

ZION HISTORY BY DECADE: 1909-2016

1900's-1920's

- Oct. 1909- Organization
- March 1910- Ground breaking for church building
- Nov. 1910- Dedication of Church building
- Jan. 1911- Called first full-time pastor
- Dec. 1911- First organ
- May 1913- Purchased adjacent horse shed for expansion of Sunday School
- 1912-1919- Community activities held in building including Baccalaureate & High School Commencement
- 1913- United with Millersville Bethany church as a charge
- 1918- Influenza suspends regular services during Dec.
- 1928- Basement remodeled for classrooms

1930's

- 1938- First redecoration of original church

1940's

- April 1940- Fire destroyed front section of church
- Building renovated/remodeled
- 1944- Building fund begun
- 1947- Parsonage purchased

1950's

- Growth and building expansion
- 1952-Relationship with Bethany Church, Millersville disbanded
- 1954- Construction and dedication of "old" educational wing
- 1956- Acolytes first used

1960's

- Growth & Building expansion
- 1964-65- Present sanctuary built & dedicated

1970's

- Continued growth & expansion
- Jan. 1973- Phase 1 note-burning service, debt retired. Phase II building begins
- May 1975- New addition (classrooms, church parlor, pastor's & secretary's offices, etc.)
- 1977- Christian Children's Fund Sponsorship begun
- 1977- Parsonage sold

1980's

- 75th Anniversary celebration
- Sept 1984- Mortgage burning, Spire & Carillon dedicated
- First Refugee family sponsored
- 1984-Began Sponsorship of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Tabernacle, NJ
- Sept. 1987- Opening of Zion Nursery School
- 1988- Burned last mortgage of church & debt-free

1990's

- 1995- Purchased property on Cooper Ave. for additional parking space & parking lot
- 1999- Renovation project, new organ, air conditioning

2000's

- Feb. 2000- Dedication of new organ
- Oct. 2000- Purchase of Eshleman property (now Cooper House)
- 2002- Contemporary service started
- Apr. 2001- Began assistance with Christ Lutheran, Lancaster meals
- 2005-2007- New seasonal parament sets purchased
- 2006-2008- Mission trips for Hurricane Katrina
- Jan. 2007- Dedication of Columbarium
- Oct. 2007- Community Meal Program began
- June 2008- Hempfield Food Pantry moved to Zion
- 2008- Original church building entrance & bell tower renovated.

2010's

- 2009-2010- 100th Anniversary observance
- 2013-2014 - J2G Congregational Discernment process & development of new Purpose, Commitment, and Action Statements
- 2015 - Christ Lutheran Meals discontinued
- 2014 - Kids' Club began
- 2016 - Closing of Zion Nursery School after 29 years
- Zion Strategic Planning Committee begins meeting to study options regarding future use and renovation of church facilities