



ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/10/21

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Jan. 10 (Su)**
 - Streaming worship service, 10:30 AM**
 - Orientation for New Council Members, 8:30 AM**
 - Installation of New Council Members, 10:30 AM**
 - Self Study Team Meeting, 6:30 PM**
- Jan. 11 (M)**
 - Solace in the sanctuary, 1-3 PM**
- Jan. 12 (Tu)**
 - Staff Meeting, 5 PM**
 - Live with Pastor Dani, 7 PM**
- Jan. 13 (W)**
 - Mid-week Music with Kids Streaming, 5 PM**
- Jan. 14 (Th)**
 - Solace in the sanctuary, 1-3 PM**
 - Worship choir rehearsal on Zoom, 7 PM**
- Jan. 17 (Su)**
 - Streaming worship service, 10:30 AM**
 - Church Council, 11:45 AM**
 - Self Study Team Meeting, 6:30 PM**

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

COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

Hello Mt. Zion Family,

Over the last 10 months, as I have been praying, I have found the words of Isaiah 43, verse 2 on my lips almost constantly. It has become a breath prayer for me- “when you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” When I breath in, I say “when you pass through the waters.” And as I breath out, I say, “I will be with you.” These words, a constant comfort and reminder that in these difficult times- God is faithful. God is present.

I know the events of yesterday have each of us shaken. We are each aware of just how fragile we are as a country—and yet we have also been made aware of what strength also remains. As together we pass through these waters, may we also be assured of God’s enduring presence. In addition to the events of yesterday, we are also holding the continued difficulty and challenge of enduring a pandemic and its impact on our country and world, and more locally, our families, our hospitals, our community. The very real cost of this disease is being felt so acutely. It is in the midst of those realities that the COVID Response Team, along with Church Council have voted to continue the suspension of in person worship through March 7th, recognizing once again that we want to support our healthcare professionals who have shared the very real strain on our community healthcare system. In addition to the continued suspension of in person worship, we will also continue to limit any church activities or gatherings to 10 people. We trust that you understand the difficulty in making these decisions, and we trust that you know that they come from a place of genuine care and concern for the safety of everyone. We know this is hard, and we know that together, we can continue to walk this path.

We are also assured that this will not last forever. We praise God for the expertise, wisdom and resources that have gone into the vaccine and we look forward with hope as more and more people are able to receive the vaccine. We thank God for all those who are working to keep our communities safe and functioning- first responders, healthcare professionals, support staff, grocery store workers, delivery drivers, custodians, teachers- the list goes on and on. We consider it our work as a church to partner with these heroic efforts by not contributing to the spread of the virus, as best we are able.

Over the next two months, the COVID Response Team, in conversation with Church Council will be looking at how and when and what criteria we might use to begin regathering as a church family for in person worship and other events and activities. It is our hope that when we next update you, in early March, we will have more information about next steps.

In the meantime- THANK YOU for your support. Thank you for participating in worship, in zoom events and activities. Thank you for calling one another and sending cards. Thank you for your continued generosity to our church and its ministries. What a beautiful gift it is to be able to say, in this time of difficulty that we have truly been the church that God is calling us to be. We look forward to continuing to serve and grow and discern together.

In closing, I have a new breath prayer for you- one that expresses the courage and hope that is needed for these days—from Psalm 31, verse 24: Be strong. Take heart. Be strong and take heart, Mt. Zion. We are on this journey together.

Pastor Danielle

PRAYER REQUESTS

Undergoing Treatment:

Tom Mulligan

Jen Kerchner

Faye Hevner

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!

EPIPHANY WORSHIP

Guiding Stars

January 10

Nurture & Affirmation

January 17

Service & Responsibility

January 24

Celebration & Music

January 31

Boldness & Confidence

February 7

Compassion & Healing

February 7

Illumination & Witness



Sundays @ 10:30 AM

mtzionucc.org/streaming

GUIDING STARS

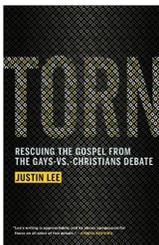
For the season of Epiphany, Mt. Zion's streaming services will be focusing on "Star words," words such as nurture, service, music, compassion, and illumination. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 AM on our website (www.mtzionucc.org/streaming), on Facebook, and on Youtube as we see where the stars lead us!

This week we will be focusing on the words **nurture & affirmation**.

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 send us an e-mail or call the church office. You can expect the mailing towards the end of January.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING UPDATE

The ONA Team is working together to prepare a book study of the book *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christians Debate*. It is the hope of the team to offer the book study in the springtime. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact members of the team including Scott McCracken & Nancy Sleeper.



SELF-STUDY TEAM UPDATE

The self-study team has met twice and is reviewing church profile examples, including the 2016 profile completed by Mt. Zion. Currently, we're discussing the best ways to collect information and opinions from members. Stay tuned for further updates.

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 UPDATE

Barbara Krier provided the update that the Northeastern Food Pantry will not be operating during the month of January due to health concerns for volunteers and staff. Please hold your donations until February. 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!).

GIVING @ MT. ZION UCC



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 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)	\$13,668.00	\$2,235.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$15,903.00	\$5,760.00
	170 (5 PM Drive-in Service)				
January 3, 2021	152 (streaming)	\$0	\$1,788.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$1,788.00	\$5,839.94

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)* _____