

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- September 13 (Su) In-person and streaming worship service, 9:45 AM
- September 15 (Tu) Tuesday Book Study in the parlor, 10:00 AM
- September 17 (Th) Worship choir practice in the choir room, 7:00 PM
- September 20 (Su) In-person and streaming worship service, 9:45 AM  
Town Hall meeting, following the worship service  
Children’s Choir practice, following the worship service  
Spiritual Formation core meeting in Room 5, 6:00 PM

Back to School Pictures – 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.

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



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WORK DAYS

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday, September 12th | 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  |
| Monday, September 14th   | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  |
| Saturday, September 19th | 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  |
| Sunday, September 20th   | 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM |

Contact Scott and Sean McCracken if you're able to help

d\_scott1975@yahoo.com  
sean.albert.mccracken@gmail.com

Sean McCracken's Eagle Project is moving forward! Most of the work will include scouts to help, but if church members are interested in helping with manual labor, we have the following work days planned:

**Sat., September 12th/7:00 AM -3:00 PM**  
Dig foundation pit

**Mon September 14th/3:00 PM-8:00 PM**  
Spread and level gravel

**Sat., September 19th/7:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
Level crushed limestone layer, assemble gaga pit

**Sun., September 20th/12:00 PM—8:00 PM**  
Install signage, finishing touches

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Scott McCracken at d\_scott1975@yahoo.com and Sean McCracken at sean.albert.mccracken@gmail.com so we



Homecoming Worship Series  
September 6th • Welcome Home  
September 13th • Home is Where the Heart Is  
September 26th • There's No Place Like Home  
September 27th • Family Reunion  
October 4th • Home Sweet Home  
October 11th • Wherever You Go, You're Home

We begin our worship series entitled Homecoming, which is fitting as we get closer to our 175th Anniversary

Celebration! We hope you will join us on Sundays at 9:45 AM as we explore home and how it relates to our journey with God.

Townhall Meeting

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> following worship

To discuss rental and sharing of space of our building with Mt. Zion Lutheran

All are invited and encouraged to attend a Townhall meeting on September 20th following worship. As we have announced in worship, our

siblings in Christ at Mt. Zion Lutheran are in need of leaving their church building in the near future, and they have come to our Council asking if they would be able to rent and share space with us. The congregation is not looking to merge but is looking for a sacred space to worship and a congregation to share additional missions and ministry with. Council has heard their hopes and needs and believes it is a conversation that we as a congregation should have on a wider level. On the 20th we will present more fully what Mt. Zion Lutheran has brought to us and then open the space for you to talk, and for us to listen. As both congregations enter into 175 years of ministry, let us prayerfully discern together what God's future for us as church may hold.

Unable to make it in person? Sign up to zoom into the conversation here:  
ttsu.me/townhallmeeting

Chicken Corn Soup Preorders Available!!!



Quarts of chicken corn soup are now available to preorder online or by calling the church office. You can order until October 11th or until 100 quarts have been ordered, whichever comes first.

Chop and Peel September 2026

Food is donated to "Our Daily Bread" Soup Kitchen



Chop and Peel for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is scheduled for Monday, September 28th. We are looking for donations of green beans and potatoes for the

meal. If you could also chop/peel the items you sign up to donate, that would be greatly appreciated! We ask that all items be brought to the church by Monday, September 28th by 10 AM. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Sleeper at 717-266-4668. Thank you for your support of this mission! You can sign up using the link below:

ttsu.me/chopandpeel

# MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 09.13.26

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Undergoing Treatment

Pat Cooper

### Recuperating

Deb Barshinger  
Ken Barshinger  
Helen Burns  
Carol Hartman  
Dennis Hartman

### Recuperating

Charlie Hull  
Cassidy Ramsey  
Darren Schildt  
Jesse Smith  
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



September's monthly mission is Olivia's House. Olivia's House is an organization of caregiving professionals and volunteers committed to supporting grieving children. Its purpose is to facilitate healing through grief and loss education. Your donations will go towards this worthy cause.

### Recent Monthly Mission Receipts

| June—Mr. Sandy's | July—Central and York City School Districts | August—Good Samaritan Fund |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$1,274.00       | \$1,812. 00<br>(\$906 each)                 | \$3,428.00                 |

### 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.

#### Worship Core

Sun. 9/6, following the service (with lunch)

#### Spiritual Formation Core

Sun. 9/20, 6 PM (with dinner)

#### Generosity Core

Tues. 9/22, 6PM

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

Core planning sessions continue through September. 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)

**Please note we have moved the Generosity core teaming meeting from Sunday, September 20th to Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00 PM.**



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**What:** Anniversary worship service and picnic with Mt. Zion Lutheran congregation



Anniversary Worship Service and Picnic with Mt. Zion Lutheran  
Sunday, September 27th @ 10:30 AM  
John Rudy Park: Red Pine & White Pine Pavilions  
Sign up: [ttsu.me/jointpicnic](https://ttsu.me/jointpicnic)

**When:** Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** John Rudy Park - Red Pine and White Pine pavilions

Worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the picnic to follow. The main course and beverages will be provided. Please sign up and include your name, number attending and food item (side dish or dessert) that you'll bring using the link below. Come join the celebration!

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2026

### 2026 Stewardship Report YTD

| Total Income | Total Expenses | Diff           |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$176,376.09 | \$205,597.49   | \$(-29,221.40) |

**Please RSVP for our 175th Anniversary celebration on October 4th! You should have received an RSVP post card in the mail! If you haven't, please see Travis in the church office and he can give you one!**

### Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 17, 2026  
11 AM- 2 PM



Now accepting donations for the cash and carry sale!  
Volunteers and donations needed!

Food and fun for the whole family!

Oktoberfest is back on Saturday, October 17th from 11:00 AM—2:00 PM! Sign ups for donations and volunteers can be found in the back narthex!

### Weekly Attendance

| Date              | Attendance                       |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| August 16, 2026   | 77 (in-person)<br>39 (streaming) |
| August 23, 2026   | 60 (in-person)<br>45 (streaming) |
| August 30, 2026   | 76 (in-person)<br>38 (streaming) |
| September 6, 2026 | 59 (in-person)<br>37 (streaming) |

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