

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 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 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

THIS WEEK

- ~Woven Threads, Tues., Dec. 17th, 1 PM in the Parlor
- ~Worship Choir practice, Tues., Dec. 17th, 7-9 PM in the choir room
- ~Panther Packing, Wed., Dec. 18th, 6 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Blue Christmas Service, Wed., Dec. 18th, 7 PM in the sanctuary
- ~Christmas Cantata dress rehearsal, Sat., Dec. 21st, 9-11 AM in the Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~ONE Worship service at 10:30 AM
- ~Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Cantata
- ~Advent Spiritual Formation Series, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Worship choir/praise band sound check, 9 AM in the sanctuary
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service

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.

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 ~A reminder to please return all angel tree presents wrapped with the tag on the outside, today, Sunday, December 15th. Thank you!

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!

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 TODAY 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!

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 NEXT **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.

Chop & Peel~ The next chop & peel is scheduled for Monday, December 30th at 6 PM in our kitchen & fellowship hall. There is a poster board in the back narthex that has the food items we need listed on it. If you are able to donate any of the needed items, please take a slip with the item requested and return that item by Monday, December 30th by 10 AM. We are also in need of extra members to help with chopping and peeling on Monday, December 30th at 6 PM. If you'd like to help out, please contact Nancy Sleeper at 717-266-2668.

Need a stocking stuffer? The Youth Group is selling Mister Car Wash passes for \$22 each! This is a Full Serve Car Wash which includes complete inside and out cleaning at Mister Car Wash on East Market St. The Youth will be selling the passes in the Narthex before and after upcoming services. Proceeds (\$11 per pass) will go towards the Youth trip to the National Youth Event next summer. Thanks for your support – we appreciate it!

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!

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 by TODAY, Sun., 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.

Intergenerational Bell Choir ~ On January 26th, 2020 we will be having an intergenerational bell choir playing at the 10:30 AM service. All ages 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** NEXT 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. There are still a few leaves with sponsorship amounts available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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 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 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
December 8, 2019	155 members +12 guests	\$4,121.00	\$1,828.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$5,949.00	\$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

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Jen, Scott, Evan, & Kerington Cooper

8 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Les & Doris Loucks;

Melissa, Delaney, & Avery Shindler

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: Sarah Shaffer

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

NEXT WEEK

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by JJ Rhinehart

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney & Kelly Grimm

10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff & Jess Crowell