

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 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 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
- ~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
- ~Reception of New Members at 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

THIS WEEK

- ~Share the Vision Team Meeting, Mon., Dec. 9th, 5 PM
- ~Panther Packing, Wed., Dec. 11th, 6 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Worship Choir practice, Thurs., Dec. 12th, 7-8:30 PM in the choir room
- ~Jubilation rehearsal, Thurs., Dec. 12th, 8:30-9 PM in the choir room
- ~Outreach to Pleasant Acres at Elm Springs, Fri., Dec. 13th, 10 AM at Elm Springs Apartments

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM
- ~Third Sunday of Advent
- ~Jubilation participates in the 8:00 AM service
- ~Advent Spiritual Formation Series, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Children's Bell and Vocal Choir practice, 9 AM in the bell choir room
- ~"Holy Dingaling" practice, 9:30 AM in the choir room
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Messy Mission, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Youth Group Christmas Party, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Praise Band rehearsal, 6:15 PM in the Sanctuary

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 as well as in the pews.

The *monthly mission for November* was Central Penn Food Bank's Military Share program. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate \$2,245.00 to this mission.

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!

Thank you to Patsy & Lee Brown, of Brown's Tree Farm, for donating our Christmas tree and wreaths.

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!

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.

Messy Mission ~ Our next Messy Mission will take place NEXT Sunday, 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!

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!

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.

Thank you to all who renewed membership or joined the Homewood Auxiliary for 2020 and also to all who participated by bringing in tissues, lotion and signed Christmas cards to make Christmas special for the residents of Homewood Home @ Plum Creek.

Intergenerational Bell Choir ~ On January 26th, 2020 we will be having an intergenerational bell choir playing at the 10:30 AM service. All children and their caregivers are invited to participate! We will be practicing Sunday, January 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th at 9 AM in the bell choir room. There is a sign up sheet in the side narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Travis Pinci at 717-324-8511.

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.

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. There are still a few leaves with sponsorship amounts available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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 ~ We will be continuing our 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.

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 TODAY, Sunday, December 8th and NEXT Sunday, December 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!

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 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
December 1, 2019 (one service due to inclement weather)	98 members +12 guests	\$3,361.00	\$1,828.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$5,189.00	\$5,770.00

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

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan

Hospitalized: Linda Schiding

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

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Danika, Drew, Holt, & Hayden 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: Melody & Maggie Stine; Kathleen & Maddie Haugh
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: Vanessa Bicher & Dani Kardisco

NEXT WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jen Cooper
8 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers
8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Dani Kardisco
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Sara Shaffer
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer
10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy