



Zion's News



August 2019

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

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

Dear Members and Friends of Zion's:

At the beginning of worship a few weeks ago, I shared the news that Michael (Mike) Johnsen had been "entranced" by our Lower Susquehanna Synod Candidacy Committee, which means he received their blessing to begin preparing for Word and Sacrament ministry. Mike has also been accepted as a student at United Lutheran Seminary, where he will begin his studies in September.

When this news was announced in worship, Mike thanked our congregation for the ways we have supported his discernment with prayers, words of encouragement and inquiry, and opportunities to serve. As we continue to support Mike on this journey of preparation, I thought it would be helpful to share a snapshot of the kind of ministry Mike is preparing for, and the path that lies ahead.

Mike feels called to be a Pastor, also known as a minister of Word & Sacrament. Pastors are primarily responsible for the life of the community of believers: they preach the Gospel, announce the forgiveness of sin, interpret doctrine, and celebrate the sacraments. Pastors also serve as institutional chaplains, administrators, teachers, and counselors—Mike is considering prison chaplaincy. You can also attend seminary to prepare for ministry as a Deacon (Ex: Deacon Emily Myallis), also known as a minister of Word & Service. Deacons serve in church-related and secular positions extending the church's ministry and mission of witness and care into the world to address societal needs. They often serve at the intersection of life where church meets the world and its problems. Deacons also serve as institutional chaplains, counselors, advocates, educators, spiritual directors, health professionals, musicians, youth and family ministers, and in many other ways. The ministries of both Word & Service and Word & Sacrament require a seminary degree.

The Masters of Divinity Degree required for Word and Sacrament ministry typically takes four years of full-time study. Typically, the student completes a year of coursework, then does a summer of Clinical Pastoral

Experience (working in a hospital, nursing home, prison, or other institution as chaplain, and reflecting intently on how one's personhood shapes that work), then completes a second year of coursework, followed by a year of internship (typically in a congregation), before returning to seminary for a final year of studies. During the academic years, students typically spend Sundays studying one, or many, congregations, and helping to lead worship. Seminary classes include everything from Hebrew to Greek, Old Testament to New Testament, pastoral care to Christian education, church administration to church history (interestingly enough, they don't include classes on how to fix the toilet, make slime for day camp, or chase bats out of the belfry!?). Throughout the four years of seminary, the student periodically meets with the synodical candidacy committee for approval and direction. [If you caught the abundant use of the word 'typical' that's because seminary education is quickly changing, each student's needs are unique, and flexibility with accountability is the name of the game.]

Following successful completion of seminary and the candidacy process, candidates are assigned a Region (there are nine in the nation) and a synod (there are 67) for first call. While candidates get to *prefer* a locale, ultimately, they go where the Spirit and the Church need their gifts of service.

Mike needs our prayerful, and practical, support throughout these years. Like any life-change, going to seminary and returning to graduate-level studies can be difficult, and filled with questions of "Is this really where God is calling me?" Please keep Mike regularly in your prayers and keep your eye out for an address to which you can send notes of encouragement. With you, I look forward to hearing updates on Mike's progress, and how God is using this experience to form him for even greater service in the church. If you have any questions about this process or if you are questioning whether God is calling *you* to rostered ministry too, please talk with Mike or me.

Godspeed, Mike! Peace, Pastor Caitlin

Christian Education

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

*Save
the
Date!*

Zion's Rally Day 2019

Sunday, September 8



***SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15***

**God's work.
Our hands.**

We'll share lunch together
We'll complete a variety of service projects
We'll celebrate!

**PLEASE
JOIN US**

**LUNCH
BUNCH**

Watch your bulletins
and emails for
August dates and
places!

*Women's
Bible Study*

Christian Education

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



Wednesday's At Zions

During the summer, we will meet for Rejoicing Spirits Worship and ice cream in Zion's social hall at 6:15 pm on: August 7 & 21.

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

Youth Group

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

Please put these dates on your calendars:

- August 21: Central PA Food Bank Volunteer Day (leave 8:15 AM from church, return after lunch)
- September 8: Rally Day Pancake Breakfast
- September 27-29: ALiVE @ Camp Nawakwa (6th-8th graders)
- December 7-8: Winterfest @ Spooky Nook (9th-12th graders)

If you're interested in participating in our Central PA Food Bank Volunteer Day, please let Joanna know by speaking to her in church, calling her at 717-228-9846, or emailing her at joanna.guldin@gmail.com.

Congregational Care Team (formerly called Social Ministry)

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

Shut-in List for cards, calls, visits:

Grace Dennis Phone: 717-865-4660
20 S. Lancaster St.
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Jonestown, PA 17038

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Jonestown, PA 17038

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Lititz, PA 17543

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37 N. King St.
PO Box 212
Jonestown, PA 17038

Harold Schaeffer Phone: 717-272-8782
Juniper Village
Rm. 219
1125 Birch Rd.
Lebanon, PA 17042

College Students and Military:

Please give an updated address to the church secretary, so that the Care Team and congregation may send cards, packages, etc. to you.

Bulletin Note: In an effort to keep the prayer list current, we will continue to use the one month term on submissions. Feel free to re-submit names as needed.

COUNCIL

Next Meeting: August 1, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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

Council Highlights from June 13, 2019 meeting

- 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. (7/18 update: completed)
- 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.
- Please continue to use the button to open the side door. Manually opening a door with an automatic opener on it **damages the door; please get in the habit of pressing the button!** Painting and carpet installation will soon begin in the areas that had been damaged by the pipe leak. (7/18 update: completed)
- 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.
- The next Council meeting will be August 1, 2019.

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

Worship

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



Dog Days of Summer?

How about SUPER Days of Summer?

August Sundays are SUPER SUNDAYS @ Zion's!

Sunday, August 4: 9:15 AM Michelle Bucks will share about her trip to Vietnam (with donuts!)
10:30 AM Worship



Sunday, August 11: 10:30 AM Worship

11:45 AM *Ice Cream Sundaes* and simple service project for military service members



Sunday, August 18: 10:30 AM Worship

Afternoon – Back to School Blessings event. Helpers needed! (18 yrs & up, with clearances)

Sunday, August 25: 10:30 AM Worship with Blessing of Backpacks and hearing from Zion's campers

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.



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. Men's Coats

Place contributions in the "LCCM" box in social hall.

Jonestown Outreach pantrY (JOY) Wish List:

Canned Fruits, Canned Meats, Stews, Spam, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Diapers sz. 4&5.

School Age Kids' Food for the Summer

Mac & Cheese, Pudding Packs, Tuna, Stews, Ramen, Cereal Bars, Apple Sauce, Fruit Packs, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta, Saltines, Chicken Soups, Vegetable Soup.

Back-to-School Supplies -Packs of pens and pencils, Washable markers, Crayons, Spiral notebooks, Backpacks.

Place contributions in the "JOY" box in social hall.



Back to School Blessings

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 gifts of basic necessities – new sneakers, jeans, outfit, haircut, and the opportunity to "free-shop" for additional new and gently used clothes.

We are in need of your donations of new or gently used clothing, shoes, and coats by Aug.10th:

- New or GENTLY used clothing (kids sizes 5/6 through 16/18; jr.girls through size 15, and men's S/M)
- New or GENTLY used shoes and boots (kid size 11 – through adult size 9 men and size 11 women). If you are buying new shoes, sneakers are preferred.
- **Volunteers to sort clothing Monday evenings 7-9 beginning July 8th**
- **Volunteers to sort/set-up clothing on Saturday, August 17th at 9 a.m. (sign-up in gathering area)** Please join us for this packing event. 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!

- **Volunteers to help distribute on Sunday, August 18th (sign-up in gathering area)**

Place donations in the laundry basket in the gathering area. Questions? Contact Deb Reiner 717-304-8826.



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.

HOMELESS BLESSING BAGS

Have you ever passed a homeless person and felt compassion for them but did not know how to respond? Some folks on our Mission Ministry Team had this happen to them so we decided to respond as Jesus taught us in the story of the Good Samaritan. We found an idea to help folks do this. A Homeless Blessing Bag is an item folks can keep in their cars or backpacks to give to a homeless person you see while visiting or traveling through a neighborhood. Some of the items that would be put into a Ziploc bag would be: Breakfast or granola bars, trail mix, applesauce cups, gift cards to a fast food place, hand wipes, water bottle. We will be gathering items in August and September to assemble at Zion's God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 15. A display will be up in the gathering area with details and you will be able to participate. The bags will be available to anyone who thinks they may want to be prepared to help the homeless. We will also have information available for folks who may want to make their own blessing bags.



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 held on Sat. Sept. 14 at 12:00 Noon at Ivana's Bistro . Thank-you to the Birds' for hosting the July picnic meeting .

Activity - Zion's Annual Hollyberry Bazaar will be held on Sat. Nov. 2 from 8:00am – 2:00pm. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Karen Hitz at 717-272-9520. Food items, crafts, theme baskets, are all needed. All money raised is gifted back to the church. Thank-you for all of your support in the past.

Update for the 2020 Father's Day weekend shore trip —The office manager of the Roman Holiday Hotel called to offer us an opportunity to put down a \$100 deposit NOW to hold a room for 2020. Currently there are many 1-bedroom efficiency suite rooms. Hopefully this will make it possible for all of us from Zion's to again be able to stay at the same hotel. The \$100 deposit is refundable but only before March 1, 2020.

On March 1, 2020 a 35% deposit will be requested. Contact the hotel at that time to determine what that amount will be.

At this point the best way to get on the reservation list is to call the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111.

During that call you may pay your \$100 deposit by credit card. Following the call, if you wish to pay the \$100 deposit by check mail it to:

Roman Holiday Motel
1000 (10th) JFK Boulevard
North Wildwood, NJ 08260



Hotel Details: \$147: 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6/limit 6) This rate is a \$17 increase from the 2019 rate. Sales & occupancy taxes are 13.625%.

There are no extra charges for additional persons –within the occupancy limit. Any families staying Thursday or Sunday Nights receive a \$25.00 discount for each night (does not include Friday or Saturday night). The discounts will be given upon check in or when paying the balance. The Thursday or Sunday discount was \$15.00 this year.

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.

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.



August 2019



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1 7:00 Council meeting	2	3
4 9:15 Presentation of Michelle Bucks' trip to Vietnam 10:30 Worship	5	6	7 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Kings Kids	8	9	10
11 10:30 Worship 11:45 Military Service project with Ice cream!!	12	13	14	15 Newsletter deadline	16	17 9:00 am Back to School blessings packing event
18 10:30 Worship Back to School Blessings Event	19	20	21 8:15 am Youth gp. leaves for food bank 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Kings Kids	22	23	24
25 10:30 Worship with blessing of backpacks	26	27	28 9:00 am sewing	29	30	31

August Special Events and Worship:

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10:30 am - Worship

August 11 @ 10:30 am Worship
11:45 am - Ice Cream Sundaes and service project for the military

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Worship Participants for August

	Lectors	Crucifer	Childrens sermon	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Counters	Prayers of the People
4	Cassie Bortz	Zoe Menzel	Christine Techky	Levi & Gracie Bucks	Bortz Family	Larry & Sharon Houser	Michelle Bucks
11	Rebecca Hoffer	Madison Hess	Noel Strattan	Lillyana Harris Max Clark	Noel Strattan	Kerri Price	Sharon Davis
18	Nancy Ludwig	Mackenzie Hess	Nancy Ludwig	Mason & Logan Livingston	Jen Boisvert Noel Strattan	Deb Reiner	Anita Frey
25	Monica Bortz	Gavin Bush	Pastor Caitlin	Madison Hess Darryl Root	Bortz Family	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Tom Frey

Communion Assistants	Ushers
4,11 Ed & Elaine Ludwig 18, 25 Dean Hess & Wyatt Brossman	Al Reiner, Steve Wolfe. Tom Frey, and Joe Northridge