



Nov. 2014

# Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

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*Zion's Mission Statement: Reflecting Christ, we are called to share God's gifts  
"Celebrating our 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary"*

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8:15 AM Sunday Morning Prayer Service

A Special Service for Advent

Beginning November 30, the first Sunday of Advent

We will begin offering a second Sunday morning worship service at 8:15 AM. We intend to offer this service each week during Advent (the four Sundays leading up to Christmas). This service will look and feel different than our 10:30 worship service.

- The service will last 30-40 minutes.
- The service will have much less music and liturgy. The music we have will be familiar and simple; there will likely be one hymn and one or two pieces of liturgy.
- We will have Confession and Forgiveness and celebrate Holy Communion.
- We will have one Scripture lesson and a sermon but no children's message.
- We will have time for prayers.
- We will not staff the nursery during this service; our choirs will sing at the 10:30 service.

The reasons for us to offer this type of service include:

- Contemplation: Advent is a season of preparing our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus Christ. We want to offer a worship service that gives space for silence and reflection during this season that is always so busy and full.
- Schedule: We know that families have full calendars in December, often with "mandatory" family events. We want to make it possible for people to worship during December (and therefore Advent). This past Lent we offered a Sunday night service, which was beautiful. As a personal note, as pastor, I found it difficult to sustain the energy and organization for a Sunday night worship as a solo pastor. Often churches offer a mid-week service during Advent. We may try a Wednesday night contemplative service in the future, but thought that an early Sunday morning worship would be more effective for our congregation.
- Room: Our worship during Advent gets quite full. We do not want people turning away because they cannot find parking or a seat.

Our hope is that this worship service would have 15-25 people.

When we discussed this possibility at Church Council and Worship and Music meetings, we recognized that the reasons for offering this type of service during Advent apply to other times of the year as well. We could see continuing this type of service at other times of the year, for example, during Lent or perhaps even during the entire school year. We believe that a Morning Prayer format might be a way to create space for more people to worship, but not create two separate Sunday morning communities.

I know Thanksgiving is not here yet, but I am looking forward to a blessed Advent season with Zion's.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pr. Rob Myallis

# Sharing God's Gifts

Featured Ways you can...Reflect Christ and Share your gifts!

## **Jonestown Thanksgiving Meal**

11th Annual Jonestown Community Thanksgiving dinner, sponsored by the churches of Jonestown. Nov. 15, noon-2 at Jonestown Elem. School. Entertainment, delicious food and time to meet with friends and new people from the community. Cake donations and volunteers needed to serve and clean up. You can sign up for volunteering and get your FREE Tickets in the Social Hall before worship.

## **English as a Second Language**

Zion's offers weekly conversation practice for adults in our community who need help with English. Can you offer your time on a Monday evening to converse with another adult to help them learn English? We need more help! Please contact Emily Myallis to discuss which Mondays you're available. We meet in the Social Hall from 6:30-8pm. Tell your friends about tutoring - you don't need to be a Zion's member to be a conversation partner. And spread the word to those you know who could use some English help too. This is a rewarding and enriching ministry to join!

## **Holy Communion for the homebound**

For nearly 2,000 years, Christians have been sharing Holy Communion with those homebound and therefore unable to make it to worship on Sunday mornings. We would like to train people to do this, to supplement what Pastor Rob current does. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, come to a brief information session after church on Nov 9, or see Pastor Rob or Ann Kulp.

## **Family Advent Event: Making Calendars**

We will be making Advent Calendars and sharing a meal and devotions.  
Sunday, November 30, from 4-6 PM in the Social Hall.

Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, is the season of the church year when we prepare our hearts and our homes for the coming of the Savior. It is a time when we emphasize family devotions.

This year, our German volunteer, Maggie, will help us explore some of the German Advent traditions, particularly the Advent Calendar, which we will make at the event. This calendar provides a daily message (and surprise) that you can use as the focus of your daily devotions as you prepare for Christmas.

Bring a covered dish and the whole family and come share the first night of Advent with your Zion's family. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering area, so we know what supplies we need to provide.



# Social Ministry

Chair: Sharon Davis ([dsdavis11@comcas.net](mailto:dsdavis11@comcas.net); 865-2781)

## Lebanon County Christian Ministries

### **(LCCM) Wish List:**

#### **Food Bank:**

Boxed Meals  
Canned Pasta  
Canned Soups  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Fruit

#### **Other:**

Bath Towels  
Hand Towels  
Diapers  
Baby Wipes  
King/Qu Sheets  
& Blankets

#### **Clothing Bank:**

Men's pants (28-36)

Men's shoes (8-10.5)

Women's Dresses & Skirts

Towels/Wash cloths

*Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)*

## Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

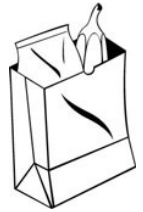
### **Wish List:**

#### **Food Bank:**

Pancake syrup & Mix  
Chili  
Spam  
Stuffing Mix & Gravy  
Mixed Vegetables  
Boxed potatoes  
Canned Yams

#### **Other:**

Baby Wipes  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Diapers  
Dish detergent



Canned Cranberries

Boxed Cake & Cookie mix

Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn

*Place contributions in the container marked*

*"JOY" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)*

## Lebanon County Christian Ministries Annual Benefit Dinner - Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014

Lebanon Evangelical Free Church - Jonestown

Silent Auction of themed baskets - 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner - 6:30 pm

Entertainment - Jon & Laura Shuey

Tickets - \$25.00, contact Sharon Davis 865-2781 for tickets.

## Socks for JOY

We will be collecting socks for the Jonestown Food pantry through the month of November. Donations are requested for men's, ladies, and children's socks in any size. Please place them in the basket in the gathering area.

## Homebound Update (cards, calls, visits)



Elvin & Elva Heller

Country Meadows of Hershey

Apt. 236

451 Sand Hill Rd.

Hershey, PA 17033

Ph: 717-298-3203

Birthdays:

Elvin - Sept. 8

Elva - Sept. 9



## **Memorial Fund**



In Memory of John Schaeffer Jr.

By: Gary & Diane Beck

## Community Thanksgiving Service

7:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving eve the service will be held at St. John UCC church. All are invited!

## R & R Retreats

Ann Kulp recommends a marvelous and free mini-retreat through the Midway Church of the Brethren (13 Evergreen Rd., Lebanon):

November 22, 8-10 am but also also, January 17, February 21, and March 21. For more information or to register, contact Heidi Fittery at 717-926-7833 or [RRLebanonSiteCoord@gmail.com](mailto:RRLebanonSiteCoord@gmail.com)

## College Student Update

Katie Smith

Penn State Berks

Box 90

2080 Tulpehocken Rd.

Reading, PA 19610

# Christian Education & Youth

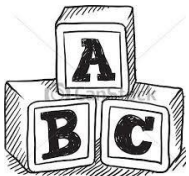
Chair: Tracy Hoy (tlh328@verizon.net;272-6542)

## Wednesday Night's at Zions:

5:30 pm: Community Dinner  
6:15-6:45: Joyful Spirits  
6:50-7:30: Bible Study (New Time)  
6:45-7:30: King's Kids, which will consist of Story-telling, Games, Crafts and Special Guests. It is led this fall by Magdalena Beuchel and Laurie Gill.

## New Nursery schedule

We have resume staffing the nursery. Instead of inviting children to begin their time in the nursery after the children's sermon, we will begin staffing nursery for the entire worship service. Thanks to all the nursery staff, especially coordinator Laura Bush, for working this extra time.



## Women's Bible Study

Monthly "Wine down" Bible Study  
Led by Emily Myallis  
Thursday, November 6, 8:30-9:30 PM  
Studying a Bad Girl of the Bible each month!  
Bring bible, favorite wine glass, and comfy clothes for a relaxing hour together!  
The November Bible Study will be at the home of Maggie Beuchel.  
Questions-contact Janet Bird  
bird75@comcast.net or 865-5636



## Wise Guy's Bible Study

Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m., men are invited to Bible Study in the social hall, with breakfast!

## "The Night before Jesus"

## Christmas Pageant

The date for the Christmas pageant is December 14 at 7:00 pm. Children from preschool to grade 12 are invited to participate. Contact Joel Guldin, mjguldin@comcast.net or 865-3603. Refreshments will be served after the pageant. Practices are:

Dec. 6, 10 am    Dec. 7, 9 am (Sunday School)    Dec. 13, 10:00    Dec. 14, 9 am (Sunday School)

## Christmas Concert - Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Sunday, December 21 @ 5:00 pm.

Akoustikos Guitar Orchestra will present their Christmas Show in the social hall. The Akoustikos Guitar Orchestra is a group of young students, conducted by Paul Zerman. Comprised of acoustic guitars, Akousitoks performs in the traditional orchestra fashion. The Guitar Orchestra has performed at numerous locations, including the Harrisburg Forum for the "Celebration of children" event and Legends Café in Lebanon. Donny Redinger, who provides guitar music for Joyful Spirits worship on Wednesday nights is a member of the group. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the youth group mission trip to "Habitat for Humanity" next June.

**This is a one of a kind Concert, you will surely enjoy!**



## COUNCIL

President: Deb Reiner (adreiner74@gmail.com; 861-5548)

Highlights from October 9, 2014 Council Meeting:

- Staffing: Magdalena (“Maggie”) Buechel presented the congregation with small gifts from Wittenberg, Germany. She updated Council on her work with King’s Kids and the Youth program. The property committee is finalizing details on an additional maintenance/sexton position, likely to focus on the exterior and lot needs of the church.
- Holy Communion to Homebound: Pastor Rob has begun discussions on starting a lay Holy Communion visitation ministry that will supplement his own pastor visitation.
- Sunday School Wing Repairs: The Sunday School wing tile will almost certainly need to be removed and replaced. Council approved formation of a committee to explore whether there are other critical repairs that should be done when we fix the tiling next summer.
- Council Elections: Established a nominating committee for upcoming election of council members. If anyone in the congregation is interested in serving on Council, please let Pastor Rob or President Deb Reiner know.
- New Ministry: Jim Fowler presented his proposal about starting a Venturing Crew for church youth. Venturing Crew is part of Scouting; it is designed for older youth and is co-ed.

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**Thanks to everyone who made the Basket Bash a success!**

**That’s My Pan!** - The Salt & Light 275th Fundraising Committee is kicking off a new fundraiser! We will be selling “That’s My Pan!” personalized cake/pie pans. Brochures will be available in the gathering area on the first floor or you may check out our very own web site on line at: [thatmypan.biz/frpa10257](http://thatmypan.biz/frpa10257). For questions, please see Tovie Kleinfelder,(865-5678), [tovie26@gmail.com](mailto:tovie26@gmail.com).

### Koinonia News:

#### Upcoming Activities:

**Sat. Nov. 1 – Hollyberry Bazaar** - 8:00am - 2:00pm

Crafts, Christmas decorations, Themed baskets, Baked goods, Christmas cookies, Assorted jellies, Chow chow, Chicken corn noodle soup, Candy, Plants, Children’s table, used book sale.

Come for lunch : Koinonia’s famous BBQ sandwiches, soup, hot dogs, beverages

Check your closets for books you don't want and donate them to the book booth.

Don't forget to ask your neighbors and relatives also for used books. These books can be placed in the book box in the social hall. Are you tired of looking at those old plants in your house? Why not donate them to the plant booth. The theme basket table is always a great attraction. We hope you will want to make up a basket of new items to be sold. Some suggestions are kids baskets, kitchen baskets, and sports baskets . Use your imagination and come up with a unique basket. Of course you will be contacted to donate homemade cookies for the cookie table and we are always looking for crafts for the craft table. If you have any questions, you can contact Karen Hitz or Priscilla Ott. **We hope to see you at the bazaar and bring a friend along.**

**Sat., Nov. 8 @ 7:00 pm- meeting** in the Sunday school room by the mailboxes.

**Sat., Dec. 13 - Christmas Banquet** @ 6:00 pm at Creative Creations. All are Welcome!!! Please sign up on the small bulletin board in the gathering area.



## Evangelism

Chair: Elaine Ludwig (eludadv@comcast.net; 865-3757)

### Job Fair Thanks

We had another successful job fair this September. We want to thank the following businesses for participating:

A S K Foods, Inc.  
Aerotek  
Brentwood Industries  
Friendship Community  
G.P. Harris Construction  
Gage Personnel  
Jonestown Bank  
Just Like Family  
Kelly Services  
QUEST, Inc.  
Seneca Foods  
Temp Force  
US Army National Guard

Also, thank you to Lebanon Career Link and PROBE for having a display. Thanks also to all those from Zion's who made this an encouraging day for so many people.

## Worship

Chair: Noel Strattan

([dns@telecommute.net](mailto:dns@telecommute.net); 865-7747)

### Cherub Choir

The cherub choir is still looking for a piano player. Contact Steph Livingston, [maslogma@gmail.com](mailto:maslogma@gmail.com), if interested.



### September New Members

A bit more about the new members we welcomed on Rally Day.

**Gary and Sandy Kneasel:** Some of you may know Gary from his work at our cemetery, where he has been the primary groundskeeper the past few years. Both Sandy and Gary have deep roots in the community. Their faith friends are Elvin and Elva Heller

**Jonathan and Stacy Clark, along with Max, Katie, Leslie and Olivia.** The Clark family was introduced to our church through our preschool, where Max was a student. (They have four children ages 3 to 7). They began visiting our church on Wednesday nights and also come on Sundays. Their faith friend is Linda Wenrich

**Jim and Laurie Gill.** Some of you may know Jim and Laurie Gill as the "Thrivent people". Jim visited our church through his work for Thrivent. After helping at our Talent Show, it was only a matter of time before Jim and Laurie joined Zion's too! Both have helped with youth events and Laurie has taken a leadership role with King's Kids.

**Emily Luckenbill, Jeff Beck and Janice Balulis.** You will often see these three sit together. Emily and Janice are sisters. Jeff and Emily are boyfriend and girlfriend. The children of Jeff and Janice often join them. Emily and Janice grew up in a Lutheran church and are happy to return "home". Jeff is happy Pastor Rob's sermon justified why he should buy a new boat. Their faith friends are Jim Cascarino and Noel Strattan.

## *Touching Tomorrow Endowment Fund*

### **What is the purpose of the “Touching Tomorrow” Endowment fund?**

The Endowment Fund distributes money, in the form of grants, for mission and outreach beyond the normal church budget and usually, beyond the church walls. The aim of such grants is to “Touch Tomorrow,” allowing for present and future ministry.

### **Who oversees the Touching Tomorrow Fund?**

A Touching Tomorrow Committee oversees the Fund. This committee meets annually to decide expenditures based on the financial performance of the account and the specific requests. These purchases are not approved by council, but council approves the members of the committee. The committee currently consists of Darryl Bush (Chair), Terry Ludwig, Larry Houser, Ed Ludwig and Ashley Schade.

### **Where does the money come from in the Touching Tomorrow Fund?**

The original money came from a large bequest to the church. Currently the fund has roughly \$420,000 in principle investments, which includes the original gift, but also later gifts and interest added to principle. Each year grants come from the interest and dividends on the account. These have varied over time. The hope is that in the future, more people will consider giving money, either in honor of loved ones, or as part of their estate planning, to the Touching Tomorrow Fund.

### **How can I contribute to the Touching Tomorrow Fund?**

Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated, and you may benefit from significant tax advantages. By using a combination of certain financial and insurance products, you can even leave a bigger inheritance to your loved ones while preserving your desired gift to the fund. For more information on this strategy, you may consult your estate attorney or talk with Jim Gill, Zion’s representative from Thrivent Financial.

### **What kind of things has the Touching Tomorrow Fund supported?**

Between 2006 and 2013, the Fund distributed over \$70,000 to various projects, including:

- Seed money for Social Hall Renovations Project; also money for repayment of existing debt
- Payment of previous Renovation Debt
- Seed money for launching Zion’s Preschool; continued scholarships for preschool families in need
- Funding to make our internship program possible
- West Virginia and New York City Youth Mission Trips
- A Seminarian from our congregation, Jason Northridge, who is now a pastor
- A Lutheran Missionary in West Africa, Viking Dietrich
- Handful of local charities, such as Lebanon County Christian Ministries

### **What kind of money is available for grants this year?**

While the fund’s investments are conservative, fluctuations in the stock market means we will not know the exact amount of the distribution until closer to December 1. Last year we were able to distribute close \$15,000; we hope this year for another generous distribution.

### **How can you make a request for a project?**

Simple: Fill out the front of this paper by Dec 1, 2014! To do this though, you will need to identify which category your request belongs to:

- Education
- Local Ministries
- Congregational Programs
- Extended Ministries (National/International church/charity work)

**Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

P.O. Box 658  
Jonestown, PA 17038-0658  
(717) 865-3652

*Touching Tomorrow Endowment Fund*

**Request Consideration Order**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name of Person/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST DETAILS**

Amount of Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose/Explanation of Request: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

References: (Please include Name and Phone Number.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

If granted, may we publicize the fulfillment of the request?

Yes, you may publicize.     No, please do not publicize.

**DEADLINE/DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

- Deadline for all Requests is December 1, 2014.
- Distribution for selected requests will be between December 15 – December 30.

<p><b><u>For Zion's Use Only</u></b> Requested Granted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: Initials:</p>
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# November 2014



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<b>30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ADVENT</b> 8:15 Morning Prayer service 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time 3:00 Zumba 4:00 Family Advent Event						



Upcoming:

December 14 - Sunday School Christmas Pageant

December 21 - Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser: **Akoustikos Guitar Orchestra** will present their Christmas Concert to benefit Zion's youth group mission trip.



## Worship Participants for November

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Counters	Nursery	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
2	Betty Kleinfelter	Michael Johnsen	Joe Sandbakken	Jacob & Joseph Beidler	Larry & Sharon Houser	Gizelle McFarland	Jim Adams	Emily Myallis
9	Christine Techky	Kevin Feagley	Eric Schulden	Max Ludwig Daulton Fortna	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Cathy & Riley Houser	Tracy Hoy	Matt Wolfe
16	Ed Ludwig	Jim Adams	Lynn Kleinfelter	Grace Ludwig Donny Redinger	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Monica Bortz Ms. Moyers	Brian Adams	Leah Wolfe
23	Daryl Hess	Lynn Kleinfelter	Doug Watson	Dylan Houser Elly Ludwig	Debbie Long	Darryl & Laura Bush	Terry Ludwig	Kelly Rittle
30	Matt Wolfe Family	Brian Adams	Lukas Quanbeck	Kaitlyn Boisvert Tori Moyers	Noel Strattan	Janelle & Brett Kiscaddin	Kristin Hoffer	Maggie Beuchel

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
Beatrice Wolfert Noel Strattan	Cathy Houser, Larry Houser, Daryl Hess, Tom Mohn	2,9,16 Ed & Elaine Ludwig 23,30 Ken & Dean Hess	Church Council