

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 1, 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

- ~First Sunday of Lent
- ~Worship services & communion 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
- ~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 choir rehearsal, 11:30 AM in the choir room
- ~Single's lunch, 12 PM at Fiesta Mexico (2818 E. Market Street)
- ~Praise Band rehearsal, 6:15-7:15 in the sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- ~Book study group, Tues., March 3rd, 10 AM – 12 PM in the parlor
- ~Ridgerunners, Wed., March 4th, 12 PM at Stonybrook Family Restaurant
- ~Panther packing, Wed., March 4th, 2:30 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Lenten Creative activity, Wed., March 4th, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Mid-week Lenten dinner, Wed., March 4th, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Mid-week Lenten service, Wed., March 4th, 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~Worship choir practice, Wed., March 4th, 8:00-9:00 PM in the choir room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Second Sunday of Lent
- ~Worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- ~Adult spiritual formation, 9 AM in Room 5
- ~Confirmation Sunday school, 9 AM in the youth room
- ~Women's retreat information session, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Children's choir practice, 9 AM in the bell choir room
- ~Preschool-6th Sunday School, 9 AM in their respective classrooms
- ~Praise band sound check, 9:20-9:50 AM in the Sanctuary
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM service
- ~Worship choir & praise band participate in the 10:30 AM service
- ~Mr. Sandy's food preparation, 2-5 PM in the Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
- ~Mr. Sandy's food transport and serving, meet at 4:30 PM at Mt. Zion UCC
- ~Youth group/J-Walkers, 5-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

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. 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 March is **Covenant House**. Covenant House is a program for young people who face homelessness. There is a shelter located in York. It provides vital services such as food, clothing, showers, a safe place to sleep, and other immediate needs. Your donations will go towards this program.

Our monthly mission for February was **Disaster Relief**. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate \$2,083.00 to this mission fund.

Northeastern Food Pantry~ For the month of March 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, March 29th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry mission!

During the Lenten season, Mt. Zion will be partnering with the **non-profit, RIP Medical Debt** to help relieve the medical debt for people within our region. Medical Debt purchases medical debt in bulk from healthcare organizations. You can learn more about RIP Medical Debt by going to ripmedicaldebt.org. Throughout the season of Lent, you are invited to give towards this mission by placing a donation at the "hospital" donation box in the narthex. We will continue to have our regular monthly mission and Lenten offerings, this is simply an additional opportunity to partner with a mission core scheduled donation. We are excited to share this opportunity with you and to see how together, we can help reduce the medical debt of people *within our region!*

Surprise card shower~ Dolores Diehl, one of our members, is celebrating her 90th birthday on March 16th! Her daughter, Cindy Roach, is asking Mt. Zion members to participate in a SURPRISE card shower for her birthday. The goal is for her to receive 90 birthday cards. Cindy asks that cards should be sent to arrive by March 16th. Dolores' address is 1920 Trolley Road, Apt. 245, York, PA 17408. Thank you for your help in making this day special for Dolores!

On Wednesday, March 4th, **Ridgerunners** will meet for a self pay Founders' Day luncheon at Stony Brook Family Restaurant at noon.

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 Building 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.

Chop & Peel~ The next chop & peel is scheduled for Monday, March 30th at 6 PM in our kitchen & fellowship hall. There is a poster in the back narthex with the ingredients needed on it. If you'd like to donate ingredients, please take a slip of paper with the item you wish to donate and also please **sign your name** on the sheet. Hope to see you, and thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Mid-Week Lenten Services & Sign-Ups~ The sign-up sheets for Lenten dinners are 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 pot-lucks (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 creative activity at **5:30 PM**.

Book Discussion ~ Join us at My Deli in Emigsville, Wed. March 11th at 11:30 AM for lunch, followed by discussion of the book *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

York Association Social Justice Forum ~ The York Association will be hosting a social justice forum at Mt. Zion UCC on Saturday, April 18th, 2020 from 9 AM – 12 PM. This will be held in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and will feature the keynote speaker Rev. James Antal, author of *Climate Change, Climate World*. All are welcome to attend! The cost is \$5/person and the registration forms can be found 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.

Lenten Adult Spiritual Formation Series ~ Starting TODAY, Sunday, 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, except for March 8th & 22nd when we will be meeting in Room 5. Books can be purchased on Amazon. For questions please contact 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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| 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 |
| February 16, 2020 | 129 members +10 guests | \$2,646.00 | \$2,141.25 (based on 4 wks/month) | \$4,787.25 | \$5,760.00 |
| February 23, 2020 | 129 members +11 guests | \$2,749.00 | \$2,141.25 (based on 4 wks/month) | \$4,890.25 | \$5,760.00 |

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

Receiving Treatment: Tom Mulligan, Mike Garcia, Barry Abrams **Recovering:** Monika Fauth

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion servers: Jodi Graham, Bob Ensminger, Drew & Danika Dallam
8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal
8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty
8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion servers: Sandy King, Jason Shiffer, Scott Kiefer, Melissa Shindler, & Suzanne Skennonto
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Brooke Markel & Cassidy Schildt
10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Welcome Team: Jerry & Becky Hester; Jon & Barb Waltemyer
8 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers
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: Tori Everhart, Bronson & Tammy Gordon, & Kathleen Haugh
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Weston Wagaman
10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Dave Bailey
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Jackie Kubala & Dani Devine
10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthey