



Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Nov. 2015

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

Introducing...Shepherds

This congregation is a place where the love of Christ is shared! Over the years I have seen countless examples of people caring for each other: I visit someone in the hospital and I notice a card on the window ledge from someone else in the church; I speak with someone on the phone and they have to go because someone else in the congregation has showed up at their house; I am told by congregation members they are praying for each other. I have also observed numerous acts of love done through intentional ministries, such as organizing meals for families with new-borns, delivering flowers to homebound members or hosting funeral luncheons. In short, our congregation fulfills the Jesus' mandate, "Love one another as I have loved you." (Gospel of John, 15:12)

That said, I and Council would like to deepen our care for one another. With modern travel schedules often people may go a few weeks without coming to church. Is this simply a result of life's busyness or because they are going through a rough time? Not all of our members, especially newer ones, have the generations of relationships that know they are in a tough situation. While people may be attracted to a congregation because of the preaching, worship style or youth and children's programming, people have a deep hunger to be part of a church where they know they are cared for. We would like to make sure that we are including more people in the web of caring that exists in our church.

Council and I are proposing the creation of "Shepherds" in our congregation. We aim to have 15-20 Shepherds. Their responsibility would be to ensure that a select number of people they are given (roughly 6-7 family units) would receive periodic check-ins from the congregation (a birthday card; a call when they've missed church in a while; an invite to a special event at the church). The hope is that this would deepen our relationships with each other; help all of our members feel a part of the church; develop and harness the God-given gifts of encouragement and care that the shepherds have.

Sounds like a good idea, right!

We would like to have this ministry start in the new year. Is this something you might be interested in? We hope so. People of every age are welcome into this ministry! Feel free to contact me at this point (rev.rob@comcast.net; 865-3652). Our hope is to have two info sessions of approximately 20-30 minutes. First, on Sunday, December 13 (9:30 AM, during children's pageant practice) and Wednesday December 9 (7:30 PM)

Lastly, our hope is that one or two people would emerge who could shepherd the shepherding program. This would be a pretty easy task once the ministry got off the ground - recruiting new shepherds when needed; ensuring that shepherds understood and carried through their jobs; assigning new members a shepherd; and checking-in with the social ministry committee about the program. If you are interested in helping to lead this ministry of care, again, let me know!

We are blest to have a congregation that truly cares. We believe this ministry will extend our capacity to care and be cared for.

Pastor Rob

Social Ministry

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsdavis11@comcas.net, 865-2781)

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Frozen Hams
 Canned Soups
 Bottles of Juices
 Canned Fruit/Vegetables
 Canned Meats/Stews
 Peanut Butter
 Clothing Bank:
 Men's pants (28-36)
 Men's shoes (9-11.5)

Other:

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

Reusable Plastic containers

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

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

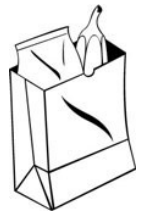
Wish List:

Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix
 Chili, Spam, Rice
 Boxed potatoes
 Stuffing Mix
 Mixed Vegetables
 Canned Soup & Stew
 Boxed Cake & Cookie mix
 Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn, yams

Other:

Baby Wipes
 Shampoo
 Conditioner
 Deodorant
 Diapers
 Dish/laundry detergent
 Kleenex



Especially needed: Canned soups & fruits

Place contributions in the container marked

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

LCCM's 2015 Benefit Dinner

Thurs. Nov. 19, 2015 Cost: \$25.00 per person
 Location: Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church, 600 Shepherd St.
 Jonestown, PA
 Silent Auction of themed baskets – begins at 5:30pm.
 Dinner begins at 6:30pm: Menu includes ham and turkey, potato filling.
 Entertainment : Singer, Cristabelle Braden.
 Call Dan Landes (717-272-4400) or visit website (www.lccm.us) to purchase tickets, or sponsor a table.

Social Ministry meeting:

Mon. Nov. 2 – 6:30pm

Where: Classroom by the mail-boxes.

We will pack care packages for our college students and missionary.

Zion's College Students **(update)**

Ben Smith
 1737 Patricia Dr.
 Lima, Ohio 45801

12th Annual Jonestown Thanksgiving Dinner

Sat., November 14 from noon-2 at the Jonestown Elementary School. See Ed Ludwig or Linda Wenrich for FREE tickets and opportunities to volunteer to help out or bake cupcakes.

Thank You

The Renovation Fundraising committee would like to thank all who donated and/or attended the 2015 Theme Basket Bash - Chinese Auction. The success for the event is due to such thoughtful donations as well as the people who support it. The proceeds from this event (\$1,315) are being used to defray the cost of the renovations to our Fellowship Hall and Sunday School wing. We would like to particularly thank the following for their generous donations: Moose's LZ, Stampin' Up – Sally Seibert, Sharon Houser Fitness Instructor, BG's Value Market, Reading Fightin' Phillies, Rodan + Fields – Sandra Ryan, Patty Horn's Clipper Cuts, Philly Pretzel Factory, Sippin' Fancy by Jan – Jan Deimler, Perfect Scents – Debbie Long, Close to my Heart – Michelle Rittle, Envy Hair, Nail and Tanning Studio, Northern Lebanon Recreation and Parks Commission, Thrivent Financial, and Tracy Hoy.. -Steph & Deb

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 Worship
- 6:45-7:30: Bible Study
- 6:45-7:30: King's Kids

November Fun with Kings Kids

Kings Kids is a Biblical Playdate for children with parents Wednesdays 6:45pm in the Social Hall. Join us!

Nov.4 - a trip to the JOY food pantry (bring a pair of new kids' socks to donate)

Nov.11 - honoring Veterans at Zion's

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Craft

INVITATION to VETERANS:

Dear Zion's Veterans - please join the kids on Wednesday, November 11th for Cookies & Crafts in your honor! We'd love to spend time with you!

RSVP to Emily Myallis

Women's "Wine Down" Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 8:30 to 9:30 PM.

Join in the study and discussion of a "Slightly Bad Girl of the Bible" each month and enjoy a glass of wine from a church family's vineyard. (Water, etc. will also be available.)

- Bring your Bible, favorite wine glass, and comfy clothes for a relaxing hour together!

- November, it will be at Michele McQuaide's home. Mark your calendar for the future date of Nov 19. Questions - contact Janet Bird 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!

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS

December 2, 9 and 16
Wednesdays 5:30pm

Please Sign-Up near the Social Hall to bring a soup to share!
Following dinner, we'll have special Advent Joyful Spirits Worship.



Zion's Youth Update

Towards the end of October we had a dinner and a movie event at Palmyra First United Methodist Church (PFUMC). It was great for our Youth Group to meet their Youth Group! A big thanks to our volunteer drivers! We hope you enjoyed the movie.

Upcoming Dates: We are looking forward to two events for our November calendar. Youth Group meeting Sunday, November 8th 5-7 P.M. plus November 21st Leaf Raking & Group Building starting at 9:00 A.M. -? (if weather permits).

You can sign up on the main bulletin board to have your leaves removed from your lawn by the Youth Group. We appreciate all of the Congregation's support of Youth Group and this is one of the ways that we would like to give back. :-)

The Senior High Students have received their Winterfest information, please provide money and information to us before the deadline.

Mark your calendars: Dec. 4th- YG Christmas Party 6-8 P.M. at Infinitos. December 12th, 13th, and 19th Pageant Practice.

Youth Babysitting- December 19th. and Christmas Pageant- December 20th.

Have a Peaceful Day! Jim and Laurie Gill



Teddy Bear Ministry

From the beginning of October, you have seen a teddy bear seated on each of the window sills in our sanctuary. This marks the beginning of a new ministry at Zion's, the Teddy Bear Ministry. No matter a person's age, those who are celebrating, sad, ill, grieving, or in need of love, would welcome a bear to hug. If you know someone who would appreciate the gift of a Zion's bear, they are available for purchase. All the bears have a tag that states the following:

I have been living at the Zion's Lutheran Church in Jonestown, PA.

I have been loved by members, learned from sermons and scripture, and heard songs of praise.

I have been soaked in God's love and come to you with blessings of hope and love from our congregation.

The back of the tag gives the church's name, address, telephone number, web site address, and Facebook page, and asks the bear owner to drop us a line to let us know what receiving the bear has meant to them. The cost of each bear is \$10.00, which will sustain the ministry. You are welcome to take a bear directly from the window sills. Please give cash, or a check made payable to the church, to Christine Techky. Also, beginning with baptisms in October 2015, the church will donate a Zion's bear to every child on the one-year anniversary of his or her baptism.

Welcome New Members

Back in September, we welcomed a few new families to join Zion's:



Kyle, Pam, Kolby and Karter Brightbill: Kyle and Pam began attending Zion's a few years back when they lived in Jonestown. Although they moved locally, they are excited to join Zion's. Kyle does Graphic Design through his own firm, KB Graphix. Pam is a medical technologist at Good Samaritan. Their oldest son, Kolby, is in our M-W-F preschool class. Lastly, they love hockey.

Matt, Bethany, Kylie and Evelyn Houser: Matt and Bethany became involved at Zion's through our Job Fair ministry. They are delighted to be at a church that is invested in the community as Zion's is. Their children both attend Jonestown Elementary (4th and 2nd grade respectively). Matt works at TE Connectivity; Bethany works for the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce. Pastor Rob was very happy to welcome the Houser's to Zion's because too many Yankees fans had been joining Zion's. Go Phillies.

Burton and Morgan Williams: Burton and Morgan recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Hayden. Morgan is a nurse and Burton works at a prison. We rejoice in the birth of their child and wish them a bit of sleep and lots of health.

Record a Story for a child

The Storybook Prison Ministry is looking for volunteers for its Lebanon County Correctional Facility program. This is organized by the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America (WELCA) and supported by Lebanon County Lutheran Churches.

Three times a year—around Easter, Labor Day, and Christmas, volunteers spend about two hours at the Lebanon prison recording incarcerated mothers reading a story to their children. Volunteers then transfer the recordings to CDs and send the CDs, together with the storybooks, to the children so that they may listen at home to the voice of their mothers reading a bedtime story. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please email Christine Techky at christinetech@juno.com, 933-5298.

Job Prep Evening For At Risk Teens

As an extension of our Job Fair ministry, we are going to be providing an evening of job interview and application training for at-risk teens. This will be on Monday, Nov 2 from 4:30-6:30 PM. This will help these youth move into the working world more effectively. If you are looking to help, email Christine Techky at christinetech@juno.com, 933-5298.

COUNCIL

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

Highlights from October, 2015 Council Meeting:

- Council retreat was fruitful and informative. Pastor developed a long range plan for the congregation from discussion at the retreat. We noted that he effectively captures the sense of our congregation in both its gifts and challenges as well as sets realistic goals.
- Plan to finalize the crucial need for a Human Resources Committee to oversee staff evaluations by next month.
- Noted the Basket Bash was another great success this year!
- All current members on council have agreed to another term if elected.
- There is a significant year-to-date deficit. A letter, approved by both Stewardship and Finance is being mailed out to each giving unit in the congregation.

Save the dates: Dec. 13 after worship - Congregation meeting to elect council members, and approve the 2016 budget-
Jan. 24, 2016 after worship - Congregation dinner/meeting to review 2015 and plan 2016 ministries.

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Josephine Lash:
Josephine Lash Estate

In Memory of Kathleen Ludwig:
Julia Albert
Bob Ludwig and NC Ludwigs



Memorial Fund Giving and Purchases

Often when a loved one dies, the grieving family will often invite people to make contributions to the church's memorial fund in honor of that person. The church uses this money primarily to enhance our worship experience (for example, choir robes, the new altar candles or communion chalices). This year Council is, with worship and music committees recommendation, using memorial fund money to improve our balcony area for worship. This includes a new railing to the balcony, a new sound system and in the spring, repairs to the chimes of the organ. We also hope to purchase a new Advent wreath. Thank you to so many who generously donate to this and encourage other people to make donations to this fund. Thank you to Janet Bird for taking care of the administration of this fund.



Operation Christmas Child

It's time again to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. Since its inception in 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. This program of Samaritan's Purse, under the direction of Franklin Gra-

ham, works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. A shoebox filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies tangibly demonstrates God's love to a child in need.

Along with filled shoeboxes, this program needs the prayers participation of churches and their families. In addition to prayers, we need financial gifts. \$7 will sponsor a box(envelopes are in pew pockets).

Watch for Operation Christmas Child brochures in your bulletin and the pew pockets. The brochure will give details on "How to Pack a Box." It will also have labels for appropriate age/gender. Completed boxes can be dropped off in the gathering area through Sunday, November 22nd.

Please contact Deb Reiner – 861-5548 if you have questions.

Worship

Chair: Noel Strattan (dns@telecommute.net; 865-7747)

Advent Devotion Event

Looking for a way to make sure your home isn't just about busy-ness in December? Join us on Wednesday, Dec 2 for an Advent Devotion Event. This will help you prepare your home for the coming of Christ (and not just relatives!!)



All Saints Worship: Nov 1

On All Saints Sunday, the church around the world remember the Saints of Jesus Christ: those who belong to Jesus.

* Bring in a framed picture of a loved one. We will put them in our sills, facing the altar, as a reminder of loved ones who have joined the church eternal in praising Christ. This will be a beautiful way to be live into the Scriptural passage: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." (Hebrews 12:1)

* We also put a flower on the alter for those who have been baptized or died in the last year.

Jonestown Council of Churches

Thanksgiving Eve Service: 7 PM at Jonestown United Methodist Church, on Nov 25, with Pastor Rob Myallis of Zion's Lutheran preaching. (With hearts and hands and voices, we join together as a community to praise God for the blessings God has given us.)



Gluten Free

We have begun serving gluten free bread for Holy Communion.



Koinonia News

Upcoming Activities: Meeting: Sat. Nov. 14 – 5:00pm (Note change of time). We will meet at Tony's on Market for a sandwich and meeting.

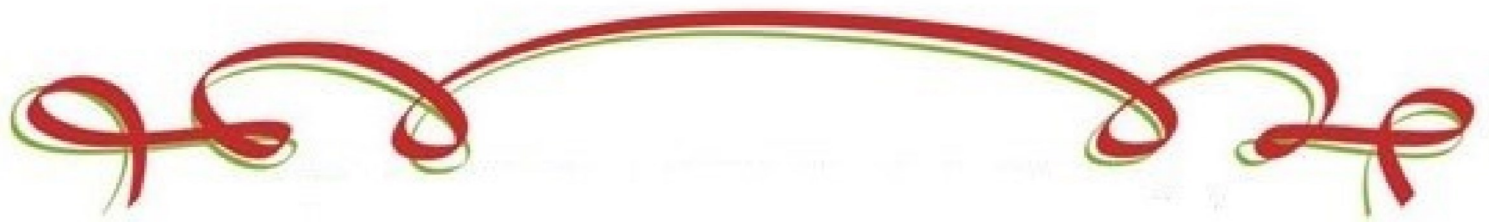
Christmas Banquet: Sat. Dec. 12 – 6:00pm at the Quentin House. Cost: \$17.95 Watch for a sign-up sheet on the small bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Projects

The **Hollyberry Bazaar** will be held on Sat. Nov. 7. Please contact Kristin Hoffer, (469-2560) jkhoffer@yahoo.com or Heather Moyers, (861-5775) maximcontractors@comcast.net, if you have a craft that you would like to donate or if you would like to volunteer your time on the day of the bazaar. Please drop off your crafts, food items, gift baskets, plants, etc. on Thurs. Nov. 5 from 9:00am – Noon, and 5:00 – 7:00pm or Friday, Nov. 6 from 9:00am – 7:00pm.

- ◆ Book donations for the bazaar are now being accepted. Look for the book bin in the Social Hall. Contact Judy Soondar (865-6043) if you have any questions.
- ◆ Gift baskets can be given, complete with wrap, or you may donate items for a basket and ask to have it wrapped. Contact Georgetta Wolfe (865-3884) .
- ◆ Plants, large and small, will be accepted. Contact Linda Toth (865-6333) for more information.
- ◆ We are asking for a donation of 2 dozen **homemade** cookies. Do not put them on fancy plates, as we will plate the cookies , so they all look the same. Contact Sharon Davis for more information.
- ◆ Donations of **homemade** candies will also be accepted. Contact Blanche Sebastian (865-3336).
- ◆ Chicken corn noodle soup will be sold by the quart or by the bowl, if you prefer to eat lunch at the bazaar. Also available for lunch will be hot dogs, bar-be-ques, baked items, and drinks. Contact Karen Hitz (272-9520).



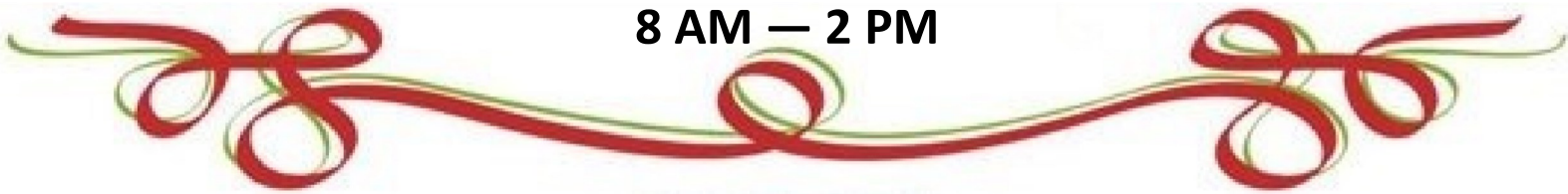


Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
103 East Market Street, Jonestown, PA

HOLLYBERRY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

8 AM — 2 PM



NEW GIFTS — NEW VENDORS — ONE STOP SHOPPING!

GIFT BASKETS AND JARS

PLANTS

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

CANDY

CHOW CHOW

HOMEMADE CRAFTS AND CANDLES

JELLIES & JAMS

CHICKEN CORN NOODLE SOUP

USED BOOK SALE

CHILDREN'S AREA

VENDORS:

THIRTY ONE GIFTS®


THE PAMPERED CHEF®





November 2015



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	2 4:30 Job prep 6:30 Social Ministry	3	4 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	5 Committee night	6	7 HOLLYBERRY BAZAAR 8-2
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Youth Group	9	10	11 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	12 7:00 pm Council	13	14 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 Koinonia
15 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17	18 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	19 8:30 Women's Bible study @ McQuaide's home	20	21 9:00 Youth group (weather permitting)
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23	24	25 9:00 am sewing 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Svc. @ United Methodist Church - Pastor Rob preaching!!!!	26 	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	30				Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday	

Advent Family Event ***** Wednesday, December 2

The Advent Family Event will be held the first WEDNESDAY of Advent (Dec. 2) at 7:00 PM, after our evening meal and Joyful Spirits worship. We will be making a craft that will help focus family devotions during the season and sharing the day's devotions. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area 3 weeks before the event, so we will know how many craft supplies to have on hand. Come join us for as much of the evening as you wish.



Worship Participants for November

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Counters	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
1	Betty Kleinfelter	Brian Adams	Ben Smith	Stella & Grace Ludwig	Laura Bush Kelly Rittle	Larry & Sharon Houser	John Mohn Jr.	Laurie Gill
8	Jamie Strubhar	Daryl Hess	Lynn Kleinfelter	Max Ludwig Daulton Fortna	Cathy & Riley Houser	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Emily Bernard	Nancy Winklebleck
15	Jim Gill	Michael Johnsen	Noel Strattan	Becca & Joey Hoffer	Beate Sutton Darryl Bush	Daryl Bush Deb Reiner	Laurie Gill	Ed Ludwig
22	Christine Techky	Kevin Feagley	Dylan Houser	Tori Moyers Riley Houser	Gizelle McFarland	Debbie Long	John Mohn Jr.	Elaine Ludwig
29	Houser family	Jim Adams	Lukas Quanbeck	Jacob & Joseph Beidler	Janelle & Brett Kiscaddin	Noel Strattan	Pastor Rob	Ann Kulp

Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Getting to know you time
1,8 Dawn/Pam 15,22 Noel/Karen	1,8,15 Ken & Dean Hess 22,29 Lynn & Tovie Kleinfelter	Al Reiner, Steve Wolfe Dan Livingston, Darryl Bush	Church Council