



ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/23/21

1054 Ridgewood Road, York, PA 17406 / 717-755-6117

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- May 23 (Su)** **In-person & streaming worship service, 10:30 AM**
Pentecost & Reaffirmation of 2020 Confirmands
Self Study Team Zoom Mtg, 7 PM
- May 24 (M)** **Solace in the Sanctuary, 1-3 PM**
- May 25 (Tu)** **Live with Travis, 6 PM**
Response Team Mtg via Zoom, 7:30 PM
- May 27 (Th)** **Solace in the Sanctuary, 1-3 PM**
- May 30 (Su)** **In-person & streaming worship service, 10:30 AM**
Self Study Team Zoom Mtg, 7 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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you are watching our streaming services and have joys and concerns you would like lifted up 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

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.

If you would like to dial-in and listen to our service over the phone, you can call the toll-free number below!

888-719-1054

RESPONSE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to regather TODAY! Here are the details you need!

- You do NOT need to register. Simply come to church!
- Masks are required. The Response Team and Church Council are aware that the CDC has issued updated guidance on masks for those who have been vaccinated, however, for the time being, we will continue to maintain the mask requirement so that we can help all to feel comfortable, safe, and welcome. We will continue to revisit the guidelines and adjust, but in these early stages of regathering, we'll continue to practice forbearance for and with one another. If you do not have a mask, we can provide one for you. We understand for young children, the mask requirement might not be feasible and so we certainly offer an exception to the mask policy for our youngest Mt. Zion folks. Children are most certainly welcome in worship!
- Please utilize the hand sanitizer provided.
- If you are feeling unwell, we ask that you participate in worship from home.
- Please know we will have both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall available for seating during worship. We have pews marked off to provide distancing between the pews. Within the pews, we ask you to be mindful of the distance between you and your fellow attendees.

- If you would like to socialize after the service, we invite you to visit in the front courtyard or the parking lot.
- For the time being, we will have a children's message, but we will not be offering nursery care or WOW Kids.
- We will be led in worship by a quartet, but at this time we ask that you do not sing along, though you are certainly welcome to hum or sway.

We look forward to seeing all of you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>Recuperating:</u>	<u>Undergoing</u>
<i>Dennis Hartman</i>	<u>Treatment:</u>
<i>Monika Fauth</i>	<i>Jen Kerchner</i>
<i>Jeff Sleeper</i>	<i>Faye Hevner</i>
<i>Mary Jane Snyder</i>	<i>Nancy Schwartz</i>
<i>Al Lewis</i>	

2021 CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY



WELCOME TO THE MT. ZION SELF STUDY PROCESS!

Our pastors are a vital part of our Church family. Anytime a pastoral position opens, it gives the church an opportunity to consider our goals and expectations for both our pastors and our church. Our congregation is in the midst of a self-study process which will give us the opportunity to connect about important issues in the life of our Church. This feedback will be used to complete the Church Profile to search for a new pastor. To access the survey, please follow the link found in the weekly e-mails or call the church office for a paper copy.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY May 31st!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

UNPOVERTY ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION SERIES

- June 6th – July 11th (No session on July 4th)
- Sundays @ 9 AM in Room 5
- Call the Church Office to borrow a book

SIGN UP AT TTSU.ME/UNPOVERTY

Have you ever wondered how the extremely poor make it through life? How many of them often live on less than \$3 per day? And most importantly, how we as Christians can help them. Well, the June the adult Sunday school is going to re-visit the book “*UnPoverty*” “*Rich Lessons from the Working Poor.*” Besides reading a number of chapters, we are also going to share some meaningful, short, videos from the author Mark Lutz, that he has personally put together for Mt. Zion. If you don't already have a copy, check with Travis to obtain a copy.

The author Mark Lutz, grew up in South Africa, the son of missionary parents. He lived there until 1970 and shares some of his life in the chapter on “Justice.” (p.29). His belief and the premise of this book is that we can eradicate poverty. The book is comprised of ten separate chapters, each of which stand alone. Throughout this book the readers will learn more about the work of micro-finance, numerous stories of individuals working very hard to pull them and their families up and out of lives of poverty. Readers will learn how resourceful, resilient and dedicated these people from Philippines, Colombia, Indonesia, Zimbabwe, India and elsewhere in our global community are.

“If those cool antipoverty ads starring Brad Pitt and Bono got you wanting to make poverty history, read this book. Mark brings his readers face – to – face with hard-working, persistent, innovative poor people who, when you give them a chance, can make themselves a success and share their generosity with others. Mark truly believes that we can make extreme poverty obsolete. These stories render his radical vision plausible.”

Come along with us as we share a meaningful journey about people far from York County, Pennsylvania. How we as Christians can help change both their lives and ours! Join the adult Sunday school on Sundays at 9 AM in Room 5. Please note that **masks are required** when attending the book study. You can borrow a copy of the book by calling the church office.

In Christian Love,
George DeMERS

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC



Calling all musicians, vocalists, dancers, and those who would like to share their talents over the summer! We are looking for individuals to provide special music at the 10:30 AM in-person services over the summer. If you are comfortable, you are welcome to provide special music in-person in the sanctuary on the Sunday you sign up for. If you are more comfortable submitting a video of yourself providing special music, you may choose to do that, just please let Travis Pinci

(717-324-8511) know if you plan to sing/play music in person or if you plan to submit a video. If you need accompaniment, whether that be in-person or recorded, please contact Travis Pinci and he'd be happy to provide it for you! You can sign up using the link below or by calling the church office! Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents!

ttsu.me/special

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



We want to celebrate the accomplishments of our high school seniors and all those who are graduating this spring during a service in June! We will share your biographical information with the congregation. If you are graduating high school this year, please send us what you were involved in in high school, anything you did with the church, future plans, etc. along with two photographs- one as a baby and one current photo. If you are graduating from higher education or another program, you can send us your degree and where you graduated from. If you could please send that information to pastordani@mtzionucc.org by May 20th, that would be greatly appreciated!

SINGLES PICNIC



Calling all singles - if you feel comfortable and would like to enjoy good food and fellowship we will be resuming our singles lunches the first Sunday of every month starting June 6 after the 10:30 AM church service at Carol Hartman's home. Please text Carol at 717-654-0161 if you are able to come.

RIDGERUNNERS



The Ridgerunners group at Mt. Zion would like to invite any member interested to attend a picnic at John Rudy Park. The picnic will be on June 2nd at noon, and it will be in the first pavilion to the left as you enter the park. Please call Nancy Sleeper at 717-266-4668 if interested to let her know you'll be coming so they have an accurate count for hot dogs. They are also in need of people to

bring side dishes, buns, drinks, or desserts.

MISSIONS



MAY MONTHLY MISSION

Our May monthly mission is the non-profit, RIP Medical Debt to help relieve the medical debt for people within our region. Last year, we collected donations for RIP Medical debt during the season of Lent. RIP Medical Debt purchases medical debt in bulk from healthcare organizations, and also works to help to give more opportunities to those who have been unfairly burdened with exorbitant medical fees. **For every \$1 given, \$100 of medical debt is forgiven.** Thank you for your donations to this important program. You can learn more about RIP Medical Debt by going to ripmedicaldebt.org.

MAY IN-KIND DONATIONS



During the month of May we are collecting in-kind donations for the ARC of York County. We are collecting sports balls (basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, playground balls, ect.) and individual hand pumps. You can place all donations in a bin found on the front porch of the church. Thank you for your gifts!



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

During the month of May, we will be collecting donations for the UCC's Strengthen the Church special offering. This offering is used to support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Your gifts help to build the church, the Body of Christ. Thank you for your generosity!

NORTHEASTERN FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for donations to the food pantry!! However, due to space limitations and urgent need, please limit your donation to the items listed. In addition, all items must be in their original packaging and unopened for health and safety reasons. Also, please no meat or perishable food items. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. You can see the list of needed items below.

Non-food items include: Tissues (Kleenex), men's and women's deodorant, individually wrapped rolls of paper towels

Food items include: Tea bags (black tea), cookie or muffin mixes, egg noodles, & salad dressing (French, Ranch, or Thousand Island), strawberry or raspberry jelly.

You can place donations in the bins found on the front porch of the church and Barbara Krier will pick them up. Barbara is also in need of donations of reusable grocery bags. She asks that they not be plastic and that they have handles. You can also place those in the bins. Thank you!



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>
April 25, 2021	174 (streaming)	\$2,706.00	\$2,462.50 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,168.50	\$5,839.94
May 2, 2021	126 (streaming)	\$1,665.00	\$2,000.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$3,665.00	\$5,839.94
May 9, 2021	147 (streaming)	\$3,695.00	\$2,000.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$5,695.00	\$5,839.94
May 16, 2021	127 (streaming)	\$2,213.00	\$2,000.00 (based on 5 wks/month)	\$4,213.00	\$5,839.94