

**THIS WEEK AT ZION -- December 9-16**

**Sunday, December 9 –2<sup>nd</sup> *Sunday of Advent***

The flowers are sponsored by Rodger & Nancy Myers in celebration of Jaden's birthday which was on Dec. 6.

The bulletins are sponsored by Doug & Connie Grow in celebration of our new pastor.

The wine is sponsored by the Alsedeks in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

ZYM WinterFest Continues (At the Nook)

Worship -- 8 & 10:30 AM

Faith Formation Classes For All Ages -- 9:15 AM

**Monday, December 10**

Food Pantry -- 10 AM-1 PM

Team Leaders – 7 PM (Connection Zone)

**Tuesday, December 11**

Bible Study -- 9-10:30 AM (Parlor)

Hempfield Quilters – 1-3 PM (Social Room)

Social Outreach – 6 PM (Joanne Grim's house)

Finance – 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 12**

Food Pantry -- 10 AM – 1 PM

Staff – 12 Noon (Cooper House)

Executive Team – 3 PM

Personnel – 7 PM (Karen Wright's home)

**Thursday, December 13**

Community Meal – 5:30 PM (Zion)

Choir – 7:30 PM

**Friday, December 14 – *Jan./Feb. Newsletter Articles Due***

ALEC Homeschool Coop – 9:30 AM – 1 PM

Bridge – 1-4 PM (Connection Zone)

**Saturday, December 15**

Church Christmas Decorating – 9 AM

Hempfield Singers Concert – 7 PM

**Sunday, December 16 –3<sup>rd</sup> *Sunday of Advent/Joyful Noise (ALS Association)***

Worship -- 8 & 10:30 AM

Faith Formation Classes For All Ages -- 9:15 AM

Yarn Ministry – 1 PM (Parlor)

Christmas Caroling – 3:30 PM (Oak Leaf Manor, H'burg Pk.)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

***FOR HEALING***

Doug Grow  
Nathan Bear  
Joan Mays  
Lucy Davis  
Jere Grube  
Tom Williams  
Jennifer Thompson  
Holly Hoover  
Lincoln & Donovan McCoy (Waitress at Miss Calee's & her newborn son)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Ron Carroll (Step-Father of Wilson Pipkin)  
Joe Gorklaski (Husband of Kathleen)  
Steve Ulmer (Friend of Brenda Stover)  
Michelle Adams (Friend of Heather Gronholm)  
Carol Sener (Sister of Phil Houseal)

***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

ZYM & Chaperones who are away at WinterFest this weekend  
Jon Wright & Family  
Charlotte & George Potts  
Marlin Zimmerman  
Jessie Snavely  
Bette Geibel  
Grace Rohrbach  
Pauline & Gene Weiksner  
Ruth Albright  
Mary Grzybowski  
Janet Bair  
Arlene Miller  
Barb Williams  
Vearl Booth (Stepfather of Jeff Engroff)  
Lois Wise (Stepmother of Dave Wise)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)  
Delaney Klepper (Studying in Spain for the semester)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Christopher Wright  
Doug Kautter  
Chris Andrew  
Thom Whitesel  
Ryan Stitzel  
Jonathan Hoover  
Justin Gorklaski

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Tracy Ingersoll, Philip Smeltz

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Bill Flood, Brad Ingersoll

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Melodie Dearolf

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Chapman (Thompson), Nina Laliberte,

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> -- Christian Benedict

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Bear, Kaylyn Langseth (Ringso), Ted Symonds

**HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Zachary Houseal, Deb Long

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Katie Donell, Mary Jane Unger

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Joan Hostetter, Erica Kearon

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Grube, Sue Hinds

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Joe Hinds

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Ava Gronholm, Soren Gronholm

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Father, help me find ways to make my work a service to others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT SERVICES** -- We will continue our interviews with Isaiah, the only prophet who was privileged to hear God's words about the coming of a Messiah. Week 1 revealed insights about Christ, who came to bring light into the world. Today we will hear words about the gifts of the Spirit. Next week, as we travel on the Journey of Advent, Isaiah assures us that we will be blessed and strengthened by our Lord. Invite your friends and family to join us for these enlightening services based on the words of Isaiah.

**NAME TAGS** – Please take a nametag from the table in the back of the Sanctuary and wear it throughout the morning at church. This is helping James and Pastor Barb as they get to know everyone.

**DECK THE HALLS** – We'll be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Saturday, Dec. 15 beginning at 9 AM. Helpers are needed! Please come on out to help get the church looking festive! If you have questions contact Dianne Coons (717-898-2613).

**COMMUNITY MEAL** -- We look forward to making our Thursday, December 13 Community Meal at Zion a festive and enjoyable occasion for our guests. Dave Albin will be sharing both a secular and a spiritual selection of Christmas songs, and our tables will be decked with candlelit centerpieces and Christmas favors. Our volunteers are also invited to wear their most beautiful "ugly" Christmas sweaters, socks, ties, Christmas antlers, or Santa hats! Volunteer servers should arrive at 5:00

PM to join in on the fun! Sign-up sheets are now available in the narthex.

**COMMUNION FORMS** – During the Advent & Christmas season please be sure to fill out a communion card after you have communed. If you filled out a form last Sunday you do not need to fill out another one. Please put the cards in the office mailbasket in the Narthex after the service.

**SPONSORING IN 2019** – The Flower/Bulletin/Wine Sponsor Chart is posted and ready for sponsors throughout the coming year. Cost for flowers is \$40, bulletins & wine are each \$30.

**HEMPFIELD SINGERS CONCERT** – All are invited to come hear the Hempfield Singers perform their holiday concert here at Zion. The concert will be on Saturday, December 15 at 7 PM.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** – If you would like to sponsor poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas please fill out the order form that can be found in your mailbox or on the ushers' table. The cost is \$10/plant and the deadline is Monday, December, 17.

**SUNDAY SERVANT COORDINATORS** – It's that time of year again when the next 6 or 12 month schedules are needed for the Sunday Servants. Please email me the schedules for at least the first 6 months of the year by December 14.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, ZYM...THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...** You may have been asked to be a teacher or an aide, and in the past, that meant a L-O-N-G commitment. We are now asking: Can you do once a month, or 4 times a year? Really, ANY help would be appreciated. So, think and pray on that, and if you can help, please contact Jeff!!

**SNOW REMOVAL** – As in years past, we have a contract to have the snow pushed off the lots and driveways. But, in trying to save some money, the Property Team is going to try to take care of the walkways. If you are able and willing to help with snow removal in this capacity, please contact Todd Benedict (717-577-7620). Todd is hoping to get a group text message together to facilitate communication when we have snow that needs to be dealt with. The Property Team thanks you in advance for helping in this way.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** – Christmas Eve services this year will be held at 7 & 10 PM. Both services will have holy communion and candle-lighting.

**YEAR-END REPORTS** – All Team Leaders and Ministry Teams need to be thinking about and writing the 2018 year-end report. Please email Anne ([zionluth@comcast.net](mailto:zionluth@comcast.net)) your report of what you have accomplished and done over the last year as well as your goals for 2019, by December 21.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – Everyone is invited to come Christmas Caroling on Dec. 16 beginning at 3:30 PM. Meet at Oak Leaf Manor (H'burg Pk.) at 3:15.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** – The Choir will be singing special music for Christmas Eve and we want you to join us! Now is the time to sing without a full commitment. Rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM in the choir room! Talk to James for details.

**CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!** – Are you a present or past member of your high school or community band or orchestra? If so, share your musical gifts with us here at Zion on Christmas Eve! We want you and you are needed. See James for more details about upcoming rehearsals.

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING** – The Joyful Noise Offering will be taken next Sunday (12/16) at both services. The collection this month will go to the ALS Association.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** – The deadline for the January/February newsletter is December 14. Please email ([zionluth@comcast.net](mailto:zionluth@comcast.net)) anything you or your team would like to have included by Friday, Dec. 14.

**TELLERS NEEDED** – One of the Teller Teams has 2 openings! If you are interested, please let Ron Crawford (717-898-8534) know. You would be on the rotation to count money on a periodic basis...no more than 4 times a year.

**STAFF EMAILS & CONTACT INFO** – Need to get in touch with any of the staff? Here is a reminder of the contact info...*please note the change in Pastor Barb's email from what was publicized previously:*

Pastor Caruana: [pastorcaruana@comcast.net](mailto:pastorcaruana@comcast.net)/717-471-3232 (cell)

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Anne Rankin: [zionluth@comcast.net](mailto:zionluth@comcast.net)/717-898-2911 (office)/717-945-4585 (cell)

**ANGEL TREE THANK YOU** – Thank you to everyone who has name tags for the Angel Tree Families. Just a reminder that when the gifts are wrapped, please wrap them with the tags placed on them so we know who they go to. AND...if you did not get a tag but would like to contribute, you can purchase gifts cards for groceries, which are always needed and appreciated by the families in need. All gifts can be dropped off at the church or in the office. Questions or concerns? Call Kim Paternoster (717-855-0275).

**LUCHEON THANK YOU**-- Thank you so much for having a luncheon for the “staff newbies.” The food was fantastic, the excitement in the social hall was uplifting, and the conversations we had with many of you were just perfect. We saw God’s grace in all the caring people of Zion who reached out to us. +May God’s peace be with you ... Pastor Barb and James.

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU & APPRECIATION** – From Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brodman & Family: Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We want to

let you know how much we appreciate the dedication you have to giving meals throughout the year. Thank you so much. We haven't been there for a while, but if we want to come to a meal at least it is there for us. Thanks also for having the Hempfield Area Food Pantry there. It's a great help. May God bless you for everything you have done.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH AT A GLANCE**

***Sat. 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>: ZYM Winterfest***

*At the Nook*

***Sat. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM: Christmas Decorating of the Church***

***Sat. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM: Hempfield High School Singers Holiday Concert***

*In the Sanctuary*

***Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:15 PM: Christmas Caroling at Oak Leaf Manor***

***Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>, At both services: Joyful Noise Offering***

*The collection will be taken for the ALS Association*

***Mon. 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Services***

*7 & 10 PM*

*[Prelude music begins 30 minutes prior to the start of each service]*

*Both services will have candle lighting and Holy Communion*

***Sun. 30<sup>th</sup>: One Worship Service at 10 AM (Lessons & Carols)***