

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF September 1, 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
- ~Eco Justice Advocates Meeting, 9 AM in the parlor
- ~No Sunday School
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service

THIS WEEK

- ~Church Office closed, Mon., Sept. 2nd in observance of Labor Day
- ~Ridgerunners, Wed., Sept. 4th, carpool to Lancaster for Amish Luncheon, meeting 11 AM at the church
- ~Care Disciple Training, Wed., Sept. 4th, 6:30-8 PM in the fellowship hall
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal, Thurs. Sept. 5th, 7-8:30 PM in the Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Oktoberfest Planning Meeting, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School in their respective classrooms
- ~Bible Sunday during 10:30 AM service
- ~Worship Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Single's Lunch at Marino's, 12 PM
- ~Youth Group at the Revs, 1 PM

The Monthly Mission for September is Olivia's House. Olivia's House is an organization of caregiving professionals and volunteers committed to supporting grieving children. Its purpose is to facilitate healing through grief and loss education. Your donations will go towards this worthy cause.

Our monthly mission for August was split between Hoffman and Homewood Homes. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send \$978.00 to each. We also have currently received \$1,214.50 to the **Blanket Sunday offering.**

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of September the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene items (bar soap, shampoo/conditioner (2 in 1), toothbrushes, toothpaste, & deodorant). Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the late service on Sunday, September 29th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Oktoberfest Kick-Off Meeting ~ The Oktoberfest committee will meet NEXT 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! For those who sign up for a group, books will be available beginning 9/29 (a \$10 donation will be accepted to offset the cost of the book). **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!

Children's Music Program~ The children's choir and bell choir are set to begin their 2019-2020 program year on **Sunday, September 15th**. Generally, the children's music program will alternate monthly between the children's choir and the bell choir. The first bell choir practice will be at **9 AM on Sunday, September 15th** in the bell choir room, and they'll be practicing to play at the late service on Sunday, September 29th. Detailed schedules with practice and performance dates can be found in the side narthex and back narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Travis Pinci at 717-324-8511.

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.

Sunday School ~ Please note that there will be NO Sunday school TODAY, Sunday, September 1st. Regular Sunday school will resume NEXT 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.

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](mailto: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. TODAY, September 8th, we will present those bibles to students during the late service to continue supporting them on their spiritual growth journey throughout the year. Join us in praying, and celebrating, with our 3rd grade students as well as our new confirmands!

Ridgerunners ~ Ridgerunners will carpool to Lancaster THIS Wednesday September 4th for an Amish Luncheon. The cost is \$18.00 (pay to Nancy Kinard) plus a tip for the servers. We will meet at 11 AM at the church.

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. 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.

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ Summary of Giving and Expenses through June 31st, 2019	
Receipt Budget through June 30th, 2019	\$150,020.00
Actual Receipts through June 30th, 2019	\$130,074.50
We have fallen short our Receipts Budget by:	\$19,945.50
Expense Budget through June 30th, 2019	\$168,970.00
Actual Current Expenses through June 30th, 2019	\$157,623.53
We have fallen short of our Expense Budget by:	\$11,346.47

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
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
August 25, 2019	136 members +10 Guests	\$2,697.00	\$2,241.25	\$4,938.25	\$5,770.00

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

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan

Hospitalized:

Recuperating: Carol Hartman, Judy Cornelius

THIS 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: George DeMers

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Barb & Jon Waltemyer; Tim Snyder & Dave Strine

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: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Morcos family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

