

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 12.01.24

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- December 1 (Su) First Sunday of Advent**
In-person & streaming worship service & communion, 9:45 AM
Children's Sunday school during the service
- December 3 (Tu) Book study in the parlor, 10:00 AM**
- December 4 (W) Ridgerunners in the Fellowship Hall, 12:00 PM**
- December 5 (Th) "Great Expectations" Bible Study in Room 5, 9:30 AM**
Worship choir practice in the choir room, 7:00 PM
- December 8 (Su) Second Sunday of Advent**
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
Sunday/Youth Funday Christmas Party in Room 5, 11:00 AM—2:30 PM
Singles' Christmas Luncheon at Carol Hartman's, 11:30 AM
Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge, 3:00 PM

Angel Tree



Tags on tree in back narthex



Return **unwrapped** gifts with tag by Sunday, December 8th



8th with the tag. Thank you for helping to make a child in need's Christmas special!

We now have an angel tree in the back of the church! Simply pick up a tag, purchase an item or two from the list on the back of the tag, and bring all gifts back **unwrapped** by Sunday, December,

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!

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.

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We are set for Sunday, December 1st at 2:35 at the Queensgate movie theaters to see the Best Christmas Pageant Ever! Everyone can meet at the theater and we do ask you to purchase your tickets on your own. If you would like to go and are not comfortable driving, please contact the office to make arrangements. We do ask that you sign up just so we know who to look for. You can sign up using the link below.

ttsu.me/movies

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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 December is the Christmas Fund. This fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December.

Monthly Mission Receipts 2024

September 2024—Blanket Sunday	October—Hospice & Community Care	November—Central Penn Food Bank (Military Share)
\$2,264.00	\$2,425.00	\$1,369.00



Kid-Min December 2024

December 8	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/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



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.

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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!

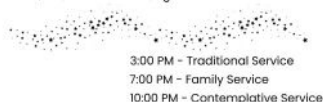
STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2024

2024 Stewardship Report YTD

Total Income	Total Expenses	Diff
\$296,869.51	\$245,455.70	+\$51,413.81

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 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)
November 24, 2024	85 (in-person) 42 (streaming)