

# RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP AT ZION

## ~50+ YEARS~

*30 People -- 5 Couples -- Spanning the Years from 1937  
1,494 Total Years of Faithful Service & Commitment to Zion*

September 12, 2021

CONNECTING WITH GOD  
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*United in Christ, we are called to love and serve.*

## 70+ Year Members

*Harry Musselman -- 84 Years (January 1937)*

*Betty Stoner -- 79 Years (April 1942)*

*Floyd Weidler -- 77 Years (April 1944)*

*Doug Stoner -- 70 Years (March 1951)*

## 60-69 Year Members

*Rodger Myers -- 69 Years (August 1952)*

*Bill Piper -- 64 Years (January 1957)*

*Jay V. Smith -- 64 Years (May 1957)*

*Gloria Grube -- 60 Years (October 1961)*

## 55-59 Year Members

*Diane Gerlach -- 58 Years (January 1963)*

*Jennifer Pipkin -- 57 Years (June 1964)*

*Burnell & Joan Hostetter -- 57 Years (August 1964)*

*Joan Mays -- 56 Years (January 1965)*

*Dawn Reinhart -- 56 Years (May 1965)*

*Kevin Reinhart -- 55 Years (June 1966)*

*Lucy Davis -- 55 Years (June 1966)*

*Ron & Kay Crawford -- 55 Years (October 1966)*

*Lynda Martin -- 55 Years (October 1966)*

## 50-54 Year Members

*Kathleen Gorlaski -- 54 Years (January 1967)*

*Bill & Julia Grove -- 54 Years (June 1967)*

*Cindy Blough -- 53 Years (April 1968)*

*George Potts -- 53 Years (June 1968)*

*Jeanette Bomberger -- 53 Years (October 1968)*

*Jim & Millie Gundel -- 53 Years (December 1968)*

*Richard & Marilyn Heim -- 52 Years (October 1969)*

*Joanne Grim -- 51 Years (October 1970)*

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MEMORIES OF OVER  
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ZION LANDISVILLE**



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## WORSHIP

- *Pastor Krum's Children's Sermons -- They always involved Peanuts cartoons!*
- *Had 2 services that were exactly alike...then 2 services that were different (traditional/contemporary)*
- *Sitting with Harold Casey -- he would mathematically calculate on his watch how long it would take for all the people to be communed*
- *Sitting behind Barry Henry and watching him trim his fingernails during the service (ewwww!)*
- *Easter Garden in the Sanctuary*
- *Live animals from Weidler Grube at Easter & Christmas services*
- *3 families of 7 -- the Ayars, the Krums, and the Gerlachs*
  - *Don't try to sit in the first 3 pews...they were already filled!*

## WORSHIP

- *Watching the church steeple being raised*
- *Worshipping in the old church*
- *The old church worship space had the raised area for the altar and choir loft against the wall at the top of the steps into what is now the Social Room.*
- *Only piece of office equipment was a typewriter & a mimeograph machine. Joan Hostetter & Diane Gerlach worked out of their homes and the bulletins were taken to the homes of other volunteers to make copies and fold. The pastors would go from home to home to proof and finalize.*
- *Junior Choir led by Donna Yeager*
- *Junior Church before Sunday School: lighting candles, Bible reading, prayers, songs, and offering*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- *ChildFund Sponsorship Began in 1977 (Christian Children's Fund)*
- *Children's Sunday School Classes in the "1954 Old Wing" and in the Zell Property (the old house on Cooper Ave. where the Food Pantry wing is now)*
- *Jackie Hoffman, Joan Mays, Ruth Albright, Art Nendza, Howard Deiter -- beloved Sunday School Teachers*
- *Meeting for Sunday School in the funeral parlor across the street*
- *Loads of children in Sunday School...needed more space!*
- *3-year Confirmation Program: 40+ kids in one Confirmation class!*
- *Vacation Bible School (for all ages)*

## OUTREACH, CHURCH, & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *Support of Vietnamese families (1980 & 1984) to help them get settled in America*
- *Provided "Seed Money" to support our mission church (Lord of Life Lutheran) in Tabernacle, NJ. (They are now an active congregation in the NJ Synod)*
- *Zion Nursery School for community pre-school aged children (1984-2016)*
- *Handiwork/Woodwork by Richard Heim & Weidler Grube: mailboxes, benches, outdoor cross, nativity scenes, & more!*

## OUTREACH, CHURCH, & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *Community Meal Began: 2005*
- *Food Pantry Moved to Zion: 2008*
- *Boy Scouts with Cy Rogers & doing yard work at the church...including Rodger Myers trimming along the sidewalks by pouring gas on the sides and then lighting it (only to set the lawn on fire in the process!)*
- *Mission Trips [Biloxi, Mississippi (5x); New Orleans; New Jersey (2x); West Virginia]*
- *Blankets for Lutheran World Relief*

## FELLOWSHIP

- *Church Picnics*
- *Covered Dish Dinners*
- *Mardi Gras Celebration*
- *Pancake Suppers*
- *Comedy Nights*
- *Mother Daughter Banquets in May -- would it be closer to Jenn Pipkin's or Lynda Martin's birthday? Which girl would get the prize?!?*



## FELLOWSHIP

- *Church Friends: The Walters, Greiders, Kosers, Nissleys, Coopers, Lowerys, Lesers, Caseys, Nelson & Ruth Albright, & Ted King*
- *4-H Craft Club once a week in the summer led by church and community members*
- *Luther League*
  - *Cookouts, roller skating, and hay rides*
  - *Friends: Mike Spangler, Chuck Bidding, Todd Williams, Beth Hamor, Mike Vogel, Donna Yeager, Rodney & Rodger Myers*

## LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

- *Afternoon & Evening Circle Meetings in members' homes*
  - *Bible Study, followed by dessert*
- *Kitchen Band -- Led by Ev Cramer*
- *Women's Formal Tea at Christmas*
- *Couples Dinner in February*
- *Cooking in the original basement kitchen*
- *Moving the basement kitchen to its new (current) space*
- *Creating & Selling Zion Church Cookbooks*
- *Making Chrismons*
- *Making bed pads for Luther Acres*

## WOMEN OF ZION

- *Reactivated and renamed to Women of Zion in 2009*
  - *Christmas Bazaars (Cristkindlmarts) to raise money for new kitchen appliances*
  - *Bus Trips*
  - *Breakfasts at Country Table*
  - *Prayer Shawls, Comforters, Prayer Bears*
  - *Baby Baskets for new babies in the congregation*
  - *Christmas Gift Bags for Food Pantry Clients*
  - *Making & Selling Apple Dumplings*
  - *Women of Faith Conference (Philadelphia)*
  - *Women's Retreat at Nawakwa*
  - *Funeral Luncheons*

## Church Property/Building History

- *Original Building: 1910*
- *Fire Destroyed Front of Church: 1940*
- *Sunday School Addition: 1954*
- *Purchase the Zell/Fitzgerald/Heisey Properties (where the back alley is now): 1961*
- *Present Nave/Narthex/Sacristy Addition & Dedication: 1964 & 1965*
- *Note-burning to retire debt: 1973*
- *75th Anniversary & the Purchase of the spire & electronic carillon: 1984*
- *Sunday School/Parlor/Kitchen Addition: 1975*
- *Replaced the clear glass windows in the Nave & Narthex with faceted glass: 1975*
- *Air Conditioning Installed: 1999*
- *New Organ Installed: 1999*
- *Purchase of the Eshleman Property ("Cooper House"): 2000*
- *Columbarium: 2006*
- *100th Anniversary: 2009*



## Zion's Pastors

- Oct. 1909-March 1910: A.E. Cooper
- March 1911-Dec. 1912: W. Claude Waltemyer
- Jan. 1913-Oct. 1913: O.O. Leidich
- June 1914-April 1919: J. Winfield Gentzler
- Dec. 1919-Feb. 1927: H. E. Weiand
- July 1927-July 1928: G. B. Harmon
- Sept. 1928-Sept. 1934: A. E. Cooper
- Dec. 1934-Sept. 1944: Wm. L. Ziegenfuss
- Oct. 1944-Dec. 1947: Harold L. Dietz
- April 1948-May 1960: Ernest Leer
- July 1960-June 1965: G. Martin Ruoss
- Nov. 1965-Dec. 1976: Gerald Krum
- Aug. 1977-Jan. 2000: Martin Swartz
- Aug. 2000-Dec. 2008: Richard Whitesel
- Jan. 2006-Feb. 2009: LaDonna Thomas (Associate)
- Dec. 2010-Sept. 2018: Janice Marie E. Lowden

### Assistant/Visitation Pastors

1985-1988: Steven G. Jones  
1989-1991: Thomas D. Hartman  
1992-1997: Charles W. Reider  
1998-1999: Kent J. Krause

### Interim Pastors

Jan. 2008-Dec. 2010: Bob Hoover  
Nov. 2018-Sept. 2020: Barbara Caruana  
Nov. 2020-Present: Melody Sell

## Zion's Staff

### Music Directors/Organists/Worship Leader

Sue Biemiller  
Jean Spiese  
Evelyn Cramer  
Pre-1986: Jim Riggs  
1987-2018: Dennis Dezort  
2006: Mimi Gundel  
2018-2020: James Alfieri  
2021-present: John Landis

### Youth Directors

Pre-1995-2001: Donald Seibert  
2001-2012: Bob Hollinger  
2013-2015: Chris Reinford  
2016-2018: Jeff Engroff

### Coordinator of Senior Ministries/Lay Ministry Assistant

2000-Present: Diane Gerlach

### Sextons

Pre-1970-1978(?): Van Tingley  
1979: Jim & Harriet Vogel  
1987-2006: Fred & Louise Hamor  
2006-2010: Ron Woomer  
2011-Present: Tom Miller & Brian Bourassa

### Parish Administrators/Secretaries/Tech. Assistant

Pre-1966: Joan Hostetter  
1966-1974: Diane Gerlach  
1975-2000: Joan Hostetter  
2000-2010: Joan Oberrender  
2005-2015: Marie Adams  
2010-2012: Janet Brandy  
2012-Present: Anne Rankin  
2016-Present: Dave Albin