

From the Pastor's Pen

February, 2017, can you believe it? What comes to mind when you think of February? I'm guessing that many of you said, "Valentine's Day." Do you know the history of the holiday? There are many legends. I like this one. In the third century, there was a priest named Valentine. This was a time when Christianity was outlawed in the Roman Empire. Yet Valentine remained faithful to our Lord. For this he was imprisoned and sentenced to be executed. While in prison, Valentine fell in love with Julia, the jailor's daughter who happened to be blind. On the eve of his execution, he wrote a beautiful love letter to her and signed it, "From Your Valentine." And 18 centuries later cards are exchanged and signed that same way. Valentine had been praying for Julia's vision to be restored, and the legend has it that when she received the note, her sight returned.

Love stories like that warm our hearts. But you know what, I have an even sweeter love story to tell you. It is about the Lord who is our supreme Valentine. He has written us all a beautiful love letter called the Bible. It tells how He sent His Son Jesus to live for us, to die for us, to be raised to life to live forever for us, so that we might also live forever with Him. By coming to us in Jesus, God is saying,

I LOVE YOU

BE MINE

In His Love,

Pastor Al

Ministries & Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir	2 1:30 PM Released Time	3	4
5 7:45 AM Bells of Zion 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:05 AM Connect Cafe 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 4:00PM Grief Share 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship	6 7:00 PM Ministries Council	7 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting	8 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir 7:35 PM Praise Team	9 1:30 PM Released Time	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 Food Bank 7:30 AM Men of Zion 7:45 AM Bells of Zion 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:05 AM Connect Cafe 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM Youth Fellowship 4:00PM Grief Share	13	14 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting	15 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir	16	17	18
19 7:45 AM Bells of Zion 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:05 AM Connect Cafe 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 4:00PM Grief Share 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship	20	21 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting 7:00 PM UMW	22 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir 7:35 PM Praise Team	23 1:30 PM Released Time	24	25
26 7:45 AM Bells of Zion 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:05 AM Connect Cafe 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 4:00PM Grief Share 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship	27	28 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting				

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 5-** Terri Mellinger & Christine Miller
- February 12-** Andrea Gemmill & Janay DiBerardino
- February 19-** Mary Anne King & May Kemp
- February 26-** Michele Farleman & Need

Sunday School Nursery

- February 5-** Mary Lou Stein
- February 12-** Gerri Howell
- February 19-** Andrea Gemmill
- February 26-** Laurie Herbst

Sunday School Adult Lecture

- February 5-** Jeff Miller
- February 12-** Christine Miller
- February 19-** Cynthia Silar
- February 26-** Lindy Holzer

Sound System & Projector Operators for New Song

- February 5-** Brian & Lindy Holzer
- February 13-** Chris Farleman & Jenn McCarthy
- February 19-** Keith McFarland & April Bastress
- February 26-** Brian Holzer & Jenn McCarthy

Greeters & Ushers for February

Terri Melinger, Head Usher
Lynn Haines, Assistant Greeter
Don Barshinger, Front Door,
Wayne Fauth & Ned Sitler

Traditional Nursery

- February 5-** Cynthia Silar
- February 12-** Sherri Massa
- February 19-** Matt DiBerardino
- February 26-** Tami Morningstar

Children's Worship Program

- February 5-** **KWH:** Karen Carroll
- February 12-** **Little Lambs:** Bruce Silar
- February 19-** **KWH:** Karen Carroll
- February 26-** **Little Lambs:** Bruce Silar

Acolytes

- February 5-** Abby DiBerardino
- February 12-** Lauren Galvin
- February 19-** Rayli Leschke
- February 26-** Megan DiBerardino

Counting Teams

- February 5-** Ned & Rissy Sitler,
Mike & Laurie Herbst
- February 12-** Ned & Rissy Sitler,
Mike & Laurie Herbst
- February 19-** Rick & Laura Slaybaugh,
Jay & Brenda Holcomb
- February 26-** Rick & Laura Slaybaugh,
Jay & Brenda Holcomb

Sound System Operators for Trad. Worship

- February 5-** Chris Farleman
- February 12-** Keith McFarland
- February 19-** Lonnie Mellinger
- February 26-** Lonnie Mellinger

Projector Operators for Trad, Worship

- February 5-** Lydia Massa
- February 12-** Jeff & Christine Miller
- February 19-** Michele Farleman
- February 26-** Terri Mellinger

**MINUTES OF MINISTRIES COUNCIL
ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**

Family Ministries & Children's Ministries: Terri Mellinger - Presenting VBS choices. Hero Central from Cokesbury is the VBS that Mission Central is promoting.

Light lunch will be provided after decorations are taken down on Sunday, Jan 8.

We will begin work on Easter activities, something similar to what we did the last 2 years.

Sunday School and Worship Hour Children's Ministries: Andrea Gemmill & Janay DiBerardino : Kids Worship has resumed. We may possibly be cutting out Little Lambs, we seem to be losing interest in both of these programs.

Outreach: We have an opportunity to occasionally provide a speaker and a pianist at Broadmoor Senior Living center. Would we be willing to do this? Possibly once every four months?

Youth Fellowship: Lindy Holzer - Schedule is in progress for the remainder of the year.

Men of Zion: Bruce Silar - We collected just over \$3000 for the Christmas project. We were able to help two families.

United Methodist Women: Laurie Herbst - Thank you to the UMW for donating to our Youth Mission trip. The bags for the girls at Haven Home is an ongoing project.

Congregational Care: Christine Miller - At this point, no one has signed up for the Grief Share program.

Food Bank: Mindy will continue to make these deliveries.

Our Daily Bread: Looking for someone to coordinate this project.

Funeral Reception: Jane Haines will continue this when needed.

Meal Preparation: We will also need someone to chair this project.

Adult Education/Small Groups: Ferne Gochnauer -

Web site: Matt DiBerardino:

Worship/Assimilation: Peggy Horst: Christmas decorations will be taken down on Sunday, Jan 8

We will have Communion on Sunday, January 8. Pulpit Exchange will be January 22.

Pastor's Report: Thank you to Bruce Silar for leading our Wednesday evening prayer meeting all these years!

January 15th: "God is Not Dead 2" will be shown at 7PM.

Next meeting: February 6

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Mellinger



Advent Candle Lighting: Mother and Daughter teams:
Terri Mellinger and Jessica Winchester; Vickie McFarland and
April Basstress; Laurie and Emily Herbst; Andrea Gemmill and
Janay DiBerardino. Michele Farleman: Bell soloist



**Christmas at Zion: Children's Program and
Christmas morning breakfast**

Do you recognize any of these fashionable ladies?



Plan to attend our United Methodist Women's meeting on February 21 at 7:00 PM at Bruce & Cynthia Silar's home, 27 Surrey Drive, Wrightsville.

We will be talking about our women's group which started in 1886. Join us for a brief history of our organization.

Grief Share

Grief Share will meet on Sunday evening at 4 PM at Zion House. For more information, see Andrea Gemmill or Christine Miller.



Prayer Squares

Prayer squares are available for those going through rough times. If you are going through a rough spell or know someone who is, see one of our Quilters and they can get you a square. (Quilters are: Andrea Gemmill, Peggy Horst, May Kemp & Mary Anne King)



Dear Members of Zion,

The Rivers' Edge Committee is looking forward to a new year of ministering to our Eastern York School District. Our January and February project is collecting new socks and underwear, and new or gently used sweatpants/girls tights, and sneakers for the elementary schools. March and April will be the book project in which we join with East Prospect Lions' Club. The donation box will be available at the back of the Church Sanctuary. Any questions, please call May Kemp at 252 9081

Red Lion Area Community Services provides food pantry items, emergency services and community referrals to people living in the East Prospect and Lower Windsor Township among other areas in southeastern York County. Established in 1974, the agency provides basic items of support to nearly 300 families. Zion collects items for the food pantry; those items are delivered by Mindy Barshinger to the pantry.

We hope to involve every person attending Zion in this ministry of giving. Please consider picking up at least one extra item at the grocery store each month and placing it in the blue storage bin just inside the glass doors. Think about the food item that you would not want to go without in your menu and consider donating that to our monthly collection. Most foods can be purchased in cans and boxed containers. The pantry also accepts paper items (tissues, paper towels, toilet paper), cleaning products and toiletries; these items cannot be purchased at grocery stores by families that shop with food stamps.

Thank you for showing the love of Jesus when participating in giving to this ministry.

Youth NEWS...

Thank You Thank You **THANK YOU**

The youth are well on their way to Arizona for their mission trip to Navajo Nation, Arizona. The trip is scheduled for the week of Sunday, June 18 and returning Sunday, June 25. THANK YOU for all of your support of the fundraisers and your outright donations towards this adventure. Confirmed participants going on the Mission Trip are: Emily Herbst, Holly Ilgenfritz, Avian Leschke, Lydia Massa, Emmit Silar, Vivian Ilgenfritz, Julie Leschke, Ryan Herbst and Lindy Holzer.

We have about 75% of what we need to cover the costs of the mission trip, so we have a few more fundraisers coming up. We're in the process of scheduling a Hoss' day and the Mystery Dinner! We are also looking to schedule a work day in May. However, the youth are willing to take on any project prior to the scheduled work day. If you have a project, please contact Lindy Holzer and we will try to get a crew together and schedule a time that is convenient for you. Or the youth individually will be looking for projects for donations. We have volunteers to shovel snow, babysit, minor household repairs and chores.

Sunday, February 5th– regular meeting 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m

Sunday, February 12th – snow tubing, ice skating and hot chocolate at Avalanche Express – leave at 12:30 p.m. return 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 19th – mystery dinner planning w/Michele Farleman

Sunday, February 26th - regular meeting 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thank you to Bruce and Cynthia Silar for donating an air hockey table to Zion House. We now have a full size air hockey, a smaller air hockey (perfect for littler ones with shorter arm spans), a foosball table, puzzles, card games and other games.

FEBRUARY FRIDAYS --Zion House will be open on Fridays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. during the month of February if anyone wants to drop in and play.

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- Andrea Gemmill & Nancy Leber
- 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- Mary Anne King
- February 29- David Marks

February Anniversaries

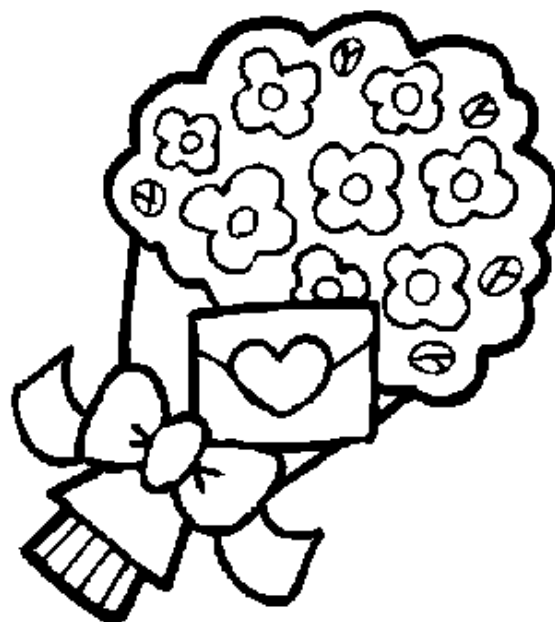
February 14- Jeff & Kathy Miller



Valentine's Day Word Search

C D H P Y E F S R A Y S G U H
K H C E M G N T O M F E L K M
D A O D A U S N S K L S T U T
P N S C G R M L E I O S G X D
P O E G O T T N S W W I R X H
V C L I E L D D U C E K A C F
F E G Y R Q A C Q A R V O R O
W U L H Q F A T T X S O O Z H
C A N D Y R L T E T M O N L O
U J L Y D F I Z D S S G M G Q

candy
card
chocolate
cuddle
flowers
friend
heart



hugs
kisses
love
roses
smooch
snuggle