

ZION NEWS

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**Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

*Connecting with God; Connecting
with others; Connecting others with God*

The Ministers of Zion: Every member of the congregation

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A Note From The Council President, Adele King:

At the Council meeting in March we were originally going to meet with Pastor Jorgensen to go over the congregational vitality survey. Unfortunately, at the last minute, he was unable to attend the meeting, and so that discussion has been postponed until the April meeting. Instead, we had quite a few other business items which we focused our meeting around.

We reviewed our goals for the year and put them into SMART form (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-focused, and Time-bound). In addition, the Personnel team proposed a schedule change for the sextons over the summer, as well as staff participation in workshops and seminars relevant to their positions.

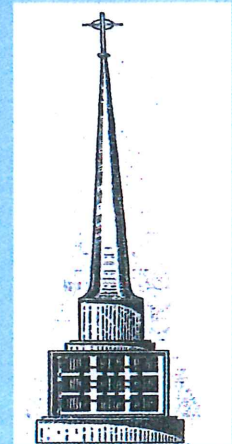
An IT team has been formed and they will be meeting to discuss and evaluate our needs regarding internet accessibility in the church building. The Food Pantry committee has made an offer to pay 50% of the costs related to this since reliable internet access is essential to the work they do too.

On Maundy Thursday, the Church Council hosted the community meal so we coordinated plans to make this a successful and delish meal for those who attended.

As you know by now, the HVAC system has been upgraded and so the expense of this has now been paid and therefore, is reflected in the financial report. *Even though we had one of our most successful pledge drives last year, we are falling way beneath our giving expectations.* In fact, we gave \$6,000 less in January 2018 than we did in January 2017. And, in February, we were \$7,000 less in 2018 than in 2017. These are disturbing figures, I am sure you would agree, and hopefully this trend will not continue. (Cont'd on pg. 2)

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♦ From the Council Pres. (Cont'd), Sharing Our Faith

In the coming months, we will, as a Council, be looking into the ways our strategic planning will develop into Zion becoming a more forward-thinking congregation, and we appreciate your help with this process. It is my intent to make your Council, and what we do, open and transparent. Please feel free to ask questions, and most importantly, please be open to changes in the ways things may be done now and in the future.

The results of the vitality survey were discussed at the April Council meeting; stay tuned for more information as they will be communicated with you soon.

SHARING OUR FAITH

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What better way to do this than by sharing our faith! This is evangelism at the basic level. We can never share our faith if it is not clear to ourselves! Do we really know what each other believes, or for that matter, what we ourselves believe?

Please prayerfully consider choosing a topic or faith experience and writing a few sentences or a paragraph! Your faith statement will be included in a future newsletter in a new feature called...Sharing our Faith!

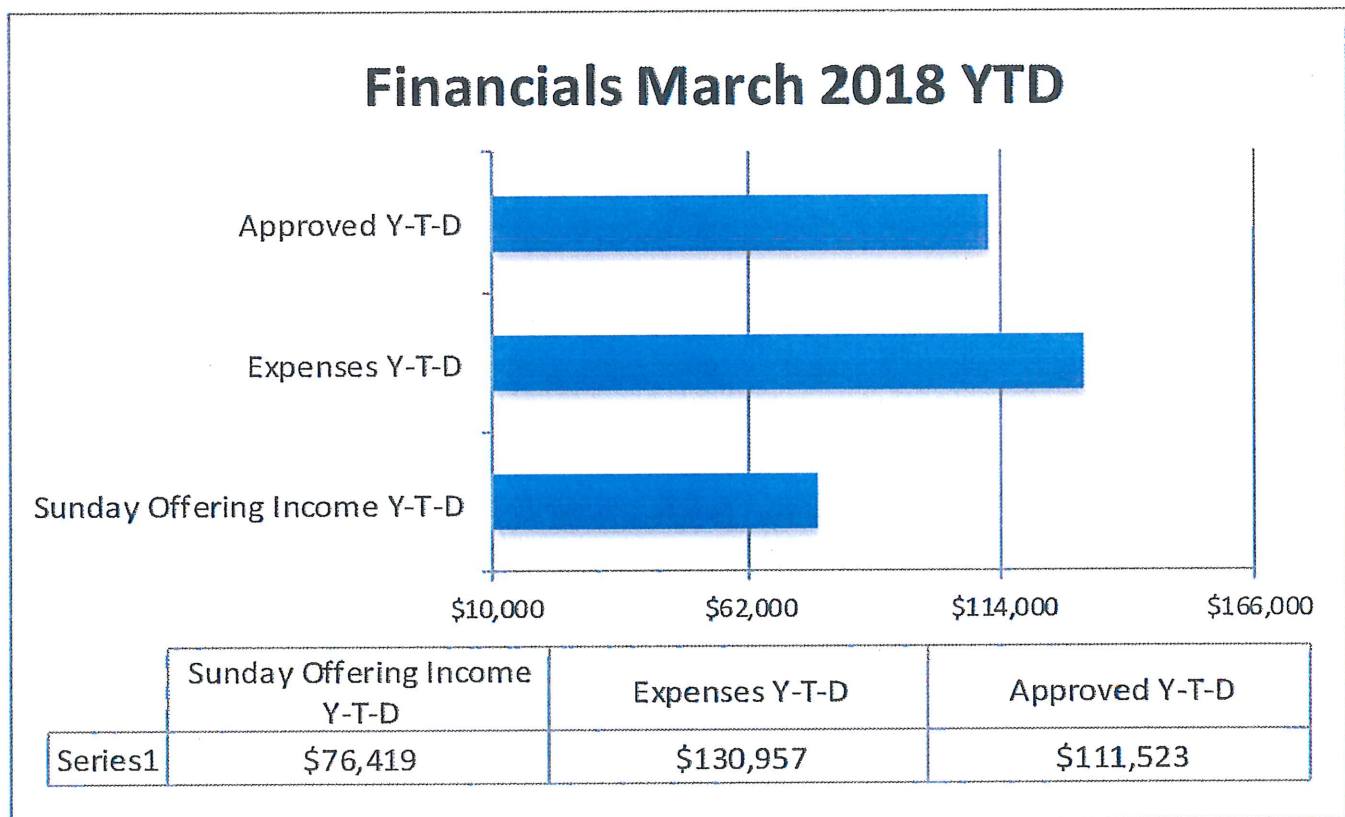
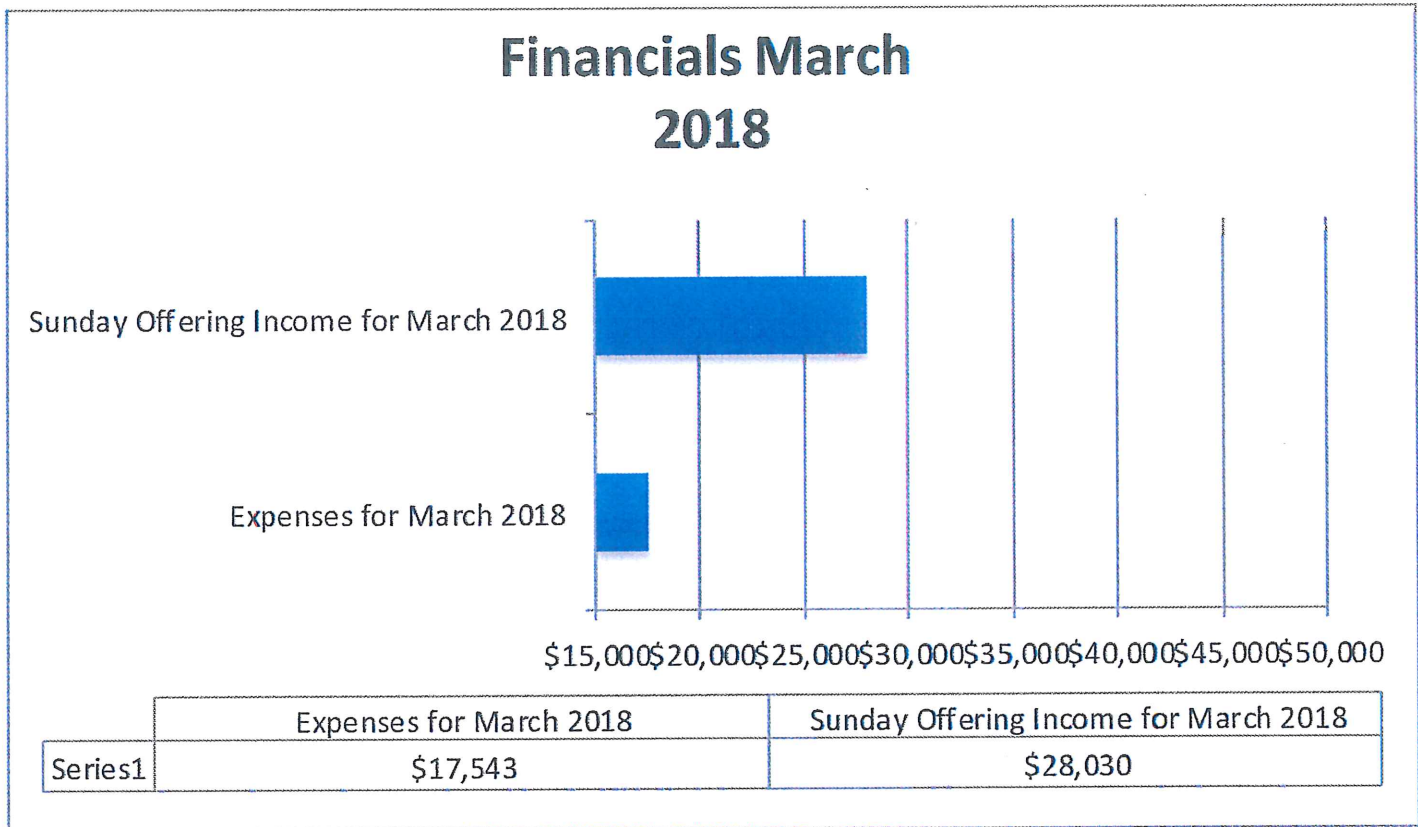
Share
Your
Faith!

Possible questions to ponder that may provide inspiration:

- What is my spiritual gift(s) and how do I use it?
- How is Jesus present in my life?
- What have I discovered from reading the Bible?
- How does God guide me?
- Jesus loves me; how do I show I love Jesus?
- Who is Jesus?
- How does Jesus help me each and every day?
- How do I teach my children about Jesus?
- What is my favorite bible verse, and what have I learned from it?

To submit your "faith share", email or give it to Millie Gundel
(mgundel112@gmail.com) or to
Pastor JMe (pastorjme@comcast.net).

♦ Financial Figures (March)



♦ Stewardship Submitted by Darrell Gerke

Fearless Generosity

So many times in our adult lives we try to solve problems or explain our actions in our lives with our adult way of thinking and reasoning which many times is more difficult and complicated than it really is. Sometimes if we just listened to or watched a child react to a problem, we would see how simple and straight forward the solution could be.

Children can teach us a thing or two about Christian stewardship because they do not have preconceived ideas or notions. We can also learn that they are never too young to learn the principles of stewardship.

The Our Daily Bread devotion for February 26, 2018 written by Xochitl Dixon is a fine example of the lessons we can learn from a child. I have reprinted the article below.

Fearless Giving

When my son Xavier was six years old, a friend brought her toddler to visit and Xavier wanted to give him a few toys. I delighted in our little giver's generosity, until he offered a stuffed animal my husband had searched several stores in different cities to find. Recognizing the high-demand toy, my friend tried to politely decline. Still, Xavier placed his gift into her son's hands and said, "My daddy

gives me lots of toys to share."

Though I'd like to say Xavier learned his confident giving from me, I've often withheld my resources from God and others. But when I remember that my heavenly Father gives me everything I have and need, it's easier to share.

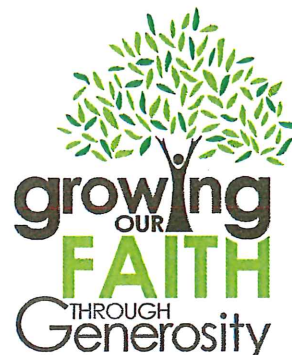
In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to trust Him by giving a portion of all He had supplied to the Levite priests, who would in turn help others in need. When the people refused, the prophet Malachi said they were robbing the Lord (Malachi 3:8-9). But if they gave willingly, showing they trusted the Lord's promised provision and protection (vv. 10-11), others would recognize them as God's blessed people (v. 12).

Whether we're managing our finances, our schedules, or the gifts God entrusted to us, giving can be an act of worship.

Giving freely and fearlessly can show our confidence in the care of our loving Father-the ultimate generous giver.

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,
that there may be food in my house.*

-Malachi 3:10



♦ Fellowship, Women of Zion, ULS Gift Update

SIGHT & SOUND OUTING

A few tickets are still available if you want to go see "Jesus" at Sight & Sound on Friday, May 18 at 3 PM.

*Let Millie know if you are interested!
Contact Millie (717-898-2313)*



LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, May 31

11:30 AM at the Plaza Azteca
[1700 Fruitville Pk.—in Red Rose
Commons by Home Depot]
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

If you need a ride, please indicate that
by your name!

Please sign up on the bulletin board in
the Narthex by Sunday, May 27.



WOMEN OF ZION

COMFORTER MINISTRY:

Monday, May 7 at 9 AM in the kitchen
Come and help us tie knots in the comforters.
*Please place donations of clean "no longer needed" sheets in
the WOZ bin.*

YARN MINISTRY:

Sunday, May 6 and 20 at 1 PM in the parlor (Note that these
will be the final meetings until fall.)
Come and learn to knit or crochet!

Something to think about this month....

"See what the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God; and that is what we are." -I John 3:1-7

THANK YOU to those who
contributed to the gift to
United Lutheran
Seminary in honor of Pastor
JMe on her 30th anniver-
sary of ordination this year.
A total of \$300 will go to a
student who is at the
beginning of their ministry
to help offset the cost of
their studies.

♦ ZYM, “Unplugged”

Our youth group is getting ready for the ELCA Youth Gathering! We depart June 26th from BWI and will spend the next six days in Houston with over 30,000 other Lutheran youth!

The guest speakers will challenge our gathering with insightful and inspiring conversation. The many servant events in and around the greater-Houston area will allow our youth to meet, and help the stranger in our midst who isn't looking for a hand-out but a helping hand.

We will worship each night in the massive NRG Stadium or “Dome” and experience many hands-on opportunities to learn more about the Lutheran faith and why we

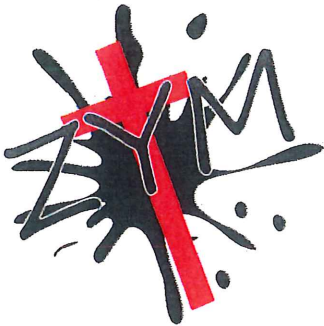
are called into mission and service in the NRG Convention Center.

Thank you all for your amazing support and prayers!

*Follow us on Zion's Facebook page!
Photos and video highlighting our trip
will be posted daily!*



**2018
ELCA
YOUTH
GATHERING**



ZYM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| May 6 | Zion — 6-8 PM |
| May 20 | Zion — 6-8 PM |
| June 3 | Mini-golf and Ice Cream — 6-8 PM |
| June 26-July 2 | ELCA YOUTH GATHERING |

Summer Christian Education Offerings!

Jeff Engroff will host bi monthly “Unplugged” in the Zone during the summer months.

“Unplugged” takes a look at faith through the generations and addresses some deep questions, current events and relative topics for all ages. “Unplugged” will use ‘on-hands’ teaching methods (crafts, games, etc.) as well as using multi-media technology. Stay tuned for a complete Summer Faith Formation Schedule!

♦ Kids' Club/Faith Formation, VBS

KIDS' CLUB SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Kids' Club Sunday (Children's Sunday School) – is a thematic, workshop based curriculum taught weekly by amazing and caring adult leaders. This vital ministry is truly bedrock on which each child can continue to build on the knowledge of Christ and help them on their faith formation journey as young Christians.

Zion's Christian education for all elementary age children will continue through 20th of May. An end of year party will cap off a great year of learning on Sunday May 20th for children, parents and teachers.

ZYM youth attend weekly Sunday morning class and conversation through May 13th.

Join us for a student, parent, & teacher end of year party on May 20!



KIDS' CLUB WEDNESDAY SPRING SCHEDULE



This is a very fun ministry that Zion provides for our members and the community! Much like VBS (in a condensed version), the children eat dinner together, play games, make crafts and learn more about their faith through story and technology.

KIDS' CLUB will meet May 2nd and June 6th before taking a summer break. This ministry is a high priority for Evangelism within our community.

Did you know that several adult volunteers help cook, clean, teach and mentor these young children each and every month?

Did you know that every member of our youth group are dedicated helpers and mentors for the children attending Kids' Club each month?



Vacation Bible School 2018

July 9-12th from 6-8 PM: "Our Mission IS Possible II"

Stay tuned and learn more about this year's exciting and fun VBS experience!

♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In March the pantry served 146 families of which 188 were children; 345 adults; 75 seniors for a total 608 persons served. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday...an average of 100 families visit the pantry each week.

"Thank you" to our Zion members who contributed 162 pounds of food items to the pantry during the month of March. "Thank you" to the Zion members who continue to contribute financially to the pantry. Monetary contributions help the pantry to purchase food items not regularly donated as meats, eggs in addition to the purchase of "high demand" items as cereal, rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soups, and fruits. Financial contributions also allow the pantry to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank at eighteen cents per pound.

Requested food items for April are: 24 oz. cans spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, cereal, 15 oz. canned corn, 15 oz. canned tomatoes, canned pineapple.

During the month of March....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,584 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Giant Mount Joy donated 316 pounds of bread and bakery items and 140 pounds of food items; Weis Market in Columbia donated 467 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 273 bakery items and 211 pounds meat products; S. Clyde Weaver

donated 80 pounds of bakery item; Stauffers of Rohrerstown donated 40 pounds of food items. The pantry purchased 4,109 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank and 720 pounds from local grocery stores. The pantry received 2,425 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program. In addition to the above donations and purchases, 10,139 pounds came from the community which includes donations from the churches, schools, businesses, social and civic organizations and private individuals. March monthly total of pounds of food items purchased/donated was 18,620 pounds!!!

Included in the pounds donated in March was 4,724 pounds of food items through the Hempfield School District's annual food drive....elementary, middle and high school students and staff. J. K. Mechanical, a sponsor of the school district, provided the transportation, collection and manpower to deliver the food to the pantry!

Fifty eight volunteers gave 465 hours during the month of March. The pantry is a complete volunteer effort, operating with a full non-paid staff. Many volunteers work "behind the scenes" on days other than "open" days of Monday and Wednesday. There are "pick-ups" of staples, fresh produce, and bakery items made throughout the week at the various busi-

nesses. In addition, there is an office staff documenting the donations received, clients served and completing other required reports for the Central Penn Food Bank, and registering new clients each week. We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give to serving with a true servant's heart and a smile! Currently, the Hempfield Area Food Pantry has over 300 families registered to receive food assistance. Ninety percent of the clients served at the pantry reside in the Hempfield School District. The remaining families reside in bordering communities. In addition to the clients who visit the pantry to select their food items, deliveries are made to senior citizens, and families who are unable to get to the pantry due to physical disabilities, lack of transportation, or those who no longer drive. All of our clients are very thankful and appreciative for the assistance they receive during this stressful and difficult economic time in their lives.

AND, the pantry would not be able to provide this program to the Hempfield residents without the outreach mission of Zion with the use of God's property. This mission is a witness of God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action!



♦ Spring Concert, Grief Support, MiniGolf

A flyer for a Trinity UCC concert. It features a blue ribbon border with pink tulips at the corners. The text is centered in a green-bordered box.

Trinity UCC
2340 State St.
East Petersburg, PA 17520
www.trinityeastpete.org
717-569-1632

Concert

Featuring
Hempfield High School
Chamber Singers
And
Trinity Church Musicians

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Concert – 6:45 PM

Freewill Offering Benefits
Hempfield Power Packs



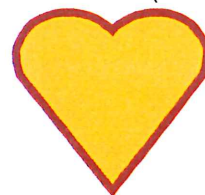
Grief Support Group at Pathways Center

Loss of A Parent Or Sibling Group

May 1, 6:30-8 PM

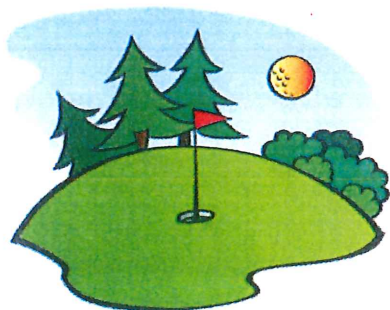
This free meeting includes a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. The group is designed for those within the first two years following the death of a parent or sibling.

No registration needed. For more information, call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610.



LOOKING FORWARD TO WARMER DAYS?
JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OUT FOR ALL AGES

PRC SUMMER MINI GOLF OUTING



**SATURDAY
JUNE 16**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

VILLAGE GREENS MINI GOLF COURSE
STRASBURG, PA

A ROUND OF MINI GOLF PLUS LUNCH
1 TICKET IS \$15
A FOURSOME IS \$50
SPECIAL RATES FOR YOUTH GROUPS

For more info. visit parishresourcecenter.org
or call 717-299-1113

♦ Update from Brenda Alimo, Condolences

From Brenda Alimo, Our ChildFund Child

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

I am so glad to write to you this morning. My health is good. How are you today? I Hope you are all doing fine; our family are also fine. Special regards from my mother.

I am glad to be at school in grade 6. All is going well. Thank you for the Christmas gift of \$25, the Easter gift of \$25, and the Valentine's gift of \$25, which is 272,250 all together in our local currency. With this support I used it for buying a mattress, 2 bedsheets, and a dress.

I am glad that I am very smart and am excited that you are proud of me. Thank you for your kind support and may God richly bless you all. From Brenda Alimo, your beloved child.

ABOUT BRENDA

I am 14 years old. My favorite time of the year is Christmas because I pray with my family. My color is green. My favorite game is nerfball.

This year I am in grade 6 at school. I like learning about places. After school I help my family cook. I would like to see a sea. I want to be a nurse.

My health is good. I am 151 centimeters tall [almost 5 feet] and weigh 43 kilograms [about 98 pounds].



At my medical checkup I discovered it feels good to have friends.

I live with my father, mother, and brother.

This year your support provided me with medical examination, and training in sanitation.

I am attending my school and I hope to work hard.

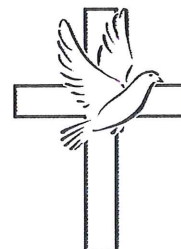


CONDOLENCES

...to Bette Geibel, whose husband, Carl, died on April 21.

...to Kathryn Bookmiller, whose husband, Reese, died on April 22.

...to the family & friends of Margie Fatta who died on April 26.



♦ May Celebrations



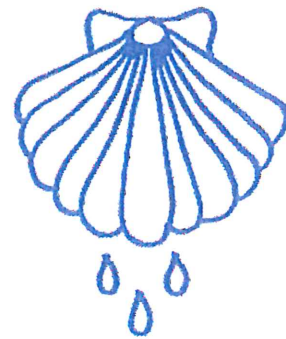
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| 1 | Lynda Martin | 7 | Ariel Hengey | 20 | Pat Hinkle |
| 1 | Mark McCullough | 7 | Floyd Jury* | 20 | Kim Small |
| 1 | Carl Metzinger | 7 | Sam King | 22 | Noah Crum |
| 1 | Chase Pipkin | 7 | Jean Pretz | 22 | Richard Olson |
| 1 | Gene Weiksner | 7 | Rick Price | 23 | Todd Hay |
| 2 | Tammy Bennawit | 8 | Aubrey Provanzo | 27 | Kyle Brady |
| 2 | Mark Reinhart | 9 | Sue McCullough | 28 | Richard Heim |
| 4 | Joe Auchey | 9 | Aimee Miller | 29 | Zachary Barr |
| 4 | Bob Traup | 9 | Jennifer Pipkin | 29 | John Hinkle |
| 5 | Troy Milholin | 9 | Kim Propst | 29 | Ava Stream |
| 6 | Judie Ingersoll | 10 | Quinn Klepper | 30 | Helen Auchey |
| | | 14 | John Bennawit | 30 | Jim Gundel |
| | | 14 | Mark Coons | 31 | Morgan Huber |
| | | 14 | Pam Houseal | | |
| | | 14 | Rodger Myers | | |
| | | 16 | Maggie Stream | | |

*90+ Birthday

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

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|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Matthew Rickert | 13 | Deb Grube |
| 3 | Kathy Good | 13 | Ava Gunzenhauser |
| 4 | Andrew Bernhard | 14 | Christian Benedict |
| 4 | Sofia Deibler | 15 | Jamie Stream |
| 6 | Marissa Martin | 16 | Maggie Stream |
| 8 | Benjamin Emerick | 17 | Anna Benedict |
| 10 | Pam Houseal | 18 | Mark Huber |
| 12 | Denise Haun | 19 | Liz Crum |
| 12 | Jay V. Smith | 21 | Sue Stathopulos |
| | | 24 | Brett Rhoads |
| | | 25 | Alec Martin |
| | | 26 | Madison Pipkin |

31 Jason Shirk



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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|---|--------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Bill & Amy Flood (25th) | 9 | Doug & Pam Searle (37th) |
| 1 | Ryan & Stephanie Stitzel (7th) | 11 | Scott & Mary Hetrick (33rd) |
| 2 | Dave & Donna Dumeyer (49th) | 11 | Prudence & Michael Jarvie (27th) |
| 3 | Jamie & Corrie Stream (10th) | 12 | Wayne & Melodie Dearolf (18th) |
| 4 | John & Pat Hinkle (55th) | 17 | Joe & Helen Auchey (4th) |
| 4 | Jeff & Michele Rickert (33rd) | 17 | Ron & Birgitte Chapman (21st) |
| 5 | Ken & Mary Jane Unger (45th) | 18 | Mark & Sue McCullough (22nd) |
| 7 | Rodger & Nancy Myers (46th) | 19 | Lars & Heather Gronholm (17th) |
| | | 19 | Neil & Kelly Kline (17th) |
| | | 24 | Jason & Mary Green (21st) |

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2018 Church Council

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Dave Wise (Finance & Stewardship)
Dave Albin (Faith Formation)
Mark Coons (Ministry Support)
Mark Rosen (Worship & Music)
Riley Klepper (ZYM)

(2018 Nonvoting Members)

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Phil Houseal, Assistant Financial Secretary
John Hay, Treasurer
Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer
Brenda Stover, Secretary

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Melodie Dearolf, Social Outreach
John Hay, Finance
Dave Dumeyer, Personnel
Jere Grube, Property
Darrell Gerke, Stewardship
Jean Pretz, Worship & Music
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team
Open, Parish Fellowship

Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff

Amos & Mellie Geib, Managers
David Bleil, Board President/Manager
Diane Gerlach, Vice-President
Roz Flannelly, Secretary
Lisa Bernhard, Treasurer
Diane Gerlach, Pantry Coordinator

Our purpose is to complete the work assigned to us by our Lord Jesus, to spread the good news about the wonderful grace of God with the Holy Spirit's guidance, and to love all.

June Newsletter Deadline: May18

Worship: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Faith Formation: 9:15 AM

Parish Admin. Normal Office Hours: Mon. - Fri: 9AM - 2 PM

Office assistance when the office is closed: 945-4585 (Anne's cell)

Pastoral emergencies: 940-3602 (Pastor JMe's cell)