



# Zion's News



August 2018

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

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

God's grace and peace to you this day! It is GOOD to be back with you after my maternity leave. Seth and I would like to thank you for your support, prayers, cards and gifts following Madelyn's birth, and for your understanding of our need for some time together as a family. A few reflections from my leave:

1. It is so good to be part of a *consistent* community of faith. We went to worship as a family every week except the two Sundays immediately following Madelyn's birth. We were grateful to worship at Zion's two of those weeks but used the rest of the time as a rare opportunity to visit other congregations (I am always on the look-out for new ideas!) It was nice to experience other communities, but we really did miss the sense of family we share here at Zion's. It made me mindful of the many people in our community who *don't* have a spiritual place to call 'home', and more intentional about inviting new people to be a part of our community. I hope you'll join me in that endeavor.
2. Worshiping with children (even a newborn) can be hard. One Sunday in particular, Madelyn was not feeling very 'worshipful', and nothing we did helped. People were gracious, but I was embarrassed and ultimately ended up in the Social Hall with her wondering why we even tried. I recognize that this is a season of life, and simply offer a "thank you" and "keep up the good work" to all parents (and grandparents) who do what needs to be done to bring your little ones to church, as well as a "thank you" and "keep up the good work" to congregations who welcome these families with open arms and lend a hand when needed. Together, we *can* raise our young people to know, love, and serve God...but it takes a village.
3. Life is busy. Seth and I had the really unique opportunity to *both* be home with Madelyn in the first weeks of her life. Our only responsibility during those days was to care for her, care for ourselves, pay the bills, and keep the house relatively presentable. And it was hard. Days and weeks would pass and I would wonder "What the heck did we do today?" For the first time in ten years, I was not eating, sleeping, and breathing 'church'—I was going to worship on Sundays, praying (a lot), and simply trying to make it through the day with a whole new set of responsibilities. This experience gave me a larger appreciation for the challenge families face in prioritizing and balancing their lives and made me wonder how the church might do a better job of supporting individuals and families who want to live faith-filled, Godly lives in our fast-paced, overly busy world. I don't have answers, but do have lots of questions and a few ideas. If this is something you're passionate about too, and you have ideas or thoughts (or questions!) to answer, please let me know!

Seth and I are grateful for the time we had together, and grateful to return to ministry in this community of faith. We look forward to witnessing Madelyn grow in faith and life surrounded by the love of this congregation **and invite you to be a part of her baptism during worship on Sunday, August 12, and then to join us for lunch afterwards!** To round out a summer of exciting news, we recently bought a house in the Twin Creeks neighborhood, and moved in this week! We look forward to being part of the Jonestown community in the years to come.

I hope to see you in worship during these last 'dog days' of summer as we are nourished by God's Word, loved in community, and are strengthened by the Lord's Supper to serve God in our daily lives.

In hope

Pastor Caitlin

# Social Ministry

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

## **Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) Wish List:**

### **Food Bank:**

Peanut Butter & Jelly	Canned meats
Instant Potatoes	Spaghetti Sauce
Applesauce	Canned corn & peas
Pancake Mix & Syrup	

### **Other:**

Twin sheets	T-shirts
Queen Blankets	Socks & Underwear
Washcloths	Shampoo
All Purpose Cleaning products	Diapers

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

## **Jonestown Outreach pantry (JOY) Wish List:**

### **Food Bank:**

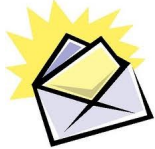
Beef Stew, Spam, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac 'n Cheese, Chicken noodle soup, Vegetable Soup, Canned pasta, Pudding & fruit packs, Applesauce, Graham crackers, Saltines, Ketchup, Mayo, Peanut Butter and Jelly.

### **Other:**

Toilet Tissue      Paper Towels      Dish detergent

Note: Clients with school-aged children and younger will receive extra food for their children this summer.

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



## **Homebound Birthdays (cards, calls, visits)**

Paul Zimmerman  
Providence Place  
24 Hikes Hollow Rd.  
Pine Grove, PA 17963

Birthday: Aug. 1  
PH: 570-345-4999

## **Zion's College Students:**

Please give your college address to the church office ([zions@comcast.net](mailto:zions@comcast.net)), so that we can stay in touch and provide care packages throughout the school year.

## **Hospital Admissions**

Please inform the church office 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, will help us to respond to you with pastoral care for a time of change in your life.

## **Lebanon County Christian Ministries Box City**

Camp out for the night in a box to increase awareness of the many homeless families in our community and raise money to support LCCM Emergency Shelter. This will be held on Friday, Aug. 17—Sat., Aug. 18 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1500 Quentin Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042. Register at [www.lccm.us](http://www.lccm.us) by Friday, Aug. 3.

# Thank You

Zion's Family, Thank you for the card and many prayers for myself and my family during this new journey of our lives! Gratitude, Michael Sobiesiak

## **Koinonia News**

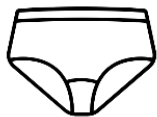
**Next Meeting:** Saturday, September 8 at 6:30 pm at the church.

**Hollyberry Bazaar:** Our Annual Hollyberry Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 3 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Start Planning NOW! We would appreciate craft items, gift baskets, used books, etc. A container will be available in the social hall in September to gather used books.

## Christian Education

Chair: Michele McQuaide(michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com;330-958-3399)

**"Undie Sunday": Sock and Underwear Drive for Jonestown Elementary** We recently learned that there are children at Jonestown Elementary who lack clean underwear and socks, and we invite you to join us in fixing this problem! Beginning Sunday, August 5 (which is National Underwear Sunday...who knew there was such a thing?) and continuing through Labor Day, there will be a box in the narthex for your contributions of kids' socks (all sizes) and underwear (sizes 4/5 thru 8/10) for both boys and girls which will be given to the school nurse to distribute as needed. THANK YOU for helping us share God's love by meeting this very real need. Questions? Contact Deb Reiner: 717-304-8826



**Back to School Blessings** In learning of the need for clean socks and underwear in our district, we will be exploring getting these kiddos a new school outfit, basic school supplies, and shoes. We have yet to iron out the details—working with the Jonestown Council of Churches, Release Time volunteers, and the school—many hands, hearts, and ideas. More specific information will be shared when we firm up the details. In the meantime, if you have a Thrivent Action Team grant you are willing to use for this purpose, please let Pr. Caitlin, Deb Reiner, or Monica Moody Bortz know.



Activities on Hiatus for the summer:

"Wise" men's Bible study

Lunch Bunch and Women's Bible study

Sunday School

Enjoy your fun in the sun, hope to see everyone back in the fall!

### † MEMORIAL FUND †

In memory of **Anna Sterner**  
by: Richard & Karen Hitz



Maddie, Mackenzie, Gavin, Lily, and her friend, joined Jim Gill and Noel Strattan for "the food packing event" in early June held at Messiah College in conjunction with the Lower Susquehanna Synod assembly. Be sure to ask them about their experience packing food kits that will be distributed both locally and globally! A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Michelle McQuaide who organized the food packing event.

In July, another group went with Pastor Caitlin and Joanna to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank to help prepare food that will be distributed to food pantries in our area. We are glad to be a part of our synod's mission to "feed others as we are fed by Christ!"

After many years of leading Youth Group, Jim and Laurie have prayerfully decided to step aside from this responsibility. Please take a moment to thank them both for their leadership, and for the many, many, many hours they devoted to shepherding, encouraging, and praying for our young people. Pastor Caitlin and Joanna Guldin-Noll will now be leading Youth Group activities, and invite all rising sixth through twelfth graders are invited to attend a planning meeting on August 5, after church until 2 PM. Bring your appetite and great ideas because we'll be brainstorming project, activities, and events for the upcoming year. Parents are invited to join us at 1:30 PM when we share our plans and excitement for the youth group year.

## Worship

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

### Wednesday's At Zions

Wednesdays at Zion's moved to the Jonestown Park for the Summer

6:15 Rejoicing Spirits Worship

6:45 Kings Kids and Bible Study

We'll meet August 8, and August 22 at the park. Oh, that's right, we'll have Ice Cream!

Our first official fall Rejoicing Spirits is planned for September 12<sup>th</sup>!

(Pasta, Meatballs, and Salad Provided)

Dinner at 5:30pm, Worship at 6:15pm, and Kings Kids/Bible Study at 6:45-7:30pm

Signups for dessert and future weeks will be available on the social hall bulletin board after August 21st.

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Rejoicing Spirits



### Backpack Sunday!

Backpack Blessing: Students, teachers, and everyone who works in our schools are invited to bring their backpack or bag to worship on Sunday, August 26. We will offer a special blessing for you, your bag, and your ministry as this new school year begins. If you are in need of a backpack, or know of a child in need, please contact Pastor Caitlin.

### Zion's Annual Church Picnic

Save the Date: Sunday, September 9! Rally Day and the Annual Church Picnic. Watch your bulletins and/or social media for more information. It's sure to be a fun-filled day at Zions!



# You're Invited

**Pastor Caitlin and Seth invite you to a Baptismal Luncheon in honor of Madelyn Kurtz** following worship on Sunday, August 12. They can think of no better way to mark Madelyn's entrance into the body of Christ than by celebrating with her church family and hope you can join the party for fellowship and a light meal. *Please, no gifts.*

### Zion's Preschool Expansion!

Zion's Preschool is excited to announce that we are adding an afternoon session for children who are 4 years old by September 1. Classes will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3:00. Registration is now open. Contact us at [zionspreschool@verizon.net](mailto:zionspreschool@verizon.net) or call 717-861-4416.

If you are interested in volunteering at this new session or the morning sessions, contact us at the above number or email address. State mandated clearances must be obtained but we will gladly assist you with this.



Evangelism

Chair: Elaine Ludwig (eludadvo@comcast.net; 865-3757)

Zion's tradition of sponsoring a Young Adult in Global Mission who is embarking on a year of service continues in 2018-2019 with **Hope Guelwoz!** She will be serving in Rwanda and is with us this morning to say "Hello" and to receive our prayers and well-wishes for a year of growth, learning, and faith. Our current missionary, Jacob, is home from Swaziland and we hope to hear from him soon.

## News You Can Use

**We need your help! Please join us for an INDOOR Church Work Day on Saturday August 4, beginning at 8 AM.** Every now and then, we need to do a deep cleaning of our building to keep everything in tip-top shape. There will be tasks for all ages and abilities, including (but not limited to!):

- Clean windows in social hall, office hallway, and basement
- Clean elevette stairwell walls using magic eraser
- Touch-up paint in sanctuary
- wipe down Social Hall curtains
- wipe down baseboards/windowsills
- wipe down balcony
- dust for cobwebs especially along ceiling
- vacuum/clean curtains in office hallway and Council room and adjacent room

If you have a ladder and/or good vacuum to bring, please do! Many hands make for light work, and because we ALL enjoy use of this building throughout the year, we would appreciate MANY hands! Questions? Contact Sharon Houser

**Save the Date for an afternoon of service on Sunday, September 16!** Following worship and a quick lunch, we'll embark on a number of service projects. As usual, there will be something for everyone, and your gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated!



### Attention Married Couples:

What could be better than a fall weekend in the Poconos which is designed to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Don't pass up your chance to attend the number-one-rated marriage enrichment program presented by Lutheran Marriage Encounter at the beautiful, hotel-style Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. The dates are September 14-16, 2018. TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, so to avoid being on a waiting list, register NOW!

If the September Weekend doesn't work for you, please consider road-tripping to Ludlow, PA, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh, PA, for the October 19-21, 2018 Weekend; or register for the November 9-11, 2018 Weekend 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 towards the continuation of the program. Simply go to: [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay the \$100/couple registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1	2	3	4 8 AM – Cleaning day
5 10:30 Worship with recognition of graduates Noon Youth Group	6	7	8 6:15 <b>REJOICING SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	9 7:00 pm Council	10	11
12 10:30 Worship Baptismal Luncheon for Madelyn Kurtz following worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 Worship	20	21 7 PM Quilt/Sew meeting	22 6:15 <b>REJOICING SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	23	24	25
26 Backpack Sunday 10:00 Getting to know you time 10:30 Worship	27 	28	29 9:00 am sewing	30	31	

## August Happenings

### (and a little September too)

- August 4, Indoor Church Work day
- August 5, Undie Sunday
- August 5, Youth group meeting
- August 5, Recognition of Graduates
- August 8, Rejoicing Spirits in the park



- August 9, Council meeting
- August 12, Baptismal Luncheon in honor of Madelyn Kurtz
- August 22, Rejoicing Spirits in the park
- August 26, Backpack Sunday
- September 9, Zion's Annual Church Picnic
- September 16, Afternoon of service projects

## Worship Participants for August

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Counters	Children's Sermon	Communion Assistants	Prayers of the People
5	Al Reiner	Galen Kleinfelter	Max Clark Zoe Brossman	Larry & Sharon Houser	Noel Strattan	Pam Bixler Noel Strattan	Tovie Kleinfelter
12	Nancy Winklebleck	Brian Adams	Cassie & Ella Bortz		Nancy Ludwig	John Noll & Joanna Guldin Noll	Brian Adams
19	James Fowler	Daryl Hess	Lily Harris Kathryn Sipe	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Brian Adams	John Noll & Joanna Guldin Noll	Seth Kurtz
26	Leah Wolfe	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Xander McQuaide Logan Livingston	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Pastor Caitlin	Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Mason Livingston

<b>Ushers</b> Mike Long, Jim Cascarino Linda Toth, Tom Mohn	<b>Altar Guild</b> 5- Pam & Dawn 12, 19- Jen & Noel 26- Bortz Family	<b>Getting to know you time</b> Property Committee
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