



# Zion's News



October 2018

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

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

*[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:35-37)*

Multiple times in the Gospels, Jesus uplifts the importance of children, tends to their particular needs, and commands His followers to "welcome them". In my sermon on September 23, I mentioned that, here at Zion's, we work hard to ensure all children experience welcome, know love, and are encouraged to grow in faith. And, it's true: through Sunday school, Rejoicing Spirits, children's choir, King's Kids, Vacation Bible School, Day Camp, children's sermons, and other activities throughout the year, we seek to meet the needs of children and their families and look for ways they can share their gifts and talents in this place. By so doing, we not only follow through on the promises we made to them in baptism, but we also experience God and a foretaste of the Kingdom.

Importantly, Zion's also welcomes children in worship, believing that they, too, have praise and thanks to offer to God, that they learn how to worship *by* worshipping, and that our community of faith is incomplete without their presence and participation. This deeply held belief is part of what drew me to Zion's, and one of the reasons Seth and I are so grateful to be raising Madelyn in this community of faith. I believe wholeheartedly in the need for children to be in worship and I also recognize that, some days, worshipping with children can be *hard*—for the kids!, for their parents, and for the congregation. My home congregation shared these ideas about we, as a congregation, can ensure that worship is a welcoming place for all:

## **Parent and caregivers can help us say "Welcome" to your children by:**

- Making worship a priority in your child's life, and in your life, too. Talk positively and joyfully about church so your children catch on that church is a good place to be.
- If you have young children, sitting close to the front where they can see what is going on. Help them follow along in the bulletin. If your little one isn't quite ready for the front, pick a row near the back for easy access to the hallway and/or nursery if needed.
- Picking up a children's worship bag on your way into worship. If you bring some of your child's favorite items from home, please pick quiet items.
- Not expecting too much from young children. It is okay if they cannot sit through an entire service or a sermon without a break in the hallway, especially if worship is new to them. Regular participation in worship will help set the expectations for worshipful behavior.
- Knowing when to say when! When a crying child cannot be comforted or is just having "one of those days," as we all do, please give your child a break. Take them down to the Gathering Area where you will be able to watch worship on the TV and your little one can regroup. When you are ready, come back into the sanctuary. This will give both you and your child a more positive worship experience.

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- Volunteer as a family to be ushers or greeters so your child can participate as a worship leader. Children love to help and we love when they help lead worship. This will help instill in them a sense of belonging and identity within our faith family.
- Volunteer to work in the nursery every so often so that we can provide a consistently staffed nursery for your child (when needed) and other children who may not be as familiar with worship
- If your child has questions about worship, encourage them to ask me before or after worship. I love questions!

**Other adults in our congregation can help us say “Welcome” to children and their families by:**

- Being patient! Children have shorter attention spans that are challenged by the length of a worship service. Please extend grace to our children as families teach them how to worship.
- Modeling worshipful behavior by refraining from conversation during the worship service (including the offering and holy communion), singing and praying along.
- Introducing yourself to those sitting around you, especially if they have children or teens. This will allow you to meet someone you don’t know, whether a member or a visitor. It will help the children/teens feel welcome. Finally, by establishing a relationship with those around you, you open the door to providing assistance and support as the need arises to children who are learning how to worship.
- Including children in the Sharing of the Peace. It is often their favorite part of the service!
- Volunteering to work in our nursery every now and then so we can provide a consistently staffed nursery. While your children may have outgrown the nursery years ago, the next generation (or two! or three!) is still nursery age and needs loving, attentive adults to tend to their care.
- When the opportunity presents itself, complementing children and parents on a child’s good behavior after the service. Your encouragement could be what inspires them to come back to worship next week.

At every baptism, our congregation promises to help parents and grandparents raise their children in the faith. This includes welcoming children to worship, providing for faith education, seeing that they have access to a Bible, and supporting caregivers when children aren’t in a ‘worshipful’ mood. *We need your continued support to fulfill these promises.* Right now, we are particularly in need of people who are willing to work in the nursery from time to time. While we welcome babies and children in worship, we recognize that that’s not always the right choice for every family—offering a consistently staffed nursery ensures that families who choose to do so will always have the option of nursery care. If you are able to help in this way, please contact me or Laura Bush [lbush\\_611@yahoo.com](mailto:lbush_611@yahoo.com).

*Families with children and grandchildren*, I would also like to hear from you how I, and our congregation, can best support you as you raise your child in the church. What would be helpful? Is there any interest in a Children’s Church model (where kids leave for a lesson during the sermon time)? Are there aids we can provide you to help teach your child about the worship service? What questions do you have? You can always reach me at [pastorkurtz@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkurtz@gmail.com).

Thank you, Zion’s, for being a place where children are welcomed, loved, and encouraged. I pray you have experienced the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God through this hospitality. I know I have.

Peace

Pastor Caitlin

# Congregational Care Team

(formerly Social Ministry)

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



## Homebound addition (cards, calls, visits)

Grace Dennis                      Birthday: May 17  
20 S. Lancaster St.  
P.O. Box 316                      PH: 717-865-4660  
Jonestown, PA 17038

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Julia Albert and Deb Pappas continue to provide prayer shawls for the seriously ill and baby afghans for the newborn. If you can knit or crochet, and would like to help with this ministry, contact the ladies at 717-865-1560.

## Zion's College Student address:

Rebecca Boisvert (Bloomsburg Univ)  
311 Montgomery Apt.  
525 E. Second St.  
Box 6043  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1906

Dylan Houser (Lebanon Valley College)  
11 Pheasant Dr.  
Lebanon, PA 17046

Riley Houser (Lebanon Valley College)  
11 Pheasant Dr.  
Lebanon, PA 17046

Kylee Moyers (Central Penn College,  
10387 Jonestown Rd.                      Summerdale)  
Annville, PA 17003

Donny Redinger (HACC)  
1765 Quarry Rd.,  
Lebanon, PA 17046

Eric Schulden (Kutztown Univ.)  
50 Creek Dr.  
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

Noah Smith (Lebanon Valley College)  
Keister #108  
101 N. College Ave.  
Annville, PA 17003

## Zion's Sewing Group

Zion's sewing ladies provide a valuable ministry by sewing quilts which are given locally, such as to the Pre-school children, and also to other charities. They meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am in the east room of the primary Sunday School area. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact Anna Houser, 717-865-2872.

## Spang Crest News

Our team will host a birthday party for the Spang Crest residents on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel. Several of our ladies will provide a hymn sing for entertainment.



## Thank You

Thank you for the cards, visits, gifts I received for my birthday. Thanks especially to those who attended my birthday bash.—Elvin Heller

Sept. 20 was a year since the passing of my wonderful husband, Harold R. Dennis, who is deeply missed. I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their many cards, gifts, and prayers during this crucial time in my life. So much appreciated. God bless you all.—Grace M. Dennis

## 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.

## Christian Education

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



**Save the Dates for "All Church" Sundays:** meet in the social hall at 9:15 for a fun and interactive Sunday School experience. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Oct. 7—"All Church" Intergenerational Sunday—Intro to the Bible  
Nov. 4—"All Church" Intergenerational Sunday—All Saints Day

Oct. 28—Reformation Sunday/Confirmation: A confirmation luncheon will be held immediately following church. Please sign-up in the gathering area. Everyone is invited to celebrate the confirmation of: Grace Ludwig and Wyatt Menzel.

## Congregational Bonfire!

Everyone is invited to a Congregational Bonfire at the home of the Brightbill Family (Kyle & Pam) on Friday, October 12 (rain date is Friday, Oct. 26) at 6:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share and sign up in the gathering area or by emailing Pam at: pamelahope14@comcast.net. This promises to be a great night of fun, food and fellowship! We hope to see YOU there!



## Youth Group

Leaders: Pastor Caitlin and Joanna Guldin-Noll

[pastorckurtz@gmail.com](mailto:pastorckurtz@gmail.com)

[joanna.guldin@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.guldin@gmail.com)

### Youth Groupers:

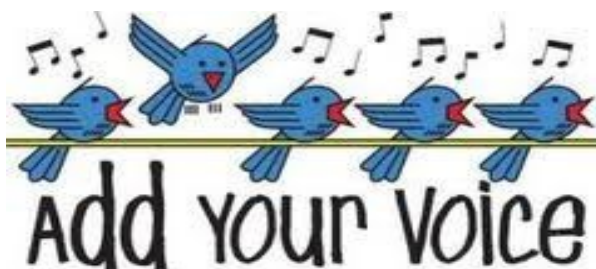
Join us Sunday, October 7 for a hike and bike afternoon on the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail. We'll send out time and location via email!

**If you're not currently receiving youth group information emails, but would like to, please email [joanna.guldin@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.guldin@gmail.com) with your preferred email address.**



## † MEMORIAL FUND †

**In memory of Jimmie Lentz**  
by: Beatrice Wolferd



## Choirs at Zions!

Junior Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm.

Adult Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm.

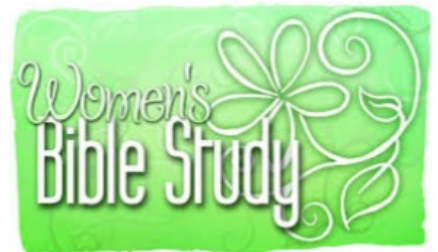
**Council Highlights from September 2018 meeting**

- Shared opening devotions using the "Taking Faith Home" resource that is now included in every Sunday's bulletin
- Pastor Caitlin shared an update from the Jonestown Council of Churches: Discussed changing the day of the Thanksgiving worship service (to either the Sunday evening or Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving) to accommodate those who may be traveling; discussed changing the Lent breakfast to be a "family" event, welcoming men, women, and children; agreed that the Council of Churches would take on the "Power Packs" project at Jonestown Elementary. The Council of Churches welcomes more representatives from each of the borough churches--if you are interested, please see Pastor Caitlin. Next meeting is Thursday October 25 at 6 PM
- Approved the purchase of additional youth choir robes from the Memorial Fund
- Approved the purchase of a new NRSV Pulpit Bible from the Memorial Fund. The red one, which has been used for years, is a Bible translation that we no longer use. This Bible will be placed in the church library, together with other pulpit Bibles that are no longer in use.
- Discussed the problems we have been having with microphones in both the Social Hall and Sanctuary. Some of these problems are due to the age of the microphones, other problems are anticipated due to the frequency we use no longer being available to us in the next year or two. One quote has been received to update the system, another is being configured right now. Council approved spending up to \$2000 from the Bill Haniman memorial fund to update the system in the Social Hall. Council approved spending up to \$2000 from the general fund to update the system in the sanctuary.
- Appointed Michele McQuaide and Dawn Wolfe to the nominating committee for 2019. The terms of four Council members expire at the end of 2018 (and are not eligible for re-election). If you are interested in serving on Council, or have a recommendation to make, please see Pastor Caitlin, Michele, or Dawn.
- Reviewed the conversation Pastor Caitlin and Tom Mohn had with the Emergency Evacuation Specialist. Tom will be appointing a Safety Team to work on the recommendations, and to plan an Evacuation Drill
- PLEASE NOTE: November Council meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday November 6 at 7 PM.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 12:30 pm at the Swatara Coffee Company. We will be discussing chapter two, "Here is the New There" of Rob Bell's book Love Wins. All are welcome!

Women's Bible study will meet on Thursday October 18 at 7 PM at Maryann Guldin's home. We will be discussing Ruth 1:6-18 and chapters two "Coming or Going?" and three "A Wow of a Vow" in Liz Curtis Higgs' book *The Girl's Still Got It*.



## "Wise" guys: Men's Bible study



Resumes on October 13, at 8:00 a.m. in Zion's social hall. All men of the congregation are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and learning, as well as some sweet goodies!

## Worship

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

**Wednesday's At Zions**  
Meet in the social hall.

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**Rejoicing**  **Spirited**

Dinner at 5:30pm, Rejoicing Spirited Worship at 6:15pm, and Kings Kids/Bible Study/Junior Choir at 6:45-7:30pm  
Signups for dessert and future weeks are available on the social hall bulletin board.

Please consider sharing your talents with Kings Kids this year! We would love to learn more about sewing, wood-working, painting, and baking! If interested, please contact Monica Bortz (zionswednesdays@gmail.com)

## KOINONIA CLASS

Next meeting: Sat., Nov. 10 @ 6:30 at the church

President: Sharon Davis (dsdavis11@comcast.net, 717-865-2781)

## Hollyberry Bazaar

Our annual Hollyberry Bazaar will be held on Sat. Nov. 3 from 8:00am - 2:00pm. Start planning NOW. We will appreciate craft items, gift baskets, used books, jellies, candy, baked goods, etc.

Chairing the various booths are the following:

Craft items Sharon Houser (717-376-5010 or slhouser00@gmail.com)

Gift baskets-Georgetta Wolfe (717-865-3884)

Kitchen - Karen Hitz (717-272-9520)

Candy - Blanche Sebastian (717-865-3336)

Cookies - Sharon Davis (717-865-2781) or dsdavis11@comcast.net

Plants - Linda Toth (717-865-6333) or lmtoth@comcast.net.

Books - Jean Fowler (717-926-1240) or jjb Fowler@comcast.net

and Christine Techky (717-933-5298) or christinetech@juno.com (donation box in the Social Hall)

This and That - Janet Bird (717-865-865-5636) or jbird75@comcast.net

This and That/Children's Table

All items are sold below retail price. (5 cents to \$2.00) Children and adults shop at this table. Donations are welcome and do not have to be just Christmas-related. Suggestions: small toys/dolls/balls, activity books, knick knacks, stationery items, children's jewelry, puzzles/ games, new stuffed animals Items can be placed in the red bin below the coat rack at the north primary Sunday school entrance. Items may also be left in the kitchen, but be sure to label them for the This and That table. If you have questions contact Janet Bird at jbird75@comcast.net.

Raffle Baskets - Elaine Ludwig (717-865-3757) or eludadvo@comcast.net

Advertising - Janet Bird

Set up - Tom Keefer (717-865-4559) or ptkeefe@lmf.net.

We have a few extra tables for rent at \$10 each. Please contact the Bazaar Committee with any other questions:

Karen Hitz, (717-272-2590)

Blanche Sebastian (717-865-3336)

Sharon Davis (717-865-2781)



# Evangelism

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

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

Canned soups                      Spaghetti Sauce  
Toothpaste                          Bar soap  
Toilet tissue

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

## Jonestown Outreach pantry (JOY)

### Wish List:

Mac & Cheese, Canned Beets, Carrots, Corn, Mixed Vegetables, Peas, Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Instant Potatoes, Vegetable Soup, Creamed Soup, Canned Pasta, Pudding Packs, Saltines, Spaghetti Sauce, Beef Stew, Spam, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent.

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

**The Back to School Blessings event was awesome!** Thanks to all who contributed socks and underwear, gave money, prayed for the event, and volunteered your time. In cooperation with Jonestown Elementary school, we invited twenty two families to this event, and ended up serving twenty two children from thirteen different families! Each child received a new pair of sneakers, a new pair of jeans, a new outfit for school, a new hair style,



and an assortment of new/gently used clothing and coats that had been donated.

We are especially grateful to three hair salons who donated their time: Envy Hair and Nail, Patty Horn Hair Salon, and Sheer Elegance. This event also benefited from a Thrivent Action Team grant, and from contributions of socks and underwear from Jonestown UMC and St. John's UCC. We look forward to working together on next year's event, and are grateful for your support.

Enjoy this beautiful

ikinyugunyugu:



And. . . learn more about our Young Adult in Global Mission missionary, Hope, who is serving in Rwanda in her newsletter attached to this newsletter online and posted on our large bulletin board in the gathering area.



# **HOLLYBERRY BAZAAR**

**Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
103 East Market Street, Jonestown, PA  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018  
8 AM-2 PM**

***SERVING BREAKFAST AND LUNCH  
WITH ONE STOP SHOPPING!***


**THEMED GIFT BASKETS  
RAFFLE BASKETS  
CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND DECORATIONS  
CANDY, JELLIES & JAMS  
HOMEMADE CRAFTS  
CHOW CHOW  
CHICKEN CORN NOODLE SOUP  
PLANTS  
USED BOOK SALE**





# October 2018



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Sept. 30 - Zion's Basket Bash	1	2	3 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Kings Kids/Youth Choir rehearsal 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal	4	5	6
7 9:15 ALL CHURCH SUNDAY (see below*) 10:30 Worship Getting to Know you Time Crafts after worship!	8	9	10 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Kings Kids/Youth Choir rehearsal 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal	11 12:30 Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm Council	12	13 8:00 am Men's Bible study
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28 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	29	30	31 NO Wednesday activities	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday           </div>		

## Did you notice?



Coffee is now available after Sunday School, prior to Worship, in the gathering area.

With great joy, our confirmation class is so big they need to use the social hall!

\***Getting to Know you time** has moved from the last Sunday of the month! It will now be held on "ALL CHURCH" Sundays. "ALL CHURCH" Sunday is when all ages groups gather together in the social hall for Sunday School! Dates this year are: October 7, November 4, and December 2!

Even if you don't regularly attend Sunday School, you should stop by and experience these Sundays!

## Worship Participants for October

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Nursery	Prayers of the People	Children's Sermons
7	Jean Fowler	TBD	Max Clark Mason Livingston	Cathy & Sharon Houser	Nursery needs <b>Volunteers!!</b> Contact Laura Bush: <a href="mailto:lbush_611@yahoo.com">lbush_611@yahoo.com</a> or 717-269-1102	Kerry Price	Linda Toth
14	Nancy Ludwig	Galen Kleinfelter	Cassie & Ella Bortz	Kelly Rittle Linda Wenrich		Deb Reiner	Stephanie Livingston
21	Rebecca Hoffer	Brian Adams	Lily Harris Kathryn Sipe	John Mohn Jr. Deb Long		Brian Adams	Sharon Houser
28	Grace Ludwig	Daryl Hess	Xander McQuaide Logan Livingston	Noel Strattan Linda Toth		Noel Strattan	Pastor Caitlin

Altar Guild	Ushers	Counters	Getting to know you time
7,14 Bortz Family 21,28 Bucks Family	Al Reiner, Steve Wolfe Tom Frey, Seth Kurtz	7, Larry & Sharon Houser 21, Darryl Bush, Deb Reiner 28, Deb Long, Kelly Rittle	Stewardship & Finance

# TALES FROM THE HILLS

THOUGHTS, STORIES, AND UPDATES FROM MY YEAR OF ACCOMPANIMENT IN RWANDA

## MURAHO!

Hello! Greetings from the beautiful and hilly Rwanda. Yes, folks, I made it! Our Rwanda cohort just wrapped up our three-week orientation in the capital city, Kigali. We were staying at a guesthouse in the Ramera neighborhood. Our country coordinator, Janelle, kept us busy seeing different parts of Kigali, visiting and meeting church officials, and trying some lots of different restaurants. Our cohort spent a few hours each day in Kinyarwanda class. I am pleased to report, that I do know more Kinyarwanda than I did a month ago! We had three different teachers. Colombe taught us the basics and challenged us to talk as much as we could to get used to new letter combinations and difficult words. Our cohort was particularly fond of the word for butterfly, ikinyugunyugu. Denyse was our noun teacher. In her lessons we formulated basic sentences and expanded our vocabulary. Emmanuel taught us as many verbs as he could and how to conjugate them into different tenses—while it could be confusing, he spelled it out for us in a way that we could all understand. Our last dinner together in Kigali before we set off to our placements was “ikinyarwanda guza,” only in Kinyarwanda. Our three teachers, Janelle, Ben (an alum of the program who surprised us in Kigali), and the six of us ate pizza and did our best to communicate through gestures and broken sentences. It was not pretty, but we laughed quite a bit and the pizza was great.



Above: Part of Kigali from the Parliament building we visited. On a clear day, the hills of Rwanda can stretch for miles. Every day so far has been sunny and warm with the occasional afternoon shower.

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## MEET MY COHORT

I have been blessed to travel with and get to know seven other young adults who will be serving communities across the country of Rwanda. Abby, Carter, Claire, Mariah, Khadijah, and Stephen are amazing human beings. I love to laugh and when I am spending time with these folks, the laughing is bountiful. I am over joyed to see how each of their lives unfold in their host communities this year. Loving thoughts, prayers, and good vibes are welcome for my wonderful friends.



Above: Our country cohort in Chicago with "The Bean" in the background. From left to right—Carter, Savannah (alum), Claire, Khadijah, Mariah, Abby, Me, Steven, Ben (alum)

## NEXT STEP: GICUMBI



My welcoming party!

From left to right: Joshua, Pastor Caleb, Phionah, Mama Haleluya, me, Mama Gad, Haleluya, Gad, Honore, Mama Honore, Anne, Jaqueline

If I had a nickel for every person who said Gicumbi is the coldest part of Rwanda, I'd be able to buy at least seven kilos of passion fruit (amatunda in Kinyarwanda). Even though the Gicumbi province is closer to the equator, the high elevation keeps it cool and there is almost always a slight breeze. I am living in Kageyo, a small village on the side of a hill overlooking a valley. On a clear day, you can see the volcanos in the distance in the western most part of Rwanda. I am staying with Pastor Caleb and his wife Mama Haleluya. Pastor Caleb and Anne came to pick me up in Kigali. Anne very good English and Pastor Caleb thought it would be helpful if she came along. Their friends, Robert and Phionah, who live I Kigali, drove us an hour north to Kageyo instead of taking a bus. When we arrived, Mama H had milk tea and fruit ready for us with a hot lunch following close behind that. Neighbors from all over town stopped in to meet me and welcome me. At the end of second meal, Anne began to sing and before I knew it, we were all dancing and singing together. It was a wonderful welcome.

## MURAKOZE CYANE!

Thank you very much for reading a little bit about what I have been up to. I'm excited to share this adventure with you all! I have not had the chance to finish setting up my blog just yet. I am still planning on writing more frequently than this bi-monthly newsletter, I will send you all an email soon with my blog address.

Sending my love,

Hope



Above: The view from my bedroom window in Kageyo Gicumbi

Left: Our cohort purchased Kitenge fabric in Kigali during orientation. Janelle had us strike an artsy pose. I love this picture.