

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 16, 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**

- ~ONE Worship Service at 10:30 AM
- ~Third Sunday of Advent and Christmas Cantata
- ~Preschool-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Advent Series: "Magnifying the Light" Adult Sunday School, 9 AM in the parlor
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Youth Group Christmas Party, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall

**THIS WEEK**

- ~Panther Pack Ministry, Wed., December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Blue Christmas Service, Wed., December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~Worship Choir Practice, Thurs., December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 PM in the choir room
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal, Thurs., December 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:00 PM in the choir room

**NEXT SUNDAY**

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Fourth Sunday of Advent
- ~Preschool-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Advent Series: "Magnifying the Light" Adult Sunday School, 9 AM in the parlor
- ~Adult Bell Choir Practice, 9:30 AM –9:45 AM in the choir room
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service

**Our Monthly Mission for December is 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 and in the pews.

**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 TODAY, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and after the late service on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

**Our monthly Mission for November** was the Central Penn Food Bank. Through your donations, we were able to contribute \$1,846.00 to this worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity!

**Angel Tree** ~ Mt. Zion is once again sponsoring families in the Central York School District for this Christmas season. Wrapped gifts are due TODAY, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

**Advent Series** ~ Scott McCracken is holding an adult Sunday school offering entitled "Magnifying the Light" on THIS Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and NEXT Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM in the parlor.

**Ridgerunners** will meet Wednesday, January 2, in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon. We will have election of officers for 2019 and discuss suggestions for activities for the coming year.

**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. There are still a few leaves available on the round table at the back of the sanctuary. Please wait until 2019 to give your sponsorship offering. Thank you!

**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. 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!

**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 THIS Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We invite you to attend and we encourage you to share the information with a friend, neighbor, or coworker.

**Christmas Eve** is fast approaching! 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up in the side narthex for practice dates if you are interested.

**Year End Contributions**- In order for Jesse to prepare the 2018 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2018 by Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. **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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM, and on February 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mtzionucc.org/faithful-finance.html). Please consider joining us for this incredibly important offering, registration is open until January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net).

**In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL’s ([www.WGAL.com](http://www.WGAL.com)) or Mt. Zion’s website ([www.mtzionucc.org](http://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 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	155 members + 16 Guests	\$2,403.00	\$2,117.50	\$4,5480.50	\$5,704.00
November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	138 members + 16 Guests	\$2,213.00	\$2,117.50	\$4,390.50	\$5,704.00
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018	160 members +14 guests	\$4,322.00	\$1,742.00	\$6,064.00	\$5,704.00
December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	169 members +15 Guests	\$3,422.00	\$1,742.00	\$5,164.00	\$5,704.00

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

**Receiving Treatment:** Barbara Krier

**Recuperating:** Linda Schiding, Jim Diehl

**THIS WEEK**

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** The Cooper family  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Ron Miles  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Elaine Bevivino  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** John Kollasch  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Barb Stebbins  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** Dave Bailey  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Pastor Jeff  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Erin & Jason Shiffer

**NEXT WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Dave Firestone  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** Jack Herlocker  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**8 AM Liturgist:** Deb Herlocker  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Connie Wolfe  
**8 AM Hall Monitor:** Pam Minnich  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Dave Firestone  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** John Schriver  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Lana Fritz  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** George DeMers  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Pastor Jeff  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** David & Brigitte Bradnick