

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 12.10.23

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- 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
- December 12 (Tu) Tri-M Prayer Breakfast at Round the Clock East, 6:45 AM**
Book Study in the Parlor, 10:00AM
- December 13 (W) Blue Christmas Service, 7:00 PM**
- December 14 (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 16 (Sa) Cantata Dress Rehearsal, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM**
- December 17 (Sun) Third Sunday of Advent**
Christmas Cantata in-person & streaming, 10:30AM
Kids Sunday School during worship, 10:30 AM
Church Council Meeting in 4th-6th grade classroom and on Zoom, 11:45 AM
J-Walkers Cookie Baking & Christmas Specials, 4:00-7:00 PM

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



Advent Series: In the Stable

- December 3rd 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Blessings of Hope with Mary
- December 10th 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Peace for Renewal with Joseph
- December 17th 10:30 AM
Joy to Guide Us with Zachariah/
Christmas Cantata
- December 24th 10:30 AM
Love as Power 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.

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.

Angel Tree

Tags on tree in back narthex

Return wrapped gifts with tag
by Sunday, December 17th



There is now an angel tree in the back narthex with tags that list gifts for a family in need in Central York School district. Simply take a tag and return the gift wrapped with the tag on the outside by NEXT Sunday, December 17th.

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 NEXT Wednesday, December 13th.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 17th



one service @ 10:30 AM

Join us NEXT 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

This is the last Sunday to put in your order for poinsettias! 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
\$296,507.22	\$297,943.49	\$ (-1,436.27)

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

Weekly Attendance	
Date	Attendance
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)
December 3, 2023	30 (8 AM in-person) 59 (10:30 AM in-person) 54 (streaming)