

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF August 25, 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
- ~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
- ~Eco-Justice Advocacy Meeting, 9 AM in the parlor
- ~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

THIS WEEK

- ~ Worship Choir Rehearsal, Thurs. Aug. 29, 7-8:30 PM in the Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~No Summer Sunday School
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service

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 25th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

The Blanket Sunday special offering will be held at both services TODAY, Sunday, August 25th. Your donations will go to Church World Service, an organization that 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 8th at 9 AM in Room 5. Anyone who would like to attend and contribute to this meeting will be welcome!

All-Church Book Study~ October 6-November 16, Mt. Zion will be participating in an All-Church book study utilizing the book, "I Am a Church Member." We encourage everyone to sign up for a small group to engage in conversation—there are multiple day and evening meeting times available to meet your scheduling concerns. Or, if a small group simply won't work, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the book and read along individually as together we revisit what it means to be in covenant as the church and what our membership means to us and to the world! **Sign up sheets for small groups are available in the back narthex!**

Book Discussion ~ Join us at Emigsville Deli on Wed. September 11th 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!

Outdoor Worship on September 22nd! On Sunday, September 22nd, our LATE (10:30 AM) service will be held at Rocky Ridge Park at the Chipmunk and Grey Squirrel Pavilions. Please note that nursery care WILL be provided that day at Rocky Ridge. Our EARLY (8 AM) service will still be at Mt. Zion and Sunday school classes will occur as normally scheduled at 9 AM in the classrooms. Directions and a reminder insert will be provided in the bulletin over the next few weeks!

Clearances Renewal ~ Need assistance with your clearances to work with the children and youth of Mt. Zion? You can receive assistance here at church on **Sun, Sept. 15th** at 9 AM and 11:30 AM, and **Sun, Sept. 29th** at 11:30 AM 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.

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 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 26th-30th. If you are interested in helping, please see the sign up sheets in the side narthex.

Sunday School ~ Please note that TODAY, Sunday, August 25th is the last day for Summer Sunday School. There will be NO Sunday school on Sunday, September 1st. Regular Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 8th for the 2019-2020 program year.

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 ~ We are seeking volunteers to pack backpacks of food for our Panther Pack Ministry at North Hills Elementary. 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!

Children & Youth Ministry Medical/Photo Release Forms for 2019-2020 ~ New medical and photo release forms are here for the 2019-2020 program year. All children and youth who will be participating in our programming are asked to have a form on file. These forms help us to protect the children who participate in our programs, and to provide the help they need in case of emergencies. Blank copies of the form can be found in the narthex, and completed forms can be turned in to the church office. Please contact Pastor Jeff with questions at pastor-jeffk@mtzionucc.org.

New Bible Sunday ~ It is the tradition of Mt. Zion to present all students entering 3rd grade, as well as all new confirmation students, with a bible to begin the new program year. Please join us on Sunday, September 8th, for the presentation of bibles to these students and join us in supporting them on their spiritual growth journey throughout the year. If you have a student going into 3rd grade, or confirmation class, please let Pastor Jeff know which service you will plan to attend that day by emailing pastorjeffk@mtzionucc.org.

Ridgerunners ~ Ridgerunners will carpool to Lancaster on Wednesday September 4th 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 W=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. 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. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff at pastorjeffk@mtzionucc.org!

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 6th and a sign up sheet is in the side narthex!

Hospitality Table ~ The Hospitality Table Ministry needs your assistance. You can help in two ways: **1.)** supply pre-packaged or homemade goodies, and/or **2.)** provide set up and clean up at the table. A sign up sheet is housed on the end of the Hospitality Table for you to volunteer your time or supplies. Thank you!

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 Sunday, September 15th. This meeting will be held at 9 AM. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Considering joining Mt. Zion? Our next membership Sunday is scheduled for **September 22nd**. If you are 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.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
July 28, 2019	132 members +16 Guests	\$2,532.00	\$2,237.50	\$4,769.50	\$5,770.00
August 4, 2019	130 members +10 Guests	\$3,586.00	\$2,241.25	\$5,827.25	\$5,770.00
August 11, 2019	121 members +12 Guests	\$2,206.00	\$2,241.25	\$4,447.25	\$5,770.00
August 18, 2019	183 members + 20 guests	\$2,235.00	\$2,241.25	\$4,476.25	\$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: 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

Hospitalized:

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Kathy & Bob Ensminger, Barbara Krier & Lynwood Schleeter

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Wagaman Family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by George DeMers

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 WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon