



ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/3/21

1054 Ridgewood Road, York, PA 17404 / 717-755-6117

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Jan. 3 (Su)** **Streaming worship service, 10:30 AM**
- Jan. 4 (M)** **Solace in the sanctuary, 1-3 PM**
- Jan. 5 (Tu)** **Live with Travis, 6 PM**
COVID-Response Team Mtg. 6:30 PM
- Jan. 6 (W)** **O& A Exploration Team Mtg., 6 PM**
Search Team Mtg., 7 PM
- Jan. 7 (Th)** **Solace in the sanctuary, 1-3 PM**
Worship choir rehearsal on Zoom, 7 PM
- Jan. 10 (Su)** **Streaming worship service, 10:30 AM**

CONNECT WITH US!



Connect with us on Facebook and Youtube as well as on our website listed below.

www.mtzionucc.org

You can access streaming services, live sessions, and videos submitted by members using the following links:

- www.mtzionucc.org/streaming
- www.mtzionucc.org/connectionpoints
- www.mtzionucc.org/mt-zion-collective

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:30 AM –4PM

Tuesday, 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Please call ahead before coming to the church office.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you have joys and concerns you would like lifted up during our streaming services on Sundays, please send them to Pastor Dani at pastordani@mtzionucc.org. You can also text them to 717-408-9280.

WORSHIP & CHURCH LIFE

STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES

As a reminder, the response team has decided to suspend in-person worship services until at least January 10th.

We continue to offer our streaming worship service at 10:30 AM each Sunday which can be accessed on the church website (www.mtzionucc.org/streaming), on Facebook, and on YouTube.

MUSIC



WORSHIP CHOIR

Worship choir practice is each week on Thursdays from 7-8 PM on Zoom! Below is the

Zoom info if you'd like to join! Contact Denny Daugherty at denny@daughertys.net for further questions!

Zoom Meeting ID: 634 092 5382

Phone Number: 1-301-715-8592

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87506328140>

GIVING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2021 can be found in the side narthex! You can stop by the church during office hours to pick them up! As a reminder, Travis is in the office on

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 8:30 AM– 4 PM and Tuesdays from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM.

If you would like us to mail your envelopes, we'd be happy to do so, please just let us know by calling the church office or sending us an e-mail. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Undergoing Treatment:

Tom Mulligan

Jen Kerchner

Faye Hevner

EPIPHANY WORSHIP



GUIDING STARS

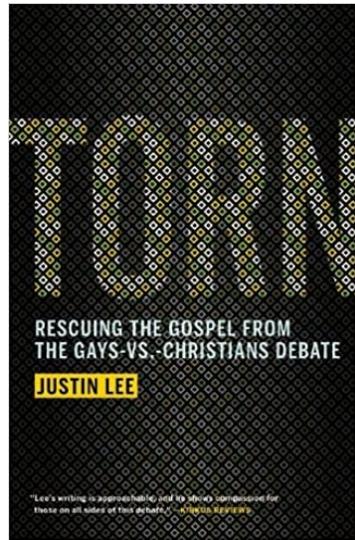
For the season of Epiphany, Mt. Zion's streaming services will be focusing on "Star words," words such as nurture, service, music, compassion, and illumination. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 AM on our website (www.mtzionucc.org/streaming), on Facebook, and on Youtube as we see where the stars lead us!

We are pleased to tell you that we ARE doing Star Words again this year- they will come in the mail to you with your year end mailing (the one that includes your giving receipt). Included will be enough stars for those listed in your household. If you are not a member (and thus not getting a year end mailing), we would still love to send you a star word, simply comment below. You can expect the mailing towards the end of January.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING UPDATE

Greetings friends. I hope this note finds you and yours well. I've been asked to share with you an update regarding the recent meeting of Mt. Zion's Open and Affirming (ONA) Exploration committee.

Before I do, let's go back. As you may recall, earlier this year, our congregation formed a committee to explore this subject, help facilitate group discussions on the topic and ultimately bring the ONA process before our congregation to determine if becoming an ONA congregation is something our congregation wanted to pursue. The committee met, created a plan and a timeline to share this topic with various groups, in various settings. Then 2020 happened. Because of this, it was impossible to hold those discussions. Which takes us to now, and the question of where do we go from here?



Great question. So, with the above shared, we want to let you know that the committee has again met (virtually), and discussed that very question. We feel it's important to continue this conversation and discussed several options to do so, safely in these challenging times. We also feel it's important to include as many people as possible this process, unfortunately, each option came up a little short. This, combined with the holidays and the process of calling someone to join us as associate pastor, led us to the conclusion that the best way to proceed, is a book study in early 2021. To that end, we plan to host a book study utilizing the book *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christians Debate* by Justin Lee. More details will be coming soon.

As we travel through this holiday season, we ask that you ponder God's gift of love for all, and how we, as a faith community, might best express that love. We encourage you to join us as we explore this topic through a book study and to do so with an open mind through this period of discernment. Thank you.

Michael Maletz on behalf of the
Mt. Zion ONA Exploration Committee

MISSIONS

MONTHLY MISSION

The monthly mission for January is the Good Samaritan Fund. The Good Samaritan Fund is Mt. Zion's fund to help local people in need. During the harsh winter, everyone's fuel and electric needs are great, most especially during this difficult year. Throughout the year, this fund is utilized to provide food cards to those who are in need. Your gifts, once each year, help to replenish this fund. Thank you for your generosity!



NORTHEASTERN FOOD PANTRY

Mt. Zion is collecting items for the Northeastern Food Pantry! Non-food items needed include deodorant (Men's or women's), toothbrushes, toothpaste, denture cleanser, dish liquid, and paper towels (individually wrapped). Food items include jello, instant pudding, strawberry jelly, salad dressing, & pancake syrup.

There are bins on the front porch of Mt. Zion where you can drop off donations. Barbara Krier will pick them up. At this time, the Northeastern pantry is not accepting donations on site, so please only bring donations to Mt. Zion for Barbara to pick up. Thank you!

SHENANDOAH CAMPING TRIP



The annual camping (glamping?) trip to Shenandoah National Park is scheduled for July 15-18 and we'd love to see you there! Reservations will open up on the National Parks website on January 15th. If you are interested in attending but have

questions, please contact Robin Schriver, Danika Dallam, Tami Grimes or Jen Cooper. If you do reserve, but later decide to release your reservation, please make sure to check in with Pastor Dani or any of the above people so that your site can be shared with another Mt. Zion person (sites go quickly once released!).



You can send donations to Mt. Zion UCC at 1054 Ridgewood Road, York, PA 17406. You can also drop donations in the lockbox on the front porch of the church. Thank you for continuing your generous support!



E-giving continues to be the most efficient way to ensure your continued support of our church. E-giving sets up a recurring donation either once or twice a month. You can download, fill out, and send in the e-giving form from our website, www.mtzionucc.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Receipts</u>	<u>Ave. Weekly E-tithing</u>	<u>Total Received for Current</u>	<u>Weekly Budget for Current Exp</u>
December 6, 2020	229 (streaming)	\$1,310.00	\$2,235.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$3,545.00	\$5,760.00
December 13, 2020	253 (streaming)	\$3,687.00	\$2,235.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,922.00	\$5,760.00
December 20, 2020	236 (streaming)	\$602.00	\$2,235.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$2,837.00	\$5,760.00
December 24, 2020	342 (streaming)				
December 27, 2020	176 (10:30 AM streaming) 170 (5 PM Drive-in Service)	\$12,468.00	\$2,235.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$14,703.00	\$5,760.00

SELF STUDY AND SEARCH TEAMS

Please see below for the self-study and search teams selected by church council from your nominations as we continue our transition process.

Self Study Team: Michelle Kollasch, Danika Dallam, Connie Wolfe, John Schriver, Mike Gibbs, Scott Kiefer, Mary Jane Snyder, & Joey Bevivino

Search Team: JJ Rhinehart, Elaine Bevivino, Melody Stine, Katelyn McCarthy, Natalie Behrends, Jason Shiffer, David Firestone, & Katrina Rhinehart

Questions or Concerns Related to Transition

As we journey through this time of transition, we want to keep the lines of communication open. Church council and any other supportive teams welcome your questions and are interested in your thoughts. This form is meant to provide an opportunity to share any thoughts, questions or concerns that you have. Your name is optional, but it would be helpful to have if clarification is needed to address the question/concern. Thank you for your input.

Comments/Questions:

Name: *(Optional)* _____