

# MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 12.08.24

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- 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**
- December 10 (Tu) Tri-M Prayer Breakfast at Stonybrook, 6:45 AM**  
**Book study in the parlor, 10:00 AM**
- December 12 (Th) "Great Expectations" Bible Study in Room 5, 9:30 AM**  
**Worship choir practice in the choir room, 7:00 PM**
- December 15 (Su) Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Adult Bible Study in Room 5 8:30-9:30 AM**  
**In-person & streaming worship service, 9:45 AM**  
**Children's Sunday school during the service**  
**Church council meeting in Room 5, following the Service**  
**Women's Retreat Planning Session in 4th-6th grade classroom, following the worship service**  
**J-Walkers Christmas Pajama Party in the Fellowship Hall, 3:00-6:00 PM**



Mt. Zion UCC 2025 Calendars

Volunteers needed to deliver to home-based members

Limited calendars available \$12 each

Mt. Zion's Community Life Team created calendars using pictures taken at our Church Picnic for the 2025 year for our home-based members. We

are in need of volunteers to deliver these packages to our home-based members. You can find the care packages in the back. If you could take one (or two or more) to deliver that'd be greatly appreciated! We also have a limited amount of extra calendars for sale for \$12 each in the back narthex.

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?

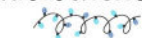
Sunday, December 15th

**All is Calm** ★ Why is everyone so calm?

Sunday, December 22nd

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

### Blue Christmas Service



Mt. Zion UCC

December 18, 2024

7:00 PM



streaming: [mtzionucc.org/live](https://mtzionucc.org/live)

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.

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

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 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		
<b>September 2024—Blanket Sunday</b>	<b>October—Hospice &amp; Community Care</b>	<b>November—Central Penn Food Bank (Military Share)</b>
\$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](https://ttsu.me/sundayfunday)  
[ttsu.me/jwalkers](https://ttsu.me/jwalkers)  
[ttsu.me/kidschristmaseve](https://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](https://ttsu.me/sundayfunday)  
[ttsu.me/youth](https://ttsu.me/youth)  
[ttsu.me/luminarylights](https://ttsu.me/luminarylights)  
[ttsu.me/kidschristmaseve](https://ttsu.me/kidschristmaseve)



### SPONSORSHIP TREE

Available in back narthex or sign up at [ttsu.me/sponsor2024](https://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.

[ttsu.me/sponsor2024](https://ttsu.me/sponsor2024)

### 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.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2024

2024 Stewardship Report YTD		
Total Income	Total Expenses	Diff
\$300,203.86	\$250,701.73	+\$49,502.13

### Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance
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)
December 1, 2024	78 (in-person) 44 (streaming)