MT. ZION UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF 11.22.26

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

November 24 (Tu)
Tri-M Prayer breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant, 6:45 AM
Tuesday Book Study in the Parlor, 10:00 AM

November 29 (Su)
First Sunday of Advent
In-person & streaming worship service, 9:45 AM

The church office will be closed for the week of Thanksgiving from Monday, November 23rd – Thursday, November 26th. Travis will be in for limited office hours, so if you are planning to visit the church please call ahead before doing so. If you have pastoral care concerns please contact Pastor Amy directly at 717-384-6026. Also, please note there is no Sunday School on Sunday, November 29th.



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!



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.

In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL (www.WGAL.com) website, Mt. Zion's website (www.mtzionucc.org), the church voicemail, or Mt. Zion's Facebook page for changes.

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. 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!



We will be having a speaker on Sunday, December 6th from the New American Welcome Center. In addition to presenting them with monetary donations, we are in need of various food, baby, and hygiene items. You can see the list below. Please bring all items to the church by Sunday, December 6th.

Rice bags of black beans small jars peanut butter
Small bottles oil boxes of spaghetti ramen
Canned corn canned diced tomatoes diapers
Baby wipes women's monthly pads shampoo
Bar soap (not Irish Spring)

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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



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2026

2026 Stewardship Report YTD		
Total Income	**Total Expenses**	**Diff**
$255,044.28	$269,837.73	-(14,793.45)

The Tuesday Book Study group will start a new book in January - A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community by John Pavlovitz. The group will meet starting on January 5 at 10 AM in the parlor and will discuss a few chapters every week. The book can be found on Amazon or at any of your preferred book sellers. Please join us to envision a church that is big enough for everyone, by holding up a mirror to the modern church and speaking clearly on issues at the heart of the Christian community. Contact Elaine Bevivino with any questions.

Weekly Attendance	
Date	**Attendance**
October 25, 2026	65 (in-person) 45 (streaming)
November 1, 2026	57 (in-person) 44 (streaming)
November 8, 2026	70 (in-person) 54 (streaming)
November 15, 2026	74 (in-person) 39 (streaming)

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