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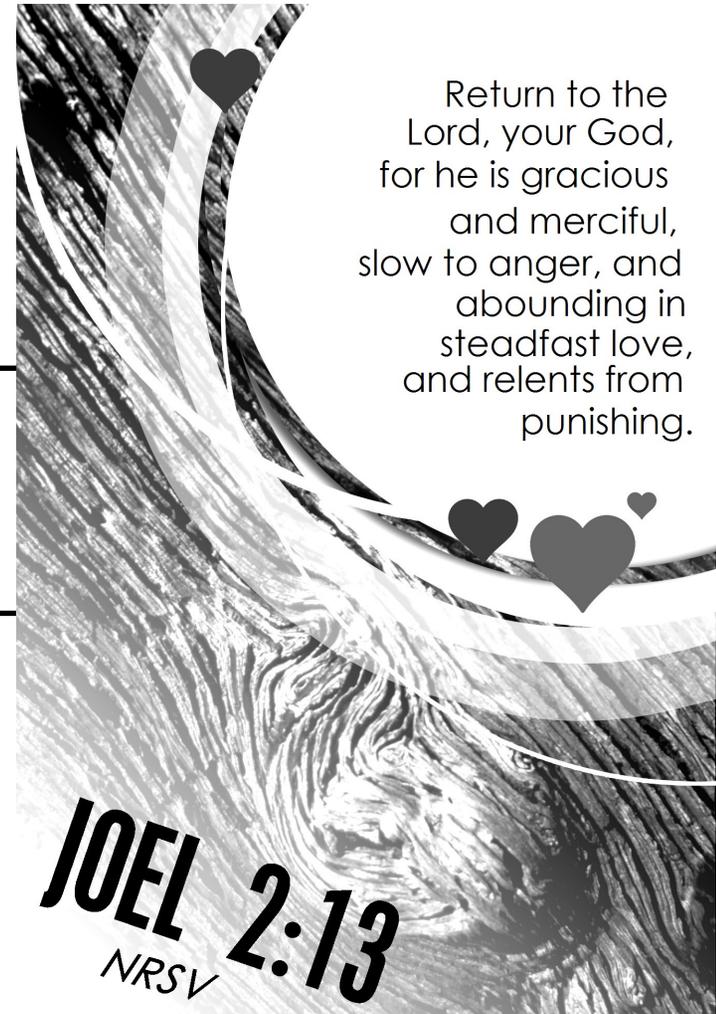
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**Ash
Wednesday
March 6,
2019**

THE ZION NEWS



Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

JOEL 2:13
NRSV

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Love, love, love! That's what it's all about!

'Cause God loves us, we love each other,
mother, father, sister, brother.

Ev'rybody sing and shout,
'cause that's what it's all about!

It's about love, love, love!

It's about love, love, love!

Those are the words of a song written by Lois and Herbert Brokering in 1970. I was introduced to the song in Vacation Bible School, and as an eight year old, the catchy tune and easy words made it one of my childhood favorites. As a matter of fact, we still teach it and sing it with our Sunday School kids at Zion today.

Love is an easy concept for children to grasp. A parent or grandparent hugging and holding a child accompanied by the words, "I love you!" make a child feel like they are needed and that they belong to a family. As we grow older, words of love are still valuable to us, and we cherish the expressions of love we receive from friends, family, and the children in our lives.

When we talk about the love of God, however, we are delving into a power that is deeper than any human love. Jesus lets us know that love is the primary way that God relates to His world. In the Gospel of St. John, Jesus says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." In the letter of St. John, we read: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

Altar Flowers sponsors
are needed for ...

March 3
May 5, 26
June 9
July 21, 28
August 18
November 10, 17
December 15

The price per set is \$30.00. The flower chart is located on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the church office. Please call the office to check for availability.



Altar Flowers



My name is Josh Wallace and I serve at Delaware Run Wesleyan Church. My wife, Lynnette, and I recently began an outreach ministry through the church where we provide quantities of diapers, baby wipes, and diaper rash cream to families in need. The "Diaper Bank" is a cabinet outside of our main sanctuary door and is open 24/7 for families in need to come by and take what they need to get them through till payday. There are no forms to fill out or approval processes to go through; we just ask that families take only what they need to get by.

This program grew out of another ministry we've had success with, Bob's Buddies. Named after a beloved member of our church who had a passion for enriching the lives of children, the ministry provides clothing, haircuts, and school supplies for children returning to school each fall. Lynnette and I have two young girls and wondered how many of the school children we served also had siblings who were not yet in school. As we thought about this, we wondered what needs those babies and toddlers might have and it came to us almost instantly: diapers, wipes, and creams.

Since starting the Diaper Bank, we have been overwhelmed by the need in our communities. Although our church is located in Watsonstown we have served families from Montgomery, Milton, Turbotville, Muncy, and Mifflinburg. We really had no idea there was such a thing as "diaper need" but according to the National Diaper Bank Network it costs \$70-\$80 each month to keep **one** child in diapers. Babies can go through as many as 6-10 diapers a day! When you couple in the fact that SNAP and WIC programs do not help cover the cost of diapers, the need becomes even more real.

We are humbly asking that you consider making a donation, either monetary or in diapers, wipes, and creams so that we can serve children in this area by meeting one of their most basic needs. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please tell your friends, family, and coworkers. Maybe they want to help out, maybe they know someone in need. Either way, we hope this ministry can be successful in keeping babies' bottoms happy. Happy Bottoms, Happy Babies.

With Gratitude,

Josh and Lynnette Wallace

HAPPY BOTTOMS,
HAPPY BABIES!

DIAPER BANK

at

DELAWARE RUN
WESLEYAN
CHURCH

5570 Musser Ln.

Watsonstown, PA 17777

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570-538-1967

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www.delawarerunwesleyan.org

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drwch@windstream.net

During the season of Lent, we will be exploring the love of God as we gather to worship at Evening Prayer. We will use these scriptures and topics:

Week 1 – Romans 13:8-10

Love does no wrong to a neighbor

Week 2 – Romans 8:35-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Week 3 – Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

Week 4 – John 14:15-31

If you love me you will keep my commandments

Week 5 – 1 John 4:7-21

Perfect love casts out fear

Come join us for the beautiful service of Holden Evening Prayer beginning March 13. Be with us as we as we learn the truth of the children's song: "Love, love, love! That's what it's all about!"

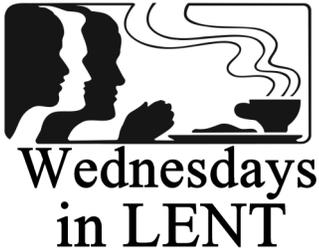
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Roux



ASH WEDNESDAY

worship

March 6th at 7:00 p.m. Ashes will mark our foreheads with a crossshaped smudge on Ash Wednesday. They remind us that we are part of Jesus' story, his death on the cross and his resurrection. We are first marked with the sign of the cross on our foreheads at the time of our baptism, telling us that every day is to be crossshaped, dying to old sinful ways and rising to live a new life with God. The disciplines of such a life are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. Lent developed as the time for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil to make these disciplines a part of their lives. All the baptized are encouraged to keep these disciplines during Lent. We begin Lent with the liturgy on March 6th at 7:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Our evenings begin at 6:00 pm in the basement Social Hall.

✦ SOUP AND SANDWICH

This simple meal joins us in fellowship and reminds us of the fasting that is a part of our Lenten discipline.

- 3/13 *Jolly Bunch*
- 3/20 *Youth Group/Christian Ed.*
- 3/27 *Social Ministry*
- 4/3 *Disaster Relief*
- 4/10 *Staff Support/Choir*

✦ WORSHIP

We will gather in the nave at 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer.

Reading helps your communication skills. A good vocabulary is vital when it comes to job interviews and sounding professional at business luncheons. Reading exposes you to new words and ideas, which can be incredibly helpful when you need to sound intelligent over the phone.

Reading improves your writing. You can get by at a lot of jobs without being the world's greatest writer, but sooner or later you're going to have to compose an email, a report, or a cover letter. And that's where all those years of absorbing great writing will kick in. Being a reader makes you a better writer, and writing is an invaluable skill in the workplace.

Reading boosts your analytical thinking. Reading helps you train your brain to spot complex patterns and problem solve. No matter what field you're in, you'll have to do some problem solving eventually. Even for math-heavy careers like computer programming, a little recreational reading goes a long way towards keeping your mind in good shape.

Books are full of great role models. Whoever you identify with, books are full of motivating characters who can inspire us to work hard, trust ourselves, and fight against evil when the time comes.

Readers just get better jobs. An Oxford study found that people who read as teenagers ended up with better jobs later in life. Even if you were a late blooming book lover, reading more can only help you in the long run. So, pick up a book and get to work!

Great reads to stimulate your mind and imagination and relieve your stress are available on the bookshelves in the narthex. Check out time is two weeks.

Excerpted and adapted from "11 Ways Being A Reader Is Super Useful For Your Career" by Charlotte Ahlin, Bustle, June 22, 2017

LIBRARY NOTES

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

Being a Reader Is Super Useful for Your Career

We as a society are very inconsistent with how we feel about reading. On the one hand, we love reading. On the other hand, we've been told that being able to analyze Hemingway or Austen or Rowling is not a very helpful career move. Actually, being a voracious reader can give you a secret edge, no matter where you work. If you're a lifelong reader, you've secretly been building up skills that will help you climb nearly any career ladder.

Almost every job requires reading skills. Sure, there are a few jobs out there that don't *require* reading—but reading always helps, even if you're just reading the occasional email, the employee handbook, or even when it comes to filling out that job application.

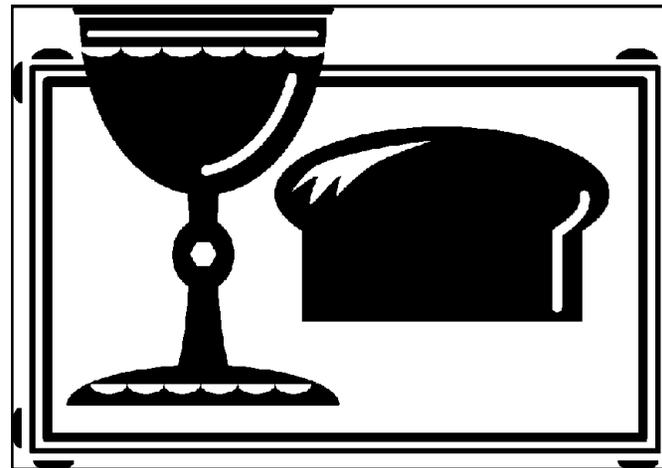
Reading helps you handle stress. Careers are stressful. Reading actually reduces stress and helps you deal with the daily grind without spinning out into panic. If you can go home after work and slip into a fictional world for a few hours every night, you're likely to reduce your stress level significantly.

Reading makes you more empathetic. Reading fiction has been shown to improve empathy in individuals. Empathy helps you network and build relationships, respond calmly to irrational clients, and just be an all-around pleasant person with whom to work.

Reading comprehension matters. Reading comprehension is an actual skill that needs to be honed. So many workplace disasters start with someone misreading an email, or phrasing something poorly, or not proofreading well enough.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Children wishing to receive First Communion are invited to join Pastor Roux for a class entitled “Welcome to the Lord’s Table.” This class will prepare children to receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 18. Classes will be held at 11:00 am on Saturdays, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6. Parents are asked to attend with their children and godparents are invited, too. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Roux.



Extending the Meal

Each time that we gather for the Holy Communion, it is an anticipation of that time when Christians of every century and place will be together at the heavenly banquet table. Some of the imperfections are unavoidable because most of the generations of the church are not visible to us right now! But there are some things that we can do to include at the Lord's Table each Sunday as many of our members currently living as we can. Illnesses, infirmities, and other problems get in the way of meeting this goal. So if folks cannot get to Zion, perhaps Zion can get to them! Just think of it as the communion queue being extended through time and space to the sickbed of a member who wishes that he or she could share with us in receiving the gifts of grace from the Lord Jesus.

How could we accomplish this?

1. We begin by identifying those who are unable to be present and who would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home.
2. We invite, recruit, and train a group of members of the parish to serve as Communion Visitors. These might be some of those who already are assisting at the services at Zion, but include others who would like to share in this particular ministry.
3. We appoint one person to serve as the organizer, who schedules a visitor and a person to be visited each Sunday, and provides the two names to the Presiding Pastor. The schedule will be regularly changing so that many visitors and persons-visited become acquainted.
4. We provide a printed order for each Visitor to use, as part of the training.
5. As the last person is communed each Sunday at whichever service the Visitor attends, the Assisting Minister places a small amount of the Body and Blood of Christ into the containers enclosed in the small Communion box.
6. The concluding prayer of the service then is also a public commissioning of the Visitor and a remembrance of the person to be visited.
7. As the Assisting Minister prays, the Presiding Pastor hands the Communion box to the Visitor, who is encouraged to make the visit as soon as it is practical.
8. Sometime during the week, the Visitor returns the box to the church, cleaned and ready for its next use, and informs the organizer of any details that need to be passed on to future visitors, as well as sharing appropriate information with the Pastor.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Oyster Supper in every way from baking pies , cooking, serving and also consuming the Oyster Stew. It was another successful Oyster Supper.

Larry Kocher



Thank you all for the overwhelming cards, prayers, expressions of sympathy and visits, especially from Pastor Roux. It means a great deal to me.

Joe Murray

To my friends and family at Zion, thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers, and well-wishes during my recent hospitalization and illness. It means a lot to know that you were all praying for my recovery.

Special thanks to Pastor Roux for visiting me daily in the hospital and sharing the Word of God.

Prayerfully,
Wes Bowers

Thank you to all my Christian friends at Zion who sent me get well cards and called me, I also want to thank Pastor for his visit. Hope I can get back to church in the next couple of weeks.

Celeste Biggins

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Wendy's Night Fundraiser on January 14. We received a check in the amount of \$141.53.

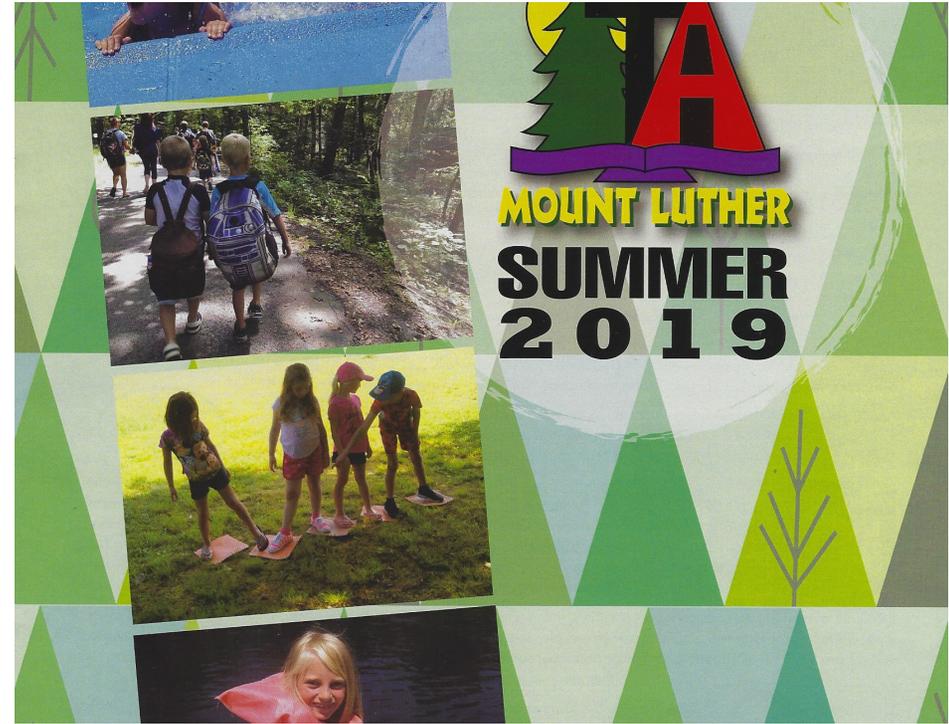
Fundraising Committee



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (12/31/18)	12,999.05	12,999.05
	January	YTD
Monthly Contributions	17,972.18	17,972.18
Monthly Disbursements	22,473.37	22,473.37
Balance (1/31/19)	8,305.86	8,305.86

Building Fund—\$11,727.50
 Nave Improvement—\$60,031.33
 Organ Fund—\$29,145.00



January Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 185

10:30 am - 148

Saturday Evening - 75

Wednesday Prayer - 57

Church was cancelled January 20 due to inclement weather



Camp applications are now available for anyone interested in attending Camp Mount Luther. For more information on the camp and the summer program, check out their website at: www.campmountluther.org.

To qualify for the early registration fee, campers only need to be registered and pay their portion of the camp fee. Camper registrations and payment received before April 15 will entitle campers to pay the discounted basic camp fee! After April 15, camp fees go up. See the summer brochure located on the table in the narthex for exact pricing.

On-line registration is available. Campers who register on-line are instructed to tell us how much their church is paying.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER AND DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE

Nearly 1 billion of our neighbors—one in eight people in our world today—live in poverty. God calls us to see them—to respond. Working with our neighbors in 44 states in this country and throughout 57 countries around the world, the ELCA World Hunger begins by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas about how to break this cycle of hunger and poverty then providing various programs such as:

- Soup kitchens, food pantries, community gardens, agriculture programs
- Safe water for drinking, growing crops, sanitation and hygiene
- Income generating activities and microloans to help pay for essentials like food, medical costs
- Clinics and community health programs and medical assistance
- Removal of barriers so that children and adults are able to attend school
- Healing and renewal for those who have experienced disasters
- Support for the malaria campaign to overcome this preventable disease

Our gifts are needed to support all these programs. Let us take up the challenge to end hunger and poverty by our continuing support through ELCA World Hunger.

Our campaign begins Sunday, March 10th. As you entered for worship you will be given an envelope in which to place your offering. These will be gathered on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Each Sunday during this Lenten season, your bulletin will contain a short story describing some of the above activities. Please read them prayerfully and then consider how you can help.



Wednesday Prayer Service

Our Wednesday Prayer services are held 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. Join us for prayer on Wednesdays.



IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING ?

We need your help to maintain our church records and to keep in touch with you. If your address has changed please notify the church office. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new address

zionlc39@windstream.net



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
Pastor Roux-Chairperson

Brenda Reasner—Council Rep

Stewardship 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Barry Durlin-Chairperson

Lisa Wehr—Council Rep

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

Social Ministry 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Rick Rovenolt-Chairperson
Dennis Webb—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

Leon Hagenbuch—Council Rep

Staff Support Meets when needed
Melissa Kilgus -Chairperson
John Myers—Council Rep

SUNDAY

Christian Education meets quarterly at 6:30 pm
Jeff Furman—Council Rep



MS HS YOUTH GROUP

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Middle School and High School Youth Groups

We invite all youth to join us Middle School Youth Group is for 5th through 8th grades, and High School is for 9th through 12th grades. Amanda Stoudt is serving as our Middle School advisor, and Lydia Nugent as our Senior High advisor. Call Pastor Roux at home 570 437-9058 or church 570 649-5195 with any questions. Youth Group usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 5:00—7:00 pm. Group builders, devotions, games, projects, and food are part of every meeting. Other events and schedule changes will be announced.

Sunday, March 10 at the Church—5:00—7:00 pm

Sunday, March 24 at the Church—5:00—7:00 pm

**Girl Scout Sunday
March 24, 2019**



The Girl Scouts will be selling their cookies between services, and will be providing a song during the 10:30 service.

Disaster Relief Team will be working locally this year and would like to hear from any members of our Congregation or neighbors who may need some help with home improvements. Maybe a repair or even some winterization. If you need some help or know of someone who does, please contact any member of the Disaster Relief Team or leave a message at the office.



Need Help ?

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

Leslie Hartline, Council President (570-716-3850)

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

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 570-649-5195

Church e-mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Church website: zionturbotville.com

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

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemoyer 649-5358

Team 2 Clissie Sheatler 437-2215

Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438

Team 4 Brenda Reasner 649-5749

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.

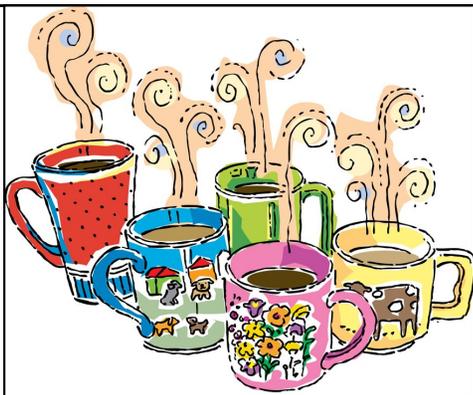
A-D 1st Sunday of month

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.



Buffalo Valley Lay School

The Buffalo Valley Conference will be holding a Lay School of Theology on Sunday, March 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., hosted by Christ's Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, PA. We extend an invitation to all to participate in this day of learning and conversation. Continuing Ed contact hours are available for Authorized Lay Worship Leaders. The schedule for the day is as follows:

2:00- 2:15 Registration and Refreshments
2:15- 3:05 Class Session I
3:05- 3:20 Refreshment Break and Conversation
3:20- 4:00 Worship: Holden Evening Prayer
4:00- 4:50 Class Session II
4:50- 5:00 Closing Prayer

Session I offerings:

Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth: Preaching on Texts of Judgment & End

Times: readings (narratives and parables) that address matters of inclusion vs. exclusion; incorporation vs. separation; and readiness for the end times. Also offered in Session II

History of Holy Communion Practices (Rev. Erwin Roux): Why do we celebrate Communion the ways we do? How has the history of the Church contributed to our practices today?

Holy Humor (Rev. Sarah Hershberger): This session "should" make you laugh, unless you are without a funny-bone. We will explore ways that humor is not only rooted in scripture, but a holy gift from God that we can (and should) use every day. If you are a stuffy theologian, you'll be asked to leave your tweed jacket with elbow patches at the door!

Session II offerings:

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (Rev. Matthew Schuster): How our Lord is here for you in His Holy Supper.

Reclaiming the E Word (Rev. Tom Glasoe): The word Evangelical appears in our denominational name. How are we to understand "evangelical"? We will explore the historical understanding of the word and what it means today, seeking to reclaim it as part of our rebirth in mission and ministry and its relevancy in the 21st century.

More session offerings to be named by the day of the school. You may direct further inquiries to Rev. John Yost, 570-837-9232, prjohnyost@gmail.com.

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Please feel free to contact Pastor Roux at any time for home or hospital visits, counseling, prayer, or conversation. You may reach him at the church office 649-5195 or home 437-9058. Please leave a message and he will return it as soon as possible.



SATURDAY 6:00 PM WORSHIP

Join us for Saturday Evening 6:00 pm Worship. Our Saturday 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. *Our worship on Saturday, March 2 will include "The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil" for those who wish to receive this healing ministry.* We are also recruiting to form a Praise Group that will lead worship from time to time. If you play an instrument or sing, please contact Pastor Roux at the church (570) 649-5195.

**WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS
HELPING NEIGHBORS**

MARCH

PEACHES! Yummy, delicious, juicy canned peaches to help us think "Spring" and to give us a preview of warmer days, flowers, green grass and fresh fruit. Fresh peaches may not yet be available in our markets but we do have the availability of canned fruit. We can serve canned peaches in many ways, with cottage cheese perhaps or try them chopped in fruit salad. They even make a lovely fruit cobbler. So, this month let us look for peaches on our grocery shelves; bring them sliced or whole, in heavy or light syrup, in large or small cans and any brand. All are welcome. It may seem a long way to summertime fruit but we can still have this tasty fruit on our tables. Please bring peaches in March.



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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Janet Reasner - 1/5

Earle Jarrett - 2/28

Hannah Jarrett - 4/15

Alice Durlin - 6/9

Emily Gottschall - 10/10

Freda Keefer - 10/13

Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Watsontown Rehab—Watsontown

Finley Stahl - 5/1

Eleanor Trefsgger - 9/21

Wolf Run - Hughesville

Joyce Snyder - 6/17

Rockwell- Milton

Dodie Day - 6/23

Manor Care North - Williamsport

Janice Metzger 4/15

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Riverwoods - Lewisburg

Gladys Durlin - 2/26

Joan Webb - 10/10

Nancy DeHart - 12/26

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Joyce McCollum

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

**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.



JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet March 13th
Instead of bringing gifts for
bingo prizes, please bring canned
goods for WRNHN or toiletries for Haven Ministry.
We will go to for lunch at Original Italian Pizza (OIP)
in Turbotville.

Hope you will join us!
Our next gathering will be April 10, 2019.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in March

Lenora Soffel—12th
Terry Gardner 26th
Bruce Zettlemyer—27th
Shirley Edwards—28th

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

March Newsletter
deadline is
March 13, 2019

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.

Church E-Mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Website: zionturbotville.com

Facebook: [zion turbotville pa](https://www.facebook.com/zion-turbotville-pa)

Check out the pictures on Facebook

*Synod USS Ark Want to keep up with the Upper
Susquehanna Synod news? Here is the link
<http://www.uss-elca.org/uss-ark/>*