

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 2, 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 & 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
- ~**Faithful Finance Team Meeting**, 12-1:30 PM conference room

THIS WEEK

- ~**Ridgerunners Luncheon and Show**, Wed., December 5th, arrive at 10:45 AM at the church to leave by 11 AM
- ~**Panther Pack Ministry**, Wed., December 5th, 6:00 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~**Worship Choir Practice**, Thurs., December 6th, 7:00-8:30 PM in the choir room
- ~**Jubilation Rehearsal**, Thurs., December 6th, 8:30-9:00 PM in the choir room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**Sunday Worship Services** at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~**Second Sunday of Advent**
- ~**Preschool-6th Grade Bell & Vocal Choir Practice**, 9:00 AM in the bell choir room
- ~**Preschool-9th Grade Sunday School**, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~**Adult Bell Choir Practice**, 9:30 AM-9:45 AM in the choir room
- ~**Worship Choir** participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~**WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM service
- ~**Compassion York Food Run**, following the late service
- ~**Single's Lunch** at Carol Hartman's, 12 PM
- ~**J-Walkers Christmas Party**, 5-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Our Monthly Mission for December will be 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 checks to hundreds of annuitants, and it also provides emergency assistance throughout the year. Thank you for your gifts to the Christmas Fund. You can find envelopes in the back and side narthexes, in pews, and they will also be placed in the bulletins next Sunday.

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of December the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene items (bar soap, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, & deodorant). Barbara Krier will have TWO pick up dates, after the late service on Sunday, December 16th and after the late service on Sunday, January 6th. 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, and there are instructions beside the tree. Please wait until 2019 to give your sponsorship offering. 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.

Our **Christmas Tree** is now in the back narthex. Please take a moment to help us decorate and hang a Chrismon ornament on the tree as you are leaving after each service. Thank you!

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 NEXT Sun., December 9th, but if you can turn them in sooner, it would be much appreciated! Thank you!

Book Discussion ~ Join us at Panera Bread on East Market St. Wed. December 12th at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book *The Hummingbird* by Stephen Kiernan. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Christmas Cards for our homebound members can be found on a table in the back narthex. Please take a moment to sign them, as they are greatly appreciated by those who receive them!

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 TODAY, 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: danikarsd1215@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. **2019** giving envelopes are available for pick up in the side narthex. You may take them with you but please do not use them until January 1, 2019. 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 NEXT Sunday, December 9th. There are sign-up sheets in the side narthex to volunteer to cook or serve, and provide food items. 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.

Church Photo Directory Update~ The printed directory is now available 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. We will be printing them on an as needed basis, so if you don't see any available, there will be more printed the following week. Thank you!

Hospitality Table ~ Carol Bair is continuing to look for volunteers to serve on a rotation to host the hospitality table. 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
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
November 25 th , 2018	138 members + 16 Guests	\$2,213.00	\$2,117.50	\$4,390.50	\$5,704.00

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

Receiving Treatment: Barbara Krier

Recovering: Jesse Smith

Recuperating: Linda Schiding

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Kathy Ensminger, Drew & Danika Dallam, Bob Ensminger

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

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: George DeMers

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

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: Alan Neff

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Robin Schriver

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Robin Schriver and the Wagaman family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney