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THE ZION NEWS



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Dear Friends in Christ,

We have such good news to share as followers of Jesus. We know without a doubt that God loves us and means us well. Jesus paid the debt for our sin on the cross and now we are reconciled to God and one another. Our destiny in God's kingdom is assured. The Holy Spirit comes into our lives and shows us how to love other people. We gather as a church family to celebrate God with us. It is important that we share all of this good news with the people around us, and we need encouragement to do it. Here are four basics to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

First, renew your own faith. Sometimes we let this world get the best of us and we need to rekindle our own flame. Do whatever it takes to remind yourself that the Good News is truly good news. Attend worship more often, read the Bible and Christian devotionals, sing hymns out loud, talk to friends who are strong Christians. Be confident about the love of Jesus Christ for the world and you will share the gospel confidently.

Second, pray for opportunities to share the good news. We know this, but we don't do it often enough. The more we pray for openings to share the gospel, the more those openings will come. God will put people in our lives that need to know him. Prayer helps us to see the harvest right in front of our eyes.

Third, be aware of the hurts around you. The gospel often is heard and received best when people are hurt and broken. We need to notice when people are suffering and offer them friendship. We can offer to pray for them and assure them that God loves them. We may be able to care for practical needs in a spirit of love.

Fourth, practice the ministry of presence. Know that you are already on a mission and you interact with lost people throughout your week. Your presence among them is a ministry in itself. Having the right words to say is not as important as people knowing they are not alone in their struggles. Show up in their lives and love them. When they see that you trust in a God that will never leave us or forsake us, it can be transforming for them.

We are approaching the Advent and Christmas season. More people come to believe in Jesus Christ and find a new church home at this time of year than any other. Use this opportunity to tell the Good News. Invite people to come and see the God who loves them so much.

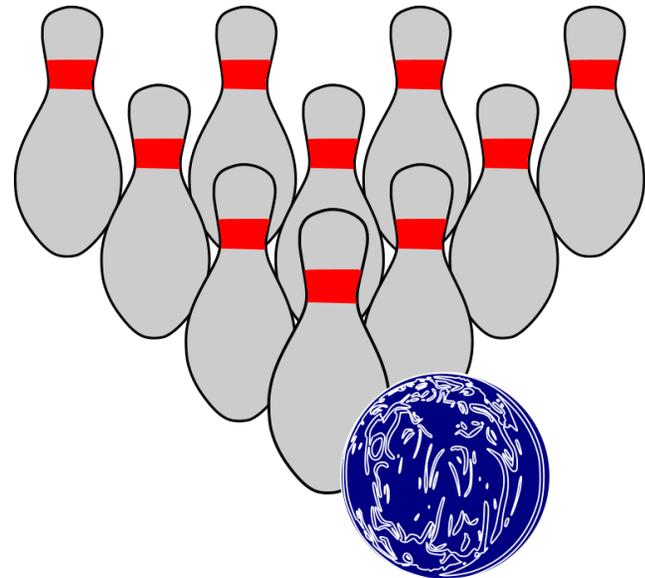
Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Zion is bowling in the New Year !

Thursday, December 31, 2016
Imperial Lanes, Milton
6 - 9 p.m.

Cost will be determined in the next few weeks.
Cost should not exceed \$15 per person.

Drew Potts has championed this great event for ten years: He would like to pass leadership on to someone else. If you can help please call Drew Potts, 570-412-4687, email at dpotts@pct.edu



'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP THE MISSION MALL

Again this year we are offering our MISSION MALL -- an alternative form of gift giving at Christmas. If you dislike shopping in a crowded mall, don't like using the Internet, have problems finding just the right gift, have budget constraints, and hate wrapping piles of presents, our MISSION MALL has the answer!

We are offering the opportunity to share Christmas spirit by giving a donation to a worthwhile cause as an alternative gift. You can shop from our 'catalog' and will receive a lovely printed card with an explanation of the gift to give to the recipient. No hassle, no crowds, prices to fit every budget, and your gift is tax deductible.

This year, our 'catalog' offerings include meaningful causes that represent congregational, local, national, and international needs:

American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Camp Mount Luther
ELCA World Hunger
Haven Ministry
Montgomery House Library
Operation Delta Dog
Ronald McDonald House
Zion Preschool

WHO MIGHT APPRECIATE A SPECIAL GIFT?

- * Parents or grandparents with limited space
- * Sunday school teachers, music or dance teachers, school teachers
- * A grandchild, niece or nephew who already has lots of toys, and also has lots of people buying them more gifts for Christmas
- * A friend with whom you exchange gifts -- and you've run out of ideas
- * The person who already has everything imaginable

Brochures with our complete selections will be available so that you have time to think about your purchases. There will be a table set up in the narthex on December 4, 11, and 18 for you to make your purchases, at which time you will receive your gift cards and envelopes. Please consider our alternative to traditional gifts and give some Christmas spirit this year. Gifts from the heart are the very best!

Advent: Come, Lord Jesus!

The new Church year begins on the last Sunday in November with the season of Advent. Developed in the western Church in the fifth century, Advent is a season of preparation that looks toward both Bethlehem and the second coming of Jesus Christ. The color of Advent is a beautiful sky blue, symbolizing the sky high hopes we have in the coming of our Savior. The scripture lessons appointed for the season focus on the second coming; on John the Baptist, the Herald of Christ; and on the Blessed Virgin Mary as the obedient servant chosen to bear God's anointed one. We at Zion will make careful use of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas and the second coming through our worship.

The Christmas season in the Church lasts from the evening of December 24th through January 5th. It is a full twelve days of celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord. The color of the Christmas season is white, the color of all the festivals of Christ, traditionally suggesting gladness, light, and joy. We will begin this season of celebrating with candlelight liturgies of carols and Holy Communion on Christmas Eve at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Christmas day worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. Come, join us for worship in December. We pray that all members of Zion, and all Christians everywhere, will enjoy a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Join Us for Advent Worship



**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middle School and High School Youth Groups
Calendar 2016-2017**

We invite all youth to join us for these upcoming events. Middle School Youth Group is for 5th through 8th grades, and High School is for 9th through 12th grades. Events are for both groups unless noted otherwise. Call Pastor Roux at home 570 437-9058 or church 570 649-5195 with any questions.

The following events have been planned. More planning and events to come!

The Lock-in scheduled for November 18-19 has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Senior High Group - Christmas shopping for local children in need. Leave from the church at 2:00 pm We return to the church to wrap gifts and share pizza with the Middle School group.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Middle School Group – Cookie Baking for Sunday School Christmas program. Meet at church at 3:00 pm We will share pizza with the Senior High group when they return.

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Pre-trip Dinner and Bible study for those who will be attending the Quake in Pittsburgh. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm at the church. We will be done by 7:00 pm

Upcoming Quake in Pittsburgh, PA – January 27-29, 2017

All youth currently in 6th through 12th are eligible to attend. Check out the website at quakeevent.com. Please ask Pastor Roux for a registration form and make a check payable to Zion Lutheran Church for \$80. (Zion Youth Fund pays half of the fee.) A pre-trip Bible Study and dinner will be held Sunday, January 15 at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Snow Tubing at Ski Sawmill. We will gather at 12:00 noon and leave by 12:30 pm We'll be back in plenty of time for you to get home for the Superbowl. The cost is \$6.00 an hour and we generally tube for three hours. This has been a great event in the past so don't miss it!

Sunday, February 19, 2017

BouncePlex! Details to come.



ANNUAL REPORT

Annual reports should be submitted by the committee chairpersons **NO LATER** than December 30 in order to allow time to compile the annual report of the congregation.

Offering envelopes for 2017 will be on the table in the narthex in early December. It would be helpful if you would take a neighbor's or relative's who might be unable to pick up his/her own. This will keep the cost of mailing them to members to a minimum. If you do not have envelopes, please contact the church office. **Please do not use the 2017 envelopes until January 1st the envelope number may vary from year to year.**

The last date for 2016 offerings will be Tuesday, December 27th. Please have all offerings to the church office by that time in order for credit to be received on your giving records for 2016. Contributions received after the 27th will be posted to the 2016 contribution statement.

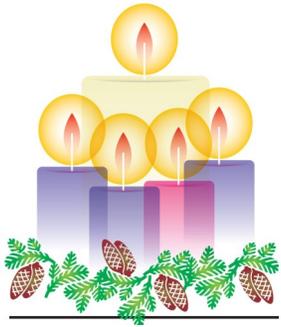
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Offering Envelopes



Committees are reminded that they should make plans to reorganize for the new year. Chairpersons of committees need to be appointed and interested persons invited to join the committees. We're grateful to all who have served on council and committees in 2016.





**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship
December 24, 2016
7:00 pm and 11:00 pm**

We are in need of Worship Assistants for Christmas Eve Worship. If you will be attending these please volunteer. Call Cathy in the church office or sign the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Worship Assistants needed for Christmas Eve Candlelight Liturgies

Ushers

7:00 pm (4)

11:00 pm (4)

Lector

7:00 pm

11:00 pm

Acolytes

7:00 pm (2)

11:00 pm (2)

Crossbearers

7:00 pm (1)

11:00 pm (1)

Communion Assistants

7:00 pm (3)

11:00 pm (3)

Presenters of Communion Vessels

7:00 pm (2)

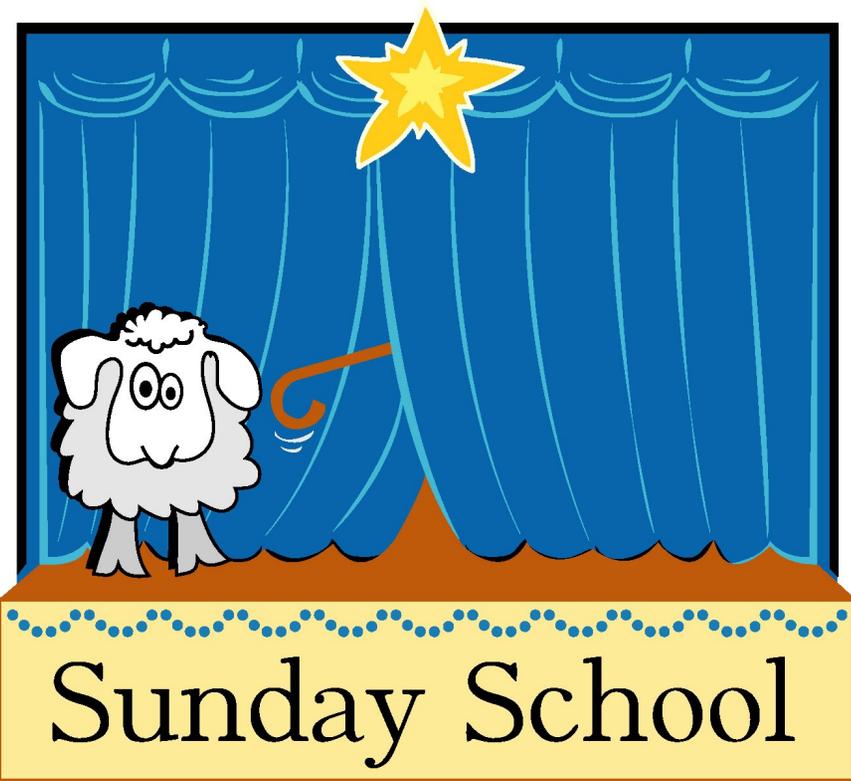
11:00 pm (2)

Stewardship Reminder

Affirmation and Response forms and Faith Promise cards were mailed to everyone in October. Please take the time to complete them and return them as soon as possible.

The “Affirmation and Response” form is used to indicate your intention to serve in one of the many ministries we undertake at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. We worship God and witness to his love, we support service ministries, we grow in knowledge through learning, and we enjoy one another in fellowship. Please look over the many opportunities to serve and hear the Holy Spirit’s call to you.

The “Faith Promise Card” is used to indicate how you plan to support the work of the Lord through giving in the coming year. Our General Fund pays our budgeted expenses throughout the year, the Building Fund can be used for any building expenses from repair to construction, and the Nave Improvement Fund will go toward the future renewal of our worship space. Again, consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to give generously this coming year.



Sunday School

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th
9:30 am in the Social Hall
All are invited!

THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

LESLIE HARTLINE
BRENDA REASNER

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
2 MORE COUNCIL MEMBERS,
PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING

The Christmas Card Mail Basket will be in place November 27th. If you have cards for members of Zion, simply clearly write the recipient's name on the envelope and "mail" them in the Basket. Deadline for mailing cards this year will be December 11th and ready for distribution on the 18th since Christmas is the following Sunday. Cards remaining after that date **WILL NOT BE MAILED** and are then your responsibility.



Christmas Cards

They develop pattern recognition. Reading the same story over and over to your kid even presents its own benefits. When kids encounter the same text several times over, then they are able to grasp the patterns and sequences in the language. This may even help them develop logic skills.

Their reading comprehension increases. By reading to your child from an early age, you can help him develop better reading comprehension overall. You're setting him up with skills he will use throughout his life.

They are successful in school. Sure, an early mastery of reading may help your kid's language classes, but it may also boost her chances of succeeding at school overall. By setting your kid up for success early on, you may help him avoid serious academic problems down the line.

They build multi-sensory development. If you've ever watched a baby engage with a book, you know that it's a full-sensory experience. He's going to look at the colors, touch the pages, and probably taste-test the cover. This kind of multi-sensory development is great for kids because it engages the creative and verbal areas of the brain.

They have better math skills. It makes sense that readers would perform better in language classes, but the skills incurred by early reading may translate to other subjects as well. According to the National Education Association, children who read at home have higher math scores than their peers. It looks like even those quantitative skills may be boosted with reading.

They develop emotionally. Books can also help your kid learn some fundamental social and emotional skills. As noted in KidsHealth, your kid can pick up on different emotions by watching and responding to you read. This may require a bit of acting on your part, but hey — that's part of the fun, right?

Excerpted from "9 Benefits of Reading with Your Kid, According to Science" by Lindsay Mack, Romper, August 2, 2016



December Newsletter

*December deadline is
December 7, 2016*

Are you aware that we have ...

... large print Portals of Prayer?

...devotional booklets located on the table in the narthex and at the back of the church?

*Large print bulletins are available for all
worship services.*

*Children's bulletins are also available
for worship services.
Just ask an usher.*

LIBRARY NOTES

"There have never been, nor are there now, too many good books."
~~ Martin Luther

9 BENEFITS OF READING WITH YOUR KID

If you're the parent or grandparent of a young child, chances are you spend a lot of time reading to them. After all, it's fun to cuddle up with your little one for a few minutes and enjoy the fun stories and bright illustrations in children's books. But story time may be helping out your kid even more than you realize. In fact, there are many benefits of reading with your kid, according to science.

Having a regular story time together means that you and your child are guaranteed to enjoy a few minutes of bonding every day. In an increasingly busy and harried world, that alone is beautiful. Plus, your kid will associate reading with the comfort of your hug and the sound of your voice. This is how lifelong readers are made.

They develop a richer vocabulary. Books can introduce your kids to words that they may not otherwise encounter. A child who hears more sophisticated words has a giant advantage over a child who hasn't heard those words. Even a children's book probably includes some rich language that you normally wouldn't use in everyday speech.

They have better brain development. Story time just might help your little one's brain grow. According to a statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics, reading to young children on a regular basis may help encourage brain development. Reading from developmentally appropriate books from a young age just might help your kid's thinking skills for life.

They build phonetic awareness. In addition to a richer vocabulary, reading also helps your kid grasp the fundamental building blocks of language. As noted in Kid's Health, reading helps improve your kid's phonetic awareness, or the understanding that words are created from smaller sounds. This means she'll be ready to hit the ground running once school starts.

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(Turbotville PA)

Check out the pictures on Facebook

Do You "Facebook"?

Dictionaries list it as a noun or a verb. A 2015 study of demographics of American social media users found that 72% of adult internet users (ages 18 – 65+) use it. It is, by far, the most used social media in the country. With it we can connect to our friends and family both near and far. What is 'it'? Facebook, of course!

There is another family with whom you can keep in touch through Facebook – our Zion Church family. If you already have a Facebook account, you can simply key "zion turbotville pa" in the "Search Facebook" field in the upper left corner of the screen to find our page. Under the page's banner picture, you can click "Like" to follow us. It's easy to set up an account, if you don't already have Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com, then click the "Sign Up" box. When you have set up your account, just follow the instructions above to find Zion's page. Once you have "liked" us, any news, announcements, or pictures that are posted on the page will display in your personal page's newsfeed, or you can just visit our page anytime. It's that simple!

Don't miss out on any news about our church and its activities and ministries. Start following us on Facebook today!





*Christmas Day
Worship
9:00 am*

View the Zion News Online

Our monthly newsletter is available online as soon as it goes to press. If you aren't getting your copy through the mail in a timely manner, we encourage you to go to www.zion-ev-lutheran.org (news and events—view the current parish calendar) This can be especially helpful to check the calendar and worship assistant schedules.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Office coverage is needed to cover Cathy's personal time between the hours of 9:00—12:00 Call Cathy in the office if you can help or have any questions. Duties include answering the telephone, taking messages, fold and stuff the bulletins for Sunday.

Coverage is needed in the church office for the following days: Monday—December 5; Friday—December 23.

**Please remember in your prayers our members who are homebound,
in nursing homes and the military:**

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Alice Durlin - 6/9

Emily Gottschall - 10/10

Joyce McCollum—12/2

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Donald Fry

Watsontown Rehab—Watsontown

Lena Sechler - 5/13

Eleanor Trefsgger -9/21

Deborah Laidacker

Finley Stahl

Rockwell- Milton

Janice Metzger 4/15

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Riverwoods – Lewisburg

Gladys Durlin

Nancy DeHart

Military -

R. Scott Keister-3/12

John Rump-3/26

Christopher Keister-4/2

Michael Frey-5/20

Wayne Meckley-8/16

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

**Electronic Giving Option
The Simply Giving Program
Endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union**

Zion is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

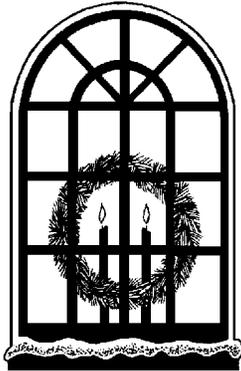
An authorization form is available from the church office.

Our Mitten/Hat Tree will be in place on November 13th awaiting all those colorful decorations of mittens, hats and scarves

for the children. Our tree will stand for those much needed items until the end of December. Cold winds will be blowing, let's keep the little ones warm.



Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath for the Advent/Christmas season beginning November 27th in memory or honor of loved ones should contact Cathy in the Church office. The cost of the wreath is \$14.00. Payment is due when placing your order.



Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for 2017. The price per set is \$30.00 maybe you would like to share a set with someone, splitting the cost.



JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 10:30 am. Carl and Opal Schleppey will provide musical entertainment. We will enjoy a Christmas Dinner catered by the Station House in Montgomery. The cost is \$12.00. Sign up is on the table in the narthex. DEADLINE to sign up is December 4th.

The menu is:

Parmesan chicken and Ham
Scalloped Potatoes—Baked Corn
Lettuce/Bacon Dressing
Rolls/Butter/Coffee/Punch
Chocolate cake with peanut butter icing
White cake with coconut

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in December

Doris LaForme—7th
John Hemrick—22nd
Dolores Yost—23rd
Pastor Roux—26th

Shut-in members with Birthdays in December

Maxine Reimensnyder 20th

Zion members in the military with Birthdays in December

Alisha Cox Welch—16th



Christmas Dinner

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Leaves are falling – so are the temperatures. Yes, it's definitely getting colder and we need to remember our neighbors with nourishing food to resist cold and illness and to remember the little ones with warm hats, mittens and scarves.

Have you seen it?

Our Hat/Mitten Tree has been erected and awaits our colorful contributions. Let us decorate it prayerfully and generously with warm hats, mittens and scarves. As it fills, these items will be delivered so they may be distributed as needed (or perhaps used as gifts at Christmas). Our tree will stand until the end of the year.

NOVEMBER - Pumpkin – Pumpkin – Pumpkin! There is still time to find cans of pumpkin on the grocer's shelves. Over 100 families are served at WRNHN monthly and many cans are needed. Please check those shelves one more time and bring perhaps one more can.

DECEMBER

Cranberry Sauce – What a touch of color and tang this adds to a holiday meal; so, we have chosen this item for emphasis in December. You may bring either or both kinds of cranberry sauce, the jellied or whole berry type. Our holiday table would seem incomplete without cranberry sauce to accompany our favorite ham or turkey entrée. Please bring as many cans as possible during this month. All are gratefully received.

We would like to thank our Virginia and Pennsylvania children, our friends and family of Zion for the wonderful coffee hour in honor of our Wedding Anniversary.

Ross and Shirley McCollum



Thanks to all our friends that sent prayers, cards and encouragement during the past weeks. Ted and I greatly appreciate our Church Family.

God Bless you All,

Shirley & Ted Menges

Eagle Scout Project Donations

Macoy Auman is a member of Zion, a senior at Warrior Run High School, and a Boy Scout in Troop 622. He has been working on completing his Eagle Scout project over the last few months. Macoy built four rolling cabinets to be used for storage in Zion's second floor classrooms. He also built a display case for the wall in the basement. These projects were kept simple enough for scouts to help with the construction. We are receiving donations to help defray the cost of construction materials for the project. Please bring donations to the church office. We are grateful to Macoy and everyone who helped with his project.





Wednesday Prayer Service

Our Wednesday Prayer services continue at 9:00 am. For those looking for an additional opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Prayer Group celebrates the sacrament at its service on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Be with us for prayers and the Sacrament on Wednesdays.

Are you getting your mail from the church? If not, the church office may not have your new or a correct address. If your address has changed please notify the church office. Check the membership directory (three ring binder) located on the table in the narthex and let the office know of any changes. We must pay for all mail returned, every time it is returned, because of an incorrect address Please take the time to check your address Thank you Cathy.

Zion Coffee Break

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need Coffee Break Hosts
after 8 am service for Sundays.
Sign up sheet in the narthex in the
kitchen area



Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)
Clissie Sheatler, Council President (570-437-2215)

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Wendy Wood, Preschool Helper

Dennis Sheatler, Custodian

Telephone: 570-649-5195

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Facebook: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville, PA)

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemyer 649-5358

Team 2 Joe and Mary Lou Murray 437-2478

Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438

Team 4 Ashley and Janet Reasner 649-5658

COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Disaster Relief Team 1st Monday at 7:00 pm
Barbara Kilgus—Chairperson
Carla Mahaffey—Council Rep.

TUESDAY

Outreach 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Pastor Roux-Chairperson
John Myers—Council Rep

Stewardship 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Barry Durlin-Chairperson
Bob DeHart—Council Rep

Property 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Lynn Watson and Lee Bieber– Co-Chairs
John Kauffman—Council Rep

Social Ministry 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Valli Rovenolt-Chairperson
Garry Ritter—Council Rep

THURSDAY

Executive Committee 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm

Church Council 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Worship and Music 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

John Craven -Chairperson

Carolyn Bieber—Council Rep

Staff Support 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm

Melissa Kilgus -Chairperson

Deb Webb—Council Rep

SUNDAY

Christian Education meets quarterly at 6:30 pm



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (9/30/16)	17,865.06	16,920.10
	October	YTD
Monthly Contributions	23,924.11	212,947.64
Monthly Disbursements	20,325.50	206,081.28
Balance (10/31/16)	21,168.74	21,168.74
	Building Fund—\$14,350.82	
	Organ Fund—\$32,837.00	
	Nave Improvement—\$21,635.03	

October Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 384

10:30 am - 292

Saturday 6:00 pm - 91

Wednesday Prayer - 34