

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF August 11, 2019**

*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**

- ~Worship Services & Communion at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Summer Sunday School, 9 AM in the PreK/Kindergarten room
- ~Panther Pack New Volunteer Training, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~Spiritual Formation Core Planning Session, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Worship Core Planning Session, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship hall
- ~Youth Core Planning Session, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

### **THIS WEEK**

- ~I Am a Church Member Small Group Leader Meeting- Wed. Aug. 14 from 6-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Summer D. I. P., Mini VBS, 9 AM-1PM in the Fellowship Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Summer Sunday School, 9 AM in the PreK/Kindergarten room
- ~Community Life Core Planning Session, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Blessing of the Backpacks and Blankies at the 10:30 AM service
- ~Church Council following the late service

*Travis will be on vacation with his family from Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to visit the church during this time, please call ahead to make sure someone will be there to let you in. Thank you!*

**The Monthly Mission for August is split between Hoffman Homes & 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.

**Northeastern Food Pantry** ~ For the month of August the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of paper products (toilet paper, tissues, napkins, & paper towels). Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the late service on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

**Summer D.I.P.** ~ Join us this summer for our new spiritual formation series, *Summer D.I.P.!* (*Discover, Investigate, Play*). Our final D. I. P. is NEXT Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> ("mini-VBS" here at church). You can register by visiting [www.mtzionucc.org](http://www.mtzionucc.org)! Contact Pastor Dani or Pastor Jeff for more details, or visit the website to register.

**Go Green Sunday Collection** ~ The youth of Mt. Zion are collecting various recyclable items (such as tin cans, milk cartons, plastic containers, etc.) for the York Association's Go Green Sunday on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Shiloh UCC. Please bring these items in a paper bag and place them in the bin marked for these items in the back narthex. All donations should be received by TODAY, Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your donations!

**Oktoberfest Kick-Off Meeting** ~ The Oktoberfest committee will meet on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in Room 5. Anyone who would like to attend and contribute to this meeting will be welcome!

**Book Discussion** ~ Join us at Panera Bread on East Market St. Wed. September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. This book is obtainable at the Martin Library. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

**Clearances Renewal** ~ During the month of July, if one or more of your clearances for volunteering with children at Mt. Zion is coming due, you should have received an e-mail detailing upcoming dates where you can renew your clearances here at the church, and also how to renew the clearances yourself online. The dates here at church will be Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and 11:30 AM, and Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. There will be stations set up in the back narthex/parlor and the office. If you have any questions about this process or need more information, please contact the church office at 717-755-6117 or [office@mtzionucc.org](mailto:office@mtzionucc.org).

**Volunteers Needed** ~ Bill Murphy is in need of volunteers to help to strip and wax the floor in the Fellowship Hall and Room 5 the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please see the sign up sheets in the side narthex. There is a sign up sheet for each week. Thank you!

**Blessing of the Backpacks and Blankies** ~ NEXT Sunday, August 18 at the late service we will have our annual blessing of the backpacks and blankies. Please bring your backpack or blankie to receive a blessing heading into the new school year!"

**Core Team Planning Sessions** ~ It's that time of year when we get together to plan for the 2019-2020 program year. We welcome and need YOUR input! Planning session schedules are as follows: Community Life Core, NEXT Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, Outreach Core, Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, and Mission Core, Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 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! Agendas for these meetings can be found in the back and side narthex.

**Worship Ministry Teams** are being formed for the months of October/November and for the season of Advent. We need 4-5 individuals to serve on a team for October/November and a team of 4-5 individuals for Advent. 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.

**Panther Pack Sign-Up** ~ Mt. Zion UCC will once again be partnering with Central School District to provide backpacks to children in need at North Hills Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. We are looking for volunteers to fill these bags, and we have day and evening times available. Please sign up in the side narthex if you are interested. **If you packed last year, we also ask that you sign up so we know that you are willing to pack again this year.** Please note that you will need clearances to volunteer for this program, and if you need help obtaining those clearances, Travis will be more than happy to assist you in the office. Carol Hartman and Travis Pinci will also be having a **new volunteer information session** TODAY, Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM for anyone who is new to the program this year. Thank you for your help in providing food for the children of North Hills!

**Ridgerunners** ~ We will again attend the American Music Theater on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas Show. The cost to Ridgerunner members is \$45.50. Others are invited to join us with the cost being \$55.50. Notify Becky Hester or Nancy Slegler if you plan to go. We will need the payment by August since we have to pay by September 4. That fee also includes the luncheon buffet at Deinner's Restaurant, taxes, and gratuity. Checks should be made out to Ridgerunners.

**Men's Retreat With Penn Central Conference** ~ We are excited to share that the Penn Central Conference is planning to have a conference wide men's retreat in January of 2020. The dates are set for January 17-19 and the tentative theme of the retreat is "Seasons of a Man's Life" - based on the widely known "seasons" passage from Ecclesiastes 3. The planning team is looking for church members to help with the planning, and the next planning session is August 22nd at the Penn Central Conference offices. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Pastor Jeff directly at [pastorjeffk@mtzionucc.org](mailto:pastorjeffk@mtzionucc.org). If you are interested in participating in the upcoming retreat please add your name to the signup sheet in the side narthex, along with your email address and phone number. More details regarding registration and more will be coming this fall.

**Mt. Zion Women's Retreat** ~ The dates for the 2020 Women's Retreat have been announced: April 17-19! We hope that you will join us for a weekend of relaxation, relationship building, learning and laughter. The approximate cost of the retreat is \$150/person which includes all meals and lodging in motel-style rooms. If the cost is a financial hardship, there are scholarships available. We do not want cost to be a limiting factor. Please speak with Pastor Danielle. All are welcome! The deadline for sign ups is October 6<sup>th</sup>!

**Hospitality Table** ~ The Hospitality Table has been a tremendous success, but we need your assistance to keep this welcoming ministry afloat. You can help in two ways: **1.)** supply prepackaged or homemade goodies, and/or **2.)** provide set up and clean up at the table. If you choose to do the latter, you will brew coffee, arrange baked goods, and pour juice into the pitcher before the early service and tidy up between services OR restock the supplies before the 10:30 service and clean up afterwards. A sign up sheet with each Sunday in August is conveniently housed on the end of the Hospitality Table for you to volunteer your time or supplies. Thank you! We appreciate your willingness to help in this meaningful ministry.

**Church Council** ~ This is a friendly reminder that church council meetings are open to the congregation. Generally speaking, church council occurs the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10:30 worship service. Their next meeting will occur THIS Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, after the late service.

**Considering joining Mt. Zion?** Have you been attending Mt. Zion as a guest and wondering how you might become a member? 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 [office@mtzionucc.org](mailto:office@mtzionucc.org).

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	123 members +10 Guests	\$2,527.00	\$2,237.50	\$4,764.50	\$5,770.00
July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	108 members +12 Guests	\$5,160.00	\$2,237.50	\$7,397.50	\$5,770.00
July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	132 members +16 Guests	\$2,532.00	\$2,237.50	\$4,769.50	\$5,770.00
August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	130 members +10 Guests		\$2,241.25		\$5,770.00

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

**Receiving Treatment:**

**Recuperating:**

**THIS WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:** Tama Allison, Becky & Jerry Hester, & Jodi Graham  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** Mary Jane Snyder  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Jack Herlocker  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer  
**8 AM Hall Monitor:** Pam Minnich  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:** George, Lisa, & Mason DeMers, Robin Schriver, & Anne Henry  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Ron Miles  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Elaine Bevivino  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** John Schriver  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Alan Neff  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** George DeMers  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

**Hospitalized:**

**NEXT WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Jodi Graham  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** George DeMers  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Jack Herlocker  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Dave Strine  
**8 AM Hall Monitor:** Pam Minnich  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Megan Merritt  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** John Kollasch  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Jim Firestone  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Barb Stebbins  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** Coordinated by Bob Katherman  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher