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THE ZION NEWS



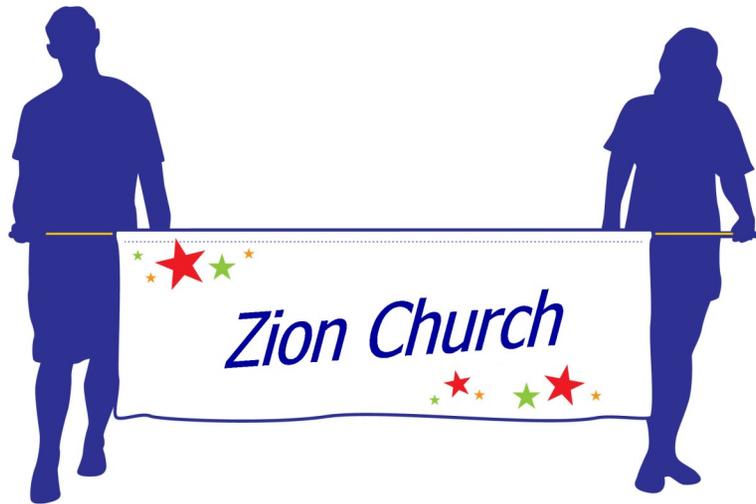
Galatians 5:25

PRESCHOOL



Zion Preschool
Graduation
May 23, 2019

Asher Snoddy
Layla Bricker
Matthew Zettelmoyer
Max Gardner
Reece Armstrong
Samuel Dunkleberger



TURBOTVILLE PARADE

Friday, June 7th

We need volunteers to carry our new Zion Church banner and pass out our Day Camp flyers. The parade will begin forming at 6:00 pm, this year we will be lined up in the parking lot across from Chicken Little Primitive Crafts. The parade will move promptly at 7:00 p.m. This is a rain or shine event.

Dear friends in Christ,

One of my fondest childhood memories was a weekly visit to the local library all summer long. During summer vacation my mother would take my two older sisters and I to town once a week. My mother would stop at the bank and post office, and do some shopping. We also stopped at the five and dime store, where we could spend the allowance we had just gotten, mine usually going to some candy or one of those balsa wood airplanes. But the best part about those excursions was spending time at the library. I would check out as many books as I was allowed to all at once. With a nice stack in my hands I was ready for the coming week. We didn't go many places when I was a child, no real vacations, but I took a lot of adventures through the stories I read in those books. I'm not sure if it was intentional or not, but my mom's practice of taking us to the library weekly helped me to retain and reinforce the progress I had made in my reading skills over the course of the previous school year. In other words, my mother helped us kids to prevent the slump that often happens to children on summer vacation.

These days it is well documented that children lose skills in reading and math during summer vacations away from the regular practice they experience at school. It is true that if you fail to practice something your abilities and even your interest in what you have neglected falls off. From reading and math, exercise and eating habits, to skills of all kinds, if you don't use it, you lose it. We go into a slump. To dump the slump we need to get back at whatever it is we wish to maintain, and in fact, it's best if we never let this happen in the first place.

I believe the same can be said of the practice of our Christian faith. If we want to grow in faith we need to stay connected to Jesus Christ in the faith practices that make up the life of a Christian. Unfortunately, it is very common for churches in America to experience a summer slump in attendance, activity, and giving. I talked with church consultant James Moss about this a few years ago. He told me that the summer slump is starting earlier than it ever did before. Whereas the slump began in June for decades past, now it's beginning in May. More than that, the slump lasts longer; while it typically ended in September it now lingers on into October. Pastor Moss said that the length of the slump is making it even harder to encourage folks to come back in the fall. Rally Days and Loyalty Sundays just aren't cutting it anymore. We have experienced the same here at Zion.

I believe it is important for people to take their vacation time with family and friends during the summer. Spent time at the cabin, or at the amusement park, get outside and enjoy God's beautiful creation, whatever your heart's desire. Relax! At the same time be intentional about maintaining your faith life. Wherever you travel, try to worship. It's easier than ever to look up a church on a smart phone and find out the worship hours. It's a great way to see that the body of Christ is alive and thriving. If you can't make it to worship at a church, make sure you take some time for Sunday devotions. We have devotional booklets that are available for you to take with you in the narthex. You can also borrow a hymnal and look up the prayers and lessons appointed for the day, and sing hymns. Include your family in all of this, of course. Make plans for how you will give your regular offering to Zion while you are gone. Would it work for you to plan ahead for the Sundays you will be gone and provide an offering for those weeks before you go? Or will you make up the offerings for the Sundays you are gone when you come back? Either way, you are helping to fund the financial obligations that we share as a community of Christ.

More than just keeping up with worship and giving, there is also the goal of growing your faith in other ways. Is there a way that you can serve others that allows you to be the body of Christ out and active and helping in God's world? Perhaps you can pick up a Christian book to add to your summer reading. Above all, make sure you take time to pray every day. Pray for your own growth in faith, pray for your family, pray for those whom you know are in need. Also pray for the whole Christian church on earth, and specifically for our family of faith here at Zion. Pray for our elderly and our children and youth. Pray for those who are parenting families. Pray for the projects we take on together. Pray that we may invite others to join this fellowship of faith. Just pray!

More than ever in this day and age, we have to be intentional to dump the slump. May you have a blessed summer, and worship and give and serve and learn and pray.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Turbotville Area Community Vacation Bible School

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church
Presents

“Backstage with the Bible”

June 16–20, 2019 6-8pm

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
10275 State Route 44
Watson, Pa 17777

(Located between Turbotville and McEwensville)

Registration is available online or at the door. Open to all kids Preschool to 6th Grade. Registration Link: https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdXvb4Tt8w_Rv7Nz.../viewform...

Come and join us for a week of fun and games learning about Christ's love through word and song!

****Register at the door or on church's Facebook Page***

Camp Mt Luther Day Camp

at Zion will be held July 22-26, 2019

9:00 am—3:00 pm.

Details coming soon! Mark your calendar!

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 30, 2019

7:00 pm

The Ascension of Our Lord

In Luke's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and encourage our mission. We will celebrate the Eve of the Ascension this year on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 pm.



He ascended into Heaven

Summer Music Schedule sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Any questions talk with Pastor Middernacht.



THE DAY OF PENTECOST - June 9th



An ancient Hebrew harvest festival that came to be associated with the giving of God's law at Mount Sinai, Pentecost became for Christians the occasion for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The Spirit is the power of the resurrected Jesus in our midst, claiming us in baptism, feeding us at the Holy Communion table, and sending us into the world to be bearers of that divine word that can bring new life and salvation. Celebrate Pentecost with us on the weekend of June 9th.



THE HOLY TRINITY – June 16th

The Trinity describes a marvelous relationship. The Son loves the Father so much he is obedient even to going to the cross for the sake of saving the world. The Father loves the Son so much he raises him from death saying “yes” to the way of grace and new life. The Holy Spirit is the power of love shared between Son and Father. This love relationship shapes the way we live as Christians. Be a part of God's love on The Holy Trinity at worship on the weekend of June 16th.

NEW MUSIC PROGRAM

Over the last forty years our organists and our organ have faithfully provided music for all worship services. Those include weddings and funerals, vespers, and most recently organ music for three weekend services. But, our organ's life is coming to an end, and small parts of it don't play anymore. Our new instrument has already been purchased and will be installed as soon as our nave renovation is completed.

One of the ways to honor our old instrument is to celebrate its music-making. The oldest organ is in a church in Zion, Switzerland, was built in 1390, and still plays. It has inspired composers to create wonderful church music. Beginning in June at 5:30 pm on Saturday, there will be an organ program celebrating examples of music from each of these centuries. The program will be included on the back page of the bulletin. Composition will feature composers from Canada, America and South America, and the various countries in Europe. The program will only note four things: 1-Country; 2- Composer; 3—Dates; 4—Title. Some of the pieces will be in traditional form: prelude and fugue, trio, adagio, etc. while others will be based on hymn tunes.

If you've had a busy Saturday, come to the 6:00 pm service early, enjoy the cool and the music of the church.

Pr. Steve

NEW MUSIC PROGRAM





Community Carnival: June 3rd – 8th.

Our church will be serving food under the Pavilion the first week in June and we will need a community of helpers. We will need food servers, food preparers, pie bakers, and a clean-up crew. Signup sheets are posted in the lobby for both volunteers and donations. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please designate the donation to the "Zion Carnival". If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Hartline 570-716-3850.

Reminder – all helpers must wear a hat or hair net.

Nave Renewal Day of Visioning

We invite you to a Nave Renewal Day of Visioning on Sunday, June 2nd at 9:15 am. We will share with you the progress being made toward the project including: revised blueprints, the color scheme chosen by our Color Committee, and the bids we have to date. As always, if you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Roux or Drew Potts.

Nursery Helpers Needed

We are in need of more adults to watch our nursery at the 10:30 am worship Service. Nursery is for children up to and including age 5. All nursery workers are required to obtain the appropriate clearances. If you can help please let us know.





*Sunday School Teachers/Christian Education
Meeting
Sunday, June 9, 2019
7:00 pm*

The Scholarship Fund Committee proudly announces that monies will be available for scholarship applicants for the fall semester 2019. The scholarship is a one-time gift per applicant to be awarded after the student completes the second semester of an approved college degree program. **Student must provide:**



- A fully completed and signed application form to the church office by **June 1, 2019**
- Copy of first semester transcripts.
- Recent snapshot/school picture.

Payment will go directly to the college address provided on the application. Application forms are to be available through the church office.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Office coverage is needed to cover Cathy's vacation 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:

Friday—May 31; June 7; July 5, 12, 26

STATISTICS FOR ZION'S KEEP PA BEAUTIFUL PROJECT

Number of Volunteers: 13

Volunteer Hours: 50 total

Reported Locations: 11

Miles Covered: 17

Bags Collected: 47 (the State calculates this at 20 lb. per bag)

Barry Durlin and Ted Menges delivered the bags to the landfill. Thanks to everyone for a job well done.

The Stewardship Committee appreciates your support of this project.



Preschool Registration

Preschool registration are being accepted for 2019/2020 school year. If you know of children who wish to apply or have questions contact the church office.



MS HS YOUTH GROUP

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Middle School and High School Youth Groups



Sunday, June 9, 2019

2:00—5:00 pm

At the home of Amanda Stoudt
160 Washington Street Turbotville.
Call Mandy at 570-649-6719 or
Pastor Roux 570-437-9058
if you need directions.

Bring swimwear and towels.
Invite a Friend to join us!

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, June 1st 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.

What You Do:

1. Explain to your child that you can find ratings for all kinds of things. There are so many movies, for example, that we often rely on other people to help us narrow the choices by telling us what's good, what's bad, and why. Sometimes that means we talk to friends; other times, we look in a newspaper, magazine, or online to read the words of a critic. You might even want to look a review up together.
 2. In this activity, you invite your child to be a literary critic for the family. In this exciting new world of books, which ones are the very, very best? Which ones were just okay? Which ones were, well, just bad? And most importantly in every case: why?
 3. Take your sheet of paper and start by folding it vertically in thirds. Across the top, in block letters, help your child write a catchy title using her name, such as "Brian's Best Books." Your child may want to do the printing, but it's also okay if you help.
 4. Now take out those stars. Your left column is for the big winners — three stars! The middle column is for the books that were okay but not great — two stars. And the column on the right has no stars at all — that's for books your child decides aren't worth the time or trouble to read.
- In clear writing below each category (parents, you may want to help with this), write your child's explanation of criteria. What makes a book really good? (This is obviously a conversation that will continue for a lifetime — and now's a great time to start.) For younger children, expect simple, concrete answers. Older kids will have more complex criteria.

During the summer, whenever your child reads (either alone or together), stop and have a chat. How was the book? What column does it belong in? Write your "critic's choice" selections and celebrate them. When the chart is full, write the dates it covers, and keep it. You and your child will have marked two marvelous accomplishments: a long list of books read ... and the start of a lifelong conversation about what makes a book really outstanding. Of course, it would be great to continue this practice into the beginning of next school year.

Great reads are available for your summer reading pleasure on the bookshelves in the narthex. Check out time is two weeks.

LIBRARY NOTES

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

Don't Lose Ground During the Summer!

As the end of school draws near, everyone is anxious for a break from readin', writin', and 'rithmetic. Parents of school-age children have certainly heard the phrase “summer slump” or “summer slide”. This is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year.

In a study published in 2000, researchers determined two-thirds of the academic achievement gap in reading and language among high school students has been explained through the learning loss that occurs during the summer months of the primary school years. So, as the parent or grandparent of an elementary school child, what can you do to help your child overcome this statistic?

When reading starts to ‘click’ for kids after all the phonics and guided reading practice during the school year, there is a way you can keep up with it at home during the summer as kids are reading for themselves and asking you to read to them as well. The central goal of reading, comprehension, is crucial to remember. It is important for young readers to stop and reflect on what they have read and understood. Here is a way to keep track of books, mark the achievement of reading them, and most importantly, step back and think: Which ones were really, really great?

What You Need:

- One sheet of construction paper in a favorite color
- Markers
- Package of shiny stars

Disaster Relief Team

This year the Disaster Relief Team scheduled our work week from April 8-12 to avoid the summer heat. We elected to work locally at three different locations. Some of the members rebuilt the porches on half the cabins at Camp Mount Luther. Others divided their time at either AGAPE in Bloomsburg or a private residence of an elderly man in need. We had a very rewarding experience doing God's work.



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 June 12, 2019 at 10:30 am.

"A Day in the Life of Jerusalem"

will be presented by Stephanie Moore (Clissie and Dennis Sheatler's daughter) Stephanie and her husband are missionaries in Israel living in Jerusalem.

We will go to Allenwood Café for lunch.

Our next gathering will be July 10, 2019.

Shut-in members with Birthdays in June

Alice Durlin—9th

Joyce Snyder—17th

Dodie Day—23rd

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.



Maris Kilgus

Grace Roux

College or High School Students

Zion members graduating from college or high school are asked to let us know at the church office about their graduation. Please provide us with address changes so we can keep up communication, and let us know what your future plans are.

Thanks for a Great Holy Week

A heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who helped to make our Holy Week worship special this year. I especially wish to thank the Confirmation Class for their worship leadership, the Chancel Choir for their musical support, the Altar Guild for their attention to detail, and all who were willing to work as ushers, lectors, and Holy Communion assistants. Together we faithfully proclaimed the good news that Christ the Lord is risen.

Sincerely,

Pastor Roux



Thanks to everyone who attended the Easter Breakfast and all the helpers.

Larry Kocher

Thanks to the members of our choirs,

The end of the Easter season means that our choirs, chancel and handbells, will be retiring for the summer. The members have faithfully provided music for our worship services on Sundays and on special days like Christmas Eve and Holy Week, after rehearsing each Wednesday.

In addition the choirs have welcomed new members Marian and Joe Deitrick to the Chancel Choir and Ursula Leinbach to handbells. Ted and Shirley Menges have taken some time off for health reasons, but we look forward to their return.

Choir members are: sopranos, Sarah Kowalski, Shirley Menges; Altos, Marian Deitrick, Ann Gardner, Helen Mathias, Glenda Yost; tenor, Pastor Roux; bass, Joe Deitrick, Ted Menges. Added to this list are the two organists who provide music for the chancel choir: Mike Yohn and Pastor Ken Elkin.

Thank you for your faithfulness and music during the past years.

Pastor Steve Middernacht

Minister of Music



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, and food sent our way during my recent cancer treatments, and hospitalization. We certainly do appreciate the caring congregation we have at Zion. Thanks to Pastor Roux for his many visits and to God for his healing powers.

Ted Menges

Pastor Roux and Zion Members
Thank you for the cards, phone calls and prayers after my fall and surgery. Thank you to Pastor Roux for his visits.

Lena Hall

Pastor Roux, Valli Rovenolt and Martha Weidner thank you for the kindness that you showed our mother Emily Gottschall. She always enjoyed the many visits and communion she received from this group. Thank you again for all the cards the church has sent her over the years.

Love,

Deb, Rich and Rodney

Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for ...

July 28
August 18

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



June Newsletter
deadline is
June 12, 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](#)
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/>

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

Alice Durlin - 6/9

Freda Keefer- 10/13

Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Watson town Rehab—Watson town

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 -

George Reasner—3/7

R. Scott Keister-3/12

John Rump-3/26

Christopher Keister-4/2

Keenan Young—6/27

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (3/31/19)	7,185.26	12,999.05
	April	YTD
Monthly Contributions	23,755.61	83,624.37
Monthly Disbursements	21,949.72	87,056.27
Balance (4/30/19)	8,799.15	8,799.15

Building Fund—\$12,351.79

Nave Improvement—\$71,096.08

Organ Fund—\$29,900.00 (Paid in Full)

April Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 199

10:30 am - 280

Saturday Evening - 32

Wednesday Prayer - 56

WORSHIP DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday - 81

Wednesday Lenten Evening Prayer—138

Maundy Thursday—97

Good Friday—84

Easter Vigil—Saturday 103

Easter Sunday—6:30 am—108

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

We are being charged for every item that is returned to us due to an incorrect address, even 911 changes.



WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

JUNE

We are back to vegetables this month and will be bringing snap beans this month. Look for cans of snap beans at your grocers and as you choose some for your dinner table, pick up some for your neighbors. These may be yellow wax beans, green beans, cut or whole, or perhaps even French style. Large and small cans are needed and all brands are acceptable. All are appreciated. For an added extra, try bringing one can of some other vegetable, your choice, just for variety. How welcome these will all be. Thank you so much.

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

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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 Clissie Sheatler 437-2215

Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438

Team 4 Brenda Reasner 649-5749

COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Disaster Relief Team 1st Monday at 6:30 pm

Jeff Furman—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

Jeff Furman—Council Rep