

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF September 15, 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 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, in the fellowship hall
- ~Clearance Renewal Session, 11:30 AM in the back narthex and church office
- ~Youth Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- ~Care Disciple Training, Tues., Sept. 18th, 6:30-8 PM in the fellowship hall
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal, Thurs. Sept. 19th, 7-8:30 PM in the Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Service at 8:00 AM at Mt. Zion UCC
- ~Worship Service at 10:30 AM at Rocky Ridge County Park, Chipmunk & Squirrel Pavilions
- ~Nursery Care at 10:30 AM at Rocky Ridge; No WOW Kids.
- ~Welcoming New Members at 10:30 AM service at Rocky Ridge.
- ~Children's Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM in the bell choir room
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Worship Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~Youth Group/J-Walkers, 5-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

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!**

Outdoor Worship on September 22nd! NEXT 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, but WOW Kids will not be in session (however, worship will be interactive!). 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 TODAY 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 **TODAY Sun, Sept. 15th** at 9 AM and 11:30 AM, and **NEXT 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 is to remember to recycle. Americans use about 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour and most are not recycled! Plastic takes over 700 years to decompose when not recycled.

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.

Woven Threads will resume meeting this fall on Tues., Oct. 8, 1:00 PM, in the church parlor. We will then continue with every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at 1 PM. We will be studying, "The Miracles of Jesus, Finding God in Desperate Moments," a Bible study by Jessica LaGrone.

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 pastorjeffk@mtzionucc.org.

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 soon. 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 are 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 18, 2019	183 members + 20 guests	\$2,235.00	\$2,241.25 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$4,476.25	\$5,770.00
August 25, 2019	136 members +10 Guests	\$2,697.00	\$2,241.25 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$4,938.25	\$5,770.00
September 1, 2019	107 members +10 Guests	\$1,730.00	\$1,793.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$3,523.00	\$5,770.00
September 8, 2019	164 members +12 Guests		\$1,793.00 (based on 5 wks/month)		\$5,770.00

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

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan

Hospitalized: Nancy Schwartz

Recuperating: Carol Hartman, Judy Cornelius

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: David Strine, Terry Barnes, Becky & Jerry Hester
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: Tori Everhart, John Kollasch, Guy & Marty Wenck, & Emily Schriver
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

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Connie Wolfe; Danika, Hayden, & Drew Dallam
8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Worship Tech: Connie Wolfe
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Robin & Emily Schriver
10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch & John Schriver
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman
10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff & Jess Crowell