

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF September 8, 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
- ~Oktoberfest Planning Meeting, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Confirmation Sunday School, 9 AM in the youth room
- ~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

THIS WEEK

- ~Book Club, Tues., Sept. 11th at Emigsville Deli, beginning around 11:30 AM
- ~Care Disciple Training, Tues., Sept. 11th, 6:30-8 PM in the fellowship hall
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal, Thurs. Sept. 12th, 7-8:30 PM in the Choir Room
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal, Thurs., Sept. 12th, 8:30-9:00 PM in the Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services and Communion at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- ~Children's Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM in the bell choir room
- ~Church Council, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Clearance Renewal Session, 9 AM in the back narthex
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Worship Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Church Council Retreat, following the late service
- ~Clearance Renewal Session, 11:30 AM in the back narthex and church office
- ~Youth Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

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.

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!

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 THIS 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 can be found in the bulletin.

Children's Music Program~ The first children's bell choir practice will be at **9 AM NEXT 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 **NEXT 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.

Eco Justice Team ~ The eco justice team that formed from our summer Sunday school class will be meeting on the first Sunday of each month through the rest of the year, on October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Any and all are welcome! Their eco-justice tip for the week is to change your light bulbs to LED light bulbs. A widespread change to LED bulbs will save about \$265 billion dollars and reduce the electricity demand of lighting by 33% over the next 20 years.

Oktoberfest ~Please see the various sign-up sheets in the back narthex. They are in need of helpers and donations to make this event possible. Also, feel free to take a flyer and pass it out (where allowed) in the community! Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Mt. Zion Good Samaritan Fund and the Mt. Zion Current Fund. Oktoberfest will be on Saturday, October 12th from 11 AM- 2 PM.

Oktoberfest “Cash and Carry” Sale~ Oktoberfest will be collecting new or nearly new items for the “Cash & Carry Sale.” Contact Diane Strine (717-887-4617) or Deb Barnes (717-757-6155) for more information.

Oktoberfest Book Sale~ Deb Barnes is collecting novels (recent releases, award winning authors, and best sellers) (paper and hardcover) as well as children’s books for the Oktoberfest book sale. Check the copyright date inside the front cover. We are collecting years 2000-2019. Deb is also collecting Music CDs and DVDs, but please no VHS tapes. There are two boxes in the back narthex, one to collect the books, and one to collect the CDs and DVDs.

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.

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!

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!

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, October 20th. All are invited and welcome 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
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
September 1, 2019	107 members +10 Guests	\$1,730.00	\$1,793.00	\$3,523.00	\$5,770.00

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

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan

Recuperating: Carol Hartman, Judy Cornelius

THIS 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: Dave Bailey
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Brooke Markel & Cassidy Schildt
10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

Hospitalized:

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Coordinated by Bonnie Murphy
8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Coordinated by Bonnie Murphy
10:30 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers
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: Bob Katherman
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Jackie Kubala
10:30 AM Nursery: Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher