



# Zion's News



February 2019

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

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

Dear Members and Friends of Zion's:

The church season between Christmas and Lent is "Epiphany". During this season, we hear stories of Jesus being revealed as the LIGHT of the world, and we reflect on the Church's call to shine Christ's LIGHT. Here are two recent stories of Christ's LIGHT shining through our congregation that I want to share with you.

At our All Church Event in January, we collected baby diapers and wipes as a "baby shower for Jesus", in honor of the gifts the magi brought to Jesus. Zion's has brought in 776 diapers and 2,476 baby wipes! A Thrivent Action Team grant brought that up to 3,008 diapers and 3,922 baby wipes. The Jonestown Outreach Pantry and Lebanon County Christian Ministries will receive these contributions to distribute to families right here in our community. We know baby diapers and wipes are an expensive necessity that cannot be purchased with government assistance and are always in high demand at food pantries. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and are one way we share Christ's LIGHT in our community. Thank you.

Two days after our All Church event, I learned from a member of our congregation that a Jonestown Elementary school family (mom, dad, and two little girls) had lost their home, and everything they owned, in a fire that morning. I immediately called the school to find out how we could help. They told me they were trying to get together a few things so that, when the family picked up their child from school that afternoon, they would have what they needed to at least get through their first night of displacement. I went through the items leftover from the Back to School Blessings event and was able to find a few things for both of the girls. In the pile of 3,008 diapers, I found two packs of pull ups for the toddler, and after a quick trip to the store, we had socks, underwear, PJs,

and shoes. A member of the congregation provided basic toiletries for the family to use that first night, and JOY put together an emergency bag of food for them. It was a privilege to be able to gather these needed supplies on behalf of our congregation to quickly, but the gift of one of our children topped all of the 'necessities'. When one of our moms explained to her little girl what had happened to this family's house, this little girl went to her room and started packing up her baby dolls, hair ties, and stuffed animals so that the two little girls who lost their home would have toys to play with. She wasn't *asked* to do this. She had learned through our congregation that we are called to care for those in need, and the Holy Spirit compelled her to share what she had with kids who now had nothing. This, my friends, is the power of Christ at work in our congregation, and community...and the LIGHT of Christ shining in and through us.

Especially in these winter days, it can be easy to be overwhelmed by darkness. But the promise of God is that Jesus is the LIGHT of the world, the LIGHT no darkness can overcome. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to reflect Christ's LIGHT in the world. I want to thank you for all the ways you already do this, while encouraging you to boldly and courageously seek new ways to shine Christ's LIGHT. And, if you have a story of LIGHT shining in the darkness to share, please do!

On a personal note, Seth and I also want to thank you for your generous Christmas gift to our family. We are grateful for your love and support. We also humbly ask that you remember us in prayer as Seth soon leaves for four months of training with the Navy in Gulfport Mississippi. We are grateful he's staying state-side this time, but will miss him nonetheless!

In hope,

Pastor Caitlin

## 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),

**The next ALL CHURCH Event is Sunday, February 3.**

Join us to "Walk with the Prophets", as we learn about the prophets--men and women chosen by God to lead God's people away from sin and back to God. As we experience the prophet's call to care

for the poor and needy, you are encouraged to bring in food or toiletry donations for JOY Pantry and Lebanon County Christian Ministries. A Thrivent Action team grant will match all contributions.

Especially needed items include: Canned fruits, vegetables, applesauce and pasta; Soups: cream soups, vegetables soups, stews, tomato, chicken rice & high protein (8-16g) soups, (Yes, these also count towards Souper Bowl Sunday!); Canned protein: chicken, spam, tuna, beef, ham; Toiletries: toilet paper; laundry detergent; Jelly and creamy peanut butter; Boxes of instant potatoes and scallop potatoes.

Next ALL CHURCH SUNDAY: March 3, "Lent Event".



## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch bunch will be held February 21 @ 12:30 at the Swatara Coffee Company. When we meet, we will discuss chapter five, "There are rocks everywhere", in Rob Bell's book, *Love Wins*.

Women's Bible study will meet on Thursday, February 21 @

7:15 pm, at the home of Pastor Caitlin. We will be discussing chapters eight & nine of Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *The Girl's Still Got It*, as well as Ruth 3:1-11. All are welcome!



**"Wise" guys: Men's Bible study** will be held on February 9 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!



Zion's is hiring a nursery attendant for Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this two hour/week position, please share the job description shown on the right, or direct them to our website where it is also available ([www.zionsjonestown.com](http://www.zionsjonestown.com)) We do not plan to hire a member of the congregation for this job, but hope you can help us spread the word.

Zion's Lutheran Church in Jonestown is seeking nursery care providers for infants through early elementary students from 10 AM to noon on Sunday mornings. One nursery care provider will work each Sunday, with a volunteer from the congregation providing assistance. We hope to hire more than one provider to allow for some Sundays off. Our nursery team should provide a safe, loving, Christian environment for the children. Providers will also be responsible for making sure children are checked in and out, ensuring that they have a cell phone contact for a parent/adult in worship, and cleaning up the nursery at the end of the morning. Applicants must enjoy interacting with children, be at least 18 years old, and pass a background check.

# Congregational Care Team (formerly called Social Ministry)

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

## Spang Crest Bingo Prize Donations:

Please place donations in the box in the gathering area. Suggestions:

Kleenex (box & packs)	Candy
Snack Foods	Hair Brushes
Perfume	Cologne
Hand Lotions	Small Notebooks
Jewelry (mainly long necklaces)	

Your generosity adds to the residents lives.

## Homebound Birthdays (cards, calls, visits)

Ingrid Erb  
48 Supervisor Dr.  
Jonestown, PA 17038

PH: 717-865-5850  
Birthday: Feb. 26



My heartfelt thanks to my church family for the many Christmas cards and the beautiful poinsettia—Ingrid Erb

Many thanks for all the Christmas Cards and the beautiful Christmas Flower.—Elvin Heller

I would like to thank you all for your care and support for myself and family during our recent time of grief as we mourn the loss of our beloved son and brother, Rick. We truly appreciate your cards, prayers, and kind words. Your love helps to provide us hope during this time of sorrow. - With love, your sister in Christ, Nancy Winklebleck and family.

Many thanks to everyone who helped decorate Zion's for Advent and Christmas, and then undecorated in January! Your gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated, and richly enhanced the worship experience of all who came to celebrate the birth of Christ and His Promised return.

Thank you - Zions

**\*If you do not know how to read music, but would like to learn,** Zion's is offering music literacy lessons. For more information, contact our choir director, Joel Guldin (717 228 8513)



**\*Rejoicing Spirits Tag Sale will be held on Saturday February 16** to benefit Cynde, Mike, and Amber Sobesiak Family (Cynde is Pat Williamson's daughter. The family regularly attends our Wednesday night worship services). *We are asking for your NEW or Gently Used items that you want to get rid of.* Everyone likes to organize and clean out after the holidays. Let's put those items up for sale to benefit a wonderful family, hit with cancer. Donations may be dropped off during the week- Sunday - Thursday 9am- 12pm. Also Wednesday night 4-8pm, around dinner and worship. Otherwise contact Monica ([zionswednesdays@gmail.com](mailto:zionswednesdays@gmail.com)) to plan for another time. Donations may be placed on the stage, behind the curtain for now.

## \*Souper Bowl Sunday is Sunday February 3:



Let's leverage our excitement for the game to FEED the HUNGRY in our community! You are invited to bring in SOUP and SOUP ingredients for JOY and LCCM. Especially needed: Canned meats –Beef, Tuna, Ham, & Chicken, Beef Stew, Tomato, Chicken Rice, Vegetable or Cream Soup, Beef or Chicken Broth, Canned Chili with Beans. A Thrivent Action Team Grant will multiply what we bring in!

## COUNCIL

Next Meeting: Feb. 14, 2019

President: Larry Houser (lhouser1@gmail.com; 717-865-6693)

### Council Highlights from January 10, 2019 meeting

- Council discussed the question, "If we (Zions) were gone, who would miss us?" We established a lengthy list of people, groups, and businesses! We need to share our story each and every day!
- Nursery Attendant Position approved and ready to advertise.
- Council discussed the implementation of our Child Protective Policy
- Our Council Retreat will take place January 25th and 26th. We will gather together to assess our mission and make plans for the next 3-5 years.

Your Council members are: Larry Houser, President; Terry Ludwig, Vice President; Kelly Rittle, Secretary; Cathy Houser, Treasurer; Brian Adams; Joanna Guldin-Noll; Christine Techky; Tracy Hoy; Noel Strattan; Deb Reiner; Kerri Price; Matt Wolfe; Linda Wenrich, and Pr. Caitlin Kurtz

### Zion's Child Protection Policy:

In October 2018, our Council approved a new child protection policy. This policy describes what child abuse is and details the policies in place at Zion's to protect our children and youth, including: an open-door policy, that two adults be present whenever possible, and the process for reporting and investigating suspected child abuse. Copies of the policy are available by contacting Pastor Caitlin or Michele McQuaide (Christian Ed chair). A roster of adults who are approved to work with children and youth will be updated and posted throughout the building. If you regularly work with youth or children in our congregation and are interested in being added to the roster, we are happy to help you acquire the needed clearances.

Our new policy also describes safety provisions for when someone who is on the sexual offender registry desires to worship at Zion's: the individual may not participate in any youth or children's programs, they may only attend a predetermined service each week, they must be accompanied by another member of the congregation at all times, and the congregation needs to be made aware that a convicted sex offender is attending. Per this policy, we are hereby notifying the congregation that someone who is on the sexual offender registry occasionally worships at Zion's. Please see Pastor Caitlin or Larry Houser, Council President, with any questions.

## KOINONIA CLASS

Meets the 2nd Saturday of the odd months.

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

Next Meeting: will be held on Saturday, March 9 at Noon at Ivana's Bistro.

A meeting to plan for 2019 was held recently. Officers for 2019 are:

President - Karen Hitz

Vice President - Blanche Sebastian

Secretary - Pat Keefer

Treasurer - Janet Bird

Social Events are planned by the season.



**Registration for 2019 – 2020 school year will begin the end of January.** Registration is open to church members and families in the program before it is open to the public. If you are interested in registering for the 2019-2020 school year, please contact Missy Ditzler at [zionspreschool@verizon.net](mailto:zionspreschool@verizon.net) or 717-861-4416. Registration will be open to the public the beginning of February.

Mission Ministry, (formerly 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. Under-shirts, socks and underwear for men, women, boys and girls of all ages are needed. Also needed are men's coats (size large and bigger).

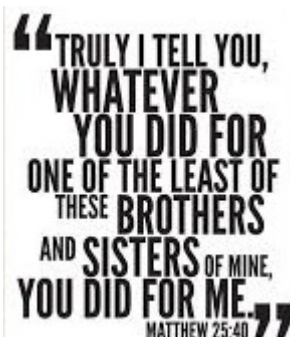
Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall.

### Jonestown Outreach pantrY (JOY)

#### Wish List:

Noodles, Ramen, Canned Fruits, Canned Beets, Carrots, Peas, Limas, Canned Pasta, Baked Beans, Cream Soups, Vegetable Soups, Instant Potatoes, Tuna, Canned Meats, Stews, Chicken, Spam, Canned High-protein soups, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent.

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



### † MEMORIAL FUND †

In Memory of **Paul Zimmerman**

by: Steve & Dawn Wolfe  
Mary Ann Nelson

In Memory of **John E. Fortna Jr.**

by: Irene Fortna

### Hospital Admissions

Please inform the church office when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or 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.

### ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Don't delay--remember that because we are celebrating 50 years of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, we are offering 50% off on all registration fees for 2019! Whether your marriage is practically perfect or whether you have some struggles, couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their relationship!

The 2019 Northeast US spring Weekends are: April 5-7, 2019 at Country Inn & Suites just off of Hwy 99 in State College and April 26-28, 2019 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA.

We are also taking reservations for our fall Weekends: October 11-13, 2019 at the Hyatt Place Pittsburgh/Cranberry in Cranberry Township, PA, and November 1-3, 2019 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, MA.

Please go to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) to see the cost for the Weekend of your choice. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Fill out and submit the form, and complete your registration with a credit card, or you may choose the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

## Worship

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

### The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on March 6.

Zion's will celebrate Ash Wednesday with three (3) worship services that day:

Noon: A brief spoken word service.

6:15 p.m.: Rejoicing Spirits Worship.

7:00 p.m.: Traditional Ash Wednesday Worship in the sanctuary.



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## Rejoicing Spirits

### 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

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).

## Youth Group

Leaders: Pastor Caitlin and Joanna Guldin-Noll

pastorckurtz@gmail.com

joanna.guldin@gmail.com

**Coming Soon!** Watch for an email with a shift sign-up for volunteering before and during the Rejoicing Spirits Tag Sale. If you do not get youth group emails, talk to Joanna Guldin-Noll, call her at 717-228-9846, or email her at Joanna.guldin@gmail.com to get on the list.

### Upcoming Events:

February 16: Volunteer at the Rejoicing Spirits Tag Sale (7 AM-3PM), We will have a shift sign up

March 3: Getting to Know You Time + Youth Group lunch and meeting after church, Details to follow

April 28: Earth Day @ Camp Kirchenwald

May 12: Youth Sunday

May 25: Jonestown Block Party

## CHRISTIAN BOOK EXCHANGE LIBRARY IN THE GATHERING AREA



A reminder to everyone that if you are looking for a good book to read during the winter months, you should check out Zion's book exchange on the bottom two shelves of the library in the Gathering Area. There is really a good assortment of Christian-related topics for adults and for teens and children, and new titles have been recently added, books that were donated for the Hollyberry Bazaar but were not sold.

You don't necessarily have to add a book to take a book, we just ask that you either return it when you've read it or pass it on to someone else. Also, anybody wanting to donate books to Zion's library, please leave them on the shelves. Thank you.

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# Rejoicing Spirits

**Tag Sale to Benefit the Sobiesiak Family**

Saturday February 16th

7am - 2pm

Antiques, Baby and Children Items

Clothing, Jewelry, & Housewares

Buy Breakfast or Lunch, &

Soup by the quart to take home.



**Have items to donate or need more info?**

**Contact [zionswednesdays@gmail.com](mailto:zionswednesdays@gmail.com)**

**or 717-679-2583 to make arrangements**

**103 E. Market Street Jonestown**

**Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend  
June 14-16, 2019**

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 13 and leave Monday, June 17, and others will spend just the weekend.

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 now by mailing the form, but calling the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or e-mailing [stay@romanholiday.com](mailto:stay@romanholiday.com) are preferred. Currently Daniel, the General Manager, is only in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

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

If you have questions, call Janet Bird 865-5636 or contact the Roman Holiday directly.

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



**\*\*\*GROUP RATES\*\*\*** This group rate is only guaranteed til May 1.

\$128: 1Bedroom Efficiency (limit 6)

\$180: 2Bedroom Efficiency (limit 8)

Sales & occupancy taxes are is 13.625%.

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

**Mail the reservation form and a one-night deposit to:**

Roman Holiday Motel  
1000 (10<sup>th</sup>) JFK Boulevard  
North Wildwood, NJ 08260

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nights requested \_\_\_\_\_

Type of room \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**Discount Hersheypark tickets orders** will be taken through March 24. Payment is not needed until the tickets are received. The group discount prices are less than offered by Giant or AAA. Plan ahead and save money. Fill out the order form and give to Janet Bird, place in her church mailbox, mail to her at P.O. Box 75, Jonestown, PA 17038, or e-mail the order to [jbird75@comcast.net](mailto:jbird75@comcast.net) so that it is received by Sunday, March 24. The tickets are good for any one day of the 2019 park season. If questions, call Janet Bird at 865-5636.

**\$32.95 All Tickets** \*\*This price is only in effect until the ticket deadline.\*\*

Saving (\$14 for ages 3 to 8 and ages 55+) Saving (\$36 for ages 9 to 54)

Note: Hersheypark has not yet set the price for the 70+ tickets. If you are in that age range, note it on the form. I should have that price before the ticket deadline and will let you know if the group price is better than the gate price.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

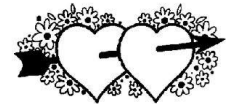
phone \_\_\_\_\_

By presenting your pre-purchased ticket you can visit HERSHEY PARK for 2 ½ hours prior to closing FREE on the evening prior to your visit. (3 ½ hours FREE when HERSHEY PARK closes at 11 PM.)





# February 2019



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3 9:15 ALL CHURCH EVENT in the social hall Getting to know you time 10:30 Worship	4	5	6 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>REJOICING SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Kings Kids/Bible Study/Youth Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	7	1 8	2 9 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
10 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 7:15 pm Worship & music @ Pastor's home	12 7:15 pm Stewardship @ Pastor's home	13 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>REJOICING SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Kings Kids/Bible Study/Youth Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	14 7 PM Church Council	15 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	16 7am - 2pm Tag Sale for Benefit Sobiesiak family
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## Worship Participants for February

	Lector	Crucifer	Children's sermons	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Counters	Prayers of the People
3	Grace Ludwig	MacKenzie Hess	John Mohn Jr.	Nick McFarland Max Clark	Cathy & Sharon Houser	Larry & Sharon Houser	Kristin Hoffer
10	Linda Wenrich	Gavin Bush	Stephanie Livingston	Mason Livingston Levi Bucks	Cathy & Sharon Houser	Kerri Price	Larry Houser
17	Monica Bortz	Brian Adams	Linda Toth	Lillyana Harris Kathryn Sipe	Linda Toth John Mohn Jr.	Deb Reiner	Sharon Houser
24	Denyse Mohn	Daryl Hess	Sharon Houser	Zoe Brossman MacKenzie Hess	Linda Toth John Mohn Jr.	Kelly Rittle Deb Long	Tracy Hoy

Altar Guild	Ushers	Getting to know you time - Feb. 3
Feb 3,10 Bucks Family Feb. 17, 24 Bortz Family	Cathy Houser, Larry Houser, Dick Hitz, Dylan Houser	Endowment & Cemetery committees