MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 11.15.26

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

November 15 (Su) **In-person & streaming worship service,** 9:45 AM

November 16 (M) **Church Council in Room 5,** 7:00 PM

November 17 (Tu) **Tuesday Book Study in the Parlor,** 10:00 AM
Advent Altarscape Team Meeting in the Conference Room, 4:30 PM

November 19 (Th) **Worship choir practice in the choir room,** 7:00-8:30 PM

November 22 (Su) **In-person & streaming worship service,** 9:45 AM
Congregational meeting, following the service
Cooking for Mr. Sandy's in the kitchen, 2:00 PM
J-Walkers to see Cat in the Hat, time TBD

Pastor Amy and Travis will be on vacation on Monday, November 16th. Thank you to Elaine Bevivino for covering the office. If you have pastoral care concerns during this time, please call the church office and Elaine will connect you with a pastor.



We will be having our Fall annual congregational meeting following our 9:45 AM service on Sunday, November 22nd. This will be to discuss approving the 2027 budget and our 2027 church council nominees. The proposed budget and financial summary can be found in the back and side narthexes.

Thank you so much for your time to discuss and vote on these important issues. If you'd like to participate on Zoom, please sign up using the link below.

ttsu.me/congmeeting



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 6th. Thank you!

We invite you to join us for Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 PM. We also are in need of cookies placed in baggies in packs of 6. You can sign up using the link below.

ttsu.me/caroling

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

Homewood Living Plum Creek

Doris Loucks is looking for individuals and families to renew their current membership or to join as a new member of the Homewood Living Plum Creek Auxiliary Membership. The Auxiliary purchases special "wish list" items to provide enriched recreation programs, superior safety and care, and an enhanced environment for their residents residing in Town Hall. Individual memberships are $3.00 and joint memberships are $5.00.

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

If you are purchasing Christmas cards, please provide only the card (no envelope) and sign it from our church, as individual names can cause confusion.

If you are donating BINGO prizes, the residents enjoy chocolate, single serving snack items, small holiday trinkets for all seasons, word search puzzles, small stuffed animals, unscented hand cream, and Dove bar soap.

Please get all items to Doris Loucks, who will have a collection area in the back narthex, by November 29, 2026. Any questions, please also contact Doris Loucks. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands



On behalf of Mission Core, a heartfelt thanks for all those who signed up for Mr. Sandy's quarterly casseroles. Now we need your help again. Sunday, November 22nd is the last food run of the year. We need people to help prepare the food which will be a chicken and stuffing dinner. Preparation is easier when we have enough people to help. We will meet in the kitchen at 2:00 PM and should be finished by approximately 4 PM. We are not serving just preparing the food. We also need a few people to transport it to Mr. Sandy's. Happy Thanksgiving!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Recuperating
Deb Barshinger
Ken Barshinger
Helen Burns
Carol Hartman
Dennis Hartman

Recuperating
Ted Trout-Landen
Al Lewis
Cassidy Ramsey
Darren Schildt
Diane Strine

Nursing Care
Loretta Albaugh
Pat Cooper
Rich Huber

Undergoing Treatment
Al Lewis

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 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		
September—Olivia's House	**Oktoberfest Proceeds**	**October—Hospice & Community Care and Pappus House**
$1,213.00	We made over $3,000.00 in profit at Oktoberfest and it will be distributed between the New American Welcome Center, the side entrance, and Lifepath Ministries.	$1,146.50 to each organization



Intergenerational Advent Dinner & Learning

Wednesday, December 2 • 5:30–7:00 PM

What makes Advent *Advent*? Why do we wait? Why blue? And what does any of it have to do with how we follow Jesus? As we begin a year of rediscovering the rhythms of the church calendar, all ages are invited to gather around the table for dinner, laughter, learning, and a little creating. **Bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner**, and together we'll explore the season of Advent and make an Advent time-keeper to help us mark the days as we wait for Christmas. You can sign up using the link below.

ttsu.me/adventdinner



The J-Walkers are planning to go to see the new *Cat in the Hat* movie on Sunday, November 22nd at West Gate Regal. The time is TBD until we can get movie times. Please sign your child up using the link below. We also need one other adult to chaperone, so if you can help out you can sign up using the link below as well.

ttsu.me/movieday

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2026

2026 Stewardship Report YTD		
Total Income	**Total Expenses**	**Diff**
$254,113.28	$256,790.70	-(2,677.42)

The book study group is reading *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Anyone is welcome to join! They meet on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:30 AM in the parlor. Please contact Elaine Bevivino at 717-495-7412 with any questions.

Weekly Attendance	
Date	**Attendance**
October 18, 2026	71 (in-person) 39 (in-person)
October 25, 2026	65 (in-person) 45 (streaming)
November 1, 2026	57 (in-person) 44 (streaming)
November 8, 2026	70 (in-person) 54 (streaming)

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