

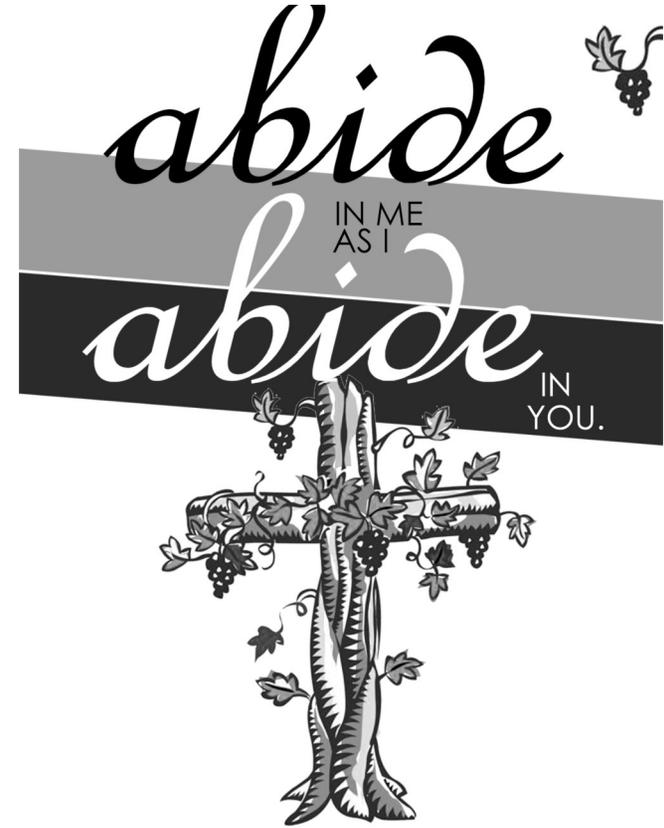
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THE ZION NEWS



John 15:4, NRSV

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Vehicle to Work

HandUP Foundation has been serving the community since 2004. One of our programs is "Vehicles to Work". With this program, families in need of transportation are given a vehicle in exchange for volunteering. Families benefiting from this program may have health issues in which they need transportation to doctor appointments that they might otherwise miss, or they may need the vehicle for getting to a new job that could help the family become financially stable. We gather these cars from generous donations from our community.

If you have an older vehicle that you are not using or are thinking about trading in, please contact us. We may be able to use it to bless a family in need. Thank you for any support of our program!

Please call 570-742-3000 or email april.hilner@handupfoundation.org for more

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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Robert Chaapel—4/21

Ruth Cotner 4/27

Phyllis Chaapel—5/19

Irene Watson—9/27

Leroy Cotner 10/4

Freda Keefer- 10/13

Dulcinea Eck - 11/1

Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner - 8/8

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Charlie Wright—3/19

River Woods - Lewisburg

Barbara Hartline - 11/8

Rockwell - Milton

Bobby Calhoun - 4/17

Jeannette Calhoun - 11/1

Watsontown Rehab - Watsontown

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Mike Benfer

Military *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.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:4-5)

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our last Jolly Bunch meeting we talked about the treasures and the memories of our lives. At one point we were all asked to share some advice that our parents had given us that we followed in this life. We tried to remember the words of wisdom that we took to heart and lived by. The answers varied from, “Only buy something when you can pay cash for it,” to “Keep your word, your reputation depends on it.” I shared what my mother always told me, “You can do anything that you set your mind to.” In many ways that advice from my mother shaped my life. I have tried to accomplish many things in life, with some degree of success. But as I've grown older, I also realize that life as a follower of Jesus Christ is not as much about willing something to happen as it is about living in the way that God guides and empowers me to live.

I think that sometimes we get the mistaken notion that being a follower of Jesus, being Jesus' disciple, is something that we do, that it is a matter of our willpower. If someone would just tell us exactly what a Christian should do, then we could set about doing it. "It is just a case of simple willpower," we might say. "We can do anything we want if we just put our minds to it."

Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Christian faith is not primarily concerned with our willpower to be good and do good. There are things that our willpower cannot do. We can exhaust our willpower and we sin. We also live out our own will instead of God's will. I have come to learn that Jesus gives us a different way to live than counting on our own willpower. "I am the vine," Jesus tells us. "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). Being a Christian is a matter of abiding in Jesus Christ. We are to abide in Jesus because, as he puts it, "apart from me you can do nothing." Followers of Jesus cannot will life with God or the fruit of life with God. We need to receive the nourishment that comes from Christ in order to be alive as Christian people. We are like branches on a vine. That is how Jesus puts it. Branches have no life in themselves! Branches are only alive as they receive nourishment from the vine.

What does it mean to "abide in Jesus?" If Christianity isn't about our power of will, if Christianity is about abiding in Jesus, how do we do it? How do we abide in Jesus and how does Jesus abide in us? First of all, we abide in Jesus and he abides in us through hearing the story of Jesus - by hearing that story over and over again. When we spend time reading the Scripture, we hear the story of Jesus. When we listen to God's Word preached, we hear the story of Jesus. When we gather with two or three persons in Jesus' name, we hear the story of Jesus. When we remember the promises that God made to us in our baptism, we hear the story of Jesus. When we eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord's Supper, we hear the story of Jesus. Such hearing is abiding. To hear Christ's story with the ears of faith is to abide in his love. To hear Christ's story is to grant him inner access to our lives. Through the telling of his story Jesus Christ comes to abide in us.

Also, very powerfully, Jesus abides in us when we eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord's Supper. Jesus' words about the vine and the branches are related to this sacrament. "I am the vine," Jesus tells us. "I am the true vine." One of the elements of the Lord's Supper, of course, is the wine - wine that is the fruit of the vine.

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'" (Luke 22:17-18)

Jesus is saying to us, "I am the vine and this cup is the fruit of the vine. When you drink of this cup you partake of the fruit of my vine. When you drink of this cup you receive my nourishment, you receive my life for your life. When you drink of this cup you abide in me and I abide in you."

It is clear. There are things that our willpower cannot do. Willing life with God is one of them. Life is something we cannot will into existence. Life, God's life, is something we can only receive from God's hands. We drink God's life into our bodies. That is how we have life with God. That is how Christ abides in us and we abide in him.

The Christian life begins and begins over again each day in the hearing of Jesus' story. The Christian life begins by drinking God's life

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

Karrie Ravert, Council President

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Rick Rovenolt, Custodian

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Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemyer 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



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (7/31/22)	9,176.83	17,330.71
	August	YTD
Monthly Contributions	23,139.23	166,061.30
Monthly Disbursements	23,835.08	174,327.63
Balance (8/31/22)	8,288.98	8,288.98

Building Fund—\$7,051.25

Nave Improvement—\$12,869.00

Current Loan Balance as of 9/14/22 is \$212,148.02

Our Mission Goal for August is \$19,194.00

Your contributions for August were \$23,139.23

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for September is \$20,000.00.

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening—46

8:00 am Worship Service—165

10:30 am Worship Service—136

Wednesday Prayer Service—44

into our bodies. Something happens to us when we drink Jesus Christ into our bodies. "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit..." What, after all, is the function of the vine? The vine gives nourishment to the branches. Jesus Christ, the true vine, gives nourishment to all the branches of his body and that nourishment produces fruit, good fruit, ripe fruit, fruit of God's own making.

According to Jesus, God acts as the gardener or the vinedresser of the vine. "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit." (John 15:2). The fruits of the Christian life are clearly not produced by our own powers of willful obedience to God's commands. The fruits of the Christian life come through Jesus Christ abiding in us. The Christian life begins by drinking God's life into our bodies. The Christian life blossoms as we live the life of healthy branches. The Christian life blossoms as we serve those who are starving for nourishment. The Christian life blossoms as we serve all those in any human need. The Christian life blossoms as we give the fruit of our life away to our needy neighbor. And in so doing we give glory to God. "My Father is glorified by this," Jesus says, "that you bear much fruit and become my disciples" (John 15:8). In the end, we do not give glory to God by choosing to be obedient children of God. Willpower is not the model for Christian living. We do not prove that we are disciples by producing fruit as the product of our own willpower. There are some things that our willpower cannot do. We cannot will to be God's children. We cannot will to bear God's fruit. Becoming God's children and bearing God's fruit, come only through abiding in Christ. The vine must nourish the branches. We must drink God's life into our bodies. Then Christ abides in us and we abide in him.

Engraved on the front of the altar at Zion are the words of Jesus, "Abide in me as I abide in you." As you come forward to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion, may you take these words to heart and live by them. It's the best advice you will ever receive.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

REFORMATION SUNDAY



Reformation Sunday, October 30th

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

A Prayer for Reformation Day

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

October Newsletter
deadline is
October 12, 2022

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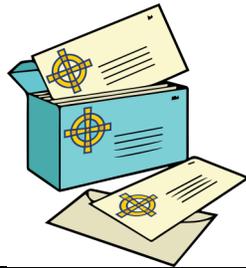
YouTube channel: [Zion Turbotville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Check out the pictures on Facebook

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



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.

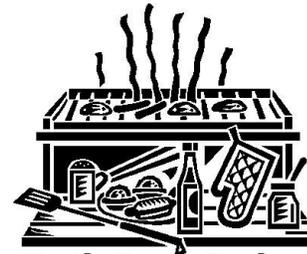
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form is available from the church office.



MS HS YOUTH GROUP

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to a cookout and outdoor games on Sunday, October 2th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend and join us!



YOUTH
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS to YOUTH GROUP!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has begun. We offer classes using the Sparkhouse curriculum. The following classes are available:

Preschool—Kindergarten - Meghan

Zettelmoeyer

Grade 1 to Grade 3—Brittany Lynch

Grades 4 - 7—Amanda Stoudt



Wednesday Prayer Service

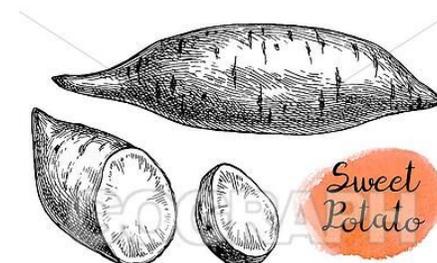
Our Wednesday Prayer services are held at 9:00 am. For those looking for an additional opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Prayer Group celebrates the sacrament at its service on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Join us for prayer on Wednesdays.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

OCTOBER

This month, let us think "orange" and bring cans of sweet potatoes and yams for our friends. We will find them in small cans and large cans. Bring any size or any brand – all our welcome. These will be delivered by November in time for the planning of our friend's Thanksgiving meals.

Donations may be dropped off at the church narthex.



Office Hours

Our church office will be closed on Fridays, through October 28 except for the newsletter Fridays.





CHANGE of ADDRESS

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



Do you now have a cell phone number and no longer a land line? Please let the church know of your new telephone number.

JOLLY BUNCH!!!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - Mark your Calendar for October Everyone is invited to the Jolly Bunch meeting on October 12, 10:30 am. Diana Johnson, from the First National Bank in Watsontown, will be presenting our program -- Senior Frauds and Scams and How to Avoid being a Victim. Please join us for this timely subject. How many of us have received Scam calls and this is only the beginning of what frauds and scams there are today. We all need to have this information. So please come and join us. We will be going for lunch at D & D's in Watsontown for lunch.



EVERYONE AND FRIENDS ARE invited to attend !!!!

THIS IS NOT JUST FOR JOLLY BUNCH MEMBERS BUT ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE INFORMED.

I also want to say a special Thank You to everyone who came to celebrate "Memories and Treasurers" in September to honor our 90 year young ones. It was a special day. And thanks to Donna Elkin for playing piano for our songs.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in October

Leroy Cotner—4th
Nancy Rice—8th



Dear Members of Zion,
Thank you for sending me cards for my 93rd birthday. I received a total of 28 cards. I miss everyone and not being able to come.

Bill Wesner



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. 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.

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.

