

MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 12.14.25

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- 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
- December 15 (M)

Church Council in Room 5, 7:00 PM
- December 16 (Tu)

Book Study in the Parlor, 10:00 AM
- December 17 (W)

Blue Christmas Service in the sanctuary, 7:00 PM
- December 18 (Th)

Worship choir practice in the choir room, 7:00 PM
- December 19 (F)

Youth Group to Rocky Ridge, meet at church at 5:00 PM
- December 20 (Sa)

Cantata rehearsal in the sanctuary, 10:00-11:45 AM  
Christmas Eve instrumentalist rehearsal, 11:45 AM
- December 21 (Su)

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Cantata  
In-person & streaming worship , 9:45 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.



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

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, December21st: The Light of Love

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.**

Please take a moment to sign the Christmas cards in the back narthex for our home-based members. They so enjoy receiving them!

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

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!

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

Chop and Peel December 2025

Food is donated to "Our Daily Bread" Soup Kitchen



Bring donations by Monday, Dec. 29th, by 10 AM



Sign up at [ttsu.me/chopandpeel](https://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, December 29th at 10 AM. You can sign up using the link below!

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



“Galentine” Chick Flick Night

Save the date!!!

Friday, February 6, 2025



Save the date for our next "Galentine" Movie Night on Friday, February 6th, 2026! We would love to have your input and suggestions for our movie! Contact Kathy Enslinger with ideas!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Undergoing Treatment

Pat Cooper  
Bill McMinn  
Nancy Schwartz  
Melody Stine

### Recuperating

Dennis Hartman  
Pastor Amy  
Darren Schildt  
Melody Stine  
Barb Waltemyer

### Nursing Care

Loretta Albaugh  
Al Fauth  
Rich Huber  
Althea Werner

### 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

September— Olivia's House	October— Pappus House/ Hospice and Community Care	November— Central Penn Food Bank (Military Share)
\$2,214.00	\$760.50 each (\$1,521.00 total)	\$2,655.00



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.

Youth Group  
Rocky Ridge  
December 19th  
5:00-9:00 PM

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



On **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**: 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](https://ttsu.me/youthgrouprockyridge)

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 9:45 AM

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!

CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED IN JOINING



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
\$286,365.95	\$287,129.32	-\$763.37

<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	
Date	Attendance
November 16, 2025	82 (in-person) 49 (streaming)
November 23, 2025	75 (in-person) 48 (streaming)
November 30, 2025	59 (in-person) 63 (streaming)
December 7, 2025	69 (in-person) 37 (streaming)