

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 11.24.24

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

November 24 (Su) Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall, 8:30-9:30 AM
In-person & streaming worship service, 9:45 AM
Children's Sunday school during the service
Congregational meeting, immediately following the service
Church council in Room 5, immediately following the congregational meeting
Mr. Sandy's Youth cooking baking, immediately following the congregational meeting
Mr. Sandy's cooking in the kitchen, 2:00-4:00 PM
J-Walkers ornament making, 3:00-6:00 PM

November 26 (Tu) Tri-M Prayer Breakfast at Stonybrook, 6:45 AM

November 28 (Th) Church office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day

December 1 (Su) Intergenerational Confirmation class in the Fellowship Hall, 8:30-9:30 AM
In-person & streaming worship service, 9:45 AM
Children's Sunday school during the service

Travis will be on vacation from Tuesday, November 26th-Saturday, November 30th. The church office will be closed during this time. If you have pastoral care concerns, please contact Pastor Amy directly by her landline (717)384-6026. Do call, don't text!



SPONSORSHIP TREE



Available in back narthex
or sign up at ttsu.me/sponsor2024

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.

Blue Christmas Service

Mt. Zion UCC

December 18, 2024

7:00 PM

streaming: mtzionucc.org/live

We invite you to join us for 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 18th.

Dial-in Number for 9:45 AM Service:
888-719-1054



Advent Worship Series

Silent Night: The Paradox

Sunday, December 1st

Silent Night ★ But the news shouts at us!

Sunday, December 8th

Holy Night ★ Why am I so tired?

Sunday, December 15th

All is Calm ★ Why is everyone so calm?

Sunday, December 22nd

All is Bright ★ Our hopes are too weary to shine.

We enter into the Advent season exploring the paradox of Silent Night. As we delve into the words of the hymn, we will explore the feelings and questions that these familiar words bring. We invite you to join us each Sunday of Advent beginning December 1st in-person or streaming!

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22nd



9:45 AM



Join us on Sunday, December 22nd, for our annual Christmas Cantata at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary or streaming online!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Undergoing Treatment

Jen Kerchner
Nancy Schwartz
Mark Miller

Recuperating

Robin Everhart
Matt Grimes
Lina Everhart
Janet Abel
Barb Everhart

Nursing Care

Earl Deveney
Rich Huber
Al Fauth
Adonna Barshinger

You can call the church office, e-mail the office, or text 717-408-9280 to submit prayer requests. We also have a prayer chain e-mail where we lift up prayer requests. If you'd like to join that e-mail list, please contact Travis in the church office. Outside of office hours, for pastoral care call Pastor Amy at her landline (717)384-6026.

MT. ZION MISSIONS



The Monthly Mission for November is Central Penn Food Bank specifically their military share program. Military Share is designed to provide fresh, nutritious foods for families with at least one member who served in the armed forces. Your donations will go towards this program.

Monthly Mission Receipts 2024

August 2024— Mr. Sandy's	September 2024—Blanket Sunday	October— Hospice & Community Care
\$1,671.50	\$2,264.00	\$2,425.00



Kid-Min December 2024

December 8 **FUN DAY** 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Sunday Funday Christmas Party
3:00-4:00 PM Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge
December 15 3:00-6:00 PM J-Walker Cookie Making Pajama Party
December 22 9:45 AM Cantata Sunday
December 24 7:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service

Our kid's ministry has a bunch of activities in the month of December! You can see the activities in the graphic, and you can sign up for the events using the links below!

ttsu.me/sundayfunday
ttsu.me/jwalkers
ttsu.me/caroling
ttsu.me/kidschristmaseve

December Youth Group

December 8th 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Faith Formation Hang Out/ Christmas Party & Games
3:00-4:00 PM Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge
December 20th 5:00-11:00 PM Youth Group to Rocky Ridge/Movie Night
December 17th 4:45 PM Luminary Lighting at Normandie Ridge
December 24th 7:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service

Youth group has a busy December with Faith Formation Hangout, Christmas caroling at Normandie Ridge, a Rocky Ridge Lights adventure, and lighting luminaries at Normandie Ridge. You can sign up for these activities using the links below!

ttsu.me/sundayfunday
ttsu.me/youth
ttsu.me/luminarylights
ttsu.me/kidschristmaseve



Poinsettia Sale

\$9.00 each
Red & white
Order by December 1st
Order form online or in back narthex

The Christmas Poinsettia Sale continues! Poinsettias can be purchased for a donation of \$9.00 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 1st. Thank you!

Christmas Caroling @ Normandie Ridge

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @ 3:00 PM

We are planning to bring some Christmas cheer to Normandie Ridge Retirement Community with Christmas Caroling! It will be on Sunday, December 8th 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.

SIGN UP: [TTSU.ME/CAROLING](https://ttsu.me/caroling)

We also are in need of cookies placed in baggies in packs of 6. We would like **only** snickerdoodles, sugar cookies, or chocolate chip cookies.

To sign up to attend and/or to bake cookies for the members of Normandie Ridge, please use the link below.

ttsu.me/caroling

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2024

<u>2024 Stewardship Report YTD</u>		
Total Income	Total Expenses	Diff
\$284,209.13	\$244,509.76	+\$39,699.37

Christmas Eve Services

Silent Night: The Paradox
The Not-So-Silent Night

3:00 PM - Traditional Service
7:00 PM - Family Service
10:00 PM - Contemplative Service

Our Christmas Eve services are scheduled for Tuesday, December 24. The 3 PM will be our traditional service. The 7 PM service is our family service. And the 10

PM service will be a more contemplative service. All services will include candlelighting & communion.

Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance
November 3, 2024	85 (in-person) 36 (streaming)
November 10, 2024	100 (in-person) 74 (streaming)
November 17, 2024 (9:45 AM)	77 (in-person) 47 (streaming)
November 17, 2024 (2:00 PM)	84 (in-person) 49 (streaming)