



ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/26/21

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Dec. 26 (Su)** **ONE worship service, In-person and streaming worship, 10:30 AM**
- Dec. 29 (W)** **Altitude Trampoline Park Youth Event, 6:30-8:30 PM**
- Dec. 30 (Th)** **Great Expectations Bible Study in Room 5, 9:30 AM**
- Jan. 2 (Su)** **Epiphany**
In-person & streaming worship service with communion, 8:00 AM
In-person & streaming worship service with communion, 10:30 AM

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. As a reminder, if inclement weather is expected in the overnight hours prior to Sunday morning, a decision regarding the 8 AM service 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.

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 by going to:

www.mtzionucc.org/streaming

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 Danielle at pastordani@mtzionucc.org or Pastor Amy at pastoramy@mtzionucc.org. You can also text them to 717-408-9280.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

8:30 AM –4PM

Tuesday

8:30 AM—12:30 PM

WORSHIP

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! You can also listen to the most recent worship service by calling the number during the week.

888-719-1054

PRAYER REQUESTS Undergoing Treatment:

Recuperating:

*Elaine Doll
Tama Allison
Pearl Chronister
Herb Chronister
Barb Waltemyer*

*Jen Kerchner
Faye Hevner
Nancy Schwartz
Monika Fauth
Ted Trout-Landen
Robin Everhart
Mary Jane Snyder*

Hospitalized:

Barb Drescher

MUSIC



WORSHIP CHOIR PRACTICE

Worship choir will be off next week for the holidays, but will resume in the New Year. If you have any questions, please contact Denny Daugherty at 717-683-6220. Generally, worship choir meets on Thursdays at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

COVID-19 UPDATED PROTOCOLS

Mt. Zion Family-

We pray God's peace to you in this Advent season, a season filled with anticipation of the birth of Christ. We also know that perhaps it is a time where you are feeling the fatigue of 21 months in a pandemic. Like you, we wish the pandemic were a distant memory- and yet we know, it is still very much a reality. As always, the staff, Response Team and Church Council care very much about the safety and well being of our congregation and with that in mind, we share the following update regarding the safety protocols at Mt. Zion.

The COVID Response Team and Church Council have become aware of and reviewed recent information regarding the presence and threat of COVID-19 in our community. Currently, the high case load, and corresponding high emergency room usage and high hospitalization rate, is impacting hospitals across the region, including WellSpan York Hospital and UPMC Memorial Hospital. This week, the CDC reported rapidly rising cases of the new omicron variant, doubling approximately every 2 days, across the Northeast US. In many areas, it is now the dominant strain. Though vaccines and other measures seem to reduce the severity of the disease from omicron, the omicron variant seems to be much more easily spread, even among vaccinated people. In thinking of the greater good and how to best care for our neighbor, last evening, Church Council voted to **require masks at all indoor functions and services at Mt. Zion until further notice.**

Given the current stress on our healthcare system, along with the risk of a new and rapidly spreading omicron variant, we also recommend that all members evaluate their own personal and family risk, and consider this information in their decisions on how to engage in our worship services in the coming week. We are grateful to be able to offer in-person worship as well as an option to stream our services.

Despite the stress and strain of these difficult times, the good news of Christ's birth cannot be diminished and we have much to be grateful for. However you choose to participate in worship this coming week, we are truly blessed to be sharing Christmas with you, our church family.

In Christ,
Mt. Zion Church Council & COVID Response Team

YOUTH

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

You can see the December Youth schedule below! You can sign up for all events at [ttsu.me/fall youth](https://ttsu.me/fall-youth).



December

Dec. 29th

- *Altitude Trampoline Park, 6:30-8:30 PM*

Notes of Encouragement

- Send cards & notes of encouragement to Hospital Employees
For month of November we will focus on Emergency Department, Care Management, and Infection Control
- Send to address below:
(Unit Name) c/o
UPMC Memorial
1701 Innovation Drive
York, PA 17408

An opportunity to support those who support us! First responders have been our rock throughout this tumultuous time. In partnership with the Spiritual Care Office at UPMC we've been offered the chance to support those who have been and continue to support us. We've been invited into the partnership of supporting the hospital employees through the ministry of card giving. For the month of December we will be 'adopting' three care areas: ICU, Patient Registration, & Rehabilitation Services. To

send cards of encouragement, thanks and prayers send cards or letters to the following address. The mail received will be sent to the whole unit.

(Unit name) c/o
UPMC Memorial
1701 Innovation Drive
York, PA 17408

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES & YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS



Your offering envelopes for 2022 can be found in the side narthex! You can pick them up on Sundays during worship or 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. Please wait to use your 2022 envelopes until after January 1st of next year. Thank you!

Also, In order for Robin to prepare the 2021 giving statements, she needs to receive all contributions for 2021 by TODAY Sunday, December 26th. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to our church.

SPONSORSHIP TREE



Mt. Zion has set up its annual giving tree, where you can sponsor items that are not included in the regular budget including camperships, all church events, postage for mailing to home-based members, the summer program, hospitality, etc. These are gifts above and beyond your regular giving to support specific programs. **There are still quite a few spots to sign up for online, and more leaves have been added to the sponsorship tree in the narthex.** Thank you for your generosity!

MISSIONS


THE CHRISTMAS FUND
for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

DECEMBER MONTHLY MISSION

The monthly mission for December will go towards the UCC's Christmas Fund. This fund cares for active and retired UCC clergy and provides emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" checks each December to lower income retirees. Envelopes can be found in the pews and in the back and side narthex. Thank you for your donations!



NORTHEASTERN FOOD PANTRY

For the month of December, Barbara Krier shared that the Food Pantry is fairly full with Thanksgiving donations. She asks that you please wait to donate to the Food Pantry **after** January 1st, 2022. Thank you!



You can drop donations in the offering plate at the back of the church on Sunday or 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. You can also find forms in the side narthex.

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>
November 28, 2021	28 (8 AM in-person) 59 (10:30 AM in-person) 64 (streaming)	\$3,117.00	\$2,520.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$5,637.00	\$5,839.00
December 5, 2021	35 (8 AM in-person) 63 (10:30 AM in-person) 58 (streaming)	\$3,925.00	\$2,520.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$6,445.00	\$5,839.00
December 12, 2021	50 (8 AM in-person) 35 (10:30 AM in-person) (No streaming data)	\$4,273.00	\$2,520.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$6,793.00	\$5,839.00
December 19, 2021	131 (ONE Service, 10:30 AM in-person) 81 (streaming)	\$3,807.00	\$2,520.00 (based on 4 wks/month)	\$6,327.00	\$5,839.00

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