

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 12.07.25

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- December 7 (Su)

Second Sunday of Advent

In-person & streaming worship , 9:45 AM

Sunday Funday Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall, 11:00 AM—2:15 PM

Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge, 3:00 PM
- December 9 (Tu)

Tri-M Prayer Breakfast at Stonybrook, 6:45 AM

Book Study in the Parlor, 10:00 AM
- December 11 (Th)

Worship choir practice in the choir room, 7:00 PM
- December 14 (Su)

Third Sunday of Advent

In-person & streaming worship , 9:45 AM

Women’s retreat planning session in 4th-6th grade classroom, 11:00 AM

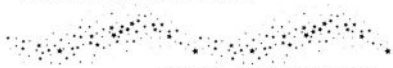
A reminder if you have pastoral care concerns outside of office hours to contact Travis Pinci directly at 717-324-8511 while Pastor Amy is on medical leave.



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.

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

Christmas Eve Services
Yet in The Dark Streets Shineth



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

Mt. Zion will once again be having 3 Christmas Eve services on Wednesday, December 24th.

Our 3 PM is a traditional service, and often our most well-attended service. Our 7 PM is a family service with many of Mt. Zion’s children and youth participating in the service! Our 10 PM service is a more contemplative and quiet service. We hope you will choose the service that is most comfortable for you as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



Join us on Sunday, December 21st, for our annual Christmas Cantata at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary or streaming online!

ADVENT 2025

Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth

November 30th The Light of Hope

December 7th The Light of Peace

December 14th Joy The Light of Joy

December 21st The Light of Love

Sundays @ 9:45 AM

streaming on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website

The season of Advent continues This year, our theme is “Yet In The Dark Streets Shineth,” as we look for the light that shines even in the darkness and shadows. We hope you will join us on Sundays 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

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

Blue Christmas Service

Mt. Zion UCC

December 17, 2025

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

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 9:45 AM

CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED IN JOINING

Interested in becoming a member at Mt. Zion? Please contact the church office. We’d love to have you! Our next new member Sunday will be on Sunday, January 18th so please let us know if you'd like to join before then!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Undergoing Treatment

Pat Cooper
Bill McMinn
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. 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 Travis Pinci at 717-324-8511 while Pastor Amy is on medical leave.

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. Envelopes for these donations can be found in the pews.

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)



It’s the last day to order poinsettias! 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!



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
\$279,103.95	\$281,825.36	-(2,721.41)

Weekly Attendance	
Date	Attendance
November 9, 2025	74 (in-person) 48 (streaming)
November 16, 2025	82 (in-person) 49 (streaming)
November 23, 2025	75 (in-person) 48 (streaming)
November 30, 2025	59 (in-person) 63 (streaming)