

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| August 23 (Su) | In-person and streaming worship service, 9:45 AM<br>Community Life Core Meeting in Room 5, following the service<br>Mr. Sandy's Cooking in the kitchen, 2:00-4:00 PM<br>Mr. Sandy's transport and serving, 4:15-6:00 PM<br>Youth Core Meeting in Room 5, 6:00 PM |
| August 24 (M)  | Mission Core Meeting in Room 5, 10:30 AM<br>Church Council meeting in Room 5, 7:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                            |
| August 27 (Th) | Praise Team practice in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:30 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| August 30 (Su) | In-person and streaming worship service, 9:45 AM<br>Board Game Day in the Fellowship Hall, following the service                                                                                                                                                 |

If you'd like to be a part of our weekly e-mails, click subscribe at the bottom of our homepage—[mtzionucc.org](http://mtzionucc.org), or contact the church office.

Welcome Team/Liturgists Needed



We are in need of volunteers for welcome teams and liturgists for the months of September & October 2026. If you are interested in helping out, you can use the links in the weekly e-mails to indicate your availability for one or both of these volunteer positions. You can also call the church office to volunteer. Thank you for all you do!

praise team August 2026  
Sunday, August 30th  
Musicians and vocalists wanted  
Practices



Thursday, August 20th, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Thursday, August 27th, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Contact Cody Messersmith for more information:  
[codyamessersmith@gmail.com](mailto:codyamessersmith@gmail.com)

Any vocal or instrumental musicians who are interested in participating in the Praise Team performance on Sunday, August 30th, please

reach out to Cody ([codyamessersmith@gmail.com](mailto:codyamessersmith@gmail.com)) by the end of the day, Sunday, August 16th. We will aim to have two short practices-- Thursday, August 20th from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursday, August 27th from 6:30-7:30 PM. Please come to both rehearsals if able! We will set up and soundcheck on Sunday, August 30th starting at 8:45 AM. We look forward to collaborating with you! Please reach out if you have any questions.



On Sunday, August 30th, at the 9:45 AM worship service we will hold our annual blessing of the backpacks, blankies, and tech for the coming school year. Students, teachers, staff, and administrators are welcome to join in this annual blessing. We will also be having a blessing of the hands during the service, to bless the work of all of God's children.

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

Core Planning Sessions

All are invited to participate in Core Planning Sessions, where we discuss the goals of each ministry area and the budget implications. Sessions will be held at the church, or you can join via Zoom.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Community Life Core      | Sun. 8/23, following the service             |
| Youth Core               | Sun. 8/23, 6 PM (with dinner)                |
| Mission Core             | Mon. 8/24, 10:30 AM                          |
| Worship Core             | Sun. 9/6, following the service (with lunch) |
| Generosity Core          | Sun. 9/20, following the service             |
| Spiritual Formation Core | Sun. 9/20, 6 PM (with dinner)                |

sign up at [ttsu.me/coreplanning](https://ttsu.me/coreplanning), in the side narthex, or call church office

Throughout the months of August & September, we will be having core planning sessions where we will look back at the previous year and then set goals for the new year for various ministry areas. We truly need your input as we plan for the year ahead, so we encourage you to sign up for as many of these planning sessions as you'd like. All meetings will be held in Room 5 at the church. We hope to see you there! Please sign up using the link below!

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



175th T-Shirt Ordering

Order at [ttsu.me/175tshirts](https://ttsu.me/175tshirts) or form in side narthex  
Order deadline: Sunday, September 6th  
\$12-15/shirt depending on size  
Shirts will be distributed Sunday, September 20th

We are pleased to announce we have a winner of the 175th T-shirt design contest: Freddie Northridge!! You can now place orders for

these T-Shirts using the link below or the paper form in the side narthex! T-Shirts will be \$12-15 each depending on the size and all orders are due by Sunday, **September 6th**. We will distribute T-shirts on Sunday, **September 20th**. If you need a size not listed on the sign-up sheet, please indicate it on the paper form and get it to the church office so we can get that size ordered for you!

[ttsu.me/175tshirts](https://ttsu.me/175tshirts)



DEADLINE TODAY:

Sunday Funday returns with the Family retreat from September 11th-13th! You can sign up by using the link

below, in the weekly e-mails, or by calling the church office. This year in Sunday Funday we will be celebrating imagination, wonder, and play as we use the works of Dr. Suess to illuminate the Bible! We hope you will join us!!!

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

# MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 08.23.26

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Undergoing Treatment**

Pat Cooper

**Recuperating**

Deb Barshinger  
Ken Barshinger  
Helen Burns  
George DeMers  
Barb Drescher

**Recuperating**

Carol Hartman  
Dennis Hartman  
Charlie Hull  
Michelle Kollasch  
Cassidy Ramsey  
Darren Schildt  
Jesse Smith  
Joann Snyder

**Recuperating**

Diane Strine  
Barb Waltemyer

**Nursing Care**

Loretta Albaugh  
Rich Huber

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 Pastor Amy at her landline (717)384-6026.

MT. ZION MISSIONS



The Monthly Mission for August is The Good Samaritan Fund, Mt. Zion's fund to help local people, including Mt. Zion members, who are experiencing a time of challenge. We offer Giant gift cards as appropriate and, at times, assistance with rent and utilities. Your gifts will help to replenish this fund. Thank you for your generosity!

**Recent Monthly Mission Receipts**

| Special Offering—<br>Strengthen the Church | June—Mr. Sandy's | July—Central and York City School Districts |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| \$600.00                                   | \$1,274.00       | \$1,812. 00 (\$906 each)                    |



Holy Play: Summer Together

Trivia Night at Mt. Zion  
Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM

Mt. Zion to the York Revs  
Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

Lunch and Board Games at Mt. Zion  
Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> following the service

Our final Holy Play event will be a board game day on **Sunday, August 30th**. Lunch will be provided so just bring a snack /side/ dessert as well as your favorite board game to share! This will also be our Blessing of the Bags/Blankies Sunday!

**Sign up using the link below!**

**Board Game Day:** [ttsu.me/augustgameday](https://ttsu.me/augustgameday)

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 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, August 30th so please let us know if you'd like to join before then!

CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED IN JOINING

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2026

| 2026 Stewardship Report YTD |                |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Income                | Total Expenses | Diff           |
| \$158,660.66                | \$185,966.99   | \$(-27,306.33) |

**SAVE THE DATE for our 175th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 4th!**  
**More information can be found in a separate announcement sheet in the back and side narthexes!**

You can order the Mt. Zion 175th anniversary ornament using the link in the weekly e-mails, by calling the church office, or using the QR code below. Orders and payment are due no later than Sunday, August 30.



Order your  
Anniversary Ornament  
TODAY!

## Back to School Pictures and Bible Distribution – Sept. 20



Please email all “Back to School” pictures to the office no later than Sunday, Sept. 13 to be included in our slide show on Sunday, Sept. 20.

We will also be distributing Bibles to our Third Graders on Sunday, Sept. 20, so please contact the office by Sept. 13 if you have a Third Grader so we can get the Bibles ordered and ready!

## Weekly Attendance

| Date            | Attendance                       |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| July 26, 2026   | 62 (in-person)<br>59 (streaming) |
| August 2, 2026  | 56 (in-person)<br>42 (streaming) |
| August 9, 2026  | 57 (in-person)<br>39 (streaming) |
| August 16, 2026 | 77 (in-person)<br>39 (streaming) |