

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 15, 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

- ~Third Sunday of Lent, worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- ~Jubilation participates in the 8 AM service
- ~Adult spiritual formation, 9 AM in Fellowship Hall
- ~Confirmation Sunday school, 9 AM in the youth room
- ~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
- ~Children's choir participates in the 10:30 AM service
- ~Church council following the late service
- ~Eco Justice advocates meeting, 11:30 AM in room 5
- ~Youth choir rehearsal, 11:30 AM in the choir room
- ~Youth group, 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- ~Book study group, Tues., March 17th, 10 AM – 12 PM in the parlor
- ~Panther packing, Wed., March 18th, 2:30 PM at North Hills Elementary
- ~Lenten Creative activity, Wed., March 18th, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Mid-week Lenten dinner, Wed., March 18th, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Mid-week Lenten service, Wed., March 18th, 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~Worship choir practice, Wed., March 18th, 8:00-9:00 PM in the choir room

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Fourth Sunday of Lent, worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- ~One Great Hour of Sharing Offering at both services
- ~Adult spiritual formation, 9 AM in Fellowship Hall
- ~Children's bell choir practice, 9 AM in the bell choir room
- ~Women's retreat information session, 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
- ~Messy mission, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- ~Open & Affirming Team Meeting, 6 PM in the 4th-6th grade classroom
- ~Youth Group, 6-8 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.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be held at both services NEXT Sunday, March 22nd. This offering goes towards provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy, and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation.

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 "ambulance" donation box in the narthex. For every \$1 given, \$100 of medical debt is forgiven. 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!*

Mt Zion Spring Clean Up ~ Please mark your calendars for Saturday May 2nd for our Annual Spring Clean Up. We get started at 8:00 am and are usually finished before noon. If you are not able to help all morning, that's ok. Bring you favorite gardening tools. A good turnout lightens the load! ~ John Schriver, Property Chair

The Easter flower sale forms are available in the rear narthex. Purple tulips, yellow tulips, and lilies can be ordered for a donation of \$8.00 in celebration of Easter. The flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2020. Please have all orders turned in by Sunday, March 29th.

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 is one remaining potluck (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**.

Mt. Zion Egg Hunt Signup & Help Needed ~ The Mt. Zion egg hunt will take place on April 5th from 2-4 PM, rain or shine. Please signup any children who are interested in participating by adding your information to the signup sheet in the side narthex, or by mailing the church office. We will also need help on the day of the event, and with stuffing the eggs with goodies. Eggs are available now, in the narthex, for stuffing and should be returned by March 29th, *Please do not include any goodies that contain nuts*. If you are able to help on the day of the event please see the signup sheet in the side narthex and signup to help!

Easter 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!

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 found attached to the bulletin board. Hope to see you, and thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

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 NEXT 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 ~ We will continue a study throughout the season of Lent examining the book *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I AM" Sayings of Jesus*. 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
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
March 1, 2020	148 members +15 guests	\$3,886.00	\$1,943.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$5,829.00	\$5,760.00
March 8, 2020	128 members +10 Guests	\$9,758.00	\$1,943.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$11,701.00	\$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, Loretta Albaugh **Hospitalized:** Don Doll

THIS WEEK

8 AM Welcome Team: Tama, Logan, & Austin Allison, & Olivia Vandermark
8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder
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: Tony & Stef Campisi; Byron & Dawn Almoney
10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Video Tech: Jim Firestone
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty
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: Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Welcome Team: Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder, and Don & Diane Strine
8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch
8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Karen Gibbs, Anne Henry, Sue Shiffer, & Faye Heal
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: Lana Fritz
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman
10:30 AM WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney & Bonnie Murphy
10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff & Jess Crowell