



# Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Feb. 2016

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

Lent, Spiritual Disciplines and Stories of Faith

Christians all around the world mark the 40 days leading up to Easter, called Lent, as time to re-focus on our relationship with Jesus Christ. We recall his journey to the cross and ultimately his sufferings and death. We model his obedience to God as we discipline ourselves, often giving up something or taking on a spiritual discipline.

A spiritual discipline is a practice that connects us to God. Examples of spiritual disciplines often lifted up during Lent are fasting, prayer and giving. This Lent we will look at seven spiritual disciplines, including fasting, prayer and giving, but also acts of service, confession, study of scripture and worship. Each week, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Palm Sunday, we will focus on one particular spiritual discipline.

This focus on spiritual disciplines is very typical (and healthy!) during Lent. This year, however, we will look at these slightly differently. Rather than begin by considering them in our own lives, we will first think about them in the lives of others. We will consider people in our lives who have practiced this spiritual discipline over the years. As we reflect on their life, we will be able to see the faith and love that came from this discipline. It will be a season of telling stories of people, living and dead, who have shown us the love and power in these disciplines and ultimately in Christ. Hopefully this leads us to consider how we implement this spiritual discipline more fully into our life.

For each Sunday, I will ask (or you can volunteer!) two to three people (including hopefully a confirmation student) to share for 1-2 minutes during the sermon time about a person. After these stories, my sermon will help tie these stories more deeply into the biblical text. After hearing these examples and the Bible story, we will invite each person in the church to consider someone in their life who has practiced this spiritual discipline. The following Wednesday night we will gather these names and put them together into a tapestry (of sorts). These will create a visual representation of people who have lived out the Christian faith and inspired us. (This will be a powerful witness to the Communion of Saints of which we confess in the Apostle's Creed!) After we have shared some stories with each other, we will conclude our evening with an evening prayer service in the sanctuary.

Here is the schedule of spiritual disciplines and worship.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 10: Fasting

Feb 14: Confession

Feb 21: Prayer

Feb 28: Generosity

March 6: Serving others

March 13: Scripture study

Palm Sunday, March 20: Worship

May Lent be a time in which, as we recommit ourselves to spiritual disciplines, we reconnect with our crucified savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Rob

# Social Ministry

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

## Lebanon County Christian Ministries

### (LCCM) Wish List:

#### Food Bank:

Boxed Potatoes  
Canned Soups  
Jelly  
Canned Fruit/Vegetables  
Canned Meats/Stews  
Peanut Butter  
Crackers  
Salad Dressing  
Spaghetti sauce

#### Other:

Coats (all sizes)  
Women's shoes  
Diapers & Wipes  
Boys Pants & Jeans  
King/Qu Sheets  
& Blankets  
Men's Shoes (9-12)  
Men's Pants (28-40)

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

## Homebound Birthday

### (Cards, Calls, Visits)

Ingrid Erb PH: 865-5850  
48 Supervisor Dr. Birthday: Feb. 26  
Jonestown, PA 17038



# Thank you!

I want to thank the church for the beautiful gold poinsettia I received for Christmas and for the visitors I received. I enjoyed all of them, and Pastor Rob. I had a lovely Christmas. Best Wishes - Alma Paul

I thank my church family for the beautiful poinsettia and for the cards with good wishes and prayers. - Ingrid Erb

I would like to thank Pastor Rob and Emily, and all other members of the congregation who supported me through my surgery and recovery in December, with cards, visits, phone calls, and especially prayers. Knowing that people were praying for me brought me great comfort and truly uplifted my spirits. I am fortunate to be part of such a caring congregation. - Christine Techky

## Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

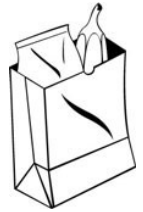
### Wish List:

#### Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix  
Chili, Spam  
Boxed potatoes  
Ketchup/Mustard  
Mixed Vegetables  
Canned Soup & Stew  
Canned Fruit, potatoes, meats, chicken

#### Other:

Shampoo  
Kleenex  
Conditioner  
Toilet tissue  
Dish detergent  
Laundry detergent



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

### LCCM Lenten Breakfast

The Lebanon County Christian Ministries Lenten Breakfast will be held on Sat. Feb. 27 at 8:00am. at the Lebanon Expo Center. To order tickets, contact Dan at [dan@lccm.us](mailto:dan@lccm.us) or phone 717-272-4400.

### Women's Lenten Breakfast

Zion's will host the Community Women's Lenten Breakfast this year. It will be held on Sat. March 12 at 9:00am in our Social Hall. Watch for details in February.



### Scrip Program

The Jonestown Outreach Pantry has a fundraiser called **Scrip**. This is ongoing throughout the year and is JOY's only fundraiser. We ask folks to buy gift cards for their groceries or other items through this program. ( ex. B.G.'s, Redner's, Giant) These businesses will give to JOY between 3.5% and 10% of the value of the card. We are encouraging more folks to "buy" into this win-win program to support the local food pantry. Go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) or call Rita 865-5666 or Kathy 861-4556. You will find Sample order forms on the large bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

# 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

## King's Kids

February is all about HEARTS at Kings Kids!  
Feb 3 - A Valentine's Craft (God Loves You)  
Feb 10 - No Kings Kids because it's Ash Wednesday  
Feb 17 - Movie night with Popcorn!  
Feb 24 - Family Fitness with Sharon Houser, exercise instructor - get your HEARTS pumping!  
Kids of all ages are welcome on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:30 for these Biblical Playdates - bring an adult with you :) Contact: Deacon Emily Myallis



## Zion's Youth Update

Mission Trip registration forms/fees need to be submitted for the upcoming YSOP trip to Washington DC. \*\*We need commitments soon to make this a success.\*\*

For the month of February we have a Youth Group "Faith in Film" event at our home on Friday night, February 12th from 6-9 P.M. Yep! Dinner and a movie. This film can help with "the special confirmation project" this year and it's a really good one too! We hope all 7th-12th graders can make it.

Blessings! - Jim and Laurie Gill

## Women's "Wine down" Bible Study

Thursday, February 18 8:30 to 9:30 PM

Join in the study and discussion of a different "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!

This month it will be at Debbie Long's home. Future Bible Studies will be March 17, April 21, and May 19.

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!

## Preschool Help Wanted:

Zion's Preschool is in need of volunteers on a regular basis.

If you are available in the mornings, we need you!

Requirements include: love being around little ones, patience, available daily from 8:45 to 12:00 (M, W, and F or T, Th), completed clearances (we will help you with this).

If you are interested email the preschool at [Zionspreschool@verizon.net](mailto:Zionspreschool@verizon.net).

## Youth Mission Trips:

We will be taking two youth mission trips:

April 8-9: Washington DC

June 19-25: West Virginia.

Interested? See Jim and Laurie Gill!



### **Teddy Bear Ministry**

You have seen a teddy bear seated on each of the window sills in our sanctuary. These are Zion's 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.*

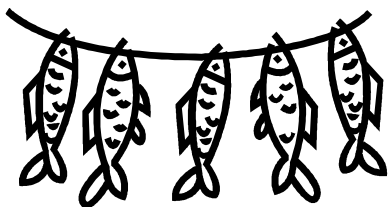
The back of the tag gives the church's name, address, telephone number, web site address, and Facebook page, and asks the bear owner to drop us a line to let us know what receiving the bear has meant to them. The cost of each bear is \$10.00, which will sustain the ministry. You are welcome to take a 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.

### **Update on Released Time - What is Released Time?**

Did you know that the Jonestown Council of Churches offers a Released Time program for 3rd graders? With parent permission, 3rd graders are allowed to leave school to attend an hour of Christian instruction on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30pm. The three Jonestown churches take turns hosting the program throughout the year. From Zion's, our instructors are Pastor Rob, Deb Reiner, Michele McQuaide and Deacon Emily. We have a great class of 12 kids this year! Please keep the kids and this program in your prayers. It's a wonderful way to teach the Biblical stories to our community! If you have any questions or want to get involved - contact Emily Myallis.

### **Job Fair April 21, 2016**

We are planning on hosting a job fair Thursday April, 21, 2016. Our aim is to host between 25-30 employers and 2-3 social service agencies dealing with employment. See Christine Techky with questions, interested employers or if you are interested in helping with publicity. Contact: christinetech@juno.com or 933-5298.



### **Game Dinner**

Date: Sunday, February 28

Discussion will follow

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



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## Christian Summer Camp



There are two Lutheran Bible Camps in the area: Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa. Programs begin for kindergarten students through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There are even family camps.

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](http://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](mailto:jbird75@comcast.net) or 865-5636) or Lynn Kleinfelter ([lynnk@verizon.net](mailto:lynnk@verizon.net) or 865-5678)



Pastor Rob and Emily will be serving as chaplains at Family Camp July 17-23.

This is a great week for families to connect with nature, each other and God! They provide lots of activities, food and adventure for everyone.

## Day Camp at Zions: August 8-12

We have invited camp counselors from the local Lutheran camps to lead a Summer Camp at Zion's this year. It will be from 8:30-4:30 each day and will cost roughly \$50-75/kid. It is designed for elementary age youth. More details coming next month!

## Talent Show RESCHEDULED! MARCH 6

This summer our youth are taking two Mission Trips. First, a number of youth will head to Washington 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 fundraiser Talent Show on Sunday, March 6. People of all ages and gifts are welcome to share their talents. We will open up at 5 PM for food and then 6:15 for the actual talent show.





## COUNCIL

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

Highlights from January 2016 Council Meeting:

Officers for 2016 elected:

President: Ed Ludwig  
Vice President: Tom Mohn  
Secretary: Kelly Rittle  
Treasurer: Cathy Houser  
Financial Secretary: Debbie Long

Council Covenant: The Council discussed mutual expectations of each other, based on Scripture's high level of expectations of spiritual leaders within the Christian community. A signed copy of this covenant will be posted in the room where Council meets beginning in February.

Committee Meetings: Council discussed the functioning of Committee night moving forward. The following suggestions were made:

- Implement room assignments for committee meetings
- Recommend that someone should not be participating in more than 2 committees
- Because it is most crucial for Pastor to attend Worship and Music, there is a suggestion to stagger the time of this particular committee.

Launching Shepherding: Pastor is hoping to begin a shepherding ministry this year. A "Shepherd" would look out for a few families in the church by writing them birthday cards and checking in on them if they've not been to church in a while. Pastor noted this needs more clarity for people and will encourage this at the congregational dinner.

Becky Guldin: Presented to council that she would like to offer Yoga classes three times per week at Zions. She currently offers her classes at Jonestown Dance Studio. The days and times of the classes do not interfere with other ministry taking place at the church, nor the existing exercise classes.

Lent: The focus this Lent will be on those who have exemplified faith through specific traits (ie: faithfulness, generosity etc) The committee is still working on plans for the Lenten season. (See Pastor's article for this month)

Staff and Congregation Relations: This year the church will create a staff and congregation relations committee that will help oversee staff evaluations and input from the congregation. Larry Houser has agreed to chair this board.

Preschool: Linda Toth has agreed to chair this board. Board of Linda Toth, Michelle McQuaide, Leah Wolfe, Tracy Hoy and Michelle Bucks was approved for 2016. Michelle Bucks is a non-member of Zion's whose child attends the preschool and has experience in education.

Jonestown Council of Churches - 360 people served at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and will continue next year.

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**Electronic Giving** - Interested in simplifying how you give to the church? You can now sign up for Electronic Giving through the internet. Use this QR code to access this site through your smartphone. You can also go to our website and click on the "Giving" link.



## Worship

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

### Worship Help Needed

**Cherub Choir Co-Director:** Our current director, Steph Livingston, has stepped down as of the end of 2015. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Pastor Rob. We would like to make this a co-director position.

**Sound Tech:** We are going to train people on the new sound system? Interested? Contact Lynn Kleinfelter (lynnk@verizon.net).

### Lenten Soup Suppers

February 10, 17, 24 & March 2, 9, 16

Wednesdays 5:30pm

Please Sign-Up near the Social Hall to bring a soup to share!

Following dinner:

6:15 Joyful Spirits

6:45 King's Kids

6:45 Lenten Series on Spiritual Disciplines, concluding in evening prayer in the sanctuary.



### Gluten Free

We have begun serving gluten free bread for Holy Communion.



### Lent 2015: 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



### Koinonia News

**Upcoming Activities:** - Meeting on March 12 @ 6:00 pm at the church. All are welcome!

(in the Sunday School room by the church mailboxes)

#### **Projects -**

**Outside Christmas decorations** – Koinonia will purchase Christmas decorations to beautify the outside of our church for 2016. The group will work with Worship & Music Committee on this project.

**Health Fair** - A Health Fair will be coming to Zion's on Thurs. April 28. Watch for details!

**Hollyberry Bazaar – How about working on a craft for the bazaar on a cold winter night?**

**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? NOW is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended. Weekends run from Friday evening at 8 PM to Sunday afternoon around 4 PM. See Pastor Rob for "scholarship" to cover costs.

The 2016 Pennsylvania Spring Weekends are:

- **April 8-10, 2016** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's"
- **April 22-24, 2016** at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA, Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of Nittany Mountain.

# Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend

June 17-19, 2016

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 16 and leave Monday, June 20, and others will spend just the weekend. We will have our 9 A.M. church service Sunday.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**\*\*\*GROUP RATES\*\*\***

**\$118: 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6)**

**\$176: 2-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 8)**

**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 January 11 by mailing the form, calling the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or emailing the office at [Stay@RomanHolidayResort.com](mailto:Stay@RomanHolidayResort.com).**
- **This special group rate is only guaranteed available until May 20.**
- **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** \_\_\_\_\_


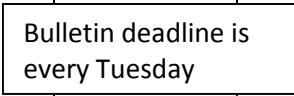






# February 2016



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Committee Night	3 5:30 Lenten Soup supper 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids/Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8	9	10 	11 7:00 pm Council	12 Youth Group Faith in Films @ Gills home	13 8:00 Men's Bible study
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**Upcoming:**  
Rescheduled Talent Show: March 6  
Palm Sunday: March 20  
Easter: March 27



## Lent 2015: Ash Wednesday

We will offer four worship times for imposition of ashes:

- 7:00 AM: Brief spoken service
- Noon: Brief spoken service
- 6:15 PM: Joyful Spirits
- 7:00 PM: Worship in Sanctuary with choir

## Mark Your Calendars:

- Sunday, October 2, 2015
- The 10th annual and FINAL Fall Carnival
- 4:00-Jim Rule Concert
- 5:00-6:30 Food, games, and prizes
- Questions-contact Janet Bird 865-5636

## Worship Participants for February

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Counters	Nursery	Prayers of the People	Children's Sermons
7	Donald Davis	Kevin Feagley	Gavin Bush Xander McQuaide	Larry & Sharon Houser	Laura Bush Kelly Rittle Grace, Stella	Carly High	Emily Myallis
14	Linda Wenrich	Jim Adams	Joey Hoffer Mason Livingston	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Cathy & Riley Houser	Tovie Kleinfelter	Elaine Ludwig
21	Heather Moyers	Lynn Kleinfelter	Joseph & Jacob Beidler	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Darryl Bush Ellie, Katie	Kelly Rittle	Brian Adams
28	Jim Adams	Brian Adams	Gavin Bush Tanner Feagley	Deb Long	Gizelle McFarland	Tracy Hoy	Pastor Rob

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
7,10,14 Noel/Karen 21 Jen/Noel 28 Jen/Dawn	Mike Long, Linda Toth, Jim Cascarino, Philip Mohn	7,14 Ken & Dean Hess 21,28 Pam Bixler & Stacy Clark	Kings Kids