

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 12.15.24

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- 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
- December 17 (Tu) Book study in the parlor, 10:00 AM**
- December 18 (W) Blue Christmas Service, 7:00 PM**
- December 19 (Th) "Great Expectations" Bible Study in Room 5, 9:30 AM**
Worship choir practice in the choir room, 7:00 PM
- December 20 (F) Youth Rocky Ridge/Movie Night, 5:30-11:00 PM**
- December 21 (Sa) Cantata Dress Rehearsal in the sanctuary, 9:00-11:00 AM**
- December 22 (Su) Fourth Sunday of Advent**
In-person & streaming Christmas cantata, 9:45 AM



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

Chop and Peel December 2024

Food is donated to "Our Daily Bread" Soup Kitchen

Bring donations by Monday, December 30th, by 10 AM

Sign up at ttsu.me/chopandpeel

Questions? Contact Nancy Sleeper at 717-266-4668.

We are in need of donations of various food items for Chop and Peel. Please have all donations to the church by Monday, October 30th at 10 AM. You can sign up using the link below!

ttsu.me/chopandpeel

Blue Christmas Service

Mt. Zion UCC

December 18, 2024

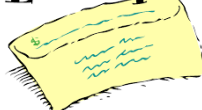
7:00 PM

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.

Offering Envelopes



Your offering envelopes for 2025 can be found in the side narthex! You can pick them up on Sundays during worship or stop by the church during office hours to pick them up! Please wait to use your 2025 envelopes until after January 1st of next year. Thank you!

Also, In order for Robin to prepare the 2024 giving statements, she needs to receive all contributions for 2024 by Sunday, December 22nd. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to our church.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Undergoing Treatment

Jen Kerchner
Nancy Schwartz
Mark Miller

Hospice

Les Loucks

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/jwalkers

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 still ahead, with Rocky Ridge Lights adventure, and lighting luminaries at Normandie Ridge. You can sign up for these activities using the links below!

ttsu.me/youth
ttsu.me/luminarylights



SPONSORSHIP TREE

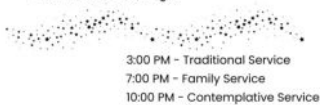
Available in back narthex or sign up at ttsu.me/sponsor2024

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.

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.



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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2024

2024 Stewardship Report YTD

Total Income	Total Expenses	Diff
\$304,039.02	\$253,028.10	+\$51,010.92

Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance
November 24, 2024	85 (in-person) 42 (streaming)
December 1, 2024	78 (in-person) 44 (streaming)
December 8, 2024	85 (in-person) 51 (streaming)