



Zion's News



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

November 2018

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

Dear Members and Friends of Zion's:

Recently, I took my daughter Madelyn to visit the oldest member of our congregation, Paul Zimmerman who is 100 years old. When I arrived, Paul was alone in his room. I greeted him, and he immediately gestured to let me know that his hearing aids weren't working correctly, and he couldn't hear me. Unfortunately, I was also having a hard time understanding him that day. But as soon as I took Madelyn out of her stroller, those communication barriers disappeared. They both lit up, and began to communicate with each other in that only the two of them could and Madelyn reached out for Paul, was to catch a glimpse of heaven on Kingdom of God moment when words concern, and neither had a care in the



smiles, laughter, and a language understand. Paul tickled her toes, squealing with delight. To see it earth. It was truly a beautiful, didn't matter, age was of no world.

I think about that encounter often, near. There's no doubt that Paul, born 2018, will live very different lives, in years ago, a loaf of bread cost \$0.07, a dozen eggs costs \$0.34, and a pound of steak was \$0.26. Kids were free to roam the streets without worry, toasters and zippers were the newest technology, and 'airmail' (literally putting mail on an airplane, instead of a train) was the Post Office's newest innovation. In contrast, Madelyn will *only* know a post-September 11, 2001 world where *instant, global* communication is a given, the internet (with all its blessings and curses) fits in one's pocket, and letter writing is a dying art.

especially as All Saint's Day draws in 1918, and Madelyn, born in very different worlds. A hundred

But you know what Madelyn and Paul will always share? They are baptized brothers and sisters, part of the 'communion of saints' that extends beyond time and space. They have joined the body of Christ through the waters of baptism and will grow up in a Church that proclaims the *timeless* Good News of Jesus Christ. While Paul receives communion in his nursing home, and it will be a few years before Madelyn joins us at the Lord's table, when they commune, we believe that, through the mystic communion of saints, they will receive Christ's body and blood at the *same* table, a foretaste of the Great Feast to come. And, one day, they will dine together, in flesh, when Christ comes to earth to judge the living and the dead.

This is what we participate in *every* Sunday when we celebrate Holy Communion, but it is, especially, what we celebrate and remember on All Saints Sunday, which is coming on Sunday November 4. On this day, the Church around the world remembers, honors, and gives thanks to God for all the saints, living and deceased, who have been baptized into the body of Christ, and who share with us the promise of everlasting life. This feast day celebrates and proclaims the promises God has made to us in baptism—that we have died and been raised with Christ, and that we are inheritors of eternal life—while also giving thanks for the witness of the saints, and for the example of faith and life they set for us.

I invite you to make worship on All Saints Sunday a priority for you and your family, and to bring with you a photo of a 'saint' in your life to place on the windowsills in the sanctuary as a visible reminder of the 'great cloud of witnesses that surround us'. Together, we will give thanks for God's steadfast promises and for the Holy Spirit who unites us with brothers and sisters in Christ across time and space.

Despite all the changes in our world, and all the uncertainties with which we live every day, we trust in these promises: God's steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 136), we are surrounded throughout life's journey by a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1), and, one day, we will all dwell together in the new heaven and new earth that God has promised (Revelation 21). Thanks be to God.

In hope, Pastor Caitlin

Congregational Care Team (formerly called Social Ministry)

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

Spang Crest

Our team hosted a birthday party for the Spang Crest residents on Tues., Oct. 16 in the Chapel. Birthday celebrants received a birthday card and gift card to the Spang Crest gift shop. Those providing music were Ken & Irene Hess, Warren Hess, Karen Hitz and Blanche Sebastian. Thank you all for sharing your talents!

Care Packages Care packages for our college students and our missionary will be assembled at our next meeting, Monday, Nov. 12.

This just in:
the address for
our missionary in
Rwanda, for cards
and letters.

Hope Guelzow
c/o Janelle Neubauer
PO Box 5692
Kigali
RWANDA

Thank You so much!

Dear Zions, Thank you so much for providing help in our town this past September! Your work at the boat launch really spruced things up! Because of you, mulch was finally spread at our picnic area at the launch. Our goal as we continue to build our town and park is to bring our community together to live more fulfilled lives. Projects are difficult to execute, but in a small town like ours, we need help from our neighbors to complete our goals. Your contribution plays a vital role in our efforts to provide a nice space for all to enjoy! Again, we appreciate your great support and commitment to our town and park. Sincerely, - Jonestown Council and Mayor

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.



The churches of the Jonestown area are sponsoring the **15th annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration**. The purpose is to bring the people of the Jonestown area together for a time of conversation, fellowship, fun and entertainment. The event will be a ham dinner, free of charge and open to anyone in the Jonestown area. The event will be held at the Jonestown Elementary School on Saturday, Nov. 10 and free meals will be served from noon through 2:00 pm. Tickets are required—just to establish a head count, and are available from Ed Ludwig (717-865-3757), Linda Wenrich (717-865-5157) and also at BG's Food Market, Shear Elegance, JBT Bank, and Krall's General Store.

Volunteer help is needed for set up, kitchen help, serving, clean up, and cupcake baking. Sign up sheet for helpers and cupcakes in the gathering area and in the social hall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.



December and January Newsletters will be combined! Please have all pertinent information to Zion's office by

NOVEMBER 15.

Christian Education

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

All Church Sundays

All church Sundays are when all ages meet in the social hall at 9:15 for a fun and interactive Sunday School experience, which concludes with Getting to Know you Time, (aka cookie day),

November 4 - All Saints Day. Join us in the social hall and meet some famous Saints of old. We are all bound to learn a thing or two!

December 2 - Advent Event. Join us in the social hall to learn more about the season of Advent and to create an Advent project that will help you to make intentional time to spend in God's word.



LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch bunch will not be held Nov. 8, but is being rescheduled. Watch the bulletin for the new date. When we meet, we will discuss chapter three, "Hell", in Rob Bell's book, *Love Wins*.

Women's Bible study will meet on Thursday, November 15 @ 7:00 pm, at the home of Jean Fowler. We will be discussing chapters four and five of Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *The Girl's Still Got It*, as well as Ruth 1:19-2:7. All are welcome!



"Wise" guys: Men's Bible study will be held on November 17 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!



Sunday School for all ages! You are always welcome at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.

Children ages 3-5th grade meet in the basement for chapel, and then split into age-appropriate groups.

6th-8th grade meet with Pastor Caitlin in the Social Hall for Confirmation.

9th-12th grade meet with Ed Ludwig and Michael Johnson in the Youth room in the basement.

Adults have two choices: Ann Kulp leads a conversation on *Luther and the Called Life* in the classroom to the right of the mailboxes. Gloria Bender teaches *God's World, God's People: A Study of the book of Genesis* in the classroom by the choir room.

****Please note that choir rehearsals are now on Wednesday night****

Evangelism

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

The clothing bank is in desperate need of NEW undergarments.

Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall.

Jonestown Outreach pantry (JOY)

Wish List:

****Urgent need - Spaghetti Sauce**** Canned Pasta, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Cream Soups, Vegetable Soups, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tuna, Canned Meats, Canned Stews, Canned Chicken, Canned Fruit, Spam, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry and Dish Detergents.

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

ADVENT PROJECT

As Christians we are called to respond to the needs of others. In light of the tremendous devastation caused by Hurricanes Florence and Michael this fall, Mission Ministry focusing our Advent Initiative on gathering much needed cleaning supplies. Our goal is to gather enough supplies for 5 buckets. A chart will be in the gathering area with a list of the supplies that are needed. These buckets are sent to victims of natural disasters as they occur in order to help them rebuild their lives. There will also be cards available if you choose to donate supplies in someone's name as a Christmas gift.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you ever ponder what you could do to help the homeless? Here is something you might consider. Salem Lutheran is opening its doors to provide a place for the homeless to sleep. Between December 3 and 17, the homeless will be brought to Salem. They need volunteers to check guests in (8-10 PM) and to stay overnight (one male and one female is needed each night). Training is available. If this is something you would like to explore, please contact Pastor Caitlin.

Youth Group

Leaders: Pastor Caitlin and Joanna Guldin-Noll

pastorckurtz@gmail.com

joanna.guldin@gmail.com

Youth Groupers:



We want you for Youth-Led Sunday (November 18)! We're still looking for worship participants in grades 6-8. Email Pastor Caitlin (pastorckurtz@gmail.com) or Joanna Guldin-Noll (joanna.guldin@gmail.com) or see either of us in church to sign up! We will practice during Sunday School on November 11.

Youth-Led Sunday will take place on November 18. After church, the youth group will meet in the social hall for lunch, a little fun and games, and to plan out our Christmas project and Christmas caroling! Please email or see Joanna by November 11 to let us know if you'll be there!



Zion's will be decorating with white poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return it and \$6.75 per plant before November 25. Plants may be claimed by sponsors after late church on Christmas Eve.

_____ Poinsettias were placed by _____

in honor/memory of _____.

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

COUNCIL

Next Meeting: Nov. 6, 2018

President: Tom Mohn (tommohn@verizon.net; 717-865-3341)

Council Highlights from October 2018 meeting

- Council Devotions were led by Wyatt Menzel and Grace Ludwig who will be affirming their faith in the rite of Confirmation on Sunday October 28. Wyatt shared a presentation "What is grace?" and Grace presented on "How we know God is real". Interested in what they had to say? Ask them to share their project with you!
- Pastor Caitlin shared that a revision of our Policies and Procedures manual is long overdue, and in-process. Committee chairs are reviewing their documents and Council discussed and endorsed changes to the Council Person responsibilities page and Guidelines for Congregation Council Re-organization. Once the manual is completely revised, it will be available for review.
- Approved accepting Barbara Kohr as a new member on a date to be decided.
- Learned that Larry Houser will serve as back-up Facilities Manager to Rob McQuaide, when Rob is out of town or otherwise unavailable. Thank you, Larry!
- Approved a revised Facilities Manager position
- Discussed and approved, with amendments, Zion's Child Protection policy. Copies of the policy will be available in the Gathering Area, with a full compliance due date of February 1, 2019. In order to remain "Approved Adults", those who currently have their clearances will need to read the policy and sign a form stating that they have done so, and agree to abide by it.
- Approved covering the additional cost for the acolyte/youth choir robes from the Memorial Fund
- Discussed Council nominations for 2019-2022. There are four Council spots that will be open for election. If you are interested in serving in this way, or learning more about the position, please see Pastor Caitlin, Michele McQuaide, or Dawn Wolfe.
- Tom Mohn will be putting together a Safety Team to assess risks and propose solutions. If you are interested in helping, please see Pastor Caitlin or Tom.
- Waived the building use fee for PROBE, who will be using our building twice in November to provide financial wellness workshops for our community. Information is on the bulletin board outside the church office.



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Anyone interested in having their name included on the nominee's ballot for Council election should contact Michelle McQuaide, Dawn Wolfe, or Pastor Caitlin.

Save the date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 is the date of the **Annual Congregational Dinner meeting**.

KOINONIA CLASS

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

HOLLYBERRY BAZAAR Saturday, November 3, 8:00am – 2:00pm

Come for breakfast or lunch!

Baked oatmeal, breakfast casseroles, chicken corn noodle soup, Bar-be-que, Hotdogs, cookies, candies, jams and Jellies, Christmas crafts, used books, plants, themed baskets and "This & That". Something for everyone!

Please place used *book donations in the book bin in the social hall. Theme baskets to be donated (about a \$15 value) can be placed on the stage.

Please contact the Bazaar Committee with any questions: Karen Hitz, 717-272-9520
Blanche Sebastian, 717-865-3336 Sharon Davis, 717-865-2781



Worship

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

Wednesdays At Zions

5:30 pm Family Style dinners

6:15 pm REJOICING SPIRITS WORSHIP

6:45 pm Kings Kids or Bible Study or Youth Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rejoicing  Spirits

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

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE HAS BEGUN AT ZION'S Join the celebration by:

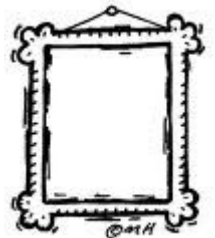
Bringing your Bible to worship, opening and using it as scripture is read. If you don't have a Bible, please take one from the pew, put your name in it, and call it your own!

Using the "Taking Faith Home" insert throughout the week, with questions to reflect on Sunday's Gospel readings, and additional scripture readings for each day of the week.

All Saints Sunday, November 4

On this day the Church remembers and honors those who have become saints of God through baptism, as well as those who have died and joined the Church Triumphant. To mark this festival day at Zion's, we invite you:

- ♦ to bring with you pictures of loved ones, past and present, to help us fill our windowsills as we remember that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses! Bring as many pictures as you'd like--in frames or out.
- ♦ to participate in an ALL CHURCH Learning Event beginning at 9:15 AM in the Social Hall where we will meet, in the flesh, famous saints of old, such as St. Francis, St. Florian (patron saint of fire fighters), St. Elizabeth (patron saint of hospitals and nurses), St. John-Baptiste de la Salle (patron saint of teachers), and many more! Getting to Know You snacks will be available at 10 AM. All are welcome, and, really, it's going to be fun!



Youth Sunday, November 18

The youth of Zion' will be leading the 10:30 worship on Sunday, November 18. We hope you can be there to receive the gifts they have to offer, support them as they learn to be worship leaders, and to encourage them as together we worship God and deepen our walk with Christ.

We're trying something new! The Jonestown Council of Churches Thanksgiving worship service will be on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 at 7 pm at Jonestown UMC. Let us come together as a community of neighbors, and a community of faith, to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have in our lives. The offering collected this night helps to purchase Bibles for the Release Time Christian education program at Jonestown Elementary.



2018 Theme Basket Bash committee is pleased to announce the proceeds from this year's event were \$1,991.42. They are being used to further reduce the debt of the social hall renovations. Thank you to all who came out and supported the event. And a very special "Thank you" to all who contributed their time and talents to make it possible!

*It's that time of year... time to submit requests
for money from our Touching Tomorrow Endowment Fund!*

What is the purpose of the “Touching Tomorrow” Endowment fund?

The Endowment Fund distributes money, in the form of grants, for mission and outreach beyond the normal church budget and usually, beyond the church walls. The aim of such grants is to “Touch Tomorrow,” allowing for present and future ministry.

Who oversees the Touching Tomorrow Fund?

A Touching Tomorrow Committee oversees the Fund. This committee meets annually to decide expenditures based on the financial performance of the account and the specific requests. These purchases are not approved by council, but council approves the members of the committee. The committee currently consists of Jim Gill (Chair), Terry Ludwig, Michelle Bucks, and Christine Techky. We need one more member on the committee—if you are interested in serving in this way, please see Jim Gill or Pastor Caitlin.

Where does the money come from in the Touching Tomorrow Fund?

The original money came from a large bequest to the church. Currently the fund has roughly \$420,000 in principle investments, which includes the original gift, but also later gifts and interest added to principle. Each year grants come from the interest and dividends on the account. These have varied over time. The hope is that in the future, more people will consider giving money, either in honor of loved ones, or as part of their estate planning, to the Touching Tomorrow Fund.

How can I contribute to the Touching Tomorrow Fund?

Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated, and you may benefit from significant tax advantages. By using a combination of certain financial and insurance products, you can even leave a bigger inheritance to your loved ones while preserving your desired gift to the fund. For more information on this strategy, you may consult your estate attorney or talk with Jim Gill, Zion’s representative from Thrivent Financial.

What kind of things has the Touching Tomorrow Fund supported?

Between 2006 and 2017, the Fund distributed over \$120,000 to various projects, including:

Seed money for launching Zion’s Preschool; continued scholarships for preschool families in need

Funding to make our internship program possible

West Virginia and New York City Youth Mission Trips

Seminary scholarship money to support a member of our congregation, Jason Northridge, who is now a pastor

Support for a handful of local charities, including helping to fund a forklift for Lebanon County Christian Ministries

Subsidized the cost of Zion’s Day Camp, making it an affordable option for families in our community

Support for Northern Lebanon’s Environthon

Assistance for local families in need

Funds for the Lower Susquehanna’s food packing event at synod assembly

Support of Brittney’s Hope in Vietnam

Contribution to Developmental and Disability Services in Lebanon County

What kind of money is available for grants this year?

While the fund’s investments are conservative, fluctuations in the stock market means we will not know the exact amount of the distribution until closer to December 1. Last year we were able to distribute over \$24,000; we hope this year for another generous distribution.

How can you make a request for a project?

Simple: Fill out the front of this paper by Dec 1, 2018! The most successful applications tend to benefit educational ministries (scholarships, youth group, leadership training), local ministries (innovative congregational ministries, seed money, or emergency appeals), extended ministries (national, international, disaster-related), and charities with specific needs.

If you have any questions about applying for these monies, the purpose of our Touching Tomorrow Endowment Fund, or how to contribute to the endowment, please see any member of the Committee or Pastor Caitlin.

ZION'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
103 E. Market Street, Jonestown, PA 17038
(717) 865-2848

TOUCHING TOMORROW ENDOWMENT FUND REQUEST FORM

Name of Person Completing Application: _____

Your Address: _____

Best phone number to reach you _____

Your Email Address: _____

Name and Contact Information of the Individual or Organization who will benefit from your request

Details of Purpose/Explanation of Request: _____

If granted, may we publicize the fulfillment of the request?

Yes, you may publicize

No, please do not publicize

DEADLINE/DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Deadline for Receipt of All Requests is December 1, 2018

Distribution of Funds for Successful Requests is between December 16 and December 31, 2018

Date to be Informed if Request is Not Successful is between December 16 and December 18, 2018

For Zion's Use Only

Request Granted: Yes No

Date: _____

Initials: _____



HOLLYBERRY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

8 AM-2 PM

SERVING BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

WITH ONE STOP SHOPPING!

Baked oatmeal, breakfast casseroles, chicken corn noodle soup, Bar-be-que, Hotdogs, cookies, candies, jams and Jellies, Christmas crafts, used books, plants, themed baskets and "This & That". Something for everyone!

THEMED GIFT BASKETS

RAFFLE BASKETS

CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND DECORATIONS

CANDY, JELLIES & JAMS

HOMEMADE CRAFTS

CHOW CHOW

CHICKEN CORN NOODLE SOUP

PLANTS

USED BOOK SALE

THIS AND THAT AREA

Please place used book donations in the book bin in the social hall. Theme baskets to be donated (about a \$15 value) can be placed on the stage.

Please contact the Bazaar Committee with any questions: Karen Hitz, 717-272-9520

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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.



November 2018



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1	2	3 HOLLYBERRY BAZAAR
4 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:15 All Church Sunday Getting to know you time 10:30 Worship	5	6 7:00 Council meeting	7 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Kings Kids/Youth Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	8	9	10 Noon-Comm. Thanksgiving dinner
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18 YOUTH SUNDAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship @ JUMC	19	20	21 NO Wednesday activities	22 	23	24
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Worship Participants for November

	Lectors	Crucifer	Childrens sermon	Acolytes	Communion Assts.	Counters	Prayers of the People
4	Noel Strattan	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Pastor Caitlin	Mason Livingston Levi Bucks	John Mohn Jr. Noel Strattan	Larry & Sharon Houser	Christine Techky
11	Travis Ludwig	Mike Johnsen	Ed Ludwig	Nick McFarland Jaxin Bush	Deb Long Terry Ludwig		Linda Toth
18	Zion's Youth Sunday. Join us in worship as our youth lead the way!!!						
25	Kristin Hoffer	Brian Adams	Pastor Caitlin	MacKenzie Hess Lily Harris	Kelly Rittle Pam Bixler	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Leah Wolfe

	Altar Guild	Ushers	Getting to know you time
	4,11 Pam & Dawn 18, Jen & Noel 25, Bortz Family	Tom Keefer, Darryl Hess Georgetta Wolfe, John Mohn Jr.	Church Council