



Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Mar. 2016

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

Dear Congregation of Zion's,

With great heaviness in my heart, I write to tell you that I am resigning as Pastor of Zion's.

My wife and I recall the open arms of the congregation eight years ago. You embraced us, helped us and encouraged us; we thank you for this. This congregation will forever have a special place in our hearts as the place where our children were born, baptized and loved.

This congregation is where I learned how to be a pastor. My first funerals, weddings and baptisms all took place here. We sang and worshiped together as the Risen Lord greeted us on Sundays and Wednesday Nights. Your comments and questions in Bible studies helped me connect Scripture and daily life.

I made my share of mistakes over the years. I cherish the graciousness you all have shown me during those times. I also thank you for your patience and understanding as I worked through extremely difficult weeks when emergencies hit our congregation and community. Your concern, your prayers and your support were vital. I experienced true *koinonia* - fellowship - with you.

The congregation has witnessed tremendous growth these past eight years. This has been a joy to watch as we have welcomed new people into our congregation. Our church has re-established itself as a pillar in this community, a place of worship, learning and service to the neighbor. It has been a joy to serve in a congregation deep with tradition and yet willing to try new ministries, seeking to follow the Holy Spirit! Your boldness in mission has inspired me as a Pastor.

I have often been invited to interview at other congregations. I repeatedly declined because I felt a deep call to continue with the ministry at Zion's. About a year ago, I began to sense that my original calling at Zion's - to help the congregation rebuild - had been accomplished. Concluding that it was time to leave Zion's has been a very tough decision, a prayerful wrestling over the past year.

The Council is aware of my decision to resign from Zion's this Spring. They will be in discussion with the Synod about ways to move forward as a congregation. Let me be clear: This congregation is a wonderful place where many a pastor would dream to serve! There are so many wonderful ministries and people here. There is a deep heart for the Word of God and tremendous willingness to follow Christ's example and serve the neighbor. The congregation has a hunger to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, in word and in deed. I have no doubt that the ministry at Zion's will continue to flourish for years to come.

Lastly, I thank the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, for the opportunity to have served as your pastor these past eight years. I look forward in the coming weeks to celebrating Easter at Zion's and meeting up with as many of you as possible individually to say Godspeed. My last Sunday at Zion's has tentatively been set for April 17.

In Christ,

Pastor Robert J Myallis

Social Ministry

Next meeting: March 7, 6:30 pm.

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Canned Soups Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit Peanut Butter
Canned Meats/Stews

Other:

Coats (all sizes) Women's shoes
Diapers & Wipes King/Qu Sheets/Blankets
Men's Shoes (9-13) Men's Pants (28-36)
Socks (all sizes) Diapers/Wipes
Mens & Womens sweat pants/shirts

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

Homebound Birthday

(Cards, Calls, Visits)

Kathryn Gerhart PH: 867-4467
c/o Lebanon Valley Home
550 E. Main St. Birthday: Mar. 20
Annville, PA 17003

Address changes:
Alma Paul
Frey Village rm. 115B
1020 N. Union St.
Middletown, PA 17057

Elvin & Elva Heller
Country Meadows Rm. 124
451 Sand Hill Rd.
Hershey, PA 17033

New
Marion Smith PH: 865-4071
300 W. Market St. Birthday: Jan. 29
Jonestown, PA 17038



Easter Lilies to Homebound

Easter Lilies will be delivered to our homebound members during the week of March 20, Holy Week, by the Social Ministry Committee.

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/Conditioner
Kleenex
Diapers
Toilet tissue
Dish detergent
Laundry detergent

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

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. Stacy Shrefler from "Love and Grace" Ministries will be the speaker. Cost is \$10.00. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the gathering area. Deadline to sign-up is March 6.

Friends of Spang Crest Membership Drive

The Annual Membership Drive is being held to join or renew your membership to the Friends of Spang Crest. This year's membership drive will run through March 31, 2016. A membership costs \$2.00. Please see Jean Fowler (926-1240) for a membership. Your membership dues, combined with generous donations from congregations, individuals, annual fundraising events and proceeds from the Spang Crest Gift Shop, allow the Friends of Spang Crest to continue its work in 2016. Jean Fowler is filling in as Key Person to Spang Crest. Thank-you to Sharon Campbell, who is temporarily stepping down, for her devotion to Spang Crest for the past several years.

Spaghetti Miracle

The 9th Annual Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle will be postponed. Originally set for April 10, we are moving it to accommodate Confirmation that Sunday.

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

Kings Kids jumps into Spring in March!
a biblical playdate for kids with an adult
Wednesdays 6:45-7:30pm

March 2 - Easter Craft with Ms. Monica

March 9 - learn about Health with Nurse Kelly Rittle

March 16 - an Irish Tea Party with Ms. Christine

March 23 - no Kings Kids because it's Holy Week

March 30 - Boot Camp with Rob McQuaide

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



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.

10th annual and FINAL Fall Carnival

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, October 2

4:00-Jim Rule Concert

5:00-6:30 Food, games, and prizes

Questions-contact Janet Bird 865-5636

Women's "Wine down" Bible Study

Thursday, March 17 8:30 to 9:30 PM

Join in the study and discussion of a "Slightly Bad Girl of the Bible" 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! We will meet at Steph Livingston's home.

Questions: Janet Bird 865-5636



Wise Guy's Bible Study

In March we will not have Wise Guy's Bible Study, but men are invited to the Council of Churches Lenten Breakfast on March 19.

Zion's Youth Update

March 6th, Talent Show (which is a mission trip fundraiser). This is the second Thrivent Action Team for Zion's this year. Dinner items will be available to purchase starting at 5:00 P.M. and the talent starts at 6:15 P.M. This is a wonderful outreach event, bring friends, family, or invite neighbors. Youth members, those wishing to go on mission trip(s), plus, Youth Parent's help is greatly appreciated!

March 13th, Youth Group meeting, the plans are to have a group meeting or event with Tom Robinson's group. Please stay posted for details.

**** We STILL need some permission slips.** Please mail the signed slips back to us via SASE or put them in our Youth Group mailbox. Thanks for your help with this!

Blessings! - Jim and Laurie Gill

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.

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Helping you to be wise with money and live generously



Did you know that eligible members of Thrivent Financial can help support our church and thousands of nonprofit organizations through the Thrivent Choice charitable grant program?

With Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, members have used this program to direct more than \$280 million to churches and nonprofits nationwide. Zion's received nearly \$7,000 of those funds.

Don't forget to direct your 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars!!

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and for program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. You can, of course, also contact Zion's Thrivent Financial representative Jim Gill at 867-1500 or jim.gill@thrivent.com.

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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 12th 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 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)

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!

Lenoir-Rhyne A Capella Choir

from Hickory North Carolina will be performing a concert:

When: Saturday, March 12, 2016 7:00 PM

Where: Zoar Lutheran Church

560 Freeport Road, Lebanon

Free will offering for the choir will be taken at the concert. Sponsored by the Mt. Zion Parish

Electronic Giving

Interested in simplifying how you give to the church? You can now sign up for Electronic Giving through the internet. You can also go to our website and click on the "Giving" link.

Memorial Fund



In Memory of all the Saints who had gone before us.

Given by: Anonymous

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.

COUNCIL

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

Highlights from February 2016 Council Meeting:

Council Covenant: The Council signed the 2016 council covenant defining mutual expectations.

NA & NAR-anon Meetings: Pastor Rob has worked with others in the community to help launch an NA (Narcotics Anonymous) and Nar-Anon (for family members) meetings to begin in Jonestown.

Church Storage: The Council thanks Deb Reiner for her work; discussing options moving forward to maintain current organization and adjust for new storage needs.

Property: A \$1000 repair was needed on the water heater. Also tiles in preschool wing that are lifting.

Congregational Dinner Review: Council pleased with dinner but wants to establish way for clean-up not to interfere with council members ability to participate.

Social Hall Use: The Council is going to inquire from insurance company about best practices regarding insurance for outside groups that use our space.

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 -

Health Fair

A Health Fair will be coming to Zion's on Thurs. April 28 from 8:00am – 2:00pm. There will be a variety of booths, such as a Wellness & Nutrition Booth, Diabetes Screening, Blood Pressure, Hospice Pet Therapy, and a Blood Mobile from the Central PA Blood Bank, just to name a few. Plan to come and get valuable information to improve your health.

Hollyberry Bazaar

We are always looking for new craft ideas for the 2016 Bazaar. Contact Kristin Hoffer (jkhoffer@yahoo.com) or Heather Moyers (info@maximcontractors.com) for more information.

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 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.
- 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 _____ Amount enclosed _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____
Phone _____ Nights requested _____
Type of room _____ Adults _____ Children _____

Hershey Park Discount Tickets

Discount Hersheypark tickets orders will be taken through **April 4**. 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 4**. The tickets are good for any one day of the 2016 park season. If you have questions, contact Janet Bird at 865-5636.



\$38.50 (ages 9-54) saving \$26.15

_____ tickets= \$ _____

\$29.50 (ages 3-8 and 55-69) saving \$12.15

_____ tickets=\$ _____

\$22.95 (ages 70+) saving \$4.70

_____ tickets = \$ _____

Total tickets _____ TOTAL\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone number _____

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.)



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week: Generosity in the extreme

This Lent we have focused on spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are habits and actions that help us focus on God in our lives. During Holy Week, we take a break from reflection on what we can do; instead we turn to contemplate and experience the passion of Christ. We recall how God withheld nothing from us, even giving his Son to suffer, die and rise. We hope and pray this Holy Week that the Good News of Jesus Christ will come to you.

We begin on **Palm Sunday** (March 20, 10:30 AM) celebrating Jesus entry into Jerusalem.

We will have a procession of Palm branches and shout, "Hosanna," just like the people in Jerusalem did 2,000 years ago to welcome Jesus as their King. Last year we assembled in the main square as we walked to Zion's and in "flash mob" style picked up more people along the way.



We will gather again for **Joyful Spirits on Wednesday** (March 23, 6:15 PM). This service will offer children a chance to experience the mystery and even sadness of Holy Week. We know that the events of the week can be complex for children; this service puts things in a way that they (and everyone) can understand.



Next we will gather on **Maundy Thursday** (March 24, 7:00 PM). This night we recall the Last Supper, betrayal and arrest of Jesus. In spite of all this tragedy, Jesus still offers them a new *mandate* (hence the word Maundy), that they celebrate this meal, this wine and bread, in remembrance of him. We obey Jesus' commandment and celebrate communion this night.

We also remember his betrayal and strip the altar, visually reminding us of the suffering to come.

On **Good Friday** we remember the trial, suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. The community service is at the Methodist church (March 25, 7:00 PM). Pastor Rob will be preaching and the Methodist church is inviting a joint choir to sing. This is the darkest day of the Christian year, yet we call it good because we know that on this day, Jesus did what none of us could do, namely, bear the sins and suffering of the world.



On Holy Saturday we invite people to our cemetery lawn for an Easter Egg Hunt (March 26, 10:00 AM). We know that Easter is about far more than candy and eggs, so we use this opportunity to teach children in the church and community about Jesus' resurrection. (in case of bad weather, meet at church)

Finally we arrive at **Easter Morning**, ready to sing Alleluia! We arrive at the empty tomb and hear the amazing news that death has lost its sting! God has such a passion for us that he came back from the dead so that we could be reunited with him and all the saints forever. On Easter (March 27), we will have two services. The first is an early morning service at 7:00 AM. At 8:00 AM you can join us for breakfast; Sunday School at 9 AM will feature an Easter craft for children. At 10:30 AM, we will have a festive service of brass, organ and choirs.





Our Lenten fasting and discipline gives way to praising God for his abundant generosity. May Christ dwell richly in your hearts these days.



March 2016



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1 W&M Meeting	2 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	3 Committee night	4	5
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Spiritual Discipline: Serving Others 5 PM Talent Show	7	8	9 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	10 7:00 pm Council	11	12 9:00 am Council of Churches Women's Lenten Breakfast @Zion's 6:00 pm Koinonia
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Spiritual Discipline: Studying Scripture Youth Group	14	15	16 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	17	18	19 7:30 am Council of Churches Men's Lenten Breakfast @Farmer's Wife
20 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Spiritual Discipline: Worship	21	22	23 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	24 7:00 Worship 	25 	26 10:00 am Easter Egg Fun @Cemetery Lawn weather permitting (@ church if not)
27 EASTER 7:00 Easter Dawn Worship Followed by breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Easter Worship Getting to know you time	28	29	30 5:30 Supper 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	31	On 25 th , Good Friday Community Service 7 PM @ Methodist Church	

Worship Participants for March

	Lectors	Crucifer	Counters	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Nursery Attendants	Children's sermon	Prayers of the People
6	Denyse Mohn	Daryl Hess	Sharon & Larry Houser	Grace & Max Ludwig	Noel Strattan Stacy Clark	Laura Bush Kelly Rittle Grace & Stella	Terry Ludwig	Christine Techky
13	Linda Toth	Michael Johnsen	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Julia & Miranda Steffy	Noel Strattan Linda Wenrich	Cathy & Riley Houser	Jim Adams	Matt Wolfe
20	John Mohn Jr.	Kevin Feagley	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Kaitlyn Boisvert Becca Hoffer	Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Darryl Bush Ellie & Katie	Laurie Gill	Leah Wolfe
27	Ann Kulp	Jim Adams	Deb Long	Jacob & Joseph Beidler	Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Gizelle McFarland	Pastor Rob	Emily Myallis
Altar Guild			Ushers			Getting to know you time		
6, 13 Pam/Dawn, 20,24,27 Noel/Karen			Cathy Houser, Larry Houser, Dylan Houser, John Mohn Jr.			Youth Group		

Zion's will be decorating with Lilies for Easter this year. If you would like to sponsor any of these plants, please fill out the form below and place it and \$6.50 per plant in the offering plate any Sunday between now and March 13. Plants may be claimed by sponsors after 10:30 worship on Easter, March 27.

_____ Lily(ies) were placed by _____ in honor/memory of _____.

return this form with your payment to the church, or place in the offering plate

