



Zion's News



Sept. 2019

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

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

Dear Members and Friends of Zion's:

God's grace and peace be with you today! I just got back from a morning at the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg, where I sorted huge pallets of zucchini, yellow squash, and green peppers into six-pound bags with many of our youth. This trip to the food bank has become a sort of summer-time tradition with our Youth Group: giving them an opportunity to serve, learn more about the hunger problem in our nation, and spend time with one another. We usually have fun there, but I was a little concerned that, the week before summer ends, they'd rather spend the morning sleeping in or by the pool. After our shift, I asked: "What did it feel like to spend one of your last summer mornings working in a warehouse?" "No big deal", they responded. "The work had to be done." "Now people will be able to eat." "Service is what we do". And, in that moment, my heart was again filled with joy. Our kids 'get' that service is a critical piece of discipleship, and they understand that sacrifice is part of the Christian walk, too. Sure, in this case, we're talking about a few hours on a Wednesday morning; but a few hours here, and a few hours there, intentionally and purposefully carried out, are the building blocks for a life *lived for our neighbor*, not ourselves.

I'm grateful to be part of a faith community that understands that all that we have, our very life included, is a gift from God, intended to be shared with the world. From the youngest child to the most senior adult, we strive to teach and live this core value, and to provide opportunities to practice it. This past Sunday's Back to School Blessings event was one such opportunity; September's God's Work, Our Hands service afternoon is another. Last Sunday we served 48 students with new shoes, new socks and underwear, new jeans, new back to school outfits, new backpacks stuffed with supplies, haircuts, and lots of gently used clothing. We couldn't have done this without your financial support, help gathering and sorting clothes, and help on the day of the event. On September 15, we invite you to stay after worship for a few hours of service—either making Christmas

decorations for deployed troops, traveling to Spang Crest to sing hymns with the residents there, packing Homeless Blessing bags, helping at the rental property or completing a project in the Jonestown Borough. Again, it will only be a few hours of light work, but opportunities like these help us practice our 'serving' muscles and remind us that life is not about what we can do for ourselves, but what we can do for others.

We'll continue to explore how serving others is critical to who we are in our Fall Sermon Series that begins on September 8: "Gathered, Empowered, Sent". Lessons from the book of Acts, describing life in the early Christian church, will guide our time together as we reflect on our newly discerned purpose and guiding principles. Be sure to join us for a pancake breakfast at 9 AM that morning, followed by our first All Church event of the year at 9:30 AM. Following last year's "Year of the Bible", the 2019-2020 school year will be the "Year of the Catechism"—Don't know what that is? Then you'll want to check out these monthly events! This theme was also inspired by one of our guiding principles: We are grounded in faith practices.

Finally, I am pleased to share with you (at the top of this page) our newly designed logo that reflects who Zion's is today, and where God is calling us to go. The logo was designed by Kim Imler, friend of Jacob Beidler. The roots represent how we are "rooted" in faith and in our Jonestown community; deep roots give strength to the tree and help us bear good fruit in the world. The sun's rays reflect our praise of Christ, and our call to shine Christ's light in the world. The birds represent the Holy Spirit who sends us *out* to share the Good News and to serve our neighbors. Thank you, Kim, for sharing your gifts with us!

I look forward to seeing you soon in worship. May you know God's blessing today and everyday.

In hope

Pastor Caitlin

Christian Education

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



Sunday, September 8

9:00—9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast

No sign up necessary. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Christmas Mission. Suggested donation is \$2/person or \$10/family.



9:30-10:10 AM Sunday School for all ages

All Church Event. This is an intergenerational Sunday School held in the social hall. Everyone is welcome! ****Please bring your cell phone/laptop/tablet, if you are able. We'll be beginning with an interactive, electronic, and fun quiz.****

10:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 12:30 pm at the Swatara Coffee Company. We'll be discussing "The Debate" and "Wisdom Stories" from Rachel Held Evans "Inspired". All are welcome!

Women's Bible study for September will be held at 7:00 pm, on September 19 at Pastor Caitlin's home. We'll also be discussing "The Debate" and "Wisdom Stories" from Rachel Held Evans "Inspired".



"Wise" guys: Men's Bible study will be held on September 14 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!



Attention Sunday School Teachers and Helpers or anyone interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School: Sign ups are posted in the Level 2 classroom. If you did not teach or help with Sunday School in the past, please get in touch with Michele McQuaide for details. We welcome your gifts and talents and appreciate your willingness to share them with the children of Zion's!

August 25- Back Pack Sunday

September 8- Rally Day- Pancake Breakfast

October 13- Intergenerational Sunday

Congregational Care Team (formerly called Social Ministry)

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

Congregational Care Committee Meeting

A planning meeting will be held on Mon. Sept. 9 at 1:30 pm in the classroom by the mailboxes.

Spang Crest News

Spang Crest will hold a Kauffman's Chicken Bar-be-que on Friday, Sept. 6 from 2:30pm – 6:00pm. Cost is \$7.50. Meal includes ½ a chicken, potato, applesauce and roll. Tickets will be sold in the Gathering Area following worship by our Spang Crest Representative, Jean Fowler. All proceeds will benefit Spang Crest.

Zion's College Students:

Please give your college address to the church office (zions@comcast.net), so that we can stay in touch and provide care packages throughout the school year.

Zion's Sewing Group

Zion's sewing ladies provide a valuable ministry by sewing quilts which are given locally, such as to the Pre-school children, and also to other charities. They meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am in the east room of the primary Sunday School area. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact Karen Hitz, 717-272-9520.



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.

Thank You

A special thank you to the ladies for the prayer shawl. I know that will come in handy. It is beautiful. Thank you again! - Kathy Price

A special thank you for the wonderful meals made for the Adams family given by the parishioners after Jim's surgery. Also for the prayer shawl and prayers and cards. - Jim, Ruth, & Brian Adams

"Thank you also to the Women of Zions for the beautiful prayer shawl. I pray with it many times during the day" -- A Prayer Shawl Recipient

"Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in support of Young Adults in Global Mission." (an excerpt from a thank you letter from the ELCA) You can see the complete letter on the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

✠ MEMORIAL FUND ✠

In Memory of Alma Paul

Richard and Karen Hitz

In Memory of Elvin Heller

Richard and Karen Hitz

In Memory of Jimmie Lentz

Richard and Karen Hitz

COUNCIL

Next Meeting: Sept. 12, 2019

7:00 pm

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

Council Highlights from August 2019 meeting

- Council expresses their gratitude for the contributions towards the handicapped accessible door, which was fully funded. You are welcome to use the door *either* by pushing the "open" button or by manually opening the door. Previously, we had been told that manually opening the door would damage the opener; this was incorrect information.
- Council approved the recommendation from the Cemetery Committee that the two feet on our side of Esther Avenue that the Borough requested *not* be surrendered to the Borough.
- Council voted on a new logo that conveys our Purpose and Guiding Principles. We thank everyone for their contributions and look forward to unveiling the logo and its designer in September.
- Council continued conversation about how to further share our Purpose and Guiding Principles with the congregation--there will be a five week sermon series in September and October, followed by small group studies in January and February

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

KOINONIA CLASS

Next meeting: Sept. 14, Noon, @ Ivana's Bistro

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

Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sat. Sept. 14 at 12:00 Noon at Ivana's Bistro .

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. Contact the following people if you would like to contribute:

Kitchen – Karen Hitz rnkhitz@gmail.com (717-272-9520)
Cookies,baked goods – Sharon Davis dsdavis11@comcast.net (717-865-2781)
Candy – Blanche Sebastian – (717-865-3336)
Plants – Linda Toth lmtoth@comcast.net (717-865-6333)
Used Books – Jean Fowler jjbfowler@comcast.net (717-926-1240)
This and That – Janet Bird jbird75@comcast.net (717-865-5636)
Theme Baskets, wrapping – Georgetta Wolfe (717-865-3884)
Raffle Baskets – Janet Bird jbird75@comcast.net (717-865-5636)
Arts and Crafts – Sharon Houser slhouser00@gmail.com (717-376-5010)

Note: You will find a book bin in the Social Hall beginning in September to collect donations of used books.



This and That Table

There will again be a This and That table at the Hollyberry Bazaar. 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. There is a red collection bin in the north lower level 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.

Baskets

Basket donations are greatly appreciated. The baskets of higher value will be placed on the stage for the raffle. Wrapping the baskets is optional.

Worship

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

Wednesday's At Zions

Our first official fall Rejoicing Spirits is planned for
September 11th

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rejoicing Spirits

Pasta, meatballs, and salad Dinner at 5:30pm, Worship at 6:15pm, and Kings Kids/Bible Study at 6:50 pm.

There will be no Junior Choir on the 11th, but rehearsals will resume on Sept. 18.

Signups for dessert and future weeks will be available soon on the social hall bulletin board.

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



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

Our Youth Choir season for 2019-2020 has begun! We do not have age limits or cut-offs and are looking for choir members who:

- are able to read.
- can sit and pay attention for 40 minutes. (We do have a lively practice to keep things interesting.)
- LOVE to sing.

We practice every Wednesday evening from 6:50-7:30 in the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to drop singers off, stay for practice, or participate in the adult Bible Study happening at the same time. Questions? Concerns? Please feel free to call Joanna at 717-228-9846, email her at joanna.guldin@gmail.com, or talk to her at church. Our calendar for Sept./Oct.:

9/4 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

9/15 SUNDAY ANTHEM

9/25 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

10/2 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

10/13 SUNDAY ANTHEM

10/23 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

10/27 HALLOWEEN PARTY

9/11 **NO PRACTICE**

9/18 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

9/29 **NO ANTHEM**

10/9 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

10/16 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

10/27-- SUNDAY ANTHEM

10/30 Practice, 6:50-7:30 PM

Update for the 2020 Father's Day weekend shore trip

The Roman Holiday is offering 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 that amount.

At this point the best way to get on the reservation list is to call the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111. Please be sure to mention that you are part of the Zion's Lutheran, Jonestown, PA group.

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 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. Contact person is Janet Bird jbird75@comcast.net.



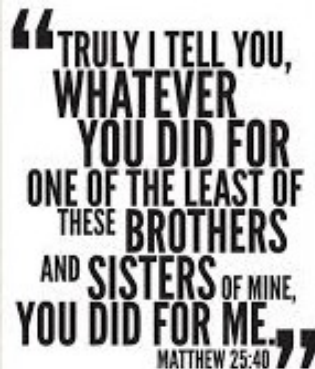
Mission Ministry, (formerly Evangelism)

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Men's Boxers & T-Shirts-all sizes
Sports bras-all sizes, Boys Boxers-all sizes
Twin Sheet Sets, King & Queen Blankets
Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)



Jonestown Outreach pantrY (JOY)

Wish List:

Canned Fruits, meats, &Vegetables,
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)

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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.

Youth Group

Leaders: Pastor Caitlin and Joanna Guldin-Noll

pastorckurtz@gmail.com

joanna.guldin@gmail.com



Youth Groupers and Families:

We have an exciting line-up of activities this year for youth group members (6th through 12th graders). From service projects to travel to the outdoors, there's a little something for everyone. If you or your youth group member is not currently receiving emails from Joanna or Pastor Caitlin and would like to be on the email list, please contact Joanna Guldin-Noll at 717-228-9846 or joanna.guldin@gmail.com. If you'd like to receive the full youth calendar, please email Joanna at joanna.guldin@gmail.com.

- September 8: Pancake Breakfast, funds to youth group's Christmas project (8:45 AM, Social Hall)
15: God's Work, Our Hands Day (right after church)
27-29: ALiVE @ Camp Nawakwa (6th-8th graders)
- October 20: Lunch & Info Meeting on Youth Gathering, Hike Gold Mine (Parents/guardians are requested to attend the info meeting and are invited to the hike!)
- November 10: Youth-led Sunday & After-Church Lunch and Bible Study

**Following Worship on
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**

Please sign up on the small bulletin board in the gathering area for activities. Lunch will be provided for volunteers prior to our events (complete with a cake to celebrate our efforts!)

The activities are as follows:

1. Christmas Decor for the Troops (team lead Traci Root)
2. Assembling Homeless Blessing Bags (team lead Elaine Ludwig)
3. Minor Touch-Up and Clean-Up at our rental property (team lead Ed Ludwig)
4. Jonestown Borough Project
5. Singing at Spang Crest

Sunday, October 6th
Doors open at noon. Auction begins at 2:00pm.

**Basket
BASH**

Zion's Theme Basket Bash is fast approaching! Proceeds from this year's event will be used to help pay down the renovation costs from the Social Hall project completed a couple years ago.

The Basket Bash is a huge undertaking, but can prove to be a very profitable fundraiser since everything being used in the auction is donated. Should you wish, we are still welcoming contributions of completed gift baskets (completed baskets can be put on the stage with a note and or your business card), or a donated gift card (for gas, grocery store, or restaurant). Gift cards and monetary donations can be, put in the offering plate in an envelope marked *Basket Bash*, or given to any committee member. Any consideration that you may give to our request is greatly appreciated.

NOTE: Any donation valued over \$40 will be placed on our Large prize table (tickets sold separately). Please see Deb Reiner or Steph Livingston, with any questions. And, **Thank You** to those who already donated.



September 2019



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 10:30 Worship	2	3	4 6:50 Youth Choir rehearsal	5	6	7
8 RALLY DAY 9:00 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 ALL CHURCH EVENT 10:30 Worship	9 1:30 pm Cong. Care mtg.	10	11 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits 6:50 Bible Study/ Kings kids NO Youth Choir	12 7:00 pm Council	13	14 8:00 am Wise Guys Bible Study Noon-Koinonia
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with Youth Choir, followed by: Lunch and God's Work Our Hands service projects!	16	17 7:00 pm Stewardship mtg.	18 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits 6:50 Bible Study/ Kings kids/Youth Choir	19 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch 7 PM Women's Bible Study	20	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23	24	25 9:00 Sewing 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits 6:50 Bible Study/ Kings kids/Youth Choir	26	27	28
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	30				<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center; background-color: yellow;"> Youth ALIVE event </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday </div>	



9:00 Pancake Breakfast
9:30 All Church Event marking the beginning of the Sunday School year
10:30 Worship in the sanctuary

SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

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October 6
Doors open at Noon
Auction at 2:00 pm

Worship Participants for September 2019

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Counters	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
1	Travis Ludwig	Brian Adams	MacKenzie Hess Zoe Menzel	Cathy & Sharon Houser	Larry & Sharon Houser	Sharon Houser	Betty Kleinfelter
8	Ed Ludwig	Daryl Hess	Cassie Bortz Nick McFarland	Cathy & Sharon Houser	Kerri Price	Pastor Caitlin	Lillyana Harris
15	Kristin Hoffer	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Xander McQuaide Kathryn Sipe	Kelly Rittle Linda Wenrich	Deb Reiner	Brian Adams	Kristin Hoffer
22	Tracy Hoy	Zoe Menzel	Levi & Gracie Bucks	Kelly Rittle Linda Wenrich	Kelly Rittle, Deb Long	Monica Bortz	Larry Houser
29	Sharon Davis	Madison Hess	Lillyana Harris Max Clark	Linda Toth John Mohn Jr.		John Mohn Jr.	Sharon Houser

Altar Guild	Ushers
1- Bortz Family 22, 29-Jen Boisvert, Noel Strattan	8, 15-Bucks Family Tom Keefer, Darryl Bush, Georgetta Wolfe, Richard Hitz