

## From the Pastor's Pen

Some years ago someone once commented on the things that were wrong in the Church by saying, "If Jesus knew what was going on in His Church today, He would roll over in His grave." Well, our Lord is amazing, but that is one thing He can't do. He can't roll over in His grave, because He is not in His grave. The angel proclaimed to the ladies who visited our Lord's tomb on that first Easter morn, "*He is not here; His risen, just as He said.*" (Matthew 28:6)

Yes, Jesus died on that cross, so that our sin could be forgiven and that we could be reconciled to God. And yes, they placed His body in a tomb. But on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, He came out of that grave alive, proving that love is stronger than hate, that good is mightier than evil, that life is more powerful than death, and that our God is greater than Satan's forces of darkness.

That is the Good News of Easter, my friends. It is the news that because our Lord is alive to live forever, we too shall have the promise of forever life when we have trusted in Him. Bill and Gloria Gaither say it so well:

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow*

*Because He lives, all fear is gone*




*Because I know who holds the future*

*My life is worth the living just because He lives*

In His Amazing Love,

Pastor Al

# April 2015 Ministries & Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>2 Holy Thursday</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Service	<b>3 Good Friday</b>  <b>6:00AM-6:00 PM</b> Prayer Vigil  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>4 9:00 AM</b> Easter Egg Hunt  
<b>5 6:30 AM</b> Sunrise Service <b>9:00 AM</b> New Song & Sunday School <b>10:05 AM</b> Connect Cafe <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship		<b>7</b> <b>12:30-2:30</b> Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Ministries Council	<b>8</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Choir <b>7:35 PM</b> Praise Team # 2	<b>9</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Released Time		<b>11 5:00 PM</b> Mystery Dinner
<b>12 Food Bank</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men of Zion <b>8:00 AM</b> Bells of Zion <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:05 AM</b> Connect Cafe <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth Fellowship		<b>14</b> <b>12:30-2:30</b> Quilting  	<b>15</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>16</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Released Time		
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<b>26 8:00 AM</b> Bells of Zion <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:05 AM</b> Connect Cafe <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth Fellowship		<b>28</b> <b>12:30-2:30</b> Quilting	<b>29</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>30</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Released Time  		

# Sunday School & Worship Schedule

## Connect Café

There is a time each Sunday morning when our church gathers for fellowship. Have you come to the Connect Café yet? Sunday mornings from 10:05 – 10:20am have a time of informal sharing around hot and cold drinks and a snack. This is a time for people who go to Sunday School, New Song and Traditional Worship to meet and greet each other.

**April 5-** Easter

**April 12-** Kendra Dosch & Marianne Altland

**April 19-** Mindy Barshinger & Terri Mellinger

**April 26-** Carol Belcher & Peggy Horst

## Children's Worship Program

**April 5- Little Lambs:** Andrea Gemmill, & Skip Silar

**April 12- KWH:** Cynthia Silar, Carol Belcher, Kayla Marks

**April 19- Little Lambs:** Andrea Gemmill, & Skip Silar

**April 26- KWH:** Cynthia Silar, Carol Belcher, Kayla Marks

## Acolytes

**April 5-** Holly Ilgenfritz

**April 12-** Bryan White

**April 19-** Isaac Dosch

**April 26-** Jacob Dosch

## Sunday School Nursery

**April 5-** Mary Lou Stein

**April 12-** Gerri Howell

**April 19-** Andrea Gemmill

**April 26-** Laurie Herbst

## Liturgist

**April 5-** Sharon Flickinger

**April 12-** Jane Haines

**April 19-**

**April 26-**

## Sunday School Adult Lecture

**April 5-** Bruce Silar

**April 12-** Christine Miller

**April 19-** Brian Holzer

**April 26-** Lindy Holzer

## Counting Teams

**April 5-** Christine & Jeff Miller,  
Kathy Miller & Lynn Haines

**April 12-** Mike & Laurie Herbst, Glenn & Kay Leiphart

**April 19-** Mike & Laurie Herbst, Glenn & Kay Leiphart

**April 26-** Don & Mindy Barshinger,  
Rick & Laura Slaybaugh

## Sound System & Projector Operators for New Song

**April 5-** Joe & Kristi Barry

**April 12-** Brian & Lindy Holzer

**April 19-** Lonnie Mellinger & Lindy Holzer

**April 26-** Joe & Kristi Barry

## Sound System Operators for Trad. Worship

**April 2-** Brian Holzer

**April 5-** Lonnie Mellinger (6:30 am)  
Keith McFarland (10:30 am)

**April 12-** Chris Farleman

**April 19-** Keith McFarland

**April 26-** Lonnie Mellinger

## Greeters & Ushers for April

Terri Mellinger, Head Usher

Mindy Barshinger, Greeter

Matt DiBerardino, Assistant Greeter

Don Barshinger, Front Door,

Michele Farleman

## Projector Operators for Trad, Worship

**April 5-** Jeff & Christine Miller

**April 12-** Lindy Holzer

**April 19-** Michele Farleman

**April 26-** Terri Mellinger

## Traditional Nursery

**April 5-** Kristi Barry & Andrea Gemill

**April 12-** Peggy Horst & Marianne Altland

**April 19-** Karen Carroll & Sue Marks

**April 26-** Sherri Massa & Vickie Leiphart

**AGENDA FOR MINISTRIES COUNCIL  
ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Monday, March 9, 2015**

**Opening and prayer: Pastor Al**

**Family Ministries & Children's Ministries: Terri Mellinger** - Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4; need to be sure and have a photo release included in the registration.

VBS: Everest: Conquering challenges with God's mighty power. July 19 - 23

**Sunday School and Worship Hour Children's Ministries: Andrea Gemmill & Kristi Barry** planning on scheduling a meeting with people volunteering in kids ministry to have discussion and gain new ideas for some of the potential changes to Sunday School, KWH, and Little Lambs.

Safe Sanctuaries: On a Sunday after Easter, between services and after the Traditional Worship service, Lindy Holzer and Sherri Massa will be available for those that want to have an affidavit notarized to opt out of the fingerprinting.

**Outreach: Lindy Holzer** - Working on Memorial Day activities.

**Men of Zion/ Bruce Silar** : Will take care of Easter sunrise breakfast and Connect Cafe for that morning. Good Friday prayer vigil is set up. Each participant will receive a card with the time they volunteered for.

**United Methodist Women & Congregational Care: Christine Miller** - A card has been sent to all military personnel and college students from Zion.

Everyone is invited to the Prayer and Self Denial meeting on Tuesday, March 17. Tina Lusk will also be at that meeting to present information about the new Safe Sanctuaries guidelines.

**Adult Education/Small Groups: Ferne Gochnauer**

**Youth Fellowship: Karen Carroll:** April 11 will be the Mystery Dinner at the community building. Tickets will be available this Sunday at a cost of \$8.00 adults and \$3.00 under 12, under 6 will be free.

Mission trip plans are well underway. Hope to rent a 15 passenger van. There are 13 kids and 3 adults lined up to go. The trip this year is to Steubenville, Ohio. There are a variety of service projects available.

Memorial Day: Bake sale and Yard sale is in the planning stages, along with helping with the Memorial Day social.

A written discipline policy has been completed. The discipline problems of the earlier sleepover were no longer a problem.

30 hour famine went well, approximately \$430 was raised for World Vision. Bon Ton sales went well, somewhere around \$600. They will be doing a evening at Hoss' Fund Raiser, possibly in May. A fundraiser at Rita's is also a possibility.

**Web site: Matt DiBerardino** - We need to update our web site and keep it updated. Can we learn how to add and change the site? Does Matt have to be the one to add these items? We all need to do our part to have items added.

**Worship/Assimilation: Peggy Horst** - Maundy Thursday service will have rail communion. The rail will be put into place after the offering has been collected. Sunrise service will be at 6:30AM.

**Pastor's Report** - Ten new members were received on Feb 15.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Mellinger

**MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL  
ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015**

1. **Welcome and prayer:** Brian Holzer, Pastor Al
  
2. **Finance/Treasurer Report:** Carl reported that generally things look pretty decent. So far, we have collected \$5822.00 in the wet basement fund. Skip will put that information in the bulletin and update the thermometer chart. The new way we are explaining the budget info on the weekly bulletin seems to be much clearer. Annual audit will be conducted soon.  
Treasurer's Report: approved as presented.
  
3. **PPR:** No report
  
4. **Pastor / Worship matters / Nominations / Volunteer Staff matters:** Safe sanctuaries update - The state has handed out new guidelines. All of our volunteers will need to get new child abuse and state police clearances. The two clearances will cost each individual a total of \$20.00. The paid staff had to have fingerprinting type clearance. Volunteers may opt out of this requirement if they have a notarized affidavit stating they have lived in PA more than ten years. Lindy Holzer and Sherri Massa will be available to perform this for us on a future Sunday, before and after the Traditional Worship Service.  
We had three Sundays in a row of low attendance due to inclement weather, but giving actually didn't reflect that fact.
  
5. **Trustees:** Ongoing water issues: The council is recommending we get final quotes on this job, so we can proceed in the near future. Pastor Al shared that maybe the outside seal process might not be the solution for us. Mike will proceed to gather quotes for the inside method of fixing this problem. The Council is in agreement that we should probably look more into this method of fixing this problem.  
Maybe it's time to form a committee to proceed with selling the Zion Hill property. We are all in agreement that this body should be involved in said committee. One of the first steps is to speak to Jake Gilbert, auctioneer for some advice. Brian Holzer, Steve Leiphart, Rick Slaybaugh and Terri Mellinger have volunteered to be on this committee. Brian will seek out another one or two people to also be on this committee. June 1st is the deadline to apply for "Clean and Green". There are several options we will have to look into and proceed. The hood above the stove and the mirror cabinet in the bathroom at the parsonage have been replaced. Thank you to Mike Herbst and his father.  
Pastor Al and Peggy have Verizon internet, having problems, there are data limits. He will be calling Comcast to see what they currently offer.  
Spring clean up day will be Tuesday, May 12, beginning at 4PM. Dinner will be served at 6PM. We need a sponsor for the flower bed on the side of the church. What will we do with the area beside the parking lot where the trees were cut down?  
There are two areas of spouting that need replaced.

Comment: Carl shared he is very pleased the Youth Fellowship is doing such a good job fundraising.

Next meeting: Monday, May 18

Respectfully submitted, Terri Mellinger

# ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

TUESDAY, MAY 12: 4PM UNTIL....

A LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6PM



IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER COMING OUT TO HELP US BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THESE BEAUTIFUL PROPERTIES THE LORD HAS PROVIDED FOR US.



WE ALSO NEED A "SPONSOR" OR 2OR 3 FOR THE FLOWER BED ON THE BANK SIDE OF THE CHURCH. WE WILL PLANT FLOWERS AND MULCH IT DURING THE SPRING CLEAN UP DAY, BUT WE NEED SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO TAKE CARE OF IT ON A DAILY BASIS. THIS BED GETS LOTS OF SUNLIGHT AND NEEDS WATERED AND WEEDED REGULARLY



## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will be holding its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 21**. The program at that meeting will be presented by **Lori Ziegler**, Executive Director of House of Hope York, PA in Glen Rock. House of Hope York, PA is in the process of building its programs after the pattern of the founding House of Hope in Orlando, Florida. Those programs include a residential program of 8-18 months to help teens heal from emotional and physical issues. Teens receive Christian counseling, an individualized education program, life skills, weekly Bible studies and worship services as well as recreational activities. Parents receive parenting skills and are expected to attend a weekly worship service at a church of their choice. Church and community members are invited to attend this program on April 21 at 7:00 PM.

## Children's Book Needed

"The East Prospect Lions Club is sponsoring another children's book collection this year. At the end of the school year all Eastern School District elementary students will go home with a book to read and with instructions to share them with other friends. Last year approximately 1500 hundred books were collected. Lou Brown categorized them into age groups before they were given out. This project is in conjunction with the Rivers Edge program. Please put your **gently used** children's books into the Rivers Edge collection box at the back of the Church. We pray that this will be another highly successful drive!" The deadline for collecting books is **April 30<sup>th</sup>**!

God Bless you all!

May Kemp (call me at 252-9081 if you have any questions)

## East Prospect Parade and Community Social Sunday, May 24th...

The parade will kick off at 6pm, followed by a ceremony at the cemetery, and then the community social in Zion's parking lot. I have placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We will need help in planning, set up, tear down, food, games, etc. This is a great event to gather with the community and meet new friends or reconnect with neighbors you haven't seen all winter. If you know of an organization that would like to participate by providing food, water, games or other services or if they would like information on participating in the parade, contact Lindy. If you have questions or want more information about this event see Lindy Holzer, call 252-2986, or email [lholzer1@comcast.net](mailto:lholzer1@comcast.net).

## **Good Friday Prayer Vigil**

Just a reminder to all who signed up to pray during the Good Friday Prayer Vigil to pray during the time you chose. If you did not sign up you are still encouraged to pray sometime between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Good Friday. Remember that you can pray at the church or at home. Thanks for your willingness to pray for Zion.

## **Easter Offering**

Our Easter offering this year will be used toward the current expenses of the church. Please use the Easter offering envelopes that have been made available in the bulletins and on the back of the church pews.

## **Dry Basement Fund Update**

I am pleased to report that as of Sunday, March 15 we have received \$5,822 for the Dry Basement Fund. Thank you to all who have contributed. You are doing well in giving above and beyond your regular support of the ministries of Zion. Your sacrificial giving toward this much needed project is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray about further contributions so we can reach our goal of \$20,000 and hopefully retire our shop-vacs here at Zion. - Bruce Silar

## **Adopt-A-Highway**

Zion has been keeping Rt. 124 between Craley and East Prospect tidy for probably 15 years. This is not only so it looks good, but also keeps the creek and ultimately the Susquehanna and the Bay free of garbage and debris. So, if you're up for a short hike on a Saturday morning, mark the following dates on your calendar:

April 25<sup>th</sup> , June 27<sup>th</sup> , August 29<sup>th</sup> , October 17<sup>th</sup>

We meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Dress appropriately (long pants/long sleeves/hat). Gloves and an ORANGE vest (very stylish) are provided. We split up the road, so you can either walk down hill or up hill. It usually only takes about an hour for the first time in the year and 30-45 minutes on the other dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lindy or Brian Holzer (252-2986).



# Youth Happenings:

The Youth have been busy! We participated in the District Youth Rally at Camp Hill UMC and 30 hour Famine the end of Feb. The Rally was enjoyed by all that attended. We raised over \$400 for World Vision to combat hunger throughout the world. Thank you for your donations. We brought much needed help to St Mary's Thrift Shop's renovation/reorganization as our service project. We hauled out debris and excess items that filled 2 large dumpsters to overflowing and then enjoyed some more fun and fellowship as we spent some time at the York ice rink "skating". By far, the highlight of the day was our "breaking of the fast" at The Old Country Buffet!

We raised almost \$600 dollars towards our mission trip thru the BonTon Community days coupon booklets. Thanks to all of you that supported our efforts. March has brought a lot of planning and April will be busy as well. The youth are helping with the Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday.

Mark your calendars and come out for a night of fun, fellowship and food. The Mystery Dinner is back! Join us 5 PM on April 11, 2015 at the East Prospect Community Building. You must pre-purchase your tickets buy Easter Sunday, They will be available from any of the youth until then. Cost Adult-\$8.00, Child 6-12 yrs-\$3.00 Under 6 free. Proceeds will also be used to defray the costs associated with the summer mission trip.

We have another food related event scheduled for April!! The youth have a Hoss's day scheduled for April 26. Please see any youth or pick up a flyer from the table in the back of the church for your use on this day. Simply take the flyer with you to Hoss's East York location on April 26 and enjoy your dinner with family/friends and turn in your flyer. We will receive a percentage of all sales associated with your purchase that day. You can copy and encourage everyone you know to "Eat out at Hoss's" that day, but PLEASE, it is VERY IMPORTANT that no one hands out the flyers in the parking lot of Hoss's. This is strictly prohibited by Hoss's and if anyone does this, we will forfeit all proceeds. Thank you.

Coming up in May we will have an "Rent a teen" Saturday. so start thinking about those chores that you need a little help with around the house and home. A sign-up sheet will be posted and you can use our youth to help out with your "spring cleaning" needs. i.e. light housekeeping, yard work, raking, garden prep, window washing, etc. You provide the supplies, we will supply the man (and girl) power for a monetary donation, which again, will be used for our upcoming mission trip! More information about this will be posted.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support of our youth. They are a great bunch and you can be proud of the young men and women involved in this group.

In His service,  
Karen Carroll

**Happy  
Birthday**



## ***April Birthdays***

- April 1- Emily Browning
- April 3- Ryan Howell
- April 4- Denny Woods
- April 8- Charlie Stein
- April 9- Donna Koontz, Brandon Jones,  
Alexander Reardon & Teresa Gable
- April 11- Jeremy Zarfos
- April 12- Jade Gipe
- April 14- Suzanne Johnson
- April 17- Abigail Livingston
- April 19- Rebekah Leiphart
- April 21- Cynthia Silar & Evan Winchester
- April 22- Yosette Edgell
- April 23- Ava Livingston
- April 24- Wanda Haines
- April 27- Ned Sitrer



## ***April Anniversaries***

- April 3- Keith & Vicki McFarland
- April 8- Bruce & Cynthia Silar
- April 19- Brian & Lindy Holzer
- April 19- Kim & Pam Miller
- April 23- Tom & Karen Carroll
- April 25- Steve & Vickie Leiphart
- April 26- Patrick & Christine Jean
- April 28- Sterling & Fayne Hawkins
- April 30- Mike & Laurie Herbst



March 4, 2015  
To Zion United Methodist Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your continuing prayers and cards supporting us during Harold's journey to recovery. Since his August 31 fall and emergency hospitalizations and surgery, and his subsequent stays in Skilled Care here at Stillow Valley Communities, we have appreciated your continual concern. Complications have slowed his progress, but we are continually encouraged when progress is made.

We give God all the glory for sustaining us during this difficult time. He is good!

With Christian love,  
and faith in our risen Savior  
Harold Backy  
Luis M. Bailey

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