



Zion's News



Jun/Jul 2019

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

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

God's grace and peace be with you! For many years (over 20, we believe), Zion's has been well-served with the mission statement: Reflecting Christ, we share God's gifts. But both the Jonestown community and our congregation have changed greatly in 20 years, and our Council felt that now was a good time to re-evaluate who we are, and where and how God is calling us to serve. So, with guidance from Deacon Marsha Roscoe, lots of Bible study, prayer, and many, many sticky notes, we have discerned a new mission statement and Guiding Principles that will help us live into, and live out, God's purpose for our congregation. We are excited to share these with you.

Mission: Gathered by God's grace, we are empowered to serve and sent to share Christ's love.

Gathered by God's grace: We recognize that we are a congregation because of God, and God's grace at work in our lives. God's grace is given to us as a gift and everything we do in our lives, and in our congregation, is in response to this grace. God's grace calls us together, a seemingly 'random' assortment of people, blesses us, and gives us work to do.

Empowered to serve: What we do when we are gathered together—worship, Christian education, fellowship, mutual encouragement—fills us with spiritual, emotional, and physical strength to serve others in our congregation, community, and world. We believe we are richly blessed by God (time, talent, and treasure) in order to share/serve/care for those who are in need in any way

Sent to share Christ's love: We know that our congregation doesn't exist to serve ourselves; we are SENT out into the world, following the Great Commission, to share Christ's love in word and in deed. We recognize that any good we can do/any love we can share comes not from us, but from Christ. Because "Christ" means "anointed one"—by using this name for Jesus, we are also proclaiming our belief in Jesus as Savior.

Zion's Guiding Principles:

We relate to our community. We know that we are not a church in isolation. We are in relationship with many communities—geographically in Jonestown, but also part of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the ELCA, as well as the larger global community. We believe all these communities are important, and that we are particularly in Jonestown for a reason. We want to know our neighbors, and we want our neighbors to know us.

We are grounded in faith practices. We recognize that anything and everything we do we do in response to God's gracious love. We look for direction and strength for the work we do in scripture, prayer, and worship, which means we regularly participate in these disciplines, together as a community, and in our homes.

We invite people to join in God's work for the sake of the world, in whatever way they can. We believe God is on a mission to renew and restore our world. There is always work to be done and everyone has a role to play in that work. We invite others to join in worship, education, and service opportunities, and we celebrate the gifts and abilities God has given to each person.

Our Council is excited to share this mission statement and these guiding principles with you, and eager to live them. Our next step will be to establish ministry goals for the near future. If you have questions or ideas about this mission statement and guiding principles, or how these will be enacted in our congregation, please be in touch with any member of Council, or myself.

Finally, please mark your calendars and plan to be in worship for these two very special Sundays:

Sunday June 2: Music Sunday—a special celebration of the musical talents of Zion's, with a look at the role music plays in our lives of faith.



Sunday, June 9: Pentecost Sunday with the Rite of Confirmation. Join us as our third-year confirmands affirm their baptism, and we pray together for their continued growth in faith.

In hope, Pastor Caitlin



Christian Education

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

Important Dates to remember:

June 9—Confirmation Sunday followed by a luncheon. All are invited to attend, please sign up in the gathering area by June 2!

June 16-20—VBS "Great Escapes", 6pm-8:30pm at Jonestown United Methodist Church

July 15-19—Day Camp at Zions

August 25—Backpack Sunday

Zions and Jonestown United Methodist Church present: *Great Escapes Vacation Bible School.*

June 16-20 from 6-8:30pm. Ages 4-grade 5. Jonestown United Methodist Church, 109 W. Market St., Jonestown.

for More info call: 717-865-4369 or 717-865-2848

Volunteers are still needed and a list of supplies needed is on the board by the church office.



Registration forms for Day Camp and VBS are available on our website, or in the gathering area.

Please Join us for

SUMMER DAY CAMP!



Monday, July 15—Friday July 19, 2019 9am-3:30pm

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church Jonestown, PA

Open to children entering grades 1-6 Cost \$65 per child

Led by experienced counselors from the Lutheran Camping Corporation, campers will experience how serving God's will transforms us, individually and as a community. Science experiments, crafts, service projects, songs, outdoor activities, Bible studies and guest speakers will fill our week.

Sign up today! Space is limited, Deadline to register is Monday, July 8.

For more information please contact Pastor Caitlin at pastorckurtz@gmail.com or 717-865-3652

Youth Group

Leaders: Pastor Caitlin and Joanna Guldin-Noll
pastorckurtz@gmail.com joanna.guldin@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

Summer youth group activities will be emailed. If you would like to be on the email list, please contact Joanna Guldin-Noll at 717-228-9846 or joanna.guldin@gmail.com.

Christian Education

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

Lunch bunch and Women's Bible study will continue into the summer! We will discuss Rachel Held

**LUNCH
BUNCH**

Evan's book, *"Inspired: Slaying Dragons, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again"*. Tentative Lunch bunch and Women's Bible Study dates are: June 27 (Chapter 2: Deliverance Stories) and July 25 (Chapter 3: War Stories). Lunch bunch @ 12:30 at the Swatara Coffee Company and Women's Bible study @ 7:00 pm at Cathy Houser's in June... July to be determined.



Wednesday's At Zions

During the summer, we will meet for Rejoicing Spirits Worship and ice cream in Zion's social hall on:

June 12 & 26 July 10 & 24 August 7 & 21.

"Wise" guys: Men's Bible study will be on hiatus until fall.

Worship

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

On Sunday, June 9, we will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost together with the Rite of Confirmation for those who are completing their third year of Confirmation instruction. We hope you will plan to be in worship that day to support our youth, and to affirm and witness the commitment they are making to a life of faith.

We also hope you'll join us afterwards for lunch and cake! An RSVP to the list in the Gathering Space is greatly appreciated. We are asking for a contribution of \$5/person or \$10/family to help defray the cost of the celebration.

Congregational Care Team (formerly called Social Ministry)

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsvdavis11@comcast.net; 865-2781)

Homebound Birthday Celebrants

(cards, calls, visits)

Catherine Freeman
Luther Acres Rm. 205
400 Saint Luke Dr.
Lititz, PA 17543

Birthday: June 22
ph: 717-892-5306

We wish all our graduates God-speed as you move forward to new heights!



Zion's College Graduate

Eric Schulden
Kutztown University, graduated Summa Cum Laude with Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Paralegal. Future plans: to seek employment.

Zion's High School Graduates

Jacob Beidler, graduated in the top 10 of his class from Northern Lebanon. Son of Jack and Julie Beidler, will attend Lebanon Valley College, Major: Environmental Science.

Tori Moyers, graduated from Northern Lebanon. Daughter of Jes and Heather Moyers, will attend Mansfield University, Major: undecided.

Council Highlights from May 9, 2019 meeting

- Maddie Hess and Reilly Harmon shared their confirmation projects with Council. The remaining Confirmation students will share their projects in June.
- Be aware of the new handicapped accessible door which should be installed by June. Once the automatic opener is installed, PLEASE use it, even if you don't "need" it. Manually opening a door with an automatic opener on it **damages the door; please get in the habit of pressing the button!** Thank you to all who gave financially to this project. Following installation, painting and carpet installation will begin in the areas that had been damaged by the pipe leak.
- Several council members met with Property Committee and plan to meet quarterly in an effort to reorganize the property needs and expenses. This will assist in budgeting appropriately for property maintenance.
- Following inspection, it was noted that there are 17 fire alarm sensors in need of replacing at a cost of \$100 a sensor. This will be completed prior to the start of the new preschool year.
- Arranged for Council presence if Zion's Social Hall and main floor are being used as a rain site for "Summerfest" on Saturday June 1.
- Decided to include financial updates in the newsletter quarterly. This would keep congregants updated in terms of income, expenses, and how their donations are being allocated.

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

Fresh Start Emergency Shelter

Salem Lutheran Church will be hosting the Fresh Start (Providing Emergency Shelter) program from the evening of July 15th till July 29th, 2019 At 119 North 8th Street, Lebanon PA 17046. Each evening (8:15 pm to 9:45 pm) we will need four volunteers for check-in. Both genders should be represented, so that a man is doing the security check for the male guests, and a woman for the female guests. We will also have a volunteer taking attendance and a couple of volunteers serving snacks.

For the overnight shift (9:00 pm to 7:30 am) we will need two volunteers, again one of each gender. (Please bring your own pillow and sleeping bag or blanket.) The homeless shelter is a joint volunteer effort of the Lebanon Lutheran Co-op churches, Zion Lutheran Church in Lebanon city, Holy Trinity Church in the city of Lebanon, Zion Lutheran Church in Jonestown and the Oaisis para el Cansado located at Salem Lutheran Church.

You should sign up for only one job per shift, but you are welcome to sign up for both the evening and overnight shifts. (For example, you cannot be both a check-in clerk and a food prep volunteer on the same night, but you can be both a check-in clerk and an overnight volunteer on the same night.)

If the LCCM emergency shelter coordinator is not present (as she is for most check-in times), she is only a phone call away and will deal with any problems you don't feel comfortable handling. The guests are familiar with the rules and procedures of the Fresh Start program, and are generally extremely cooperative and grateful.

There is a need for volunteers to help with the shelter. A volunteer training session will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019, in Salem Lutheran's Parish building (the red brick building) at 6 p.m. Wenda Dinatete, Client Service Manager from Lebanon County Christian Ministries, will be conducting the training. Everyone is invited to attend, to ask questions and to tour the location where the shelter will be taking place.

Theme Basket Auction (formerly Basket Bash) update:

Even though it may seem far off, our basket auction will be here before we know it. This year, we are asking the congregation for support in different ways. One of the ways we are looking for your support is to supply specific items we need to complete baskets that are started. There is a display board in the gathering area where you are welcome to take a post-it note to purchase an item(s) that are needed. You can then return the item to the "Basket Auction" receptacle for us to add to the baskets. Please see Steph Livingston or Deb Reiner with any questions. Thank you in advance for your help with this ministry.



COUNCIL

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

What's going on with the building? *And a financial update.*

By now, you've noticed the plywood in the entry way. We had a heating pipe leak that caused damage to the walls and floor. The leak is fixed, the floor patched, and soon, the carpet will be replaced, and the walls re-painted. The good news is that most of that will be covered by insurance, and the plumber generously donated his services.

The not-so-good news: that leak is perhaps the most visible of the building issues we've faced these past few months, but it is not the only issue. And the others aren't covered by insurance. After inspection, we learned that **17 of our fire alarm sensors need to be replaced** (they have simply reached the end of their lifespan, in fact, they have outlived what would be typically expected) to a tune of about \$2100. **The other 30 or so sensors throughout the building will need to be replaced soon**, too. We also discovered on Easter Sunday that the sanctuary A/C was not working as it should. A maintenance call revealed that **one unit needed freon (\$350), one had a broken motor mount (\$260) and the third had extensive motor issues (\$1,000)**. The first two issues have been fixed, and parts have been ordered for the third.

All that's to say: It's been an expensive couple of months at Zion's due to building issues we really can't ignore. Our Council wants you to be aware of these expenses, and of the bigger picture: our building is aging, and more and more repairs are to be expected.

We are grateful that our Property Team has recently re-organized and is developing a proactive plan to address as many issues as possible before they become problems. We are thankful for their knowledge, dedication, and sharing of time. *And also looking for more people to help! If you're able to lend a hand, please let Pastor Caitlin or Christine Techky (933-5298) know.*

At Zion's, we believe that all that we have is a gift from God, who has entrusted money, time, skills, and relationships into our care. God calls us to share what God has entrusted into our care for the building up of God's Kingdom on earth. We do that, in part, by giving to Zion's. Your financial gifts support the ministry that is done in this place and help to care for the building that houses many of those ministries. **We are grateful for your financial support.** For those for whom numbers are helpful, we'd like to share where we are, financially, at the end of April. You'll see that we are still well within budgeted expenses because our committees do a wonderful job of monitoring expenses, and because many of the bills for the repairs mentioned above have not yet been received.

	Jan to April Income	Jan to April Expenses	Jan to April Budget
General Fund	\$57,554.08	\$58,500.23	\$70,225.33
Property Fund (used to pay for things like heating oil, electric, lawn care...anything related to our building and grounds. This is not actually a separate <i>fund</i> of money, but a line item that some people choose to give to).	\$1,929.00	\$1,908.57	<i>Budgeted property expenses Jan-April are \$12,117, which is included above.</i>

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.

It's time for summer camp at Camps Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. There's something for all ages.

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

Mission Ministry, (formerly Evangelism)

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries
(LCCM) Wish List:

The clothing bank is in need of NEW undergarments: under-shirts, socks and underwear for men, women, boys and girls of all ages are needed. Place contributions in the "LCCM" box in social hall.

Jonestown Outreach pantrY (JOY) Wish List:

Noodles, Canned Fruits, Canned limas. Canned Meats, Stews, Spam, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Diapers sz. 4&5. Place contributions in the container marked "JOY" in social hall. **(Watch expiration dates)**

Back to School Blessings Event – We are excited to announce that we will be having our **Back to School Blessings** event for disadvantaged students from both Jonestown Elementary (and their older school age siblings) and Joy Pantry on Sunday, August 17th. Throughout the course of the early summer months, we will be collecting such things as; new or gently used kids clothing, new school supplies, and new underwear and socks for these children. The day before the event we will also be looking for volunteers to assist us in set-up. If you are interested in helping in any of several ways, please see the information below and watch your upcoming bulletins for more detail information.

There will be a clothes basket in the social hall, after Memorial Day, labeled "blessings" for new/gently used clothing/shoes and new socks/undies.

2019 BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS PACKING EVENT – SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17



In August 2018, Zion's congregation again demonstrated our desire to LIVE GENEROUSLY by holding the first Back to School Blessings giving event. The recipients of our generosity were over 20 needy children from Jonestown elementary school. To help them start the new school year off well, they each received several gifts of basic necessities – new sneakers, new jeans, a new outfit, a new haircut, and the opportunity to "free-shop" for additional new and gently used clothes and coats.

For 2019, through a special "Thrivent Communities" project, Jim Gill of Thrivent Financial has secured \$3,500 of funding! This will substantially increase the generosity that we can achieve for our local children in need. In addition to the donations of new and gently used clothing, our 2019 goals are:

- Extend the invitation to all families that utilize the JOY food pantry
- Include all children within needy families, not just elementary ages
- Provide backpacks for each child
- Provide basic school supplies, including notebooks, pens, pencils
- Provide elementary students with a school box for home use (glue sticks, scissors, erasers, crayons, tape, etc.)
- Invite all Jonestown churches to join us and help pack the items



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Please mark your calendars now and tell your friends and neighbors to join us for this packing event on Saturday morning, August 17. We will meet in the Social Hall to gather all donated and purchased items, assemble all the backpacks and school boxes, and set up the "free-shop" store. We will also hear from community leaders, school nurses and social workers to learn how much of an impact our generosity has on our neighbors. There will be fun generosity activities for the little ones, too, so parents please bring your children! PLUS, Jim Gill will treat us all to a great breakfast!



Stay tuned for more details, but for now please SAVE THE DATE - Saturday morning, August 17. Also, please let us know if you'd like to help with our planning efforts. Thank you! Deb Reiner and Laurie Gill.



Undie Sunday – As part of our *Back to School Blessings* event, we will again this year be having our Undie Sunday the first Sunday of August (4th). Watch the bulletins in July for more details.

KOINONIA CLASS

Meets the 2nd Saturday of the odd months.

President: Karen Hitz (rnkhitz@gmail.com, 717-272-9520)

Meeting. -The next meeting will be a picnic meeting on Sat. July 13 at the home of Paul and Janet Bird. Watch the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet.

Activity - Koinonia will host Zion's Annual Trip to the Seashore on June 14 – 16. A church service will be held on the deck of the Roman Holiday in North Wildwood on Sunday, June 16 at 9:00am. Contact Janet Bird, (717-865-5636) or jbird75@comcast.net if you have questions.

Service - Father's Day gifts will be given by Koinonia on Sun. June 16.

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.

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 calling the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or e-mailing stay@romanholidayresort.com. We will have our church service at 9 AM Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

People who stay elsewhere in the Wildwood area are still welcome to come to the Roman Holiday. However, you will not be able to park at the hotel, since they have no extra spots.

If you have questions contact Janet Bird at jbird75@comcast.net.



Memorial Fund



In Memory of Elvin Heller

Donald and Sharon Davis

Mary Ann Nelson

Beatrice Wolferd

Susan G. Quinn

Eileen Smith

Nancy Carlson

Jim and Joan Harter

In Memory of those who died in 2018

Anonymous

Zion's NEW Automatic door: on the East side of the building, you may notice a new handicap accessible, automatic door at the "Welcome" door. We are awaiting one more part for the door, but expect it to be ready soon!

Everyone is welcome to use the door, but, please Press the button to open the door!

Pulling the door open manually is detrimental to the door mechanism.



Thank you for the Easter lily and the Easter card made by the Children's Sunday School. Thanks to all for the cards, phone calls and visits. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated! - Julia Albert



I want to thank my Zion's church family for the prayers, cards, and visits while I was recuperating. - Pat Williamson

Kitchen News

Please pick up dishes, containers, etc. from the church kitchen. These items are available:

White plastic cake container with blue handles

9x13 metal cake pan

miscellaneous plastic containers

round Xmas tray

Easter basket

White plastic tray organizer

Foil pie tin

Soup ladle with wooden handle

White and green lids

Small Pampered Chef gadget

16 oz. measuring cup

These will become a part of the church kitchen if not claimed by June 30.



June 2019



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2 10:30 Worship - Music Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	1 8
Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday						
9 PENTECOST 10:30 Worship with confirmation Luncheon following worship	10	11	12 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS	13 7 PM Church Council	14	15 Zion's Shore Weekend
16 10:30 Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vacation Bible School June 16-20						
23 10:30 Worship	24	25	26 9:00 sewing 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS	27 12:30 Lunch bunch 7:00 Women's Bible Study	28	29
30 10:30 Worship						

COMING SOON



July Calendar and Worship
Participants will be available on our
website and in the gathering area
after June 15!



Do you have a new neighbor? If you notice a new neighbor moving in, be sure to say hello, introduce yourselves, and then ask if they are looking for a church in the community. If they are, tell them about Zion's! We have "New Neighbor" bags of popcorn (*We're so glad you 'popped' into the neighborhood*) available in the narthex for you to pick up and share this summer. It's a great way to be a good neighbor, AND invite someone to share in God's work in this place.

Worship Participants for June

	Lector	Crucifer	Children's sermons	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Counters	Prayers of the People
2	Darryl Bush	Brian Adams	Stephanie Livingston	Cassie Bortz Zoe Menzel	Kelly Rittle Linda Wenrich	Larry & Sharon Houser	Seth Kurtz
9	Stephanie Livingston	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Pastor Caitlin	Levi Bucks Nick McFarland	John Mohn Jr. Linda Toth	Kerri Price	Kelly Rittle
16	Brian Adams	Zoe Menzel	Laurie Gill	Kathryn Sipe Max Clark	John Mohn Jr. Linda Toth	Deb Reiner	Linda Toth
23	Kerri Price	Madison Hess	Sharon Houser	Zoe Menzel MacKenzie Hess	Deb Long Terry Ludwig	Kelly Rittle Deb Long	Nancy Winklebleck
30	Leah Wolfe	MacKenzie Hess	Pastor Caitlin	Xander McQuaide Logan Livingston	Deb Long Terry Ludwig		Leah Wolfe

Altar Guild	Ushers
2, 9 Bortz family 16,23 Dawn & Pam 30 Bucks family	Mike Long, Jim Cascarino, Linda Toth, Tom Mohn