

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF November 24, 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 and 10:30 AM
- ~Advent Spiritual Formation Series, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Service of Healing, 9 AM in the Sanctuary
- ~Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Praise Band sound check, 9:20 AM in the Sanctuary
- ~Praise Band participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~ "I Am a Church Member" Leader recap session, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

### THIS WEEK

- ~Worship Choir practice, Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:00 PM in the choir room
- ~Church Office closed, Thurs., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & Fri., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving holiday

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services & Communion at 8:00 and 10:30 AM
- ~First Sunday of Advent
- ~Advent Spiritual Formation Series, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Eco Justice Advocates Meeting, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Confirmation Sunday School, 9 AM in Youth Room
- ~Children's Bell and Vocal Choir Practice, 9 AM in the bell choir room
- ~Worship Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Single's Lunch, 12 PM at Carol Hartman's home
- ~Youth Group, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Praise Band Rehearsal, 6:15-7:15 PM in the Sanctuary

*Travis will be on vacation this Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, as organist. Thank you to Denny Daugherty who will serve as our guest accompanist this Sunday! If you have any pastoral care concerns during the Thanksgiving holiday, please leave a message on the church answering machine or contact the pastors directly.*

**The Monthly Mission for November is the Central Penn Food Bank** specifically their military share program. Military Share is designed to provide fresh, nutritious foods for families with at least one member who served in the armed forces. Your donations will go towards this program.

**Northeastern Food Pantry**~ For the month of November the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, and tissues). Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the late service TODAY Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. She is also looking for donations of reusable shopping bags. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

**How Can I Best Serve My Church?** Included as an insert in your bulletin today is a time and talents survey. This is to help us better know where you would be willing to serve your church family. Please take a moment to fill this out and return completed forms to the church office or place them in the offering plate by NEXT Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**Sponsorship Opportunities for 2020**~ There are opportunities to provide resources for various ministries at Mt. Zion. Detailed descriptions of each sponsorship opportunity can be found in the back and side narthexes. Leaves with sponsorship amounts are available on the tree at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a leaf, place your name on the back and put it in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment. Please do not put the monetary amount in the plate at this time. In January of 2020, you will receive a letter confirming your sponsorship commitment. The letter will include an envelope in which you can place the amount of money you committed to contributing towards the sponsorship. You may place this envelope with your monetary contribution in the offering plate beginning in 2020. Thank you!

**Save the Date!** On Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Game Night from 5:30-9 PM! We hope to see you then!

**E-Tithing**~ To all current E-Tithers and anyone who is interested in e-tithing: If you plan to change your E-Tithing for 2020, please see that I have your changed form before Dec. 15, 2019. Unless you have changed banks, or your bank has made a change to the routing number or your account number, I will not need a voided check. For any new E-Tithers I will need a voided check attached to your request form. If anyone has questions, you may see me in church, call me at 717-873-6576, or email me at [pencilpusher6@gmail.com](mailto:pencilpusher6@gmail.com). Thank you, Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary.

**Year End Contributions**- In order for Jesse to prepare the 2019 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2019 by Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. **2020** giving envelopes are available for pick up in the side narthex. You may take them with you but **please do not use them until January 1, 2020**. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to our church.

**Blue Christmas**~ The Christmas season is often filled with joy and laughter, but it can also bring with it feelings of sadness and loneliness. This year, Mt. Zion will once again offer a special worship experience that will provide a space of comfort and care for anyone for whom the holidays are challenging. The service will be held on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We invite you to attend and we encourage you to share the information with a friend, neighbor, or coworker.

We will be having **ONE Worship service** on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM which will be our Christmas Cantata. The Christmas Eve services will remain the same as previous years, at 3 PM, 7 PM, and 10 PM.

**Messy Mission** ~ Our next Messy Mission will take place on December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the late service. Join us!

**Advent Story Tellers** ~ We are looking for story tellers to read Advent stories to our 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday school class, and our PreK/K class, each Sunday throughout the season of Advent. Please signup on the sheet in the side narthex, and contact Pastor Jeff for more details.

**Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands Sign-Ups-** The sign-up board for Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands can be found in the back narthex. We are in need of food preparers and servers for December 8<sup>th</sup>. We are also in need of donations of batches of 4 dozen cookies. Please see the board in the back narthex for more details. Food preparation lasts from about 2 PM – 5 PM while food transport and serving goes from 4:30-7:00 PM. You can sign up for food preparation, food transport and serving, or both. Thank you for being a part of this vital ministry!

**Thanksgiving Cards** for our home-based members can be found on a table in the back narthex. Please take a moment to sign them, as they are greatly appreciated by those who receive them!

**Adult Bell Choir**~ We will once again be having our adult bell choir, the self-named "Holy Dingalings" playing during both services on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be practicing on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the choir room. We will also have a brief warm-up on December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM in the choir room. Please sign-up in the side narthex if you are interested in joining. Any and all are welcome, no experience necessary!

**The Christmas Poinsettia Sale continues!** Poinsettias can be purchased for a donation of \$4.75 each. Complete the order form (found in the back narthex) and turn them in, with your payment in the box located in the back narthex. Make checks payable to Mt. Zion United Church of Christ. Orders are due by NEXT Sun., December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**Worship Ministry Teams** are being formed for the seasons of Lent and Eastertide. We need 4-5 individuals to serve on each team. A sign-up sheet can be found in the side narthex. Please indicate which team you would like to serve on (Lent or Eastertide). Thank you for your sharing your time and talents!

**Advent Spiritual Formation Series: Underdogs and Outsiders** ~ Join us beginning November 24<sup>th</sup> for a 5 week Advent book study focusing on the book *Underdogs and Outsiders: A Bible Study on the Untold Stories of Advent*. This series explores the stories of the women in Jesus' family tree. Books can be purchased on Amazon and classes will meet beginning TODAY through the last week of Advent.

**Eco Justice Team** ~ The eco justice team's last meeting for this year will be NEXT Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM in Room 5. Any and all are welcome!

**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
October 27, 2019	134 members +8 guests	\$2,858.00	\$2,271.25 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,129.25	\$5,770.00
November 3, 2019	135 members +12 guests	\$2,940.00	\$2,255.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,195.00	\$5,770.00
November 10, 2019	219 members +17 guests	\$3,394.00	\$2,255.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,649.00	\$5,770.00
November 17, 2019	164 members +16 guests	\$2,982.00	\$2,255.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,237.00	\$5,770.00

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

**Receiving Treatment:** Tom Mulligan

**Hospitalized:**

**Recuperating:** Waneta Douce, Nancy Schwartz, Bonnie Murphy, Delores Diehl

**THIS WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Jerry & Becky Hester; Don & Diane Strine  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** Dave Beyer  
**8 AM Video Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**8 AM Worship Tech:** Connie Wolfe  
**8 AM Hall Monitor:** Coordinated by Pam Minnich  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Sara Shaffer, Melissa, Delaney, & Avery Shindler  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Ron Miles  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** Elaine Bevivino  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Joey Bevivino  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Lana Fritz  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** Coordinated by Bob Katherman  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Kelly Grimm & Melody Stine  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Alan Neff & Jess Crowell

**NEXT WEEK**

**8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:** Coordinated by Bonnie Murphy  
**8 AM Sound Tech:** George DeMers  
**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 & Communion Servers:** Coordinated by Bonnie Murphy  
**10:30 AM Sound Tech:** Coordinated by Denny Daugherty  
**10:30 AM Video Tech:** John Schriver  
**10:30 AM Camera Tech:** Jim Firestone  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Tori Everhart  
**10:30 AM Hall Monitor:** Coordinated by Bob Katherman  
**10:30 AM WOW Kids:** Brooke Markel & Cassidy Schildt  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Tammy Gordon