

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF August 18, 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 at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Summer Sunday School, 9 AM in the PreK/Kindergarten room
- ~Eco Justice Advocates, 9 AM in the Parlor
- ~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
- ~Go Green Sunday Shiloh UCC, West York 1-4 PM

### THIS WEEK

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Blanket Sunday Offering at both services
- ~Summer Sunday School, 9 AM in the PreK/Kindergarten room
- ~Outreach Core Planning Session, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Mission Core Planning Session, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Youth Group Potluck 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall

*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!

**The Blanket Sunday special offering** will be held at both services NEXT Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Your donations will go to Church World Services which distributes blankets and provides assistance to families fleeing their homes or recovering from disaster. Thank you in advance for your donations to this offering.

**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 Emigsville Deli on Wed. September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book, *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham. 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).

**Are you resuming group meetings or practices? Contact the church office!** If you have schedules for your group, (i.e. bible study) please submit them to : [office@mtzionucc.org](mailto:office@mtzionucc.org) as soon as they are available. In order to have your information printed in our weekly announcements, it needs to be received by 10 AM on the preceding Tuesday.

**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!

**Sunday School** ~ Please note, summer Sunday school will end next Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO Sunday school on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Regular Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2019-2020 program 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, TODAY at 9:00 AM, Outreach Core, NEXT Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, and Mission Core, NEXT 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. Thank you for your help in providing food for the children of North Hills!

**Ridgerunners** ~ Ridgerunners will carpool to Lancaster on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> for an Amish Luncheon. The cost is \$18.00 (pay to Nancy Kinard) plus a tip for the servers. We will need to know if you are attending by August 25. We will let you know the time to meet.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 is TODAY, Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. All are welcome and invited to attend!

**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 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	\$3,586.00	\$2,241.25	\$5,827.25	\$5,770.00
August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	121 members +12 Guests	\$2,206.00	\$2,241.25	\$4,447.25	\$5,770.00

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

**Receiving Treatment:**

**Recuperating:** Carol Hartman

**THIS WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Sharon & Ed Baines, Deb Herlocker, & Jodi Graham  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** George DeMers  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Jack Herlocker  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Dave Strine  
**8 AM Hall Monitor:** Mary Jane Snyder  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Megan Merritt, Emily Merritt, Katrina Rhinehart  
**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

**Hospitalized:**

**NEXT WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Charlie Test, Joann Taylor, Joan Masimore, & Mary Jane Snyder  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** Coordinated by 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:** Jim & Sue Shiffer; Bill & Bonnie Murphy  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Ron Miles  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** John Schriver  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Jim Firestone  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Lana Fritz  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** Bob Katherman  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Alan Neff & Jess Crowell