations in the coming weeks. We thank you in advance for your participation and help in serving the hungry of York.

Faithful Finance Seminar ~ On behalf of the Investment Advisory Board and representatives from Church Council, we are pleased to offer *Faithful Finance: A Seminar on Living and Giving*. This seminar will be offered at two different times – on January 16th from 6-8 PM, and on February 10th from noon-2 PM. Please mark your calendars for these dates. Free food and free childcare will also be provided at both sessions! We have a wide range of topics for breakout groups, and so there will be something for everyone! To sign up, and to see a full description of the breakout sessions, please see the paper sign up sheets in the side narthex. A link to sign up online, as well as complete descriptions of each workshop, can be found at our website by going to www.mtzionucc.org/faithful-finance.html. Please consider joining us for this incredibly important offering, registration is open until January 4th, 2019. If you have further questions please contact Pastor Jeff.

Homewood Homes~ Today is the last day to sign up to join the Homewood Auxiliary. If you have any questions, please call Paulette Smith @ 717-757-3625. Your generosity is appreciated.

Messy Church ~ Mark your calendars for our first Messy Church event of the year which will take place **THIS Friday, November 30th, from 6:00-7:30 PM**. As it has always been with Messy Church, dinner will be provided for the whole family, as well as a story time and lots of messy fun! Our activities that night will focus on the seasons of Advent and Christmas, and they will also be designed for the entire family to be involved. Please join us in ushering in the holiday season with Messy Church! We are also in need of volunteers for this event, so please see the sign-up sheet in the side narthex.

Church Photo Directory Update~ The printed directory will be available next Sunday, December 2nd, in the side and back narthexes. You can submit the payment of \$3 for the directory in a red box marked “Printed Church Directory Payment” in the back narthex. Thank you!

Hospitality Table ~ Carol Bair is continuing to look for volunteers to serve on a rotation to host the hospitality table. Duties will include arriving about 15 minutes before the beginning of the service to start the pot of coffee, and to do any clean-up needed afterwards. When you sign up, you will only be responsible for one service once a month. There is a sign-up sheet in the side narthex where you can sign up if you are available to help! Please contact Carol Bair at 717-845-9963 with any questions. Thank you!

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.

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.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
October 28 th , 2018	135 members +15 Guests	\$1,779.00	\$2,177.50	\$3,956.50	\$5,704.00
November 4 th , 2018	155 members +15 Guests	\$3,430.00	\$2,177.50	\$5,607.50	\$5,704.00
November 11 th , 2018	129 members +12 Guests	\$6,500.00	\$2,177.50	\$8,677.50	\$5,704.00
November 18 th , 2018	155 members + 16 Guests	\$2,403.00	\$2,117.50	\$4,5480.50	\$5,704.00

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

Deployed: JR Hogentogler

Receiving Treatment: Barbara Krier

Recovering: Mike Gibbs

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Nancy Schwartz, Mary Jane Snyder, & Tim Snyder
8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine
8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Bonnie & Bill Murphy, Barb Stebbins, & Lana Fritz
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff
10:30 AM WOW Kids: David & Brigitte Bradnick

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Kathy Ensminger, Drew & Danika Dallam, Bob Ensminger
8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Lana Fritz, Megan Merritt, Carrah & Ellery Wagaman, Holly Bievenour
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff