

From the Pastor's Pen

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Can you believe that the season of Lent is just around the corner? February 18 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent comes from a Latin word which means walk. Indeed during this season we are taking a slow walk toward the Cross. With thanks we remember the awesome love of our Lord, allowing His body to be broken and His blood to be shed so that we might be forgiven and have the promise of eternal life.

Many of us are in the habit of making sacrifices during the Lenten season as a reminder of the great sacrifice our Lord made for us. Some deny themselves candy or some other food item they are especially fond of during Lent. Others give up a little time to give the Lord an extra amount of worship each week. We all will have the opportunity to do that on Wednesdays this year. We will begin the Lenten season with a special service at 7pm on Ash Wednesday, Feb.18. In the Wednesdays of Lent that follow we invite you to join us at 6 pm for Prayer Meeting. At the beginning of prayer meeting we will listen to a video sermon by Adam Hamilton, one of the most prominent preachers in our denomination. Rev. Hamilton's sermons will follow the theme "24 Hours That Changed The World." The series will focus on the last 24 hours of Jesus' earthly life. After listening to the sermon, we will then conclude the meeting with a time of prayer. Our plan is to be finished by 6:45. It's just a little bit of time, but it promises to be a real blessing. Hope to see you there.

In His Love,

Pastor Al

February 2015 Ministries & Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Bells of Zion 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:05 AM Connect Cafe 10:30 AM Traditional Worship	2 7:00 PM Ministries Council	3 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting	4 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir	5 1:30 PM Released Time	6	7
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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.

February 1- Jane Haines & Jenn McCarthy

February 8- Carol Belcher & Tami Morningstar

February 15- Marianne Altland & Michele Farleman

February 22- Cynthia Silar

Sunday School Nursery

February 1- Andrea Gemmill

February 8- Mindy Barshinger

February 15- Laurie Herbst

February 22- Mary Lou Stein

Sunday School Adult Lecture

February 1- Bruce Silar

February 8- Christine Miller

February 15- Kendra Dosch

February 22- Lindy Holzer

Sound System & Projector Operators for New Song

February 1- Brian & Lindy Holzer

February 8- Joe & Kristi Barry

February 15- Brian & Lindy Holzer

February 22- Joe & Kristi Barry

Greeters & Ushers for February

Lonnie Mellinger, Head Usher & Greeter

Carl Belcher, Assistant Greeter

Jane Haines, Front Door,

Mary Anne King & Brandon Beres

Traditional Nursery

February 1- Laurie Herbst & Gerri Howell

February 8- Sue Marks & Vickie Leiphart

February 15- Carol Belcher & Karen Carroll

February 22- Tami Morningstar & Vicki Webb

Children's Worship Program

February 1- Little Lambs: Janay DiBerardino & Laura Slaybaugh

February 8- KWH: Karen Carroll, Matt DiBerardino, Tami Morningstar

February 15- Little Lambs: Janay DiBerardino & Laura Slaybaugh

February 22- KWH: Karen Carroll, Matt DiBerardino, Tami Morningstar

Acolytes

February 1- Holly Ilgenfritz

February 8- Evan Winchester

February 15- Keira Fryberger

February 22- Jayda Bonsu

Liturgist

February 1- Need

February 8- Sharon Flickinger

February 15- Need

February 22- Sharon Flickinger

Counting Teams

February 1- Carl & Carol Belcher, Rick & Laura Slaybaugh

February 8- Carl & Carol Belcher, Rick & Laura Slaybaugh

February 15- Don & Mindy Barshinger, Bruce Silar

February 22- Don & Mindy Barshinger, Bruce Silar

Sound System Operators for Trad. Worship

February 1- Chris Farleman

February 8- Keith McFarland

February 15- Keith McFarland

February 22- Lonnie Mellinger

Projector Operators for Trad, Worship

February 1- Lindy Holzer

February 8- Jeff & Christine Miller

February 15- Michele Farleman

February 22- Terri Mellinger

MINUTES OF MINISTRIES COUNCIL
ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Monday, January 5, 2015

Opening and prayer: Pastor Al

Family Ministries & Children's Ministries: Terri Mellinger - Upcoming Mystery Dinner in conjunction with the Youth Fellowship; March or April.

VBS: A theme will be decided shortly.

Pastor Al expressed his appreciation of the Christmas Dinner/Auction and the meal for yesterday's de-decorating.

Sunday School and Worship Hour Children's Ministries: Andrea Gemmill & Kristi Barry - Thinking of revamping the Little Lambs program, our group of children in that age range has dwindled.

Outreach: Lindy Holzer - Possibly a comedy/dessert night over Valentine's day. Maybe the youth can furnish child care. 7-9PM Saturday Feb 14th.

Lindy says there are some very interesting group Bible studies out there. There is one titled "The Daniel Plan" that looks really interesting.

Men of Zion/ Bruce Silar: Is it possible to have the men announce more often of the need for funds to help our community?

United Methodist Women & Congregational Care: Christine Miller

UMW will be having an executive meeting to discuss offices and length of time people hold those offices? Could we possibly move our Thank Offering service earlier in the month of November?

Sue Marks will no longer be in charge of planning meals for anyone that needs. Please say a thank you to Sue for all the years she was in charge of this ministry. Jane Haines will be taking over.

Adult Education/Small Groups: Ferne Gochnauer - There was some discussion about adult Sunday school classes, subject matter, space available, possibility of a study group during the traditional worship service. Should we send out an email to the young adults in our congregation? We will all pray about the best way to approach this. We also had some discussion about the size of the adult Sunday school room and ways to improve the situation.

Youth Fellowship: Karen Carroll: The Youth will be having a "sleep in" in January. The 30 hour famine will be in February. The Mystery Dinner will be in March or April. June 28-July 3 will be the mission trip to Steubenville OH. The cost will be \$3885.00 for the 12 kids and three adults.

Web site: Matt DiBerardino - We need to renew our website We will be renewing for the next two years and will reevaluate at that time. Can we possibly put something on the web site explaining our mission projects?

Worship/Assimilation: Peggy Horst - Peggy has been busy sending out letters to recent visitors. Thank you to Cynthia for taking charge of taking down the decorations and to Terri for providing lunch and to all those that stayed to help.

Pastor's Report: Pastor and Peggy will on vacation from January 15th - 26th. Bud Bish and Dave Hildebrand will be covering the pulpit those two Sundays.

A 50 day spiritual adventure for the Lenten season titled "What to do when you don't know what to do" has been ordered. We will be promoting that from the pulpit for several weeks. We will need to order journals ahead of time. An insert will be put into the bulletin.

Possible new member/mentor program in the near future. Pastor Al has a book he is currently reading and thinks this will be a possibility as a guideline for this type of program.

Lenten Bible study: There is a DVD sermon series titled "24 Hours that changed the world". This would be offered during Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings, allowing time for prayer before the adult choir practice.

Next meeting: Monday, February 2

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Mellinger

**MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL
ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2015**

1. **Welcome and prayer:** Brian Holzer, Pastor Al...Introduction of new members
2. **Election of Officers:** Chair: Brian Holzer, Finance: Carl Belcher, Vice Chair: Bruce Silar, Trustees: Mike Herbst, Secretary: Terri Mellinger, PPR: Terri Mellinger
3. **Finance/Treasurer Report:**
 - A.. Budget shortfall: Hopefully our Christmas offering will offset this? **How did we end the year? We actually ended the year very close to what we had budgeted. Steve suggested we use special offerings to help offset large expenses such as repairs. He also suggested we expand the details on our bulletin each Sunday. Another item addressed is the counting teams. Preferably we need 4 people on each team. It will be announced from the pulpit to recruit more people for the counting teams.**
 - B. Motion for funds raised from the Christmas dinner go toward the Youth Fellowship. Amended: Any proceeds up to \$2000 be donated to the Youth, anything over that will go toward current expenses. (motion by Terri Mellinger and seconded by Steve Leiphart) Motion approved. **All funds from the auction were forwarded to the Youth Fellowship, what do we do? Let it alone or take money back?** Steve Leiphart made motion to allow the Youth Fellowship to keep all monies that have been forwarded to them (approx \$2400.00). Approved
 - C. Treasurer's Report: Presented and approved.
4. **PPR:** No report
5. **Pastor / Worship matters / Nominations / Volunteer Staff matters:** Pastor and Peggy will be on vacation for about 10 days; Bud Bish will be preaching this coming Sunday and Dave Hildebrand will be in the pulpit next week.

Safe sanctuaries: New guidelines have been established. All volunteers will need a state criminal record check and a child abuse clearance from the state welfare department. Paid staff will need FBI record checks. Pastor AL will take care of seeing all volunteers get the information to follow through.

Trustees:

- A. Status of water leakage problem: Possibly have special offerings to help pay for this. Each month we will take a special offering, third Sunday. This will be updated in the bulletin, so the congregation can see just where we stand on our goal of \$20,000.00. Bids will be solicited for the outside type of seal repair for this project.
- B.Zion's Hill Tax Appeal status: We were denied. There are still some options out there, but we are stuck for next year's taxes. The tax appeal board say we need to put the property into the "Clean and Green" program, which would cut our taxes tremendously. If we choose to use this option, it has to be applied for before June 1, 2015. At this point, Lindy will seek out a certified appraisal until our next meeting. At our January meeting, we will form a subcommittee to pursue selling this property. **In Progress.**
- D. Mike will meet with the new members of this committee to plan the year.
- E. Pastor Al called Ben Druck to have the garage door opener motors replaced at an approximate cost of about \$1000.00. Hopefully they will accomplish these repairs before he leaves on his trip on Thursday.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Monday, March 16

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Mellinger

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

Have you ever had a situation in life that left you confused? Have you ever had a circumstance that caused you to say, "I don't know what to do" or "I don't know which way to turn."? I would guess that we've all been there at one time or another. The Good News is help is on the way. On Sunday, February 15, we will be beginning a 50-Day Spiritual Adventure entitled, "What to Do When You Don't Know What To Do." On that day we will launch an eight week sermon series. We will be talking about how we can trust God completely in any and every situation. We'll see how He has a way of leading us out of life's mazes. We'll discover many of His great and precious promises and how He keeps them all. We'll learn how God understands our circumstances perfectly, in far more detail than anyone else. We'll see how He will replace our confusion with perfect clarity when we trust Him completely. We'll be reminded that God's plan is perfect, that He knows the way through the wilderness and that all we need to do is follow Him. We hope you'll be there for as many of the eight Sundays as possible.

COME JOIN US ON THE ADVENTURE

Changes in Clearances

Some changes are in store for all of Zion's volunteers who have contact with our children and youth. These changes have to do with additional clearances. Please know that these new requirements are not Zion's idea or the initiative of our annual conference. They are mandates of the state of Pennsylvania. The new rules are as follows:

Volunteers who have been Pennsylvania residents less than 10 years must get (1) State Police Criminal Record Check s (2) Child Abuse clearances (3) FBI fingerprinting.

Volunteers who have been residents of Pennsylvania 10 or more years must do (1) and (2) above. However, they may opt out of the fingerprinting by submitting a notarized waiver.

Unfortunately the Track 1 clearances we have done in the last few years do not meet the new guidelines. The above rules are the new state law and must be completed by June 30 of this year; there is no room for debate. Please know, however, that our York district will make a coordinated effort to make notaries available and affordable. Know also that our church secretary will be available to assist our volunteers in meeting the new requirements. And if the cost of the clearances is prohibitive for anyone, Zion will take care of it.



Dry Basement Project

The trustees are preparing to have work done to prevent rain from leaking into the church basement. The estimates for this project are between \$15,000 and \$20,000. In order to pay for these repairs we are embarking on a Dry Basement Project. The goal for this project is \$20,000. We plan to receive a special offering on the 3rd Sunday of each month, starting in February. Please use the Love Offering envelopes that are in the backs of the pews. You can also give online. There will be an option available to select to give to this need.

You all have been so generous in supporting the needs of the church and now we ask that you prayerfully consider this need with you donations each month. With the help of everyone we can make this happen without using our current expense funds. Once we get the basement waterproofed I can assure you all the people who showed up at the church with their shop vacs and worked for several hours to clean up the water will be extremely grateful.

Thank You!

Ad Council

Thank You From Men of Zion

The Men of Zion would like to thank all who contributed to our Christmas Project. We were blessed to receive \$7,568 in contributions. We helped three families with gift cards for groceries and gifts for their children, mortgage payment, and rent payments. The total given to these families was about \$2,500. The remainder of the monies will be used throughout the year to help other families in need. For your information we had approximately \$200 remaining from last year's appeal. You folks are to be commended for your support of the needs in our community. We thank God for you and ask for His richest blessings on you. Thank You! Men of Zion

Help Needed

Anyone interested in helping to plan outreach activities, has any ideas they want to share regarding connecting the community to Jesus or interested in helping with planning the Memorial Day Community Social is invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, February 19th at 7 p.m. at Zion in Adult Classroom, lower level. If you have any questions or concerns or cannot attend but have ideas, you can talk to Lindy Holzer or email a response to Lholzer1@comcast.net

United Methodist Women

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on **Tuesday evening, February 17, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Zion House. Mrs. Mary Anne King will be sharing with us information based on the book "Aurora, An American Experience in Quilt, Community, and Craft" by Jane Kirkpatrick. Aurora was a communal Christian society formed in Oregon in the mid-1850s. Its founder, Wilhelm Keil, said the fundamental truth of Christianity was to love one another, and his Diamond Rule was to make another's life better than one's own. All women are invited to participate. You need not be a member to attend.

Youth Fellowship News

The Youth wish to thank the church and congregation for their continued generous support.

We have a very busy Spring coming up. The spring schedule of weekly adult leadership, as well as scheduled activities, is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Also posted is a list of opportunities to assist with the youth, i.e. needs for chaperones, event coordinators, helpers etc. Please let me know if you can help in filling any of these open volunteer opportunities. We will need several volunteers for the 30 hr famine. Safe sanctuary guidelines must be met for all volunteers. Thank you.

The youth are once again selling the \$5 BonTon Community Days coupon books during the month of Feb. The booklets are valid the weekend of Feb 27-28th only. These booklets are a great value. The cost is \$5 and the first coupon in the booklet is for \$10 off your purchase. You may want to pick up a few to give to friends/family! Please see one of the youth to purchase your booklet.

We will be attending the District Youth Rally on Feb 22, 2015. It will be held at the Camp Hill UMC this year. I need at least 1 more chaperone to drive to this event.

We will again be participating in the 30 Hr. Famine at the end of the month. We will be fasting for 30 hours, providing community service and trying to raise funds and awareness for the reality of world hunger. We will be seeking donations which will be sent to the World Vision organization to fight world hunger.

Matthew 25:40, 44-45 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

In Christ,
Karen Carroll

River's Edge Community Services

The purpose is to partner with a group of area churches and community organizations to come together to cooperatively identify and meet the needs of our community in the Eastern York School District. The church pastor and a representative from each church or organization meet once a month. Our emphasis is on the elementary schools. When a child is in need, chances are the family is in need.

The group currently includes Canadochly Lutheran Church, Emanuel Lutheran Church in Freysville, Water's Edge United Methodist Church, Zion United Methodist Church in Freysville, Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Freysville, Christ United Methodist Church in Yorkana, Faith United Methodist Church in Hallam, Trinity United Church of Christ in Hallam, Trinity Lutheran Church in Wrightsville, Zion United Methodist Church in East Prospect, the Eastern York YMCA and the East Prospect Lion's Club.

Red Lion Community Services representative Muriel Slenker and Mark Zerbe from State Representative Keith Gillespie's Office are also involved and attend most meetings. Kristin Fink, school guidance counselor has also been involved.

Tina Hildebrand, School Nurse, spoke at the last meeting of Rivers Edge. She expressed a continued need at our elementary schools for the following children's items:

new underwear and socks (S,M, L)

gently used or new sweat pants, belts, and girls long sleeve shirts (S,M,L)

gently used sneakers, size 1 and up

small gloves and hats

The schools also need a total of 60 hand sanitizers (small pump, gel type), plus some large containers of gel refill bottles to serve each classroom. Other members of Rivers Edge will also be donating these items. You may put items that can be used in the Rivers Edge box at the back of the Church. **AS YOU CLEAN OUT YOUR CHILDREN'S WINTER WARDROBES THIS SPRING, PLEASE KEEP THE NEEDS OF THIS GROUP IN MIND. YOU MAY DONATE THEM AT ANY TIME.**

Thank you so much for your generosity in the past to our local elementary schools.

Pastor Al and May Kemp, Representatives for Rivers Edge



NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY DINNER AND GAME NIGHT



FEBRUARY

14th

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Join Zion for
Laughter and Dessert!

It is a drop in kind of event....
or stay for the evening...stop in for coffee and
dessert and get some laughs through comedy
videos/clips... or entertain us with your own knock
knock jokes, or stand-up comic routine!

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February Birthdays

February 4- Scott Winter
February 5- Carol Belcher
February 7- Jim Gemmill
February 8- Karlye Gipe
February 10- Devin Barshinger
February 12- Glenn Leiphart
February 15- Tony Abel & Andrea Gemmill
February 18- Lynn Haines
February 19- Conner Barshinger
February 21- Kendal Hengst & Gabi Putt
February 22- Ernie Massa
February 23- Luke DiBerardino & Isaiah Kling
February 24- Linda Brown, Emma Dosch & Alice McCarthy
February 25- Doug Holzer
February 26- Jaime Kurtz
February 27- Ray Elfner, Mary Anne King & Josiah Slaybaugh
February 29- David Marks



February Anniversaries

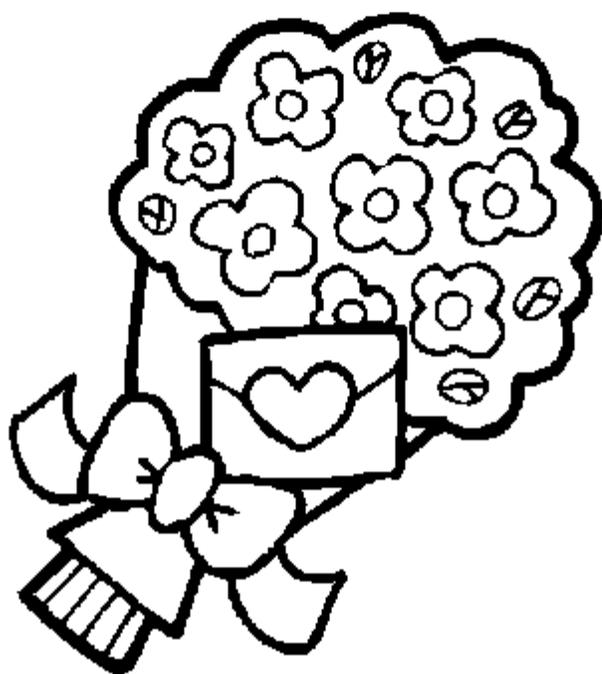
February 14- Jeff & Kathy Miller
February 18- Wayne & Kendra Dosch



Valentine's Day Word Search

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chocolate
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friend
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hugs
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love
roses
smooch
snuggle