

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 11.23.25

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

November 23 (Su) **In-person & streaming worship , 9:45 AM**
Congregational Meeting, following the worship service
Mr. Sandy’s cooking in the kitchen,
following the meeting
Youth Group Friendsgiving in the Fellowship Hall,
5:00 PM

November 25 (Tu) **Tri-M Prayer Breakfast at Stonybrook, 6:45 AM**
Book Study in the Parlor, 10:00 AM

November 30(Su) **Disaster Relief special offering**, during the service
In-person & streaming worship , 9:45 AM

*Travis will be on vacation from Tuesday, November 25th-Sunday, November 30th.
Thank you to Cody Eckenrode for covering for Travis on Sunday, November 30th.*

*If you have pastoral care concerns from Tuesday, November 25th-Thursday,
November 27th, please contact Pastor Amy at home at (717)384-6026.*

*After Thursday, November 27th, please contact the church office as Pastor Amy will
be on medical leave.*



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. You can also contact the church office if you’d like Travis to reserve a leaf for you.



We are collecting Bingo prizes and Christmas cards for Skilled Care and Personal Care residents at Homewood at Plum Creek again this holiday season.

Please get all items to Doris Loucks, who will have a collection area in the back narthex, by December 5th, 2025. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!



The season of Advent is nearly upon us! This year, our theme will be “Yet In Thy Dark Streets Shineth,” as we look for the light that shines even in the darkness and shadows. We hope you will join us on Sunday at 9:45 AM!

Sunday, November 30th: The Light of Hope
Sunday, December 7th: The Light of Peace
Sunday, December 14th: The Light of Joy
Sunday, December 21st: The Light of Love



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, Scripture, and prayer. Please join us at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 17th.

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

Sunday Funday
Christmas Party
December 7th
11:00 AM - 2:15 PM
ttsu.me/sundayfunday



Our Sunday Funday Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 7th, from 11:00 AM –2:15 PM in the

Fellowship Hall! Food will be provided for the whole family and there is an opportunity to sign up to bring extra treats to share! We will be enjoying food, practicing for children’s choir, playing games, and singing Christmas carols! Afterwards, everyone is invited to join us at Normandie Ridge for caroling at 3 PM! Please sign up below so we know how much food to order!

ttsu.me/sundayfunday

Youth Group
Rocky Ridge
December 19th
5:00-9:00 PM
ttsu.me/youthgrouprockyridge



On **Friday, December 19th**: Youth group is taking it's annual trip to **Rocky Ridge on Friday, December 19th from 5-9PM**. The youth will gather at the church at 5PM and

head to Burger King for dinner (pay your own way)--from there we will head to Rocky Ridge (tix bought by church). After our time at Rocky Ridge we will return to the church to share in cookies and a white elephant gift exchange. To sign up for this event—the link is here: ttsu.me/youthgrouprockyridge

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Undergoing Treatment

Pat Cooper
Mark Miller
Nancy Schwartz
Melody Stine

Recuperating

Janet Abel
Barb Drescher
Dennis Hartman
Darren Schildt
Barb Waltemyer

Nursing Care

Loretta Albaugh
Al Fauth
Rich Huber

Hospice Care

Waneta Douce

You can call or e-mail the church office to submit prayer requests. **Please note the number to text joys and concerns to is no longer functional.** 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 land-line (717)384-6026.

MT. ZION MISSIONS



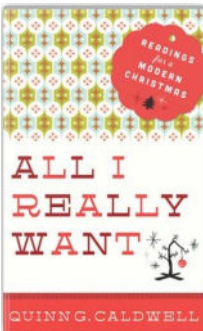
The Monthly Mission for November is Central Penn Food Bank specifically their military share program. Military Share is designed to provide fresh, nutritious foods for families with at least one member who served in the armed forces. Your donations will go towards this program.

Recent Monthly Mission Receipts

August- Good Samaritan Fund	September— Olivia’s House	October— Pappus House/ Hospice and Community Care
\$1,782.00	\$2,214.00	\$760.50 each (\$1,521.00 total)



The Christmas Poinsettia Sale has begun! Poinsettias can be purchased for a donation of \$9.00 each. Complete the order form using the link in the weekly e-mails 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 7th. Thank you!



Tuesday morning book study - Looking for an opportunity to enhance your Advent devotions this year? The Tuesday Morning group will be reading & discussing ***All I Really Want*** by **Quinn Caldwell** throughout the Advent season. The book is available on Amazon in paperback (\$13.89) or Kindle (\$9.99). Dates are December 2, 9, 16 & 23 and we meet in the parlor beginning at 10:00 a.m. We'd love to have you join! Questions? Please see Mike Gibbs or Connie Wolfe.

*Christmas Caroling
@ Normandie Ridge*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH @ 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 7th 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. Please indicate which option you'd like using the sign-up link below. We hope to see you there!

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. If you'd like to provide home-made cookies, you can sign up using the link below as well.

ttsu.me/caroling



Save the dates! Our Women's Daytreat at Mt. Zion will be on Saturday, January 31st, 2026 and the Women's Retreat at Camp Hebron will be Friday, May 15th-Sunday, May 17th, 2026! More information will be coming soon!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2025

2025 Stewardship Report YTD		
Total Income	Total Expenses	Diff
\$233,934.93	\$275,370.52	-(41,435.59)

<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	
Date	Attendance
October 26, 2025	66 (in-person) 59 (streaming)
November 2, 2025	77 (in-person) 37 (streaming)
November 9, 2025	74 (in-person) 48 (streaming)
November 16, 2025	82 (in-person) 49 (streaming)