

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 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 & 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-6th 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

THIS WEEK

- ~Woven Threads, Tues., Dec. 3rd, 1 – 3 PM in the parlor
- ~Ridgerunners Christmas Luncheon and Show, Wed., Dec. 4th, leaving the church at 11:30 AM
- ~Panther Packing, Wed., Dec. 4th, 6 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Worship Choir practice, Thurs., Dec. 5th, 7-9:00 PM in the choir room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM
- ~Second Sunday of Advent
- ~Advent Spiritual Formation Series, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-6th 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
- ~ "Holy Dingaling" practice, 9:30 AM in the choir room
- ~Worship Choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Mr. Sandy's food preparation, 2-5 PM in the kitchen
- ~Mr. Sandy's food transport & serving, 4:30-7 PM, meet at Mt. Zion
- ~J-Walkers Christmas party, 5-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

The *Monthly Mission for December* is the UCC Christmas Fund. The Christmas Fund helps retired clergy and spouses by providing supplemental monies for pension and health insurance premiums to low-income retirees. At Christmas, the offering provides checks to hundreds of annuitants, and it also provides emergency assistance through-out the year. Thank you for your gifts to the Christmas Fund. You can find envelopes in the back and side narthexes, and they have also been placed in your bulletins.

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of December 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, December 29th. 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? The last day to turn in the time and talents survey found in your bulletin is TODAY Sunday, December 1st. 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 table 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 place your monetary contribution in the offering plate until 2020. Thank you!

Angel Tree ~Mt. Zion is once again sponsoring families in the Central York School District for this Christmas season. If you would be willing to purchase an item (or two) for a family who is struggling, please take a tag off the angel tree and return the gift wrapped with the tag on the outside by Sunday, December 15th. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Devotionals can be found in the side and back narthex. There are also family devotionals for families with children available in the respective Sunday school classrooms. Please feel free to take one!

Our Christmas tree is now in the sanctuary. Please take a moment to help us decorate and hang a Chrismon ornament on the tree as you are leaving after each service. Thank you!

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. 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 29th. **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 18th 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 22nd 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 15th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the late service. We will be making Christmas cards, as well as cookies, to be delivered to our local fire stations and police station. We will also be doing a small service project to provide kits or items that they need at the stations. Join us!

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

Advent Spiritual Formation Series: Underdogs and Outsiders ~ Join us beginning November 24th 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 through the last week of Advent.

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 for NEXT Sunday, December 8th. We are also in need of donations of batches of 4 dozen cookies. Please see the board in the back narthex for more details. Thank you for being a part of this vital ministry!

Christmas 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 29th. We will be practicing NEXT Sunday, December 8th and 15th at 9:30 AM in the choir room. We will also have a brief warm-up on December 29th 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. Orders are due by TODAY, Sun., December 1st. Thank you!

Game Nite is coming, Game Nite is coming! Please save the date for Game Nite – Friday, January 24 from 5:30 – 9 PM in the Fellowship Hall (with a snow date of Saturday, January 25 at the same time). Tickets will be \$5 for Adults and \$3 for kids which will include a soup & sandwich dinner, drink and make your own sundaes for dessert. Ticket sales will begin after the holidays. All proceeds will benefit the General Fund. Let the games begin!

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!

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
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
November 24, 2019	107 members +10 guests	\$2,146.00	\$2,255.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$4,401.00	\$5,770.00

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

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan

Hospitalized: Dan Kinard

Recuperating: Nancy Schwartz, Bonnie Murphy, Delores Diehl, Betty Sipe

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Drew & Danika Dallam, Becky Hester, & Bob Ensminger

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 & Communion Servers: Bob Katherman, Nancy Slegger, Joe Vacante, & Dave Firestone

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 & Connie Wolfe

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Danika Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Video Tech: Dave Beyer

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Melody Stine

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

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: Jackie Kubala & Dani Devine

10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy