



Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

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Zion's Mission Statement: Reflecting Christ, we are called to share God's gifts

Getting the most out of Parables

Our congregation will focus on parables of Jesus this Lent. Parables are short stories Jesus told to reveal a deep truth about God's kingdom. Each Wednesday and Sunday we will examine one particular parable. Even the home devotion we shared provides a daily message based on parables. To help us explore the meaning of parables, I want to offer some pointers. To do so, I will look at the parable of the [Good Samaritan](#), a more familiar parable, found in Luke 10:30-37.

Pointer #1 - Be confident: Certain Bible passages are admittedly difficult to understand. This is not the case with parables. They are usually straight forward. While the parable of the Good Samaritan has a few words you might not know (Levite, Samaritan, denarius, or Jericho), the basic events of the story are understandable in any age: some folks don't help an injured man; another one does. Even if we do not understand all the cultural and Biblical terms in this parable, we can understand the point: We have a neighborly obligation to help people even if they are "different" from us.

Pointer #2 - Pay attention to the set-up: Parables are frequently taught by Jesus in response to a situation or question. In the case of the Good Samaritan, someone has asked Jesus "Who is my neighbor?" This question lets us know that the parable is about our definition of neighbor.

Pointer #3 - Try to find yourself in the story: It can be helpful to ask ourselves if we are like a character or item in the story. In the parable of Good Samaritan, are you like the priest who avoids those needing help? Are you like the good Samaritan who helps your neighbor, even if they are seemingly different?

Pointer #4 - Read the parable with others: I discover that when reading parables in a group, people often find themselves in different locations in the parable. Join us as we discuss the parable at Bible Study on Wednesday nights. We will also have a conversation on Facebook each week.

Pointer #5 - Do some research (gasp!): 50 years ago researching a parable might have taken a trip to a theological library. Now it involves going to Google and typing in the word you are looking for (such as 'Levite'). It can be really fun to start digging around the internet to learn more about life in Jesus time.

Pointer #6 - Pray, focusing on a word: The parables offer many images. It can be powerful simply to take a word, phrase or image from the parable and simply pray over this. In this case, maybe you want to pray about the word mercy; or the image of someone applying bandages to another person. This is a less familiar way to pray for many; if you would like help praying in this manner, see Pastor Rob.

Pointer #7 - Be creative: Imagine what the parable would look like if Jesus told it today. What race/ethnic background would the Good Samaritan be today? Try writing it, acting it or drawing it.

Pointer #8 - Find Jesus: What is Jesus doing in the parable? Which character represents him? In this case, Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who found us injured, and rescued us.

Do all of these and you'll be ready to preach for me by Easter :-). May God bless our reading of these stories, that they might become the living Word of God for us. May we, through these parables, learn to live, to die and be reborn in Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pr. Rob

Social Ministry

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsdavis11@comcas.net; 865-2781) Next meeting: Monday, March 9 @ 6:30 pm.

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)

Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle

Sunday April 19, following worship, the Social Ministry committee will host the Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle. Bring a jar of sauce and a box of pastas. At that meal, the Evangelism committee will ask members to share with the group how they used their "seed money" which was given at the beginning of Lent, to help those in need.

Homebound Birthday

(cards, calls, visits)

Kathryn Gerhart
c/o Lebanon Valley Home
550 E. Main St.
Annville, PA 17003

Ph: 867-4467
Birthday: Mar. 20



Easter Lilies

Will be delivered to our homebound during Holy Week, Mar. 29 - Apr. 5.

Directory correction

The correct email address for Tracy Hoy is:
tlh328@verizon.net.

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

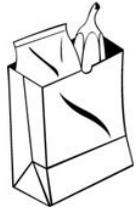
Wish List:

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 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.

Thank you

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and encouraging words you sent my way in the last few weeks. Bless you all—MaryAnn Nelson

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 is held Thursday nights from 7-8 pm. If interested, contact her at 717-269-7082. Auf Wiedersehen.

World Prayer Day

Friday, March 6 is World Prayer Day. Maggie and her mother (visiting from Germany) will lead us in a fun and meaningful night of prayer for this year's country, the Bahamas. Join us from 6-8 for food and prayer.

Job Fair

Zion's Lutheran will again host a job fair on April 9, 2015. The last two have been a great success at connecting local employers and employees together. Interested in helping out? Contact Pastor Rob or the Job Fair team @ zionsjob-fair@gmail.com.

Lego Fundraiser

On March 22nd from 1-3, Gavin Bush will be holding a Lego Exhibit Fundraiser to raise money for a wheel chair van for his cousin, Jayden, who is special needs. Suggested donation of \$2.00 pp to attend the event. You can display your own legos during this fundraiser, by purchasing a half table for \$1.00 or a whole table for \$2.00. Please see the bulletin board for more information or contact Laura, Darryl, or Gavin Bush. 717-269-1102 or 717-443-8761.

Seeds of Faith Update

#SeedsOfFaithZions2015

The Seeds of Faith Envelops have been handed out. An update

- We know the weather was very bad the week we handed out envelops. We have a few more if you would like to participate.



- People have started sharing! A few examples of this are found on our Facebook page; you can also search for them on #SeedsOfFaithZions2015
- If you need ideas, you can check out our video here: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/seeds-of-faith/>
- 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".

An idea for your seed money:

Baskets for JOY:

Future Business Leaders of America of Northern Lebanon High School is putting together Easter baskets for children through JOY. Coloring books, candy, puzzles, etc. Contact Rebecca Boisvert with questions; you can drop off baskets in the social hall by March 29.

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 is led by
Magdalena Beuchel and Laurie Gill.

Wise Guy's Bible Study

This month we will meet at the end of
March, with the other men from Jonestown
churches.

Women's Bible Study

Monthly "Wine down" Bible Study
Led by Emily Myallis
Each last Thursday of the month
(Mar. 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!
For questions-contact Janet Bird:
jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636.



NYC Mission Trip: Mark your calendars: April
23-24. See Pastor Rob for details.

Zion's Youth

The youth group information is for the entire congregation, as we sometimes have/host events that you are invited to join us. We appreciate all of your support! Triskaidekaphobia Congregational Game Night was one of those events. It was especially fun watching some of the adults play "doubles", one of our youth group games, plus who can resist "make your own sundaes"?

Maggie held a successful Night at the Oscars- It was fun to dress up! Thanks Maggie for organizing this event!

*****The entire congregation, friends, neighbors, co-workers are invited: Saturday, March 7th, FREE movie event starting at 8:30 A.M. at the Historic Allen Theatre in Annville. *God's NOT Dead*. Free Breakfast at 8:30 A.M. program starts at 10:00 A.M. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial, and will be highlighting the work of Habitat for Humanity in Lebanon. There will be free drawings and door prizes. Hope to see everyone there! If this isn't age appropriate for your children, how about a "morning date" or "get together with friends"? Questions: Please call 867-1500.
Along with the movie on Saturday, March 7th, the YG have a busy, but fun month.

Sunday, March 8, YG Meeting 5p.m. -7p.m. Talent Show- Sunday March 15th

** Currently we have a YG meeting, March 22nd from 5p.m.- 7p.m. We might be adding another "service event to that day, or shortening our youth group meeting depending on what's needed. Please stay posted! Mark your calendars: Friday, April 3rd Good Friday, Youth Event evening (TBD) Sunday, April 5th Youth Group helps serve Easter Breakfast. - 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 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 15. 6:00 PM Pizza Fundraising Dinner; 6:30 Talent Show. People of all ages and gifts are welcome to share their talents.

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Christian Education Happenings:

March 15: Invite/Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. Children and adults are encouraged to invite a friend to come to Sunday School and or church on March 15th.

April 4: Easter Egg Extravaganza will be Saturday April 4th at 10am at the field adjacent to the cemetery.

April 5: There will be no Sunday School for Level 1, 2 & 3 on Easter Sunday.

May 31: Will be the last week for classroom Sunday School for Level 1, 2 & 3

May 31: The Confirmation Class will be Confirmed

June 7: There will be a Faith 5 presentation for all families with Pastor Rob during Sunday School time.

This year **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 14th - 18th. Please note this is earlier than usual and VBS will be Sunday - Thursday. This is due to the likely renovations in our Sunday School wing.

Men's Lenten Breakfast

Sponsored by the Jonestown Council of Churches will be held Saturday, March 28 @ 8:00 am at Zions. Cost \$5.00, see Jim Adams for tickets. Smith boys will prepare the food, fundraising for their Eagle Scout Project down at Camp Kirchenwald.

(note, this used to be held on Palm Sunday, making it hard for some to attend church after. This year it's the Saturday before Palm Sunday)

Women's Lenten Breakfast

The Women's Breakfast is March 28 at 9:00. It will be held family style at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown. Cost is \$10.00. Speaker will be Judy Wanfried. RSVP to Sharon Davis (865-2781; dsdavis11@comcast.n35) **before** March 22.

Rally Day and Fall Carnival Sept. 13

4:00 Jim Rule concert, followed by a hot dogs, etc., and games. (There will no longer be a penny toss game, so we no longer need donations of glass.

Christian Summer Camp



There are two Lutheran Bible Camps in the area: Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa. Programs begin for kindergarten students through 12th grade. There are even family camps. (Pastor Rob and his family are giving Family Camp a try this year!)

The camps have great facilities. Children can make new friends and try lots of activities in a safe environment. For decades members of this church (and countless other churches) have grown emotionally, socially and spiritually through these camps.

Zion's has made a commitment to the ministry and will pay for half of the cost of one week for children of members. Combined with a few other available discounts (one due to Lynn Kleinfelter; thanks!), a week of camp costs between \$150 and \$200. Should there be a financial need, Lutheran Church Camping in Central Pennsylvania offers camperships that will help you pay your 50% fee.

Visit the Camping Website www.lutherancamping.org to learn more! Brochures/registration forms are on the counter at the small bulletin board in the gathering area or on the bulletin board in the lower level foyer. If you have any questions, contact Janet Bird (jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636) or Lynn Kleinfelter (lynnk@verizon.net or 865-5678).

...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.

#2 CRUCIFER - A crucifer is someone who carries a cross. For us, this involves leading the procession at the beginning and end of the service. Symbolically, the procession is indicative of the Christian life, following Christ wherever he leads – into the sanctuary to worship and out into the world to serve. Our crucifer also helps serve communion, by refilling the chalices (the wine cups) from the flagon (the large pitcher of wine) as needed. Anyone who can carry the cross is eligible to be a crucifer. Crucifers serve one week at a time. If you find this interesting, you can contact Jim Adams or Noel Strattan to volunteer.

**Easter Worship & Breakfast**

Easter Morning we will offer two worship services. The first at 7 AM (Dawn/Early Morning) followed by a breakfast at 8 AM. After Sunday School at 9 AM, we will have our Easter Morning worship at 10:30 AM.

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, March 1: Labors in the Vineyard
 Sunday, March 8: Wedding banquet
 Sunday, March 15: Talents
 Sunday, March 22: Sheep and Goats

Good Friday Worship:**Noon Community & 7 PM Zion's**

The Jonestown Council of Churches hosts a joint Good Friday service. The last few years, this has been at 7 PM. We have realized that this late time prohibits people who do not feel comfortable driving at night. This year we will have a Community Good Friday service on April 3 at Noon at the United Methodist Church. Our church will host its own Good Friday service at 7 PM.

Connecting Faith and Finances for Good

Helping you to be wise with money and live generously



Giving is important to many of us. It's what we're called to do as Christians, and it's vital to the people and causes we care about. Giving also takes many forms. And, for many of us, our biggest opportunity to give back may be through our legacy. But perhaps you don't feel that your finances are sufficient to make an impact. Maybe you're not rich, or old. Maybe you're afraid that charitable giving would reduce your family's inheritance. How can you do both? Join us for a free workshop, "Your Legacy – Family, Church, Charity." Together we'll explore options, ideas, and resources to help ensure your legacy is carried out as you intended. We'll discuss ways to help you maximize your ability to leave a lasting legacy to your family, your church, AND your favorite charities. And we'll discover ways to minimize or eliminate taxes in the process.

This one-hour workshop will be offered twice in Zion's Social Hall:

- Thursday evening, March 26 at 7pm
- Saturday morning, March 28 at 9am

Please register by calling Jim Gill, Zion's Thrivent Financial representative, at 867-1500 or by emailing him at Jim.Gill@Thrivent.com.

COUNCIL

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

Highlights from February 12, 2015 Council Meeting:

- Pastor noted we display one of the many hallmarks of a thriving congregation which is “radical hospitality”, meaning welcoming people as Christ has welcomed us.
- Mike Johnsen has been getting familiar with his new role as Facilities and Grounds Manager.
- Sharing “Seeds of Faith” initiative kicked off on February 15 and will conclude on April 19 at the Spaghetti Miracle.
- A council and congregational vote will likely take place in April or late March regarding repairs to the social hall/Sunday school wing.

!!!RENTAL OPPORTUNITY!!!

Zion's rental property is 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



Memorial Fund



In Memory of Paul Adams

By: Marion Smith

In Memory of Ruth Adams

By: Marion Smith

MaryAnn Nelson

In Memory of Jim Northridge & Norie Mohn

By: Marion Smith

Koinonia News:

Upcoming Activities: Meeting Saturday March 14 @ 7:00 pm

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!

Discount Hersheypark tickets orders will be taken through April 5. Payment is not needed until the tickets are received. The group discount prices are less than offered by Giant or AAA. Plan ahead and save money. Fill out the order form and give to Janet Bird, place in her church mailbox, mail to her at P.O. Box 75, Jonestown, PA 17038, or e-mail the order to jbird75@comcast.net so that it is received by Sunday, April 5. The tickets are good for any one day of the 2015 park season. If you have questions, contact Janet Bird at 865-5636.

\$33.50 (ages 9-54) saving \$30.15 _____ tickets= \$_____

\$28.50 (ages 3-8 and 55-69) saving \$12.15 _____ tickets=\$_____

\$21.95 (ages 70+) saving \$4.70 _____ tickets = \$_____

Total tickets _____ TOTAL\$_____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

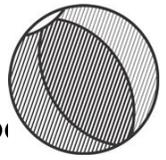
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By presenting your pre-purchased ticket you can visit HERSHEY PARK for 2 ½ hours prior to closing FREE on the evening prior to your visit.(3 ½ hours FREE when HERSHEY PARK closes at 11 PM.)

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 (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 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 _____

During the off season, the Roman Holiday office is staffed only Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Members of Zion's group need only provide a one night deposit. When you receive your receipt and it states you owe an additional night deposit, ignore that. The balance is only due upon check in. The only forms of payment at check-in are cash, Travelers Checks, certified checks, and credit cards. Note that there is a 3% surcharge if using a credit card when making a reservation or upon check-in. Personal checks (deposit and/or full payment) are permitted only if sent to them far enough in advance to clear the bank. Personal checks are not permitted to pay the balance at check-in.



March 2015



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 8:15 Prayer svc. 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	2 6:30 pm ESL	3	4 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:50 Bible Study 6:45 King's Kids	5 Committee Night 7:00 German class	6 6-8 pm World Prayer Day	7 8:30 am Movie @ Allen theatre
8 8:15 Prayer svc. 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Youth Group mtg.	9 6:30 pm ESL 6:30 pm Social Min.	10	11 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:50 Bible Study 6:45 King's Kids	12 7:00 pm Council 7:00 German class	13	14
15 8:15 Prayer svc. 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Talent Show	16 6:30 pm ESL Newsletter Deadline	17	18 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:50 Bible Study 6:45 King's Kids	19 7:00 German class	20	21
22 8:15 Prayer svc. 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Youth Group mtg.	23 6:30 pm ESL	24	25 9:00 am sewing 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:50 Bible Study 6:45 King's Kids	26 8:30 pm Women's Bible study 7:00 German class	27	28 Lenten Breakfasts Men 8:00 Women 9:00
29 PALM SUNDAY 8:15 Prayer svc. 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	30 NO ESL	31			Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday	



Preschool Registration: Zion's Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2015-2016 session. "Where Learning Meets Love" is our core mission. We use PA Early Learning Standards within a safe and Christian environment. For additional information about schedule and programs, see our page on the church's website. You can also contact director Missy Ditzler at zionspreschool@verizon.net or 222-7412 to register.

Worship Participants for March

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Children's Sermons	Counters	Prayers of the People
1	Jean Fowler	Daryl Hess	Ben Smith	Donny Redinger Daulton Fortna	Gizelle McFarland	Kristin Hoffer	Larry & Sharon Houser	Maggie Beuchel
8	Bette Sutton	Michael Johnsen	Lynn Kleinfelter	Paige Sebastian Tori Moyers	Cathy & Riley Houser	Ed Ludwig	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Carly High
15	Linda Toth	Kevin Feagley	Noel Strattan	Dylan Houser Riley Houser	Monica Bortz Ms. Moyers	Tracy Hoy	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Larry Houser
22	Denyse Mohn	Jim Adams	Lukas Quanbeck	Stella Ludwig Kaitlyn Boisvert	Darryl & Laura Bush	Nancy Ludwig	Deb Long Jim Gill	Sharon Houser
29	Emily Myallis	Lynn Kleinfelter	Eric Schulden	Max Ludwig Joey Hoffer	Janelle & Brett Kiscaddin	Pastor Rob	Noel Strattan	Emily Myallis

Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Getting to know you time
Lois Schaeffer Nancy Kleinfelter	1,8 Emily Myallis & Deb Long 15,22,29 Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Jack Beidler, Gavin Bender, Daryl Hess, John Mohn Jr.	Youth Group