



Zion's News

*Reflecting Christ, we share God's gifts in
Jonestown and beyond.*



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

February 2018

Dear Church:

If you haven't yet heard, the liturgical (church) calendar gives us a bit of a chuckle this year. Ash Wednesday, a day of repentance and of remembering our mortality, is on Valentine's Day, February 14! (Nothing says "love" quite like ashes!) And Easter is on April 1st...also known as April Fool's Day. It's an odd year, to be sure, but, more importantly—Lent is coming fast and furious! The season of Lent is historically a time of intentional learning, repentance, and preparation for the great celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. On behalf of our Christian Education and Worship committees, I want to invite you and your household to several special events that will be happening at Zion's prior to, and during, Lent.



But first...What was I supposed to do with that star again? On January 7, we celebrated the Epiphany of our Lord by remembering the gift of the star given to the magi. We talked about how the magi had their eyes attune to the skies, so recognized the star when it rose, and trusted enough to follow it to the Christ child. We reflected on how God continually gives us gifts—signs of God's presence and protection in the world—but, oftentimes, in the hurried and loud world in which we live, we overlook these gifts. Everyone who was in worship that day received a star with one gift of God printed upon it. You were encouraged to tack this star up at home some where you'll see it often, and *look for* this gift in your daily life in the year to come. When you witness this gift making itself manifest, you are

encouraged to recognize that moment as a gift of God—the idea being, the more we *look* for signs of God's presence, the more we will *see* those signs, for we know God is always present and working in our lives. Throughout the year, and again next year on Epiphany, we will share what we have learned from our Star Gifts.

Sunday, February 4 at 9:30 AM: 'Come to the Table' Intergenerational Communion Class. We believe and teach that communion is God's gift to God's children, and we welcome all who are baptized to receive communion as soon as they express desire, and their parents or guardians give permission for them to do so. We annually offer this class about Holy Communion and its gifts because we believe that what one can understand at five is different than what one understands at fifteen, twenty-five, and ninety-five—and we invite all of these ages (and everyone in between!) to participate, including those who are already communing, those who hope to begin communing soon, and those who won't be communing for some time) will participate. *Baptized children who (with their parent's consent) wish to begin communing may do so on any Sunday. We will recognize all who have begun communing in the past year on Sunday, March 18, which is Youth Sunday. If you and your child agree that they will begin communing on March 18, please let me know so I can be sure to recognize them that day. If you would like to talk about baptism for your child, please be in touch.*

Sunday, February 18 at 9:30 AM: Intergenerational Lent Event. An all-ages interactive program about Lent, its history, its themes, and its promises.

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Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday: *Spoken Worship at Noon, Rejoicing Spirits Worship at 6:15 PM, and Traditional Worship at 7 PM.* Additionally, you are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30 PM. An extended King's Kids session will be offered during 7 PM worship, if parents desire to attend worship while their kids participate in Ash Wednesday activities.

Wednesdays during Lent (February 21, 28 and March 7, 14, and 21) Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. We will gather around the theme of "Covenant", looking at the great covenants of the Old Testament, as well as the promises made by God, and by us, at baptism.

Sunday, March 18 at 10:30 AM: Youth Sunday. Be sure to join us for worship as our youngest members share their gifts for leadership. Last year we experienced what a joy it is to "let the little children lead", and we can't wait to do it again!

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 9:30 AM: Intergenerational Passport to Holy Week. A hands-on experience highlighting the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We will also work together on a mission project this morning.

Wednesday, March 28 at 6:15 PM: Rejoicing Spirits Holy Week Worship featuring foot washing and Holy Communion. *No Holden Evening Prayer.*

Thursday March 29 and Friday March 30: Maundy Thursday Dinner Church Worship Thursday at 6:30 PM and Good Friday Worship at 7 PM. Both services will be at Zion's. More information about Dinner Church forthcoming!

Easter Sunday, April 1: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Join us for worship at 7 or 10:30 AM!

Of course, we'll be gathering for worship every Wednesday at 6:15 PM and every Sunday at 10:30 AM. Lent devotions will be available shortly for families and individuals in the windowsills near the Church Office. If there are other ways we can support or help resource your family during this holy season, please let me know.

In hope,

Pastor Caitlin

Join us for worship on February 14--

Ash Wednesday

Noon: Spoken Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

5:30 PM: Community Meal

6:15 PM: Rejoicing Spirits Worship with Imposition of Ashes

6:45-8 PM: King's Kids (extended so adults can attend traditional worship, if you wish)

7:00 PM: Traditional Worship with Holy Community and Imposition of Ashes

Social Ministry

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Other:

Twin sheets

T-shirts

Socks

Underwear

Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue)

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

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Vegetable Soup

Canned Pasta

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Boxed Potatoes

Other:

Toothpaste

Canned meat, stew, chicken, spam

Hamburger Helper

Canned potatoes

Canned Fruit

Peanut butter & Jelly

Toilet Tissue

Polident

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

Homebound Birthday: requesting a card shower for Ingrid on her milestone birthday. She will turn 90!

Ingrid Erb Birthday: Feb. 26
48 Supervisor Dr. PH: 717-865-5850
Jonestown, PA 17038

To: All the Ladies & Little Ladies of Zions

Ten little fingers, ten little toes.

What will it Bee?

Nobody knows!

Please Join us for a
Ba-Bee Shower
honoring Mother-to-be
Pastor Caitlin
Sunday, February 11
(immediately following church:
a light lunch will be offered)

Registered at Babies R Us and Amazon

P.S. the shower is NOT a surprise

RSVP (acceptance only) to Debbie Long - dlong3@wellspan.org or text your reply to: 717-269-6050

Christian Education

Chair: Michele McQuaide(michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com;717-861-4719)

It may be cold now...but summer's coming! It's time to start thinking about summer camp at Camps Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. There's something for people of all ages, and Zion's offers scholarships that help make camp possible *for everyone!*

NEW THIS YEAR:

After many years of service, Tovie and Lynn Kleinfelter have handed over the Camp Person reins to Laura and Daryl Bush. Thank you, Lynn and Tovie, for your years of promoting camping in our congregation, and for saving us \$10/camper/week!

Zion's has a Camp Scholarship Form we need you to fill out if you want Zion's to pay for a portion of your camp costs. The form is simple and short, but your cooperation will help us keep track of who's at camp and how much we owe the Camping Corporation. Scholarship forms can be picked up alongside the Camp Brochures in the Gathering Area and are due back to Zion's by May 1.

If you register and pay in full by April 7, you save additional money!

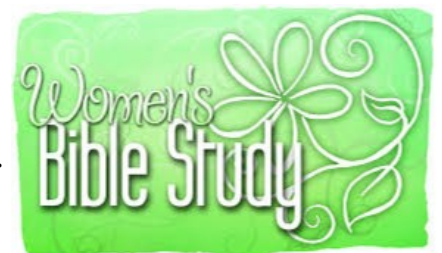
If you have any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Caitlin. Scholarship Forms, and a link to the Camp Brochure, are also available at www.ZionsJonestown.com



SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School at
Zion's Lutheran in Jonestown
Sunday July 22 - Thursday July 26

**LUNCH
BUNCH**

Lunch Bunch and Women's Bible Study meet again on February 22. Lunch Bunch gathers at 12:30 PM at Swatara Coffee Company and Women's Bible Study meets in individual homes (announced each month) at 7 PM. Both groups are discussing *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. In February, we will be looking at chapter nine, "Calling a Friend: Congregation and Community" and chapter ten, "Drinking Tea: Sanctuary and Savoring". We will also meet on Thursday March 22 and Thursday April 26.



Christian Education

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Chair: Michele McQuaide(michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com;717-861-4719)



NEEDED: "Classroom Helpers" for Sunday School. We've got a great group of Sunday School teachers for our children, but our youngest classroom needs some extra hands to help make Sunday mornings run smoothly. We welcome help from any and all, but parents of kids in Level 1 are especially asked to sign up to help one Sunday a month. There's no prep work for this position, and a sign up sheet is located in the classroom. **THANK YOU** for your help!

SAVE THE DATE: Day Camp at Zion's Lutheran in Jonestown

July 16-20, 9-3:30 PM

For kids who have completed
kindergarten-5th grade



For the Winter month of January, we held one Youth Group Meeting. We also encouraged the Youth to attend the Annual Congregation Meeting.

Jr. Youth Group was cancelled for January 10th, as it seemed to be a date where just about everyone had other plans and places they needed to be.

Our Youth Group Meeting on January 21st, was fun and interesting! Thanks Everyone!

This year the Synod Event, Winterfest was not held this year, during the first weekend in January. It is our hope that they will have Winterfest again next year for High School students!!

With it being a bit frosty, it is still warm inside during Jr. Youth Group nights.

Mark the date(s): Youth Group Meeting- February 4th 12:00 P.M. -2:00 P.M.

Jr. Youth Group Night - February 14th 6:45 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

*****Mark the date for the entire Congregation: Triskaidekaphobia Game Night, Friday Night, April 13th. *****
Joy! Jim and Laurie

Worship

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

Help us Plan another Hymn Sing!

Worship and Music is collecting your favorite hymns to plan for a special worship service this spring. Please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or return to Pastor Caitlin or Noel Strattan before Easter.

Stay tuned for more information about when the Hymn Sing will be!

Hymn: _____

Where can we find the music? _____

Your name: _____

Lenten Devotionals

Family Lenten devotionals will be available on the window sill near the church office in the gathering area.

Holden Evening Prayer Services will be held on Wednesdays, February 21, 28, and March 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 pm.

✠ MEMORIAL FUND ✠

Unwanted Christmas Gifts or Gift Cards?

– Bring them to church. The Basket Bash committee is currently accepting those Christmas gifts and/or gift cards that you received and you really don't want or can't use. Please place them in the receptacle located in the gathering area. We'll have it there at least through the month of January. If you hesitate to put gift cards in the receptacle, you can give it to Deb Reiner, Steph Livingston, or Michele McQuaide.

Lebanon Lutheran Mission Trip, June 17-23, 2018

Our home base will be Myers Lodge, Camp Kirchenwal, which will provide overnight weeklong accommodations for 20 male & 20 female volunteers. All meals will be provided. This year we can also accept volunteers for the week or for just a few days, who will return home at the end of the day. Cost is \$275 for those who stay, \$75 for those who return home each night. Volunteers can must be 14 or older. We are a mission TEAM, we welcome all skill levels and experience. If interested contact Heather Buffington, 717-926-3917 or Denise McDaniels, 717-628-1461, Mission Trip co-chairs.

In Memory of William Ludwig

Nancy Winklebleck
Al and Deb Reiner
Linda Wenrich
Nancy Winklebleck

In Memory of William and Kathleen Ludwig

Irene Fortna

In Memory of William Haniman

Mary Ann Nelson
Jack and Nancy Founds and family
Paul and Janet Bird
Frank and Donna Crist
Joyce Williams
Sara, Lewis, and Gerald Mladjen
Richard Miller
Del and Sandra Snyder
The Hammer Family
Peter Walter
Ralph and Jane Faris
Gerald and Shari Comeau
Walter and Margaret Haniman

In Memory of J. E. Fortna Jr.

Irene Fortna

In Memory of All the Saints of 2017

Anonymous

COUNCIL

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

Council Highlights from December 14, 2017 meeting

- New Years worship will be themed "Looking back, looking forward". There will be time during the service for the congregation to share where they have seen God in 2017 (in our congregation, in your personal life, in our world), and hopes for 2018
- Constitution, By-laws, and Continuing Resolution adopted and 2018 Budget approved at the annual Congregational meeting on December 10.

Council Highlights from January 11, 2018 Meeting

- Elected 2018 Officers: Tom Mohn as President, Larry Houser as Vice President, and Michael Johnsen as secretary
- Approved Erin and Scott Kuhen as new members
- Approved a Family Leave policy for Pastor Caitlin. Highlights of the plan will be shared at the Congregational Dinner, and in bulletins and newsletters in the weeks and months to come
- Discussed the success of the recent Suicide Prevention Training that was hosted by the Jonestown Council of Churches with almost 50 participants!



Baskets of Love: Keep an eye on the gathering area for a new initiative to support people returning from the criminal justice system. Zion's will be looking to fill wash baskets with personal care, housekeeping and paper supplies needed by folks ready to start a new life in our communities. It will run until Palm Sunday, March 25.

Hospital Admissions

Please inform the church office and/or Pastor Caitlin when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility, or if there are changes in your health status. The federal HIPPA regulations do not permit health care providers to release personal information such as this without your expressed permission. Not all health care facilities have chaplains on staff to contact us about your admission. A phone call to the church office at 717-865-2848 and/or Pastor Caitlin at 717-347-8187, will help us to respond to you with pastoral care for a time of change in your life.

Attention Married Couples:

Please consider taking a weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Following are the scheduled Northeast US spring Weekends:

* March 16-18, 2018 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

* April 6-8, 2018 at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.

Registrations are also being accepted for the fall Weekends: September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA; October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA; and November 9-11 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses and ensure the continuation of the program.

To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up TODAY. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, choose the Weekend desired, and pay the \$100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Contacts for Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Thank you

Many thanks to my church family for the beautiful poinsettia, the Merry Christmas and get well cards I received and all prayers for me while I was recuperating in the rehab unit. Sincerely, Ingrid Erb

Dear Friends at Zions, **thank you** for the generous gift of money! It is truly a blessing and a joy to prepare music for the Zion's family! We also appreciate your love of live music and the forgiveness of musical mistakes at times! Thanks again—and as always—requests for selection are appreciated! Fondly, Joel & Maryann Guldin

Thank you for your generous and kind support. What a pleasant and awesome surprise! Your support affords Developmental & Disability Services of Lebanon Valley the financial means to provide training and education services. - Jessica Penchard, DDS

Thank you for your generous donation to Primary Care Haiti. Your gift will educate Haitian medical professionals, provide first-responder training, offer women's healthcard, set up an emergency room and treat and prevent disease.—Primary Care Haiti

Thank you to the Jonestown Male Chorus and the Christmas caroling. I greatly appreciated it. - Elvin Heller

Dear Zion's church family, **thank you so much** for the beautiful prayer shawl. It's beautiful and not only kept me warm in the chilly room at Hershey Med Ctr. But also reminded me that I'm wrapped in love from so many people. Thanks also for the prayers and good wishes for me, Chad and baby Adrianna. - Amber Wolferd

Thank you for your kindness. Thank you all and God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and prayers. - Sis McFarland & family.

Thank you so much to the Carolers who brightened my Christmas. - Grace Dennis

Discount Hersheypark Tickets

Discount Hersheypark ticket orders will be taken through March 25. 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 it to Janet Bird, place in her church mailbox, mail to her at P.O. Box 75, Jonestown, PA 17038, or email the order to jbird75@comcast.net so that it is received by Sunday, March 25. Tickets are good for any one day of the 2018 park season. If you have questions, contact Janet Bird at 717-865-5636.



Note: this year Hersheypark has one set price for all age groups.

\$29.95 (all ages)

Saving \$15.80 for ages 3 to 8 and ages 55 to 69

Saving \$37.85 for ages 9 to 54 (no savings for 70+ (15 cents less at the park))

Total Tickets _____ Total \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

By presenting your pre-purchased ticket, you can visit the park for 2 1/2 hours prior to closing FREE on the evening prior to your visit. (3 1/2 hours FREE when the park closes at 11pm)

Tickets for ages 9-54 are \$5.05 less and ages 3-8 & 55-69 are 55 cents less than 2017 because we are placing the order in March.



February 2018



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1	2	3
4 9:30 All Ages Communion Program 10:30 Worship Noon- Youth group	5	6	7 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Kings Kids	8 7:00 Council meeting	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Baby shower following worship	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Noon: Spoken Worship 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids/Jr. Youth Group 7 PM Worship	15 Newsletter deadline	16	17
18 9:30 All Ages Lent Event 10:30 Worship	19	20	21 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 7:00 Evening Prayer	22 12:30 Lunch bunch 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	26 6 PM Preschool Meeting	27	28 9:00 am sewing 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 7:00 Evening Prayer	29	30	



Start Saving Your Coins! We will be collecting coins (and bills, if you wish!) during Lent for a special project that culminates at Dinner Church on Maundy Thursday. More information will be forthcoming... but...for now...keep the change!

Worship Participants for February

	Lectors	Crucifer	Childrens sermon	Acolytes	Nursery	Counters	Prayers of the People
4	Jean Fowler	Michael Johnsen	Christine Techky	Madison & Mackenzie Hess	Laura Bush	Larry & Sharon Houser	Ann Kulp
11	John Mohn Jr.	Jim Adams	Pastor Caitlin	Zoe Brossman Kathryn Sipe	Gizelle McFarland Greta Kauffman	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Lillyana Harris
18	Sharon Davis	Brian Adams	Sharon Houser	Xander McQuaide Max Clark	Darryl Bush		Ed Ludwig
25	Linda Wenrich	Daryl Hess	Stephanie Livingston	Lily Harris Gavin Bush		Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Elaine Ludwig

	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild	Ushers	Getting to know you time
	4,11 Linda Toth, Terry Ludwig 18 Deb Long, Noel Strattan 25 Deb Long, John Mohn Jr.	4 Bortz Family 11,14,18 Jen, Noel 25 Pam, Dawn	Jack Beidler, Gavin Bender, Darryl Bush, John Mohn Jr.	Endowment & Cemetery committes

Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend



June 15-17, 2018

We are again staying at the Roman Holiday. It is a beachfront property in North Wildwood, 6 (short) blocks north of the Boardwalk, and off Exit 6 of the Parkway. All units there are suites. A block of rooms is not set aside for our group, so you must book early to guarantee a room. Some families will arrive Thursday, June 14 and leave Monday, June 18, and others will spend just the weekend.

We will have our church service at 9 AM Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

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

\$123: 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6/limit 6)

\$175: 2-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 8/limit 8)

Sales & occupancy taxes are 14%.

There are no extra charges for additional persons –within the occupancy limit.

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.

Reservations may be made after January 14 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 until May 1.

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 _____

