

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF February 16, 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
- ~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 at congregational meeting
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Church Council meeting, immediately following the 10:30 AM service

THIS WEEK

- ~Panther packing, Wed., February 19th, 6:00 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Share the Vision Team mtg, Thurs., February 20th, 5-6 PM
- ~Worship choir practice, Thurs., February 20th, 7:00-8:30 PM in the choir room
- ~Jubilation rehearsal, Thurs., February 20th, 8:30-9:00 PM in the choir room
- ~Messy Church, Fri., February 21st, 6:00-7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult spiritual formation, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Children's choir practice, 9 AM in the bell choir room
- ~Brass rehearsal, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Worship choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~Youth group, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Praise Band rehearsal, 6:15-7:15 in the sanctuary

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!

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 NEXT Sunday, February 23rd. She is also looking for donations of reusable shopping bags. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

Messy Church!~ Join us THIS Friday, February 21st from 6-7:30 PM 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! We are in need of 5 volunteers.

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 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!

Our first **Open & Affirming Education Session** will be held on Sunday, March 29th from 12-2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The session is entitled *Breaking Bread and Forming Bonds* and it will provide an overview of the Open & Affirming process. There is a sign-up sheet available in the side narthex. We ask that you sign up as there will be a meal provided and an accurate count will help us to better plan to prepare the meal. Childcare will also be provided, so if you are in need of childcare, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet as well.

Recipes from Game Night can be found in the back and side narthexes. Please feel free to pick up a copy! The recipes include all the soups as well as the sandwiches.

Women's Retreat Information Sessions will be held on Sunday, March 8th and Sunday, March 22nd at 9 AM. If you have signed up to attend the women's retreat, we ask that you attend one of these sessions. If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, please let Pastor Danielle know so she can get you the information. Thank you!

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.

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 Sunday, March 8th. Food preparation lasts from about 2 PM-5 PM. 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!

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~ Mt. Zion's Annual Meeting will be held TODAY, at 9 AM 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.

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 |
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| 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 |
| February 9, 2020 | 145 members +8 guests | \$5,608.00 | \$2,141.25 (based on 4 wks/month) | \$7,749.25 | \$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

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Welcome Team: The Dallam family
8 AM Sound Tech: Denny Daugherty
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: Jesse & Nancy Smith; Teal Morcos, & Tammy Gordon
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
10:30 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Schriver
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