

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF February 9, 2020

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 & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult Spiritual Formation, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Confirmation Sunday School, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Youth Group/J-Walkers, 5-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Open & Affirming Team Meeting, 5-7 PM in the 4th-6th grade classroom

THIS WEEK

- ~Woven Threads, Tues., February 11th, 1-3 PM in the parlor
- ~Worship choir practice, Tues., February 11th, 7-8:30 PM in the choir room
- ~Panther packing, Wed., February 12th, 6:00 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Outreach to Pleasant Acres, Fri., February 14th, 10 AM – 12 PM
- ~Youth Valentine's Day date night fundraiser, Fri., February 14th, 5-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall and classrooms

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- ~Jubilation participates in the 8 AM service
- ~Congregational Meeting, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Confirmation Sunday School, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Church Council meeting, immediately following the 10:30 AM service

In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL's (www.WGAL.com) website, Mt. Zion's website (www.mtzionucc.org), the church voicemail, or Mt. Zion's Facebook page for changes. As a reminder, if inclement weather is expected in the overnight hours prior to Sunday morning, a decision regarding the 8 AM service and Sunday school will be made by 9 PM on Saturday evening. If the 8 AM service is cancelled, any activities, classes, or meetings during the 9 AM hour are also cancelled. On Sunday morning, a decision regarding the 10:30 service will be made based on weather, parking lot, and road conditions. In the event of surprise inclement weather, we will make every effort to make a timely decision on Sunday morning regarding the 8 AM service.

The Monthly Mission for February is the Disaster Relief fund. When the tsunami devastated Indonesia the day after Christmas in 2004, we, like many other churches received contributions for the relief effort a month or so later. It was following that disaster that Mt. Zion's Mission Core established this fund so that aid would be readily available to respond immediately. Since that fund has been established, we have sent financial assistance immediately to victims of tornadoes in Mississippi, flooding in Colorado, and in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria and Harvey. When disaster strikes, the need is great. Your contributions to this month's mission will be there to go where it is needed most. Thank you!

Our Monthly Mission for January was the Good Samaritan fund. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to raise \$2,107.00 to this worthy cause. Thank you!

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of February the Northeastern Food Pantry is accepting donations of paper products (toilet, napkins, paper towels, & tissues.) Barbara Krier will pick up the items after the late service on Sunday, February 23rd. She is also looking for donations of reusable shopping bags. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

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 Sunday, March 8th. 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! If you'd like to financially support this mission, please mark Food Missions on a blank envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Outreach to Pleasant Acres at Elm Springs Apartments~ Come join us on Friday, February 14th from 10-11:30 AM while we share the spirit of Mt. Zion UCC with the residents at Elm Springs Apartments. They very much appreciate our presence, and enjoy the games, goodies and giggles!

Messy Church!~ Join us on Friday, February 21st from 6-7:30 for our next Messy Church, a night filled with storytelling, crafting, science, delicious food and great friends. At this Messy Church, we'll be exploring the story of Jonah and the big fish! We can't wait to see you there! If you would be interested in volunteering at one of the stations during Messy Church, please sign up in the side narthex!

Place your order for the **Ridgerunners' delicious Easter candy** on the signup sheet in the narthex no later than Sunday, March 22nd. The cost is \$11 per pound and the available types of candy are Peanut Butter Eggs, Dark Chocolate Coconut Cream Eggs, Raisin Clusters, and Peanut Clusters. The candy will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, April 5th.

Volunteers Needed for Candy Making. Put on your apron and join the Ridgerunners for a fun day of making Easter Candy on Thursday and Friday, April 2nd and 3rd beginning at 9 AM. No prior experience is needed. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the narthex. Point of contact for volunteers is Lana Fritz at 717-487-6606 before 9 PM or email at ljf424@comcast.net.

Mid-Week Lenten Services & Sign-Ups~ The sign-up sheets for Lenten dinners are now in the side narthex. Please sign up if you plan to attend the dinners on Wednesday evenings. Please also note that there are two Lenten dinners that are potlucks (March 4th & March 18th). Also, please note that the Lenten worship service has been moved back to **6:45 PM**. The dinners will remain at the same time at 6 PM. There will be a family activity at **5:30 PM**.

Ash Wednesday Sign Up~ We welcome you to join us on Wednesday, February 26th, for our Ash Wednesday services at 3 PM and 7 PM. At these services, there will be communion and the imposition of ashes. Prior to the evening service, we will join together for a simple supper beginning at 6 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the side narthex to let us know if you will be dining with us. We hope to see you there!

Updating Online Church Directory ~ You can now update your directory information as well as photos in our online directory app or on the website! Detailed instructions on how to update your information are in the January E-Spirit, and flyers with directions can also be found in the back and side narthexes!

Adult Spiritual Formation Series for Winter 2020! Please join us for a six week study of the book *Pray Like Jesus: Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer*. The series began on January 26th and will continue through to the last class on February 23rd. All classes will take place at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall, each Sunday morning. For questions please contact Pastor Jeff or Pastor Danielle!

Lenten Adult Spiritual Formation Series ~ Beginning March 1st we will begin a study throughout the season of Lent examining the book *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I AM" Sayings of Jesus*. The series will also coincide with our worship and sermon series for the season of Lent. Classes will take place at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning. Books can be purchased on Amazon. For questions please contact Pastor Jeff.

Congregational Annual Meeting~ Please mark your calendars for Mt. Zion's Annual Meeting to be held at 9 AM on February 16th in the sanctuary. At this meeting, we will approve the annual report and recognize outgoing council members for their service. We encourage all members to make every effort to attend this meeting. The annual report is now available in the narthex for your review.

Valentine's Day Babysitting Youth Group Fundraiser ~ Do you need a well deserved date night? Do you just need a night to yourself? Do you want an opportunity for your kids to hang out on a Friday night with other kids their age? No matter what your motivation is, the youth of Mt. Zion will be happy to offer baby sitting services here at the church on February 14th from 5-8 PM! We will have dinner, games, activities, and lots of other fun planned for those who join us! This fundraiser will help to offset the cost for our youth to go to the UCC National Youth Event in July. The cost will be: \$10.00/hour for 1 child, going up in \$5.00 increments per hour for each additional child. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the side narthex, by e-mailing the church office, or by asking Pastor Jeff for the link to sign up online.

Considering joining Mt. Zion? We have membership Sundays throughout the year. 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
January 12, 2020	163 members +10 guests	\$1,635.00	\$2,297.50 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$3,932.50	\$5,760.00
January 19, 2020 (one service due to inclement weather)	90 members +6 guests	\$2,650.00	\$2,297.50 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$4,947.50	\$5,760.00
January 26, 2020	174 members +18 guests	\$4,151.00	\$2,297.50 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$6,448.50	\$5,760.00
February 2, 2020	142 members +10 Guests	\$3,295.00	\$2,141.25 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,436.25	\$5,760.00

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

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan, Mike Garcia

Recovering: Tama Allison, Ann Lewis, Clyde Snyder

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Deb & Terry Barnes; Brooke & Jackson Markel
8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch
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: The Rhinehart family
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Hunter King
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: George DeMers
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Jackie Kubala & Dani Devine
10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Welcome Team: Rick & Cindy Hogentogler; John & Connie Wolfe
8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers
8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Les & Doris Loucks, Barb Stebbins, Todd & Jackie Kubala
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King
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: Erin & Jason Shiffer
10:30 AM Nursery: Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher