

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 12.3.23

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

December 3 (Sun) First Sunday of Advent
In-person worship service, 8:00AM
Adult Sunday School, 9:00AM
In-person & streaming worship , 10:30AM
Kid's Sunday School, during worship 10:30AM
Single's Lunch at Carol Hartman's, 11:45 AM

December 5 (Tu) Book Study in the Parlor, 10:00AM

December 7 (Th) Great Expectations Bible Study in Room 5, 9:30 AM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal in Youth Room, 6:30 PM
Choir rehearsal in the choir room, 7:00 PM

December 10 (Sun) Second Sunday of Advent
In-person worship service, 8:00AM
Adult Sunday School, 9:00AM
In-person & streaming worship , 10:30AM
Kid's Sunday School, during worship 10:30AM
Sunday Funday Christmas Party, 11:45 AM—2:30 PM
Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge, 3:00-4:00 PM

Dial-in Number for 10:30 AM Service:
888-719-1054

Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge

Sunday, December 10th @ 3 PM

Sign-up: ttsu.me/caroling



We are planning to bring some Christmas cheer to Normandie Ridge Retirement Community with Christmas Caroling! It will be on Sunday, December 10th at 3 PM. You can either meet us there at 3 PM or you can meet to carpool at the church around 2:30 PM. Please indicate which option you'd like using the link below. We hope to see you there!

We also are in need of cookies placed in baggies in packs of 6. If you'd like to provide home-made cookies, you can sign up below as well.

ttsu.me/caroling

Sponsorship Tree



Sign up online or take a leaf in the back narthex



ttsu.me/sponsorship

The annual sponsorship tree is up! These are gifts above and beyond your regular giving to support specific programs. You can simply take a leaf off the tree, sign it, and place it in the basket provided. Limited sign-ups are also available online.



Advent Series: In the Stable

December 3rd 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Blessings of Hope with Mary

December 10th 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Blessings of Renewal with Joseph

December 17th 10:30 AM
Blessings of Joy with Zachariah/
Christmas Cantata

December 24th 10:30 AM
Blessings of Love with Elizabeth

We enter into the Advent season yearning for what only Christ can bring. This Advent we will walk with Mary, Joseph, Zechariah, and Elizabeth as they share and receive words of blessing that show us what Christ will bring to us when he comes.

Join us for Blue Christmas,
a reimagined service of comfort & support

Wednesday, December 13

7:00 PM

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

1054 Ridgewood Road

York, PA 17406

Streaming & and in-person



www.mtzionucc.org

We've reimagined our Blue Christmas service! This service is especially designed to offer comfort and support to those struggling with pain, grief, and heartbreak. Together, we will mark the promises of our faith through carols, Communion, Scripture, and prayer. Please join us at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 13th.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 17th



one service @ 10:30 AM

Join us on Sunday, December 17, for our annual Christmas Cantata! So that all may experience this special service, we will celebrate together at 10:30 AM only.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Undergoing Treatment: Jen Kerchner
Nancy Schwartz
Ted Trout-Landen
Robin Everhart
Sharon Baines

Recuperating: Ted Trout-Landen
Janet Abel
Tammy Gordon
Rick Hogentogler
Red & Ellie Arnold

MT. ZION MISSIONS



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.

Christmas Eve Day Service

10:30 AM

Festive Attire Encouraged



On Sunday, December 24, we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent in one service at 10:30 AM in order to prepare for the Christmas Eve services later in the day. Oh, and in case you haven't guessed, we're encouraging festive dress for that service!

Christmas Eve

3 PM: Communion & Candlelighting
7 PM: Family Service & Candlelighting
10 PM: Communion & Candlelighting

or join us online @ www.mtzionucc.org/streaming

Our Christmas Eve services are scheduled for Sunday, December 24. The 3 PM and 10 PM services will be our traditional services. The 7 PM service is our family service. All services will include candlelighting.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CHRISTMAS CAROL COUNTDOWN
Sunday, December 31st @ 10:30 AM



December 31st is New Years Eve Sunday. We plan to celebrate the day together in one service at 10:30 AM. We'll worship by counting down our favorite Christmas carols. Ballots will be available during Advent so that you can nominate your three favorite carols to be included in the hymn sing.

Poinsettia Sale

- \$9.25 each
- Red & white
- Order by December 10th
- Order form online or in back narthex

The Christmas Poinsettia Sale has begun! Poinsettias can be purchased for a donation of \$9.25 each. Complete the order form online or the paper form found in the back narthex and turn in your payment in the box located in the back narthex or in the lock box outside the church. Make checks payable to Mt. Zion United Church of Christ. Orders are due by Sunday, December 10th. Thank you!

2023 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2023 Financial Report (Jan-November)		
Total Income	Total Expenses	Diff
\$290,250.88	\$292,202.46	\$ (-1,951.58)

Amount needed to make budget each month:	\$32,661.50
Total Income for the month of October	\$27,131.59
Total Income for the month of November	\$21,909.56

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, for your generous response to the food drive for the Northeastern Food Pantry. The amount collected was overwhelming at a much needed time of year. Our donations of food weighed 668 lbs! We will continue to collect items throughout the year in the bin in the side narthex. Again, thank you!

Weekly Attendance	
Date	Attendance
November 5, 2023	27 (8 AM in-person) 60 (10:30 AM in-person) 40 (streaming)
November 12, 2023	24 (8 AM in-person) 84 (10:30 AM in-person) 48 (streaming)
November 19, 2023	32 (8 AM in-person) 62 (10:30 AM in-person) 48 (streaming)
November 26, 2023	17 (8 AM in-person) 67 (10:30 AM in-person) 48 (streaming)