

Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God

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# **WeeklE-Newsletter: December 3**

## COMING UP AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH

#### Sunday, December 5 -- Second Sunday of Advent

- \* The altar flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her mother Helen Elizabeth Gensemer, born December 4, 1918.
- \* The bulletins are sponsored by Lisa Nelson in honor of the Advent season.
- \* The communion elements are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent.

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. (Parlor)

Wired Word Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. (Social Room)

#### Monday, December 6

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Property – 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)

#### Tuesday, December 7

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor) Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms) Worship & Music – 7:00 p.m. (Zone)

#### Wednesday, December 8

Food Pantry -10 a.m. -1 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 9

Community Meal – 5:15 p.m. [Zion Preparing & Serving] Choir – 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, December 10 – Poinsettia Sponsor Deadline

Bridge – 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Connection Zone)

#### Saturday, December 11

Church Holiday Decorating – 9:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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Hershey Handbell Ensemble Concert – 3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS



THE CHURCH WILL BE
DECORATED ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 11, SO IT CAN BE
ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE
WEEKS LEADING UP TO
CHRISTMAS!



\*[Order form attached as separate document in email]\*

#### ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Advent blessing and reflection devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table. Help yourself! There are also children's activity booklets! If you won't be at the church but would like one, let the office know.

#### **JOYFUL NOISE**

The collection through this month will go to Night to Shine. Night to Shine is an annual prom experience event for those with special needs. This event is one that these folks look forward to all year; it is one that gives them the chance to feel like other kids who get to experience the prom or some other special dance night. Last month, a total of \$61.55 was collected for Housing Development Corporation.

#### NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Do you have an old-fashioned Victorian-style pitcher and wash bowl? Or an Amish-style broom? If so, please contact Pastor Sell...she would like to borrow them for the Christmas Eve service! Thanks in advance!

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes are typically held every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m.

> IN THE SOCIAL ROOM

The class explores current events and other relevant topics within a biblical and Christian framework.

#### > IN THE PARLOR

Today, this class continues the series of Box Office Bible Studies, featuring a four-part Advent presentation based on scenes from the Frank Capra classic starring Jimmy Stewart, "It's a Wonderful Life."





The meal will be suspended on December 23, 30, and January 6; it will resume on January 13. Looking ahead to 2022, sponsors are needed to keep this weekly ministry going! We do have faithful partners in the community who sponsor meals frequently,

however there are 11 empty slots thru June that need to be filled. If you know of any organization or group that might be interested in sponsoring a meal, please have them contact Mary Hetrick (<u>psuocn92@comcast.net</u>). Thank you!! <u>Zion's next meal to sponsor is on December 9<sup>th</sup>.</u>

#### THE COFFEE TABLE IS BACK!

Cookies, coffee, and hot water for tea are available on Sunday mornings again in the Narthex. Beverages can be found in the carafes. Decaffeinated coffee will be available in the Zone using Keurig single cup pods. Anyone interested in helping with the coffee set-up should contact Sue Wise (swoogle53@aol.com).



#### **MINISTRY TEAMS**

Please start thinking about your team's year-end ministry report. It is important to share what your team was able to do this year even in the midst of transitioning back to a more normal rhythm. Please be sure to include what has been done and also what has not been. Please email your report to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net) by December 31.

#### ANGEL TREE GIFTS



You have one more week to bring in gifts for the families on the Angel Tree. We are supporting three families with a total of 21 children who live in low income housing nearby. The names and requested items can be found on the tree in the Narthex. Gifts must be returned by next Sunday, December 12th. Kim Paternoster is happy to pick up the gifts from you if you don't plan to be at the church before December 5<sup>th</sup>. You can also arrange to do a porch drop off with her or you can bring them to the church office.

#### **CLOCK IN THE PARLOR**

The Property Team and Council, in addition to communication with others, have decided to sell the clock in the parlor. If you are interested in it and would like to purchase it, please contact Dave Dumeyer. We want to give church members the first opportunity to buy it. It will be sold based on sealed bids. If no one expresses interest by the end of the year, it will be advertised to the general public.



#### 2022 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities next year are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a great way to help offset the cost for the church for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements







#### **OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS**



The December/January/February ODB devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the Narthex and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room.

# **HOLIDAY EVENTS**





December 4 at 10:00 a.m. Centerville Diner (corner of Columbia Ave. and Centerville Rd.)

This is always a fun time for all the women of the church as we prepare for Christmas. Friends are welcome to come along too!

There will be no charge for your breakfast. It will be paid for in memory of Shirley Cates by a friend of her and her first husband. Ted King.

Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313)

There will also be two optional activities!

- Gift Exchange
  - Bring a wrapped gift (\$3 or less) to exchange with others!
- Show and Tell
  - Bring an object to show that gives you special JOY at this time of year!

Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes by Sunday, November 28.



LANCASTER LIEDERKRANZ WINTER COMMUNITY CONCERT

Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m.

This seasonal concert featuring traditional German selections is held annually at Zion.

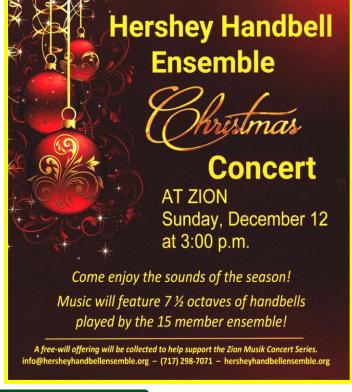
A free-will offering will be taken.



For more information about the Lancaster Liederkranz, go to: https://www.lancasterliederkranz.com/



For more information about the Hershey Handbell Ensemble, go to: https://www.hersheyh andbellensemble.org/







For more information about upcoming events and to register, go to: https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/





For more information & to register, go to: https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/advent -day-apart-2021/

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN A BARN

For more information & to register, go to: https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2021/

Join us at the farm for our 4th annual Advent/Christmas night. Come gather around the outdoor fire and have cookies and cocoa in the barn.

Lights and decorations!



#### SPECIAL NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION...

- Thank you to the Zion congregation/family for the outpouring of cards, condolences, and support with the passing of my dad, Ron Crawford! Our family greatly appreciates it. Fondly, Lynda Crawford & family
- Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanks for letting us come to the church to get food during the year. We miss your dinners, but since the pandemic, we haven't been able to come. May God bless you for everything you have done for our family. From Michael, Crystal, Adrianna, Jeremiah, and Brandon Brodman

# PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING

**Dolly Overly** 

Doug Grow

Marvin Ruch

Kate Donnan

Barbara Williams

Dave Wise

Don Heartter

Joe Adams

Judie Ingersoll

Bill Grove

Holly Hoover

Sam King

Mary Zimmerman

Janet & Harry Musselman

Kay Crawford and the extended Crawford/Thompson family

Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)

Bobbi (Friend of a member)

William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)

Ashley LaFata & Mike Walker (Bill & Julia Grove's Granddaughter & Husband)

Skipper Mann (Sister of Dolly Overly)

Meghan Frey (Friend of the congregation)

Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)

Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

# FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson

Lucy Davis

**Betty Stoner** 

Arlene Miller

Deb McCartney

Bette Geibel

Richard & Marilyn Heim

George Potts

Jess, Matt, & Grant Barcaro

Jim, Kim, & Cory Paternoster

Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)

Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)

Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)

Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

## FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict Christopher Wright Chris Andrew Thom Whitesel

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Justin Gorlaski

Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)

Jared Shiner (Grandson of Diane Gerlach)

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

#### IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

6<sup>th</sup> – Jaden Myers

7<sup>th</sup> – Bradley Green 10<sup>th</sup> – Philip Smeltz

11<sup>th</sup> – Bill Flood

## **MINISTRY LEADERS**

Ministers Members of the Congregation

Interim PastorRev. Melody SellMusic DirectorJohn LandisParish AdministratorAnne RankinWorship Technology AssistantDavid Albin

Lay Ministry Assistant
Council President
Adele King

Council Vice President David Wise

Sextons

Brian Bourassa (a.m.)

Tom Miller (p.m.)

Sunday's Assisting Minister

John Hay

# WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship

Christmas Eve Worship

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Livestream & Recorded Link for all services <a href="http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live</a>

Adult Sunday School Classes (Parlor & Social Room) Sundays @ 10:15 a.m.

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