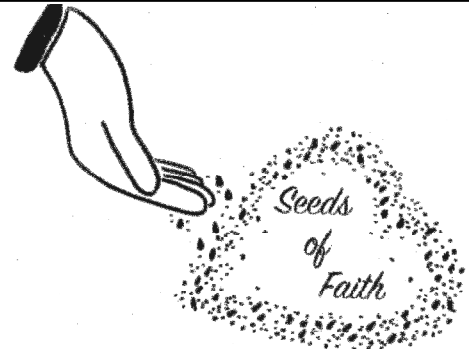


Sharing God's Gifts:

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

Seeds of Faith

On Sunday, February 15 and 18, 2015 The Evangelism Committee, using the resources of the Endowment Fund will encourage members to participate in an exciting new ministry called Sharing Seeds of Faith. The purpose of this initiative is to give adults and children an opportunity to use a \$10 gift to find creative ways to serve others or "give a hand up". We want adults and children to imagine how God equips them to evangelize.



Here's how it will work:

Near the end of the worship service on Sunday, February 15, 2015, Pastor Rob Myallis will bless the envelopes that contain a ten dollar bill and instructions on how to participate. Pastor will pray that this "seed money" will inspire and equip each adult and child to reflect on their specific God-given gifts and use those gifts with the help of the ten dollar "seed money" in order to fulfill an unmet need of their "neighbor(s)," whether within the immediate community or across the world. Ushers will distribute "seed money" envelopes after the worship service on Sunday February 15 and Wednesday Feb 18, 2015.

"Seed money" recipients may work alone or collaborate with others in order to do something simple, small, big, or complex. Be creative. A few examples of how to show God cares for "neighbor(s)" might be:

- (a) Make notebooks and send them (along with envelopes, postage, and pens) to juvenile delinquency centers;
- (b) Make CD's of songs, jokes, and encouraging stories or sayings and send them to a children's hospital or agency that serves children.
- (c) Look for an elderly neighbor that may be lonely or in need of transportation or personal care items. And may we say again, BE CREATIVE!

Then on April 19, immediately following worship, everyone will be invited to our Annual Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle. This is where we each bring a jar of sauce and a box of pasta. Some of the donations will be used to make the meal and the remainder will be given to JOY. After lunch, we will ask the members to share with the group how they used their "seed money". We will celebrate and thank God for equipping adults and children to discover and implement surprising ways to evangelize and encourage members to let this be a continuing ministry.

We encourage participants to share what they are doing during Lent with the world by using the hashtag #SeedsOfFaithZions2015.

~Pastor Rob and the Evangelism Committee

Social Ministry

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsdavis11@comcast.net; 865-2781)

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Boxed Meals
Canned Pasta
Canned Soups
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit

Other:

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

Clothing Bank:

Men's pants (28-36)

Men's shoes (8-10.5)

Women's Dresses & Skirts

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries Annual Lenten Breakfast - Sat., Feb. 28 @ 8:00 am

Where: Lebanon Expo Center

This year's speaker will be The Rev. Andy Evenson, Pastor of the Lebanon Lutheran Cooperative Ministry. Entertainment by the Greater Harrisburg Chorus, Sweet Adelines.

Cost \$10.00, to order tickets contact Sharon Davis, dsdavis11@comcast.net or 865-2781.

Homebound Birthday

(cards, calls, visits)

Ingrid Erb

48 Supervisor Dr. Ph: 865-5850

Jonestown, PA 17038 Birthday: Feb. 26



Graduate

Valerie Yohn graduated from Shippensburg Univ. in December with a B.S. in Biology. She is now enrolled at New York Chiropractic, studying for a Master's degree in Chiropractic Medicine. Congratulations Valarie!

New address: 2360 State Rte. 89 TUS-D1
Campus Box 1193
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

Wish List:

Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix
Chili, Spam, Rice
Boxed potatoes
Stuffing Mix
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Soup & Stew
Boxed Cake & Cookie mix

Other:

Baby Wipes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Diapers
Dish detergent



Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn

Place contributions in the container marked

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

Spang Crest Volunteer Needs

Chapel Pianist: One Sunday a month. (2:30–3:30pm)

Gift Shop Worker: Mornings: (9:30am – 1:00pm)

Afternoons: (1 –4 pm), Saturdays: (11am–1pm)

Fill in a shift : 3rd Friday morning,

4th Monday morning, 4th Friday morning

Provide Entertainment – Afternoons, evenings or weekends

Contact Karen Kreiser at 274-1495 or kkreiser@luthercare.org. to volunteer.

Spang Crest donations/Bingo Prizes

Kleenex (boxes and tissue packs)

Candy (individually wrapped)

Chocolate bars & Hard candy

Sugar free hard candy (hard and chocolate)

Snack Foods: Pretzel bags, Snack packages/ cookies

Crackers (peanut butter, cheese)

Toothpaste

Jewelry (long necklaces)

Perfume/ Cologne/ AfterShave/ Body Spray

Quarters to spend in the Gift Shop

Large print word search books

Hair items (Scrunchies, barrettes)

Slipper socks

Watch for a container marked for these donations, or contact Sharon Campbell (865-7412) Sharon_Campbell_137@comcast.net . Sharon is Zion's keyperson for Spang Crest.

Evangelism

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

English as a Second Language

Zion's Ministry of teaching English as a Second Language to Adults has two upcoming sessions. If you know of anyone who could help with conversational English, please have them contact Emily Myallis: emily.myallis@yahoo.com, 865-0834.

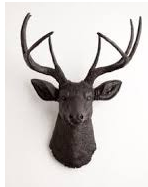
We meet in the Social Hall on Mondays from 6:30 -8pm. Childcare is available for school-aged kids.

Session 1: Feb. 2, 9, 23, Mar. 2, 16, 23.

Session 2: April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

German Language Class

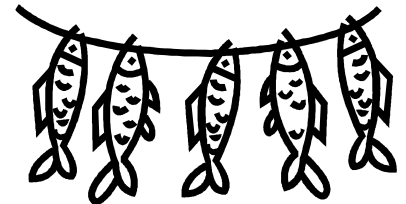
Maggie Beuchel will be teaching a German language class here at Zions. It will be held Thursday nights from 7-8 pm. If interested, contact her at 717-269-7082. Auf Wiedersehen.



Game Dinner

Date: Sunday February 15

Time: Dinner starts at 5 pm. Discussion will follow



What is it? A potluck where you will bring your favorite meal prepared with game you have. If you are not a hunter or fisherman but would like to attend you can bring a side dish.

What we will do: Following dinner we will reflect on the joy of hunting/ fishing and on a God who provides for us. We will hear from a local celebrity hunter.

What to bring: food, an appetite, a hunting story, pictures on a flash drive, deer mount.

Questions: Vicar Daniel Clark, zvicar@comcast.net



Social Ministry Extras!

Socks for JOY (Jonestown Outreach ministry) - during the Christmas season, the clients at JOY were able to receive packs of socks for each member of their family in addition to a Christmas dinner. Thank you Zion's for your generosity.

Angel Tree - the Angel tree gifts were packed and ready for the needy families in Jonestown. The Angel tree had all Angels taken within a short amount of time. Once again, Zion's has opened their hearts to those in need.



Beer and Hymns ...before Lent begins!

Monday, February 16

7:00 PM—8:00 PM

Come early! Light snacks available at 6:30 PM

Snitz Creek Brewery

7 N. 9th St. Lebanon, PA

A great time for singing and socializing. No cost to attend. Songbooks and light snacks provided. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase.

We will be hosting this with members of other Lutheran churches, including the Lebanon Lutheran Cooperative Ministry (Zion, Hill, Salem and St. James)

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.

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!



Zion's Youth

Sunday, February 8 @ 5 pm - Youth Group (YG) meeting
Friday, February 13 @ 6 pm- Triskaidekaphobia Congregational Game Night with "make your own Sundaes" (hint: Triskaidekaphobia means fear of the number 13)
Sunday, February 22 @ 6 pm - Night at the Oscars



Well, Jim and I are already into our second month as Zion's new Youth Group Leaders. The Youth have already been amazing with their willingness to share, listen, and laugh.! We are also very blessed to have Maggie working with us on the activities, and the Parents have been very supportive! What else could we ask for? Well, it's time to mix the youth group with the congregation. We have three events to do just that. You can see February's calendar for two of them, on the 13th (who knows maybe you will even have a chance to play a current youth group game or one we will be doing in the future). and the 22nd. - Jim & Laurie Gill



Talent Show!

This summer our youth are taking two Mission Trips. First, a number of youth will head to New York City to do inner-city work; and then in the summer a number will head to West Virginia. Along with 60 people from Lebanon County, they will work on Habitat for Humanity homes for some of the poorest people in the country. To help cover the costs of the trip, we will have a Talent Show fundraiser at 6:30 PM on Sunday, March 15. People of all ages and gifts are welcome to share their talents.

Women's Bible Study



Monthly "Wine down" Bible Study
Led by Emily Myallis
Each last Thursday of the month
(Feb. 26) from 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 February Bible Study will be at the home of Jennifer Boisvert. For questions-contact Janet Bird bird75@comcast.net or 865-5636

NYC Mission Trip: Mark your calendars: April 23-24. More details coming soon!

COUNCIL

President: Ed Ludwig (eludadv@comcast.net; 865-3757)

Highlights from January 8, 2015 Council Meeting:

- The following people will take said office position for the 2015 year;
Ed Ludwig President, Tom Mohn Vice President,
Kelly Rittle Secretary, Cathy Houser Treasurer,
Deborah Long Financial Secretary.
- Pastor commented on how marvelous Advent and Christmas were and how thankful he is for the participation and work that was put into it.
- A motion was made for the official hiring of Mike Johnsen as Facilities & Grounds Coordinator.

!!!RENTAL OPPORTUNITY!!!

Zion's rental property will be available to rent early this spring.

For Rent: 2 bedroom home in Jonestown; 1½ baths; appliances included plus washer/dryer; 1 car garage with off-street parking; no pets/smoking; \$750/month + utilities (oil heat). Security deposit required.
Call 717-865-3757, Ed Ludwig

Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and good wishes. I also appreciate and enjoy the beautiful poinsettia. - Ingrid Erb

Congratulations...

On behalf of Council and Zion's congregation, we'd like to congratulate Pastor Rob for being one of only 12 pastors nationwide to be selected into the Chautauqua Institution's Clergy Leadership Program.

The participants represent various backgrounds, denominations, and parts of the country. Their common characteristics include being in a parish for 5-10 years, and exhibiting public leadership. Pastor Rob can give more detail regarding this tremendous honor and opportunity, but suffice it to say that we think the selection committee made an excellent choice and we are exceedingly proud of our pastor!

-Ed Ludwig, Council President

Koinonia News:

Upcoming Activities: Sweetheart Dinner and Concert

Sunday, February 15, at St. John's UCC, 120 W. Market St., Jonestown.

Dinner 4:00-6:30 pm (parmesan chicken, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage and homemade dessert)

Concert 7:00 pm (in the sanctuary)

Cost: Adults - \$10.00, children - \$5.00 (tickets may be purchased at the door)

Sign up sheet on the small bulletin board in the gathering area.

Questions: contact Judy Soondar 865-6043.

Meeting - Saturday, March 14 @ 7:00 pm at Zions.

2015 Officers: President - Sharon Davis (865-2781)

Vice President - Judy Soondar (865-6043)

Secretary - Pat Keefer (865-4559)

Treasurer - Ken Hess (865-2884)

Won't you consider joining us in the new year? Looking forward to seeing you!

2015 Hollyberry Bazaar - will be chaired by: Kristin Hoffer, jkhoffer@yahoo.com (469-2560) and Heather Moyers, info@maximcontractors.com (861-5775).

During these cold winter months, perhaps there is a craft item that you might work on to donate to the bazaar. Please let Kristin and Heather know!



Memorial Fund



In Memory of John Schaeffer Jr.

By: Mr. and Mrs. William Ludwig

By Marion Smith in Memory of:

Catherine Schaeffer

Arline Koons

Margaret Gerberich

Bob Sebastian

John Sebastian

The Rev. Stanley Phillips

Priscilla Ott

Dorothy Mohn

Donald Winklebleck

The Jonestown Male Chorus will present it's "Sweetheart Concert"

Sunday, February 15 @ 7:00 pm at St. John's UCC, 120 W. Market St., Jonestown. It is a free concert so come and enjoy!



Below are some of the "Prayers, Wishes, Thanksgivings" that were included on the 275 angels on Zion's Christmas Tree this Christmas. Thank you to everyone who shared with us.

"Be still and know that I am God"

Christmas wish: keep us healthy, happy and safe

Admittance to West Point

Thank you for music that refreshes our souls

A place to grow as a Christian and as a musician

My liberty, my health, my family and friends

People with disabilities

For the abused

For the sick

Food

Thankful for my Husband

We are blessed with the Joy & light of Christ among us

Jesus Christ help us to receive your light and to share it around

Bless Zions to be a blessing, sharing God's gifts with those in need

A year which ends knowing that God is alive in my life and I'm doing his will

I pray for my son, to find himself and return to God and the church

Dear God, Thank you for the blessing of Zions Congregation in my life.

The Holy Spirit who enables the faith of so many in this church

Blessings to those who are having treatments. Give them strength and hope.

I pray for peace throughout the world and healing for all who suffer

Thank you Jesus Christ our Lord and King for opportunities to use my God given gifts to witness the gospel and share your glory, Hallelujah!

I am thankful for Zions Lutheran and pray it will continue to be a house of worship for many more centuries.

Thank you, Lord for sending your son to us. We are truly blessed.

Bless all the men & women serving overseas this holiday season, keep them safe

Thank you for the miracle you have blessed our family with. Our prayers have been answered. Continue to bless our journey with health, love and strength.

Dear God, thank you for Pastor Rob & family

Thankful for my family

God's Grace

Bless Pastor Rob

Blessings: my health

Bless all the needy children

My children and their great health

Thank you for church families

Bless us with good health

Thanks be to God for 275 years

A prayer for all who defend our freedom



...Serving at Zion's Today

Have you ever noticed that list of names in your bulletin titled "Serving at Zion's Today" and wondered who those people are and what those jobs involve? Over the next few months, we will tell you about each job and how you could be involved.

#1 LECTOR - This is another name for some one who reads the lessons from the "lectionary." For us, this involves reading one, usually fairly short bible story and being the leader in the responsive reading of a Psalm (you read a verse, the congregation reads a verse). Anyone who can read out loud is welcome to be a lector. Once you express interest, the coordinator will contact you and schedule a Sunday for you. A few weeks before your day to read, you will be given a copy of the lessons so you can read them ahead of time. Another copy will be on the lectern (the podium from which you read) on that Sunday morning. We have several lectors, so each one reads only a few times a year. If you find this interesting, you can contact Ken Hess or Noel Strattan to volunteer.



Prayers of the People

Would you consider reading the Prayers of the People in worship from time to time? Contact Emily Myallis to join the rotation (emily.myallis@yahoo.com / 865-0834). Emily writes the prayers each week; you would only need to read them aloud.

When you have a name you'd like added to the Prayer list, please contact the church office or Pastor Rob.

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And it's easy to apply! Simply gather your team, submit an application to Thrivent and—once your idea is approved—you'll receive up to \$250 in "seed money" to help cover promotional, production, and material expenses. Then just bring together your family and friends to make an impact where you live, work and worship.

Learn more or apply at Thrivent.com/actionteam. If you have any questions, please contact Zion's local Thrivent Financial representative, Jim Gill (867-1500).

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for Jesus' death and resurrection. Ash Wednesday also marks a cross on our foreheads, as we hear, "From ashes you were made, to ashes you shall return." It is a humbling day, when we come before our God in deep humility. This year we will offer four worship times for imposition of ashes.

7 AM & Noon: Brief spoken services

6:15 PM Joyful Spirits

7:00 PM Worship in Sanctuary with choir

Sunday Early Service

This past Advent we had a beautiful early morning prayer service. We will continue this during Lent, giving people a chance for a quieter service of reflection and repentance.

Lent 2015: Parables

This Lent, the Gospel readings will be Jesus' parables, short stories that reveal a deep truth about God's kingdom. Join us on Wednesday nights to study the parable in-depth.

Sunday, Feb 22: Forgiving servant

Sunday, March 1: Labors in the Vineyard

Sunday, March 8: Wedding banquet

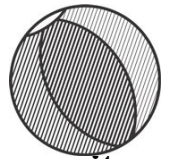
Sunday, March 15: Talents

Sunday, March 22: Sheep and Goats



Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend

June 19-21, 2015



We are again staying at the Roman Holiday. It is a beachfront property in North Wildwood, 6 (short) blocks north of the Boardwalk. All units there are suites and our units are floors one, two, or three. There is an elevator!

Some families will arrive Thursday, June 18 and leave Monday, June 22, and others will spend just the weekend. We will have our 9 A.M. church service Sunday.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

*****GROUP RATES*****

\$113: 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6) –(only \$3 more than last year)

\$170: 2-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 8) –(only \$5 more than last year)

Sales & occupancy taxes are is 14%.

There are no extra charges for additional persons.

Any families staying Thursday or Sunday Nights receive a \$15.00 discount for each night (does not include Friday or Saturday night). The discounts will be given upon check in when paying the balance.

Roman Holiday is located off Exit 6 of the Parkway.

- **Reservations may be made after February 1 by mailing the form, calling the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or logging on to www.romanholidayresort.com**
- **This special group rate is only guaranteed available until May 27.**
- **If you have questions, call Janet Bird 865-5636 or contact the Roman Holiday directly**

Mail the reservation form and a one-night deposit to:

Roman Holiday Motel

1000 (10th) JFK Boulevard

North Wildwood, NJ 08260

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Nights requested _____

Type of room _____

Adults _____ **Children** _____

Amount enclosed _____

