

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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164th ANNIVERSARY



THE ZION NEWS

neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to
come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation, **Will** be
able to **separate**
us from the love
of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39, NRSV

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Great Commission Team

Great Commission Team

You are invited to join the Great Commission Team which will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm by Zoom. We will create some new ways to reach out to people in our community and shepherd them into our family of faith. Please contact Pastor Roux at zionlc39@windstream.net to receive your Zoom invitation.



Dear friends in Christ,

Many of us are looking back at the year past and trying to come to terms with all that has taken place. What stands out for me when I look back is the number of funerals that we held to honor members of our congregation and friends in the community. In just a year's time there have been more than twenty deaths of persons dear to us, and the loss of so many of our loved ones and friends is felt sharply by this congregation.

Every year in the season of Lent, we hear again the story of the intense and painful journey that Christ underwent. The forty days he spent in the wilderness were ones of great temptation and a harsh reminder of his humanity. Christ's journey was one that turned away from the sin and death of the world and instead walked toward the promise of forgiveness and eternal life. Of course, we honor this journey still today, as many people choose to enter into a personal spiritual journey for the forty days of Lent by fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and otherwise making a sacrifice to Christ.

This Lenten journey is similar to the journey that is grief. When a loved one dies, so does a part of our heart. Similar to Christ's journey, grief is the process of turning away from suffering and pain and growing toward a new life. For those who have lost a loved one, this new life is their new reality: life without their loved one. This journey is not an easy one. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert, those who grieve will have set backs and will struggle at times. But, by looking to Christ as an example, and by remembering the promise of life that lies at the end of the journey, we may find the extra strength we need to carry on.



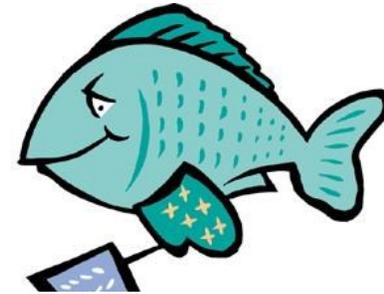
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 20, 2021

39 Paradise Street, Turbotville PA
(570) 649-5195

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Drive-through only



Haddock Fish Meal

Meal Includes: Fried or Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Harvard Beets, Applesauce, Coleslaw and Roll for \$12

Other upcoming meals:

Soup Sales

Drive-through pickup from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on the following dates all soups are \$6/quart unless marked otherwise:

MARCH 6th

Italian Wedding

Potato Cheese

Broccoli Cheese (AGAIN)

The frozen soups which still remain include: (1) Stuffed Pepper, (2) Chicken and Wild Rice, (3) Clam Chowder for \$7, (4) Oyster Stew, (5) Chili, and (6) Vegetable. These are in sequence by which soups we have the most of first so place your orders before we run out.

It's also important to mention that just as Christ was strengthened by God's love, so are we strengthened by both God's love and by the love of our dearly departed loved ones. Love is something that extends beyond death. I came to realize this many years ago when my mother died and I was grieving her absence. A concerned friend asked me if I still loved my mother. I responded, of course I do. He said, then your mother and her love are still alive for you. No matter where you are on your grief journey, no matter what you might be feeling, the love you feel for your loved one still exists. In the same way, those who are held in the arms of Jesus Christ in death are simply waiting for the day of resurrection, when they will again share their love for you. More than that, we take heart in God's own eternal love for us, which we hear in scripture time and time again:

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. (John 3:16)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Grief is a journey. There are highs and lows. But an important thing to keep in mind as we live through the season of Lent is that love is on our side. And that is something to celebrate.

Peace, Pastor Roux

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Mark Your Calendars

Soup Sales

*All activities are contingent on Covid-19
and the current state mandates.*



Zion EV Lutheran Soup Sale

39 Paradise Street Turbotville PA

Drive-through pickup from 1:00 – 3:00 pm each Saturday

\$6.00 per quart unless marked otherwise



Week #5: Orders and Pickup on Saturday March 6th

1. Italian Wedding soup
2. Loaded Potato Soup
3. **Broccoli Cheese**

Pre-orders are accepted but not required before each sale

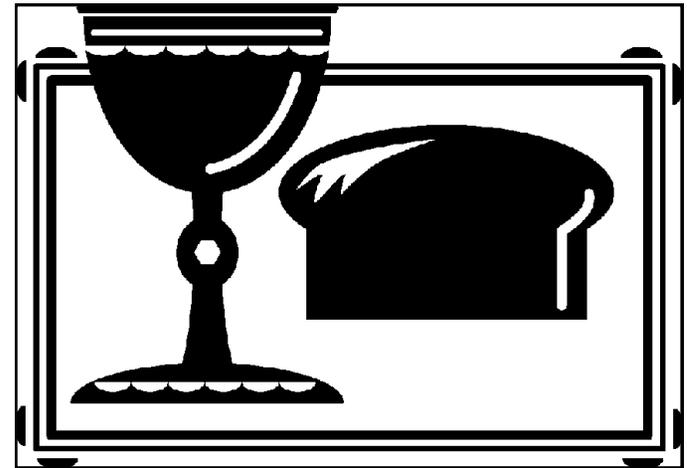
Email: dyer4fam@windstream.net (Lori Dyer)

or

Call: (570) 649-5195 (Zion EV Lutheran Church office – Monday-Friday)

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 1st. Classes will be held on Saturdays at 11:00 am on February 27th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. Parents are asked to attend with their children and godparents are invited, too. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Roux.



Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

Our Wednesday Lenten worship services...

..this year will be based on a beautiful little devotional booklet entitled, "The Road Back to God." The author, Pastor Larry Neeb, emphasizes God's forgiving and renewing power in our Christian journey of love and service. The theme for each week given in the devotional will shape our Scripture reading, hymn singing, and proclamation. Worship will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 pm with the following themes for the remaining services:

March 3 - "The Meaning of Grace in Our Lives"

March 10 - "How to Believe Again"

March 17 - "Rediscovering Hope"

March 24 - "The Mystery of Christian Suffering"

The worship service will be available on our YouTube channel and Facebook so you can worship at home as well. The devotional booklet, "The Road Back to God," will be available in the church narthex. If you are not able to pick a booklet up at church, please do not hesitate to call and we will mail one to you. It is also available on Amazon Kindle or Nook. May the daily scripture readings and meditations help you as you follow the road the Lord sets before you this Lent.

Many people turn to fiction as a restorative or a curative. Reading makes us sleep better, understand our relationships more, made us kinder to ourselves and others. Reading poetry aloud can make us calmer. Novels show us that even dementors can be banished and the dragons in our heads defeated. Of course, fiction is not a cure-all. There are times when even the idea of reading a sentence or listening to an audiobook may be too much. However, reading can provide a path to well-being and be an act of self-care. Because stories give us hope. Books can – over time – begin to heal us. And, sometimes, immersing ourselves in fiction might just save us.



Excerpted and adapted from "How Reading Fiction Can Improve Our Mental Health" by Harriet Allner, *Metro*, Jan. 5, 2018.

LIBRARY NOTES

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

How Reading Fiction Can Improve Our Mental Health

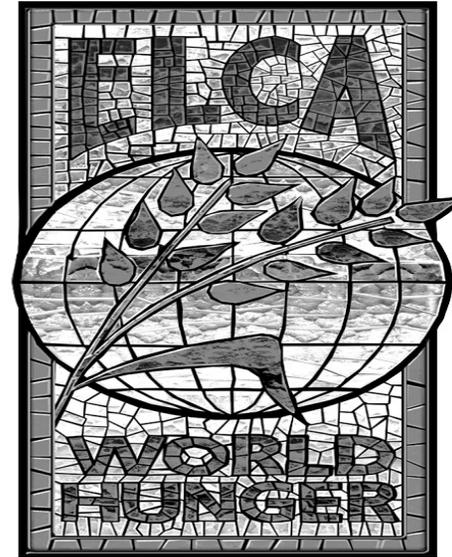
Who would have thought we'd find ourselves in this position... not only dealing with the perennial bleakness of winter, but also dealing with it during a pandemic which has sharply curtailed our activities. In these unprecedented times, our overall welfare and mental health has been put to the test.

Reading, especially fiction, may be able to help. Time spent lost in a novel can be essential to maintaining our well-being, to keeping us sane... and not just because scientists have suggested reading is like a superfood for the brain. A study in the UK focused on fiction – looking at short stories, novels, plays, and poetry. Although fiction may not be literally instructive like non-fiction, it still helps us to understand and cope with mental states or conditions in a slightly different way. For example, different types of fiction can help us manage stress, give us insight into trauma and grief, or help us suffer through heartbreak. We sometimes also use books as personal rewards, or splurging on new reads when we're low, lonely, or anxious.

We can form emotional bonds with particular texts and characters. There are stories we return to again and again. Each time we read them, we are comforted and are perhaps confronted with something new... maybe a fresh insight into our own ups and downs, loneliness, or loss. Or perhaps it's a bright spark of possibility, like the wind is changing and bringing with it a transformational storm.

In finding those strong, searching, relentless stories, we treasure them, depend on them. They can make us feel connected to the world when more often than not, we feel cut adrift. Those stories can be a life-raft, bringing us back to land. Other times, they're the ship that lets us disappear over the horizon. Because books don't let us just escape ourselves, they let us expand ourselves – to extend and improve, to learn and know that we are not alone.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA WORLD HUNGER



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. Our gifts are needed to support 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, February 21st. There are World Hunger envelopes located on the table in the narthex or designate your World Hunger offering with your regular giving. These will be gathered on Palm Sunday, March 28th

LENTEN OFFERING



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.

Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

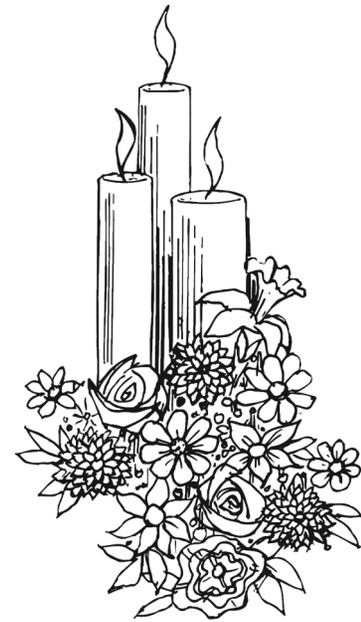


IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING?

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



Dear Friends,
We wish to thank you for the many expressions of sympathy and Christian love at the death of Beth's father, Charles Hummel. We join with all of you who are grieving the death of loved ones in the consolation we receive from God. We know that Jesus is risen and he will bring us with him in the resurrection on the last day.
Peace,
Pastor Roux and Beth



I Am BLESSED

I think we can all agree we are living in stressful times. In our house we try to concentrate on our blessings. A blessing jar sits in the middle of our table where we place small strips of paper when we become aware of another blessing—it gets full.

I am blessed and very thankful for the many caring and thoughtful ways of the Pastor, staff, and members to list a few:

Large print bulletins

Providing large print daily Bible devotions

Ways for those of us who are homebound to participate in weekly church services and Bible Study

The uplifting, joyful visit of the carolers at Christmas—they were “great”!

Church members who give me a “care” call

AND much, much more.

All are blessing from God and for which I give thanks.

Martha Weidner



SOMEBODY!

Somebody had to do something. And that somebody was Frank Haskell. He was an aide to one of the officers of the Union Army at the battle of Gettysburg. That officer was wounded in Pickett's charge and the Union line was in danger of collapse. Somebody had to do something. There was no time to wait for someone to show up from headquarters. Frank Haskell saw what needed to be done, and he rallied the troops around him and they held the line against the assault. He was not the officer who was supposed to be in charge. He was an aide with training and understanding, who grasped the situation and did what needed to be done. Haskell was just one individual, but by his actions he made history which might have been different if he had not been there and acted.

Similarly, the Stephen Ministers as individuals in the tapestry of our church and community have a role in the fight against “sin, death, and the devil”. They have the promises of Jesus, life experiences, training, and understanding. Whether it is an official care-receiver or some other person that they observe struggling, someone has to do something. Perhaps the situation calls for a listening ear, or a rescue action, calling emergency personnel, summoning the pastor, alerting the prayer chain, pointing out resources for transportation, food, or shelter, knowing how to apply the message of scripture to the situation, and more. The history of our church and community will be different because we have Stephen Ministers who are ready and willing to step forward when the crisis arises.

Our small group of Stephen Ministers is one part of our crisis response. We cannot wait for someone else to take care of it. We need more persons with Frank Haskell's kind of preparation, bravery, and boldness. We need more persons with Stephen Ministry training who see the need and can answer that call. In order to get a training class underway, we need one more person. Who is it? Can it be you or someone you know? Please call Valli Rovenolt 570.649.6385, Pastor Roux 570.4379058, or Pastor Elkin 570.323.7367 to discuss the next step.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Nave Renewal Update

Our general contractor, Gray Builders, has begun their work on our nave. Construction will continue throughout the winter and we anticipate worshipping in our renewed nave on Easter Sunday. We have moved our worship to the basement Social Hall. There is room enough to be socially distanced for up to forty people. May God bless us as we continue our endeavor of renewing our worship space and living out the Great Commission.

Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for 2021. The price per set is \$30.00 (2 altar vases)



MONEY COUNTERS: MARCH

- 7 Drew Potts/Courtney Hamm/Karrie Ravert
- 14 Drew Potts/John Myers/Leon Hagenbuch
- 21 Dennis Webb/Courtney Hamm/Mark Reasner
- 28 Drew Potts /Marvene Crawford/
Courtney Hamm

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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Dodie Day – 6/23

Freda Keefer- 10/13

Dulcinea Eck—11/1

Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Riverwoods – Lewisburg

Gladys Durlin – 2/26

Joan Webb – 10/10

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman – 2/27

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village—Lewisburg

William Wesner—8/8

Military -

R. Scott Keister-3/12

Christopher Keister-4/2

Pete Reasner—11/28

John Rump-3/26

Keenan Young—6/27

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

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

Karrie Ravert, Council President

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist

Rev. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Pamela Armstrong, Preschool Helper

Rick Rovenolt, Custodian

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

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Church website: zionturbotville.com

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

You Tube Channel: Zion Turbotville

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemoyer 570-649-5358/570-850-3304

Team 2 Pat Sheatler 570-742-7550

Team 3 Barbara Hartline 570-538-2672

Team 4 Leroy and Ruth Cotner 570-437-4062

Team 5 Brenda Reasner 570-847-8329

JOLLY BUNCH

I am thinking about ideas for a meeting when we can indeed get back together. Till then, know that I miss all of you very much.

HUGS to all.
Marie

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in March

Terry Gardner 26th
Bruce Zettlemoyer—27th
Shirley Edwards—28th

CAMP MT LUTHER SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION ON WEB: Our website now has information on this year's Camp Mt Luther summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp page to start planning. Brochures have been mailed to churches and campers. Online registration for this summer is available too on our website. In addition, we are posting preview videos on this summer's programs on our social media.

REGISTER ON-LINE! GO TO www.campmountluther.org

Please note: if you register on-line, you still need to get a health form filled out and signed by a doctor.
You can also get a list of items to bring to camp on our website.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

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Ways to Be the Church during this Challenging Time

Ways to Care

- Pray for our world, our leaders, and our medical caregivers.
- Follow the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our civic leaders.
- Check on family, friends, the elderly, and those most vulnerable in our community.
- Let the Zion community know where we can help with needs.

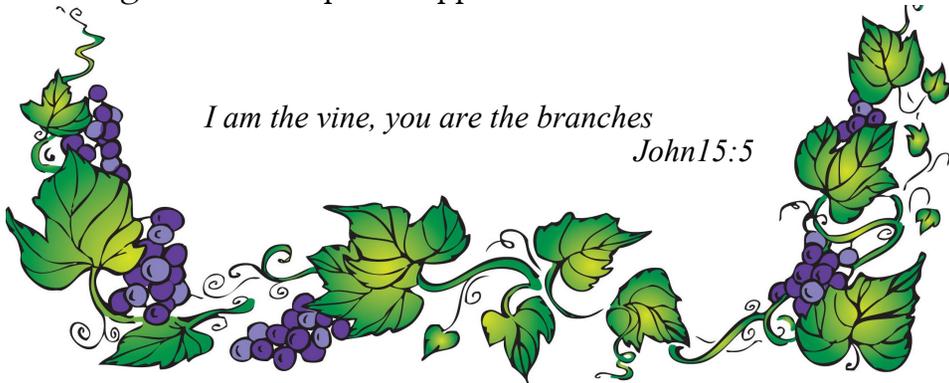
Ways to Worship

- Read your Bible, sing favorite hymns, and pray.
- Watch for worship posts Sundays on our YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville
 - ~Watch our 10:30 am worship service live streamed on our Facebook page.
- Also look for posts on our Facebook page and website.
 - ~Facebook: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville PA)
 - ~Website: zionturbotville.com
 - ~ YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville

Ways to Give to Zion

- Offerings will be received at our regular worship times.
- By mailing your offering to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
P O Box 277, Turbotville, PA 17772
- Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm for days to drop off offering envelopes in the narthex.
- Via the Zion website located at www.zionturbotville.com.
Just click on the yellow button that reads
“Donate online to support Zion Evangelical”
- Through the mobile phone app: GivePlus

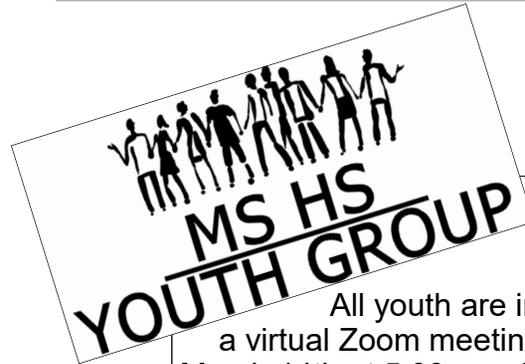
I am the vine, you are the branches
John 15:5



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (12/31/20)	25,547.82	25,547.82
	January	YTD
Monthly Contributions	16,325.59	16,325.59
Monthly Disbursements	21,401.99	21,401.99
Balance (1/30/21)	19,238.73	19,238.73

Building Fund—\$11,692.01
Nave Improvement—\$44,549.37



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All youth are invited to join us for
a virtual Zoom meeting on Sunday,
March 14th at 5:00 pm. Contact Pastor
Roux at home (570) 437-9058 cell
(570) 916-6264 or eroux1@verizon.net to
receive your Zoom invitation.



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

March Newsletter
deadline is
March 10, 2021

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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Website: zionturbotville.com

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

YouTube channel: [Zion Turbotville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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/>*

Join us for a Livestream of our 10:30 am
worship on our Facebook Page:
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Join us for prerecorded worship on Sundays by accessing our
Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville
Worship videos are available by 8:00 am



If you are unable to join us in person or online please request
worship bulletins, sermons, and CD's of recorded
worship services from Pastor Roux (570) 437-9058.
We will be glad to provide them weekly.

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Please feel free to contact Pastor Roux at any time for telephone conversations. You may reach him at his home at 570-437-9058. If he is not available, please leave a message and he will return it as soon as possible.

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.

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 offerings are needed now more than ever

You may continue to send your weekly offerings to Zion in one or more of the following ways:

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