

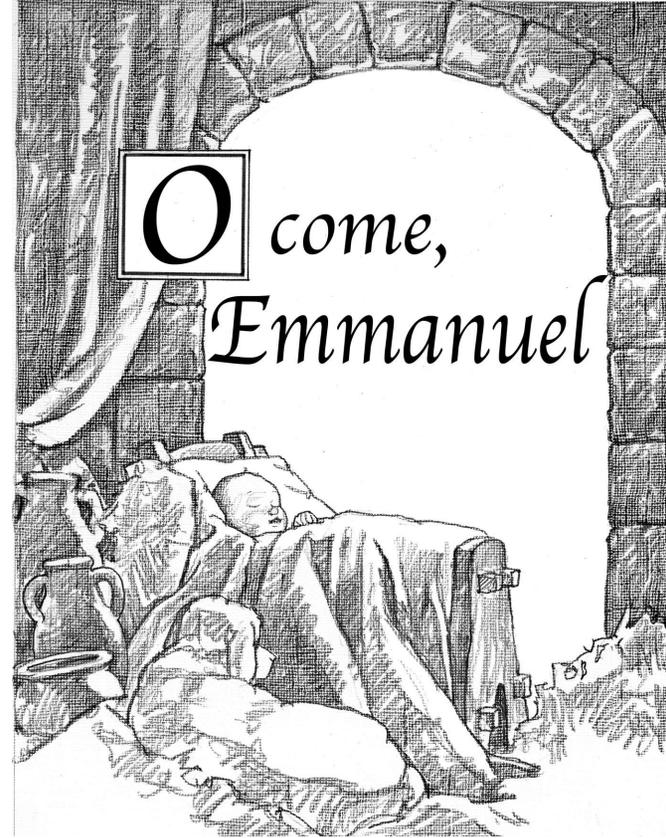
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THE ZION NEWS



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NOVEMBER 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

Have you ever heard of the video series “The Chosen?” My daughter Grace was the first to tell me about it because it was becoming very popular among fellow students at the college she attends. The Chosen is a biblically-centered, quality video series that tracks the life of Jesus through the gospels, as witnessed through the eyes of those he impacted. Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? The series sets out to answer that question. “The Chosen” stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. It brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, “What was life like with Jesus.” It really could have been this way.

Dallas Jenkins, a Christian filmmaker, is the writer and creator of “The Chosen.” The series got its start in 2017 with a short film Jenkins made for his church depicting the nativity from the perspective of a shepherd. Interest grew, and Jenkins set out to make a video series depicting the life of Christ. It is not a Hollywood production, but is entirely crowd funded, which means that the private donations of Christians have made the production of the program possible. So far, Seasons One and Two have been completed, Season Three is in production, and five more seasons are being planned.

Many churches are choosing to view “The Chosen” in small group settings. We at Zion would like to offer the same opportunity. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 am or 7:00 pm beginning December 7th. We will work our way through the video series by watching an episode each week followed by a time of reflection and discussion using the study guide “What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?” The guide also looks into the biblical passages upon which each episode is based. The episodes range from 30 to 50 minutes in duration.



Card Shower for John Hemrick's 90th birthday

Dad is turning 90 on December 22, and we all know how much he enjoys seeing people and socializing. However, with the current situation, he does not want a big party. We know that he would love to hear from as many of you as possible. If you are able, please send a birthday card to him. It would really make his day!

Thank you!

Sharon Chamberlin

John Hemrick

21 Yeagle Rd.

Muncy, PA 17756



LIBRARY NOTES

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

SMART* Reading Tips for the Holidays

Winter break is right around the corner, and holidays can get pretty hectic! Routines can fly out the window with celebrations, travel, and out-of-town guests. As your family prepares for the holidays, use these tips for keeping kids engaged in learning and reading over winter break.

Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest installment from a favorite series, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to set aside schoolbooks and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.

- 2. Stock up on books at the local library.** Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading over the winter break. Libraries may also have fun, free holiday activities throughout the break period, so check their schedule frequently.
- 3. Make the most of travel time.** Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice reading. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see. Read street signs and billboards you see along the way.
- 4. Create a new tradition.** A little predictability is comforting for kids. Starting a special “Winter Break Story Time” can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories. Hot cocoa and your favorite stories will have the whole family feeling comfy and cozy, while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.

There are many wonderful holiday books and stories available on the bookshelves in the narthex. Make them part of your winter break reading activities!

* “Start Making A Reader Today” From <http://www.getsmartoregon.org>, “Reading Matters”, c2015



Our group will meet in the gathering area at the rear of the nave according to the following schedule at either 10:30 am or 7:00 pm:

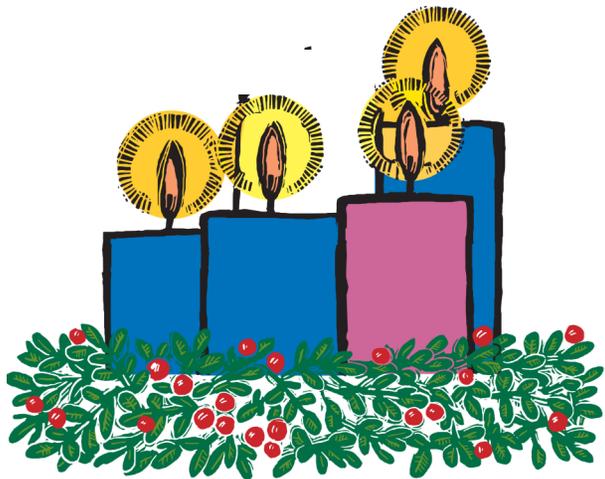
Dec. 7 – Episode 1: “I Have Called You By Name”
Dec. 14 – Episode 2: “Shabbat”
Dec. 21 – Christmas Special: “The Shepherd”
Jan. 4 – Episode 3: “Jesus Loves the Little Children”
Jan. 11 – Episode 4: “The Rock On Which It Is Built”
Jan. 18 – Episode 5: “The Wedding Gift”
Jan. 25 – Episode 6: “Indescribable Compassion”
Feb. 1 – Episode 7: “Invitations”
Feb. 8 – Episode 8: “I Am He”

Our hope is that as we encounter the characters in “The Chosen,” we are able to relate to the them, leading us in a closer relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Roux





ADVENT

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 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.

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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Freda Keefer- 10/13

Dulcinea Eck - 11/1

Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7

Rockwell - Milton

Bobby Calhoun - 4/17

Jeannette Calhoun - 11/1

Watsontown Rehab - Watsontown

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner - 8/8

Military

George Reasner—3/7

John Rump-3/26

Keenan Young- 6/27

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

R. Scott Keister-3/12

Christopher Keister-4/2

Pete Reasner—11/28

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Please feel free to contact Pastor Roux at any time for telephone conversations or to schedule a visit. 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.

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

Karrie Ravert, Council President

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist

Rev. Steven Middernacht, Organist

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Rebecca Hendershot, Preschool Helper

Rick Rovenolt, 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/zionturbotvillepa)

You Tube Channel: Zion Turbotville

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettle moyer 570-649-5358/570-850-3304

Team 2 Pat Sheatler 570-742-7550

Team 3 Barbara Hartline 570-538-2672

Team 4 Mary Mertz 570-437-3075

Team 5 Brenda Reasner 570-847-8329



Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 12th

9:30 am in the Social Hall

All are invited!

***Sunday School Program Rehearsal
Saturday, December 11th at 9:00 am***



*Oh, Come, Let
Us Adore Him*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2021

7:00 pm and 11:00 pm

(Worship will not be held Saturday, December 25)

First Sunday of Christmas Worship

December 26, 2021

8:00 am and 10:30 am



**Current Fund
Daily Expenses**

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Balance brought forward (9/30/21) | 16,620.99 | 25,547.82 |
| | October | YTD |
| Monthly Contributions | 16,687.02 | 194,204.09 |
| Monthly Disbursements | 20,399.35 | 204,074.56 |
| Balance (10/31/21) | 12,716.66 | 12,716.66 |

Building Fund—\$11,424.83
Nave Improvement—\$20,379.68



MONEY COUNTERS: December

- 5 Drew Potts/Mark Reasner/Dennis Webb
- 12 Marvene Crawford/Courtney Hamm/John Myers
- 19 Mark Reasner/Marvene Crawford/Leon Hagenbuch
- 24 *Christmas Eve Jeff Furman/Mark Reasner*
- 26 Marvene Crawford/Karrie Ravert/Leon Hagenbuch

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

December Newsletter
deadline is
December 8, 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.

Church E-Mail: zionlc39@windstream.net
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



MS HS
YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS

Shopping



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to join us on December 12 at 2:00 pm as we Christmas shop for needy children. We need as many youth to join us as we can get, so feel free to bring a friend. We will be clothes shopping for 10 needy children in the Turbotville area. We will bring our purchases back to the church and wrap them for children to receive them under the tree on Christmas Day.

Congregational Offering Requested
Youth will be receiving offerings from the congregation for our shopping project after worship services, November 28th, December 5th and 12th.





The Christmas Card Mail Basketwill be in place. If you have cards for members of Zion, simply write the recipient's name on the envelope and "mail" them in the Basket. Deadline for mailing cards this year will be December 15th and ready for distribution on the 18th. Cards remaining after that date **WILL NOT BE MAILED** and are then your responsibility.



**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.

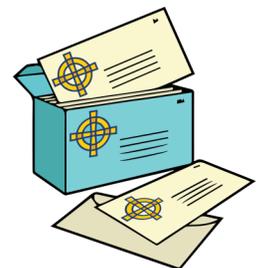
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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:

- 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;
- Via the Zion website located at www.zionturbotville.com.
Just click on the yellow button that reads "Donate online to support Zion Evangelical"
- By dropping off your offering at the church
Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm
- Through the mobile phone app: GivePlus



Join us for a Livestream of our 10:30 am
worship on our Facebook Page:
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville PA)



The recorded 10:30 am worship service will be posted on our
Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville
immediately following the service.



LECTOR TRAINING AND RENEWAL

The reading of Holy Scriptures is among the most important things that we do in our weekly Sunday worship gatherings. The reading of the Word of God is a means of grace, that is, through the hearing of the Word the Holy Spirit enters our hearts and minds creating life-giving faith. With the great importance that we attribute to the reading of God's Word during worship, it is crucial that Lectors are well prepared. You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 4 at 9:00 am for a Lector renewal and training session. Those who have served as lectors in the past are asked to attend, and those who would like to begin this work are encouraged to join us. This training will give you the confidence to present the Word of God to the people of God. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Roux.

THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

DEB WEBB
ROB SHEATLER
JANET RUMP
LORI DYER
ERIC WATSON

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
ONE MORE COUNCIL MEMBER
PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING.

Mitten/Hat Tree

.....will be 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.



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

Attend our worship services; Saturdays 6:00 pm. Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30 am, Wednesdays 9:00 am. Masks optional.
Watch our 10:30 am worship service live streamed on our Facebook page. The recorded service will then be posted on our YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville

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

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Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm for days to drop off offering envelopes in the narthex.
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I am the vine, you are the branches
John 15:5



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

39 Paradise Street, Turbotville PA

Dec 18, 2021

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Drive-through only



Haddock Fish Meal

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

Upcoming meal:

Soup Sales [begin](#) Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
then every other Saturday for 5 weeks

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| Jan 8 th | Beef Vegetable and Ham & Bean |
| Jan 22 nd | Stuffed Pepper and Broccoli Cheese and Clam Chowder |
| Feb 5 th | Chicken & Wild Rice and Chili |
| Feb 19 th | Chicken Corn and Zuppa <i>New</i> |
| Mar 5 th | Loaded Potato and Pasta Fagioli |

Oyster Dinner Tuesday, February 1st at 6:00 PM

Fish Dinner on Saturday March 19th 4:00 – 5:30 PM



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer classes for preschool thru 12th grade at 9:15 a.m. .
The classes are shaped by a curriculum entitled "SPARK."

The following classes are available:

Preschool - K—Meghan Zettelmoyer

Grades 1-3—Brittany Lynch

Grades 4 - 6—Amanda Stoudt

Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux



Quake is a weekend event for youth 6th—12th grades. It includes worship gatherings, speakers, music, workshops and fun activities, all geared toward youth. Pastor Roux and Mrs. Beth Roux will be leading the trip. Cost to each youth is \$80.00 due by December 13th. Zion covers the rest. Location is the Hilton Hotel in Harrisburg, We depart on Friday, January 21st at 3:30 pm from Zion and return Sunday, January 23rd by 2:00 pm. Contact Pastor Roux with any questions at home (570) 437-9058, cell (570) 918-6264, email eroux1@verizon.net



Altar Flowers

Beginning August 2021 the price per set of Altar Vases will be \$35.00 for 2 altar vases.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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.



Office Hours

The church office will be closed on November 26th and December 3^d

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



Facebook Livestream Attendants Needed
for our 10:30 am worship service.

Contact John Yogodzinski at
(570)417-6737 or john@thegraphichive.com

As part of our nave renovation, a Livestream video system was installed. The system allows us to broadcast our worship services live on Facebook. The system also records the service and it can be uploaded to our YouTube channel (Zion Turbotville) for viewing later. The Livestream system utilizes a simple video switcher like one might see in a television studio, and two wall mounted cameras. The switcher is designed to be user-friendly and can easily be learned. Some Photoshop skills would also be helpful in taking on this task. Please consider becoming a Livestream attendant at Zion. John Yogodzinski and Karrie Ravert will train you and help you to feel confident in the work. You would then be scheduled to operate the Livestream on Sundays of your choice.



Dear Zion Church Family,
Thank you for the donations you provided for Preschool. The gift cards help us with so many of the extras needs.

The antibacterial and sanitizing wipes are also very much appreciated.

*Jen Woland
Preschool Teacher*



Thank You!

Dear Zion Family,

The Disaster Relief Team wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our apple dumpling bake such a success this year. We wrapped and baked 2,256 apples which is close to being a record for one bake.

Whether you bought, sold or helped with the project in any way, please know that we appreciate your help and support. The projects that we do, whether near home, or several states away are all a reflection of sharing our blessings and talents with others. That is all made possible by your generous support for this team.

Thank you again, and may God bless you all.



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 2022 will be on the table in the narthex in 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 and want them, please contact the church office.

Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until January 1st the envelope number may vary from year to year.



The last date for 2021 offerings will be Sunday, December 26th. Please have all offerings to the church office by that time in order for credit to be received on your giving records for 2021. Contributions received after the 26th will be posted to the 2022 contribution statement.

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 2021.

