

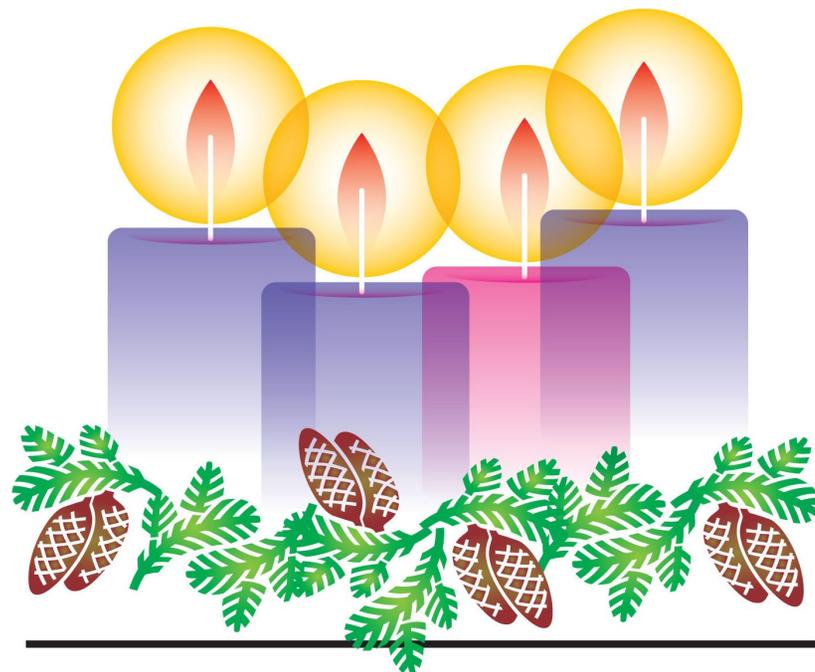


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THE ZION NEWS



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TURBOTVILLE, PA

NOVEMBER 2017

Dear friends in Christ,

As we approach the celebration of Christmas we will soon be reminded everywhere of the place that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ spent his first night. We will see the manger, humble feed box for animals, represented in artwork on Christmas cards, and present in every imaginable type of Nativity scene. The manger teaches us that Jesus Christ, second person of the Trinity, put on human flesh to be close to us. He was born to a peasant couple who had no other place to lay him but the feed trough. In the flesh of Jesus Christ, God has experienced all of the trouble and temptation of being human. As we read in the book of Hebrews, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." The throne of grace in Bethlehem was a lowly manger. The throne of grace for us today is also lowly and very close. We approach the throne of grace whenever we gather around the table of the Lord at the holy Eucharist. In a simple meal of a loaf of bread and a cup of wine, Jesus promises to be truly present in our eating and drinking together.

A very practical question to ask is how should we approach the throne of grace? I like to teach children attending my first communion class how to do this by using the instruction of Cyril of Jerusalem. Cyril was a Bishop of Jerusalem in the third century. One of his responsibilities was to teach the newly baptized about the mysteries of the sacraments in the week following their baptism at the vigil of Easter. In fact, we still have the five sermons he used to give this instruction. In his sermon entitled, "On the Sacred Liturgy and Communion," Cyril gives very detailed instructions on approaching the throne of grace. Cyril writes:

"In approaching therefore, come not with your wrists extended, or your fingers spread; but make your left hand a throne for the right, as for that which is to receive a king. And having made a hollow with your palm, receive the body of Christ, saying over it, *Amen*. So then after having carefully hallowed your eyes by the touch of the holy body, partake of it...Then after you have partaken of the body of

**New Year's Eve Bowling:
Zion will not be bowling this year for
New Year's Eve. If you would like to
make arrangements to bowl for your
family please call Imperial Lanes as
soon as possible at 570-742-9211.**

THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

LISA WEHR
DAVID HARTMAN
MARY KAUFFMAN
CORTNEY SHUPP

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
ONE MORE COUNCIL MEMBER TO
COMPLETE THE REMAINING TWO
YEARS OF AN UNFILLED TERM.
PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING.

The Christmas Card Mail Basket will be in place November 26th. 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 13th and ready for distribution on the 17th. Cards remaining after that date **WILL NOT BE MAILED** and are then your responsibility.



Christ, draw near also to the cup of his blood; not stretching forth your hands, but bending, and saying with an air of worship and reverence, *Amen*, hallow yourself also by partaking also of the blood of Christ... Then wait for the prayer, and give thanks unto God, who has accounted you worthy of such great mysteries."

Using these ideas, I have the children hold out their left hand palm up and cross it by overlapping with their open right hand. I then ask them what shape their hands have taken and they answer "A cross!" "What do you see on the cross?" I ask them while standing next to the crucifix by the altar. They are able to answer "Jesus!" "That's right," I tell them, "and when you make the cross with your hands it is a throne for the King, and when I put the bread in your hand I will say 'The body of Christ given for you.'" A wonderful connection is made for the children at that point, and I'm always glad to see children working to make the shape of the cross with their hands as they approach the throne of grace to receive holy Communion weekly.

As we anticipate the story of the child in the manger at Christmas, may you come forward with crossed hands, making a throne for the King of the universe. As he appears in your hand, hidden in the lowly bread, partake of his forgiveness, celebrate unity with all who join you at the table, and hold fast to the promise of the heavenly feast to come.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middle School and High School Youth Groups
Winter Calendar 2017-2018**

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. Senior High Youth Advisor is Karrie Ravert. Middle School Advisor is Amanda Stoudt. Call Pastor Roux at home (570) 437-9058 or church (570) 649-5195 with any questions.

Sunday, November 26, 2017

6:00 pm - Getting Ready class for youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, June 27 - July 1.

Sunday, December 10, 2017 (note the date change from the mailing sent earlier)

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. We need youth to collect offerings from the congregation in soup pots after both Sunday worship services on November 19 and 26.



Sunday, December 10, 2017 (note the date change from the mailing sent earlier)

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.



Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath for the Advent/Christmas season beginning December 3rd, 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.

Mitten/Hat Tree

.....will be in place in November 15th 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.





Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for 2018. The price per set is \$30.00 maybe you would like to share a set with someone, splitting the cost.



Turbotville Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

Will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm. This worship brings together members of Trinity United Church of Christ, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church. Celebrate the holiday as it was meant to be, gathering in our house of worship to thank the Lord God for His generous goodness.



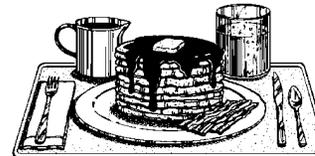
December 17, 2017
Youth Group skit at the Sunday School Christmas program at 9:30 am.

Sunday, January 14, 2018

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

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to help pay for our trip to the Allentown Quake. Meet at 8:00 am. Breakfast served from 9:00 am until 10:15 am. Tickets to sell will be available January 7. Youth needed to sell tickets after both worship services on January 7 and 14.



Sunday, February 4, 2018

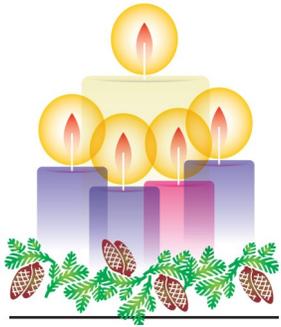
Snow Tubing at Ski Sawmill. We will gather at 12:00 noon and leave by 12:30 pm We'll be back in plenty of time for you to get home for the Superbowl. The cost is \$25.00 for three hours. This has been a great event in the past so don't miss it!



February 9-11, 2018 - Youth Quake in Allentown, PA

All youth currently in 6th through 12th are eligible to attend. Check out the flyer enclosed with this mailing and look at the website, too. To reserve your place, please make a check payable to Zion Lutheran Church for \$95 due Sunday, November 26. Financial aid is available, please ask Pastor Roux. A pre-trip Bible Study and dinner will be held Sunday, January 14. Pancake Fundraiser on Sunday, January 21.

Departure to the Quake after school on Friday, February 9 from the church. We rent a 15-passenger van and will be picking up students who need a ride from school.



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship
December 24, 2017
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)

It Can Be More Entertaining - We don't speed watch movies or skip our way through an hour long TV episode. So, if we can commit to a two hour film or an entire day of binge watching Netflix, why shouldn't we let ourselves do the same with books? Imagine fast-forwarding to the climax of the latest Marvel film or skipping the newest emotional reveal on your favorite drama. By speed reading books, you're basically doing just that. And it might have a time and place, but really indulging in the plots of the books you read by slowly absorbing them can actually be way more fun.

It Might Actually Help You To Read More - It may seem counterintuitive, but by reading more slowly you might actually be able to read more than your speed reading counterpart. Why? In order to read more slowly and intently, you have to set aside actually time to read. Whereas a fast reader might grab 15 minutes on their commute or 30 minutes before they fall asleep at night, a slow reader can make reading a ritual, a commitment, and work their way slowly through more books a month than another reader can squeeze in only here and there.

Excerpted from "7 Reasons Slow Reading is Actually a Good Thing, Because Being a Speed Reader is Overrated" by Kerri Jarema, Bustle, July 31, 2017



LIBRARY NOTES

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

WHY SLOW READING IS ACTUALLY A GOOD THING

It Can Help Cut Stress - One of the benefits of slow reading is a decrease in stress. Because reading slowly and really engaging with a book means putting away your phone and social media (which has been proven to negatively affect our attention spans) you can force your mind to focus on only one thing at a time. This can keep you from being mentally bombarded by the entire world inside your phone, which can often contain tons of work emails, social engagements, and stressful news.

It Makes It Easier For You To Make Knowledgeable Connections – One of the key advantages to slower reading is its effect on your ability to absorb new information and make connections to other facts. By allowing your brain to more slowly absorb the facts of what you're reading (whether it's a short article in the newspaper or a long non-fiction book) you are making easier to connect to the "web of knowledge" you already possess, full of other facts, ideas, memories and, of course, stories you already have in your brain. This way you can make valuable associations between what you already know, and what you're learning.

It Helps You Grasp Deeper Truths Within The Narrative - Similar to making connections to your knowledge, reading slowly helps you pick up on more of the symbolism, foreshadowing, and other literary devices you might be glossing over if you're reading more quickly. This makes the experience of a book much richer and more engaging.

It Can Make You Smarter – According to technology sage Nicholas Carr, our hyperactive online habits are damaging the mental faculties we need to process and understand lengthy textual information. Round-the-clock news feeds leave us hyperlinking from one article to the next, without necessarily engaging fully with any of the content. You might think hopping between tons of different articles every day is doing the opposite, but, in fact, it's actually keeping us from learning new things and absorbing that information. If you really want to learn more from your reading, slow down.

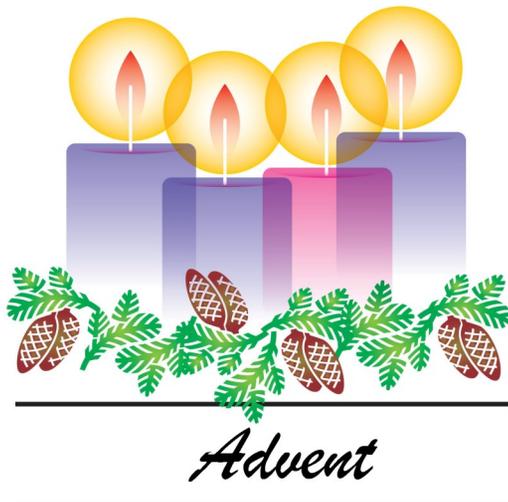


Sunday, December 17th
9:30 am in the Social Hall
All are invited!

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. 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.



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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Office coverage is needed to cover Cathy's personal time between the hours of 9:00 am—12:00 noon. 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 4*



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

COFFEE HOUR -Coffee hour provides a time of fellowship and many more people linger and talk if there are "goodies". If your last name begins with the following letters, and if you like, you may bring a little something to share. A dozen cookies, or bars, a plate of cake, fruit, nuts, crackers, cheese, pretzels, etc. Anything you wish.

A-D 1st Sunday of month

E-K 2nd Sunday of month

L-R 3rd Sunday of month

S-Z 4th Sunday of month

Months that have five Sundays, Pot luck! Anyone who wants to bring a little something.



'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
Camp Mount Luther
ELCA Disaster Response
ELCA World Hunger
Haven Ministry
Montgomery House Library
Operation Delta Dog
Ronald McDonald House
Zion Nave Improvement
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 3, 10, and 17 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!

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.



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.

Saturday Evening 6:00 pm Worship

This worship is meant to be helpful to those who find an evening worship time more convenient. It is a simple but inspiring service of Word and Holy Communion that includes organ music and traditional hymns. A choir offering contemporary Christian music anthems meets for rehearsal at 5:30 pm before worship. Please come if you would like to sing. If you can play an instrument and would like to join in our praise group, please contact Pastor Roux.

IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING?

We need your help to maintain our church records and keep in touch with you. If your address has changed (due to 911 implementation or going away to school or whatever reason) please notify the church office. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new address zionlc39@windstream.net



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (9/30/17)	12,827.10	22,318.07
	October	YTD
Monthly Contributions	21,914.32	207,693.43
Monthly Disbursements	22,144.40	214,795.48
Balance (10/31/17)	12,306.02	12,306.02
	Building Fund—\$15,585.81	
	Nave Improvement—\$21,005.35	
	Organ Fund—\$55,695.00	

October Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 320
 10:30 am - 257
 Saturday Evening - 48
 Wednesday Prayer - 41

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Who Will Benefit from the Stephen Series?

The Stephen Series, for which Zion Church will soon begin training, benefits many others besides those who receive the care of their Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others. They learn about themselves. As the hurting members of our congregation grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole church is built up and made stronger. And, of course, we all can have the confident knowledge that when the pains of life come our way, someone will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a special, personal way. Perhaps God is calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer his love to those who are hurting. Please be in touch with Valli Rovenolt or Pastor Roux if you are curious about serving..



SERVICE OF HEALING

Our 6:00 pm worship on Saturday, December 2nd will include The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil. Our Lord in his ministry performed many different acts of healing-forgiving sins, casting out demons, curing physical disease. His disciples also performed similar acts. These practices continued as part of the church's ministry of healing. The laying on of hands was associated with prayers for the work of the Holy Spirit. Anointing with oil was also associated with the activity of the Holy Spirit, but was especially related to the healing of sickness or infirmity. In recent decades, many have rediscovered the value of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We invite all who wish to receive this ministry of the church to worship with us that evening.

Holy and Healthy Group

St Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 6:19: *“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own. For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God with your body.”* We would like to begin a small group that will gather monthly to provide encouragement in holy and healthy living to the glory of God.

This “Holy and Healthy” group might gather for a variety of activities:

- to share a healthy covered dish meal
- to explore topics of health through books, video, or guest speakers
- to exercise or take a prayer walk
- to share devotions and prayers for healing.

Our first meeting to get organized will be held Tuesday, December 5th pm (***Please note change of date!***) in the Social Hall.

If you are curious about participating feel free to speak with Pastor Roux.

COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Disaster Relief Team 1st Monday at 7:00 pm
Barbara Kilgus—Chairperson

TUESDAY

Outreach 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm (*note time change*)

Pastor Roux-Chairperson

Brenda Reasner—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

Ann Gardner—Council Rep

Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)

Rick Rovenolt, Council President (570-649-6385)

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, 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

Church e-mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Church website: zionturbotville.com

Facebook: [zionturbotville pa](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotvillepa)

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemoyer 649-5358

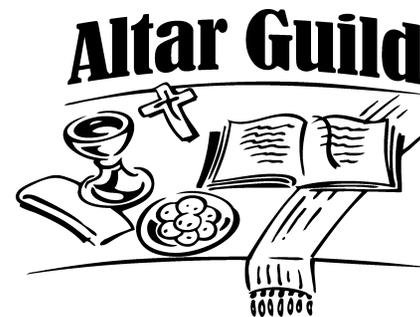
Team 2 Joe and Mary Lou Murray 437-2478

Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438

Team 4 Ashley and Janet Reasner 649-5658

Holy Communion Assistants

We have been blessed to have many people serving at the altar in our worship. Assistants set the table and offer the wine by pouring chalice or common cup. We are in need of people to serve at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am liturgies. We have four teams for each liturgy, so you would be scheduled to serve three months during the year. Please speak to Pastor Roux if you can serve in this ministry.



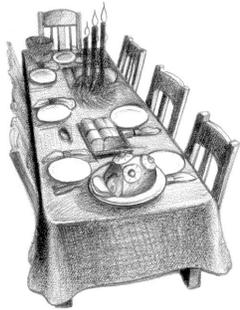
Altar Guild Help Needed

We need some extra people on a permanent basis to be part of the Altar Guild, please contact Courtney Hamm or Kate Fisher for details. Your work will be greatly appreciated.

JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet December 13, 2017. Pastor Roux will be leading a Memorial Service.

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 3rd.



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

SNEAK PEAK
Mark your calendars!

January—no meeting scheduled
February 14—weather permitting
March 14

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

It has happened! Our wonderful, warm golden days have vanished and we have returned to seasonal. Great while they lasted but now we must face reality, those times have passed for this year and our gorgeous autumn colors are turning to brown and the leaves are cascading down.

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 even used as Christmas gifts. Our tree will stand until the end of the year.

NOVEMBER is Thanksgiving month. I Chron.16:34 we read, “O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good”. He has provided generously for us, let us give generously to others and find cans of pumpkin for our neighbor’s Thanksgiving dinner. There is still time – let’s go shopping!

DECEMBER

CRANBERRY SAUCE – It’s a traditional part of our Christmas holiday meal; the meal seems incomplete without that touch of color and tang, so this item has been chosen for emphasis this month. You may bring either or both kinds of cranberry sauce, the jellied or whole berry type. Cranberry sauce is the perfect dish to accompany our favorite ham or turkey entrée. Please bring as many cans as possible during this month. All are so gratefully received.



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

At Home

Earle Jarrett—2/28
Hannah Jarrett—4/15
Alice Durlin – 6/9
Emily Gottschall - 10/10
Joyce McCollum—12/2
Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20
Elizabeth Sampsell
Freda Keefer

Watson town Rehab—Watson town

Eleanor Trefsgger –9/21
Finley Stahl

Rockwell—Milton

Janice Metzger 4/15
Dodie Day 6/23

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Riverwoods—Lewisburg

Nancy DeHart—12/26
Gladys Durlin—2/26

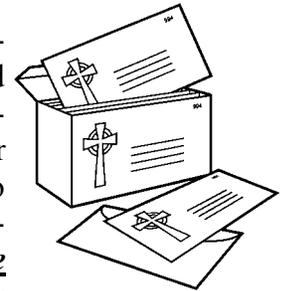
Military -

R. Scott Keister-3/12 John Rump-3/26
Christopher Keister-4/2 Keenan Young—6/27
Wayne Meckley-8/16 Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

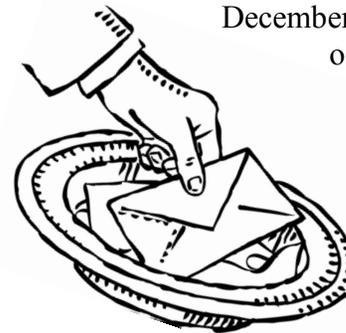


Annual reports should be submitted by the committee chairpersons **NO LATER** than December 31 in order to allow time to compile the annual report of the congregation.

Offering envelopes for 2018 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 2018 envelopes until January 1st the envelope number may vary from year to year.**



The last date for 2017 offerings will be Wednesday, 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 2017. Contributions received after the 27th will be posted to the 2018 contribution statement..



Please note: Sunday, December 31 will not be posted into the bank account until Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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 2017.



December Newsletter
December deadline is
December 6, 2017

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.

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Thank you for the vegetable soup. I am
sure we will enjoy it on a cold winter
day.

Jack and Donna Yost.

Dear Friends of Zion,
I want to thank you for the delicious vegetable
soup. It made me about 3 meals. Also thanks to
Pastor Roux for all his home visits.
Thank you again,

Elizabeth Sampsell

A heart-felt "thank you" to all who participated in and attended the special Reformation 500 Anniversary service that was sponsored by Zion and Holy Spirit at the Historic Warrior Run Church on Reformation Sunday. Seventy-six people attended from various congregations, including Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop B.J. Collins and her assistant, the Rev. Craig Miller. The free-will offering of \$176.00 was donated to the Student Scholarship Fund at the United Lutheran Seminary.

The Ref500 Planning Committee

Dear Friends,
I wish to express my thanks to Ann Gardner who was the driving force behind our 500th Anniversary of the Reformation activities this past year. As she said to us, "How often do we get to celebrate the 500th anniversary of anything!" Ann has a great gift of organization and she used it to create a display of Reformation books for the narthex, develop a presentation on Katie Luther for the Jolly Bunch, and call together and organize our Warrior Run area churches for our worship. These and many more activities that she inspired helped us to grow in our understanding of the great heritage from which our church grew. It was a pleasure to work alongside you this year, Ann!

Pastor Roux