

## From the Pastor's Pen

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

The calendar tells us that the seasons have just changed; the cool days of Spring have given way to the warmer days of Summer. I pray that it is a good summer for you and your loved ones. The scripture passage above reminds us that our lives and our ministries have their seasons too. Let me share a little about the season I find myself in. I am very grateful for it. I am approaching 62 years of age and have been a pastor for 33 of those years. While some of my peers have retired at this age, I am not so inclined. I am hoping to pastor for 5 more years, and Lord willing, to end my active ministry here in East Prospect. I look forward to beginning my 11<sup>th</sup> year at Zion on July 1. Can you believe we have been together for 10 years? It has been a great season. We have seen God do amazing things among us, and you have supported my family and me and ministered to us in so many ways – helping us in times of sickness, comforting us in times of loss, encouraging us in times of transition, celebrating with us in times of joy, and so much more.

The closing days of our decade together brought a great time of celebration as our daughter (and your ministerial daughter) was ordained. Rachel was only 18 and fresh out of high school when our family came to East Prospect. You have loved her and prayed her through college, seminary, and some intense interviews with the Board of Ordained Ministry. Peggy and I are so thankful for what Rachel has accomplished, and we are so grateful for all of you who have helped her in the long process of ordination. You are beautiful servants of Jesus. I am excited about beginning another year as your pastor. In every season of life, may we keep our eyes on the One for whom nothing is impossible, the One who can even “bear fruit in our old age.”

Blessings!

*Pastor Al*

# Zion UMC July 2013 Ministries & Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM VBS Meeting	2 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Praise Team # 2	3	4 Church Office Closed	5
6 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:05 AM Connect Cafe 10:30 AM Traditional Worship	7	8 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting	10 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting	10	11	12
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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.

**July 6-** Marianne Altland  
**July 13-** Andrea Gemmill & Janay DiBerardino  
**July 20-** NEED  
**July 27-** Michelle Farleman & Terri Mellinger

## Sunday School Nursery

**July 6-** Gerri Howell  
**July 13-** Jane Haines  
**July 20-** Cynthia Silar  
**July 27-** Janet Evans

## Sunday School Adult Lecture

**July 6-** Jeff Miller  
**July 13-** Lindy Holzer  
**July 20-** Terri Mellinger  
**July 27-** Kendra Dosch

## Sound System & Projector Operators for New Song

**July 6-** Joe Barry & Kristi Barry  
**July 13-** Joe Barry & Kristi Barry  
**July 20-** Brian Holzer & Lindy Holzer  
**July 27-** Brian Holzer & Lindy Holzer

## Greeters & Ushers for July

Andrea Gemmill, Head Usher  
Brian Holzer, Greeter,  
Mike Herbst, Assistant Greeter,  
Jeff Miller, Front Door,  
Ryan Herbst

## Traditional Nursery

**July 6-** Mary Anne King & Carol Belcher  
**July 13-** Kristi Barry & Cynthia Silar  
**July 20-** Jane Haines & Peggy Horst  
**July 27-** Marianne Altland & Laurie Herbst

## Children's Worship Program

**July 6- Little Lambs:** Christine Miller  
**July 13- KWH:** LindyHolzer, Liz Jackson, Christine Miller  
**July 20- Little Lambs:** Christine Miller  
**July 27- KWH:** LindyHolzer, Liz Jackson, Christine Miller

## Acolytes

**July 6-** Holly Ilgenfritz  
**July 13-** Evan Winchester  
**July 20-** Nathon Strine  
**July 27-** Jayda Bonsu

## Liturgist

**July 6-** NEED  
**July 13-** Bruce Silar  
**July 20-** Erin Flickinger  
**July 27-** NEED

## Counting Teams

**July 6-** Terri & Lonnie Mellinger,  
Kay & Glenn Leiphart  
**July 13-** Terri & Lonnie Mellinger,  
Kay & Glenn Leiphart  
**July 20-** Todd & Marie Rose,  
Lynn Haines & Sue Houser  
**July 27-** Todd & Marie Rose,  
Lynn Haines & Sue Houser

## Sound System Operators for Trad. Worship

**July 6-** Keith McFarland  
**July 13-** Keith McFarland  
**July 20-** Lonnie Mellinger  
**July 27-** Lonnie Mellinger

## Projector Operators for Trad. Worship

**July 6-** Michelle Farleman  
**July 13-** Christine & Jeff Miller  
**July 20-** Lindy Holzer  
**July 27-** Terri Mellinger

*Rachel Horst's Ordination*



# Youth Picnic







***Baptism of Allen and Jessica Miller, who, along with Thomas Dosch, joined the church on Pentecost Sunday.***

**2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT**  
**Susquehanna Conference, The United Methodist Church**

"Jesus reminds us that the world will know us as His disciples, not by taking certain biblical, theological, and doctrinal positions, but by our love for one another," proclaimed Bishop Jeremiah Park in his keynote address that opened the fifth session of the Susquehanna Conference. The annual gathering of 1,500 persons for celebration, holy conferencing, and worship was held at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania on June 12-14, 2014. The theme "Raising Up Transformational Leaders" was the second under a quadrennial theme: "Alive in Christ, Together."

Setting the tone for the event, Bishop Park related the story of Mordecai's plea for Esther's decision on behalf of God's time by paraphrasing Esther 4:4b, "Esther, this is God's time for you to act for the sake of the future of God's people. This is the time and you are the one."

The Bishop motioned to those gathered, "The transformational leaders are already here. They are within this room and within the churches of the Susquehanna Conference. We do not have to wait until some people arrive or until God provides someone else, for God has already provided. My brothers and sisters in Christ, you and I are the ones God has called and sent to make a difference...for such a time as this."

A significant presentation around ministry with young adults focused on their realities and the unique challenge of our response as a church to engage them in the life of the church.

The combined leadership report focused upon the continuing effort to re-align all conference work around the work of leader development, resourcing local churches in their disciple making mission and celebrating our connectional life together. The alignment efforts have produced significant results through the conference's intentional efforts. Especially celebrated were the Matthew 28, Pastoral Leadership Development and Equipping God's people initiatives as well as Connectional Ministries' E-Tours and resourcing efforts.

Mission Central reported continued expansion with the addition of the 29th Mission Central HUB. Since January 2014 Mission Central has connected 810,443 people with nearly four million dollars worth of resources.

Ordination sermon was given by Bishop Joseph Yeakel. Yvette Davis, was the Saturday morning Bible study speaker.

The conference celebrated the ministries of twenty-five retiring clergy and the lives of thirty-eight clergy or spouses who passed to their eternal reward during the year. Among those retiring was a former pastor of Zion, the Rev. Dr. Dennis Derr. He and his wife Diane will be residing in Harbeson, DE. The sermon for the Service of Remembrance and Celebration of Life was delivered by Rev. Dr. Thomas Salsgiver, Dean of the Cabinet who said, "They showed us the way home to God, and they want us to continue their work and move ahead. Even though we can't see them, they are cheering us on."

Legislative action included:

Resolution 1: Mental Awareness - Resolved that the Annual Conference should celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month, a special offering Sunday to benefit education efforts, recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, hold a day of prayer to celebrate Mental Awareness Week. The Annual Conference adopted the resolution

Resolution 2: Establishment of a "Home, A Place for Everyone." Withdrawn because Just Peace is partnering with the Annual Conference to provide resources for local churches to reach out to help veterans and their families in their communities.

Resolution 3: A Change in the Guidelines for the chairperson of Administrative Council - Resolved that the Book of Discipline be amended to limit the length of service as chairperson on the Administrative Board. The resolution was not adopted because it was out of order.

Resolution 4: Proposing Changes to The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church: Resolved to call upon the General Conference to remove current wording from the Social Principles, Paragraph 160 (I)(F) - Science and Technology related to the descriptions of evolution not in conflict with theology. The resolution was not adopted.

Four persons were commissioned as provisional elders, two were **commissioned** as deacons and seven persons were ordained as elders. I was honored to be present at the ordination of our pastoral daughter Rachel Horst.

Special offering totals to date were: Bishop's Partners in Mission, \$26,087.07; Stop Hunger Now, \$20,901.69; Mission Central, \$17,356.93; Youth Service Fund, \$6,171.19. A highlight for me was working with Pastor Al in the packing of food packets for the Stop Hunger Now program. There were 71,000 packets completed in two days.

Jerry Wolgemuth, Director of Communication  
Susquehanna Conference

## **FAMILY PICNIC:**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014**

**Shenberger's Chapel Picnic Grounds, New Bridgeville**

**Activities begin at 3:00**

**Meal will be served at 5:00**

**Bring your baseball gear, bring your lawn chair,  
and bring your appetite**

**Each family should bring **one** wrapped gift for our annual "now you have it, now you don't" game (\$5 -\$10 value) this will be adults only.**

## **United Methodist Women**

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on Tuesday evening, July 15, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at the Zion House. This will be a "Work Night." We plan to refurbish the Worship Tote Bags that are used by the children during worship on Sunday mornings and help prepare things to be used for Vacation Bible School, and any other things that need to be done. We will need lots of helpers so please plan to participate. All women are welcome to attend.

### **Help! Help! Bus driver Needed!**

Joy-El Released Time Bible Program for Canadochly Elementary School needs a bus driver. Christ United Methodist church has donated the use of their bus for the legal, state-approved non-denominational program that allows students to be dismissed from school for religious instruction one hour a week. The students are bused from Canadochly to Zion Church in East Prospect. This past school there were 66 children in the program. Many of our students do not own a bible and have only heard the name of Jesus used as a swear word.

We are willing to pay for the training for a driver. A class A CDL with passenger endorsement is needed. This position would require a two hour per week commitment, beginning in mid-September thru April.

For more information visit [www.joyelgeneration.org](http://www.joyelgeneration.org) or call Cynthia Silar @ 717-252-3827.

# *Note of Thanks*

*Thank all of you at Zion for helping to make my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday special. For the cards, gifts, pie, flowers and for just being there. I thank God for the church family He provided for me. For my loving family who made the day possible. What an awesome God we serve! I pray for those who have not invited Jesus into their hearts. He stands patiently at the door and knocks. Won't you ask him in? Your life will never be the same. Only much better. He gives joy and peace within our heart.*

*In Christ's Love,  
Kathryn Overmiller*

**A big thank you goes out to Christine Miller and Wayne Dosch for leading 10 youth to Beckley, WV! Everyone had a great time and it couldn't happen without you. Thanks for all mission team participants for your willingness to serve!**

**There will be a summer youth gathering happening in July. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for upcoming details.**

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, visits, food and support during these last few months. I went into surgery with a peace that passeth all understanding because I have GOD, minister, family, and friends that are so loving and caring. God is so good!

Love Andrea

I would like to express my deep gratitude to my Zion Church Family for the reception on Sunday, and especially for the lovely stole. I am so very grateful for all of you - for the prayers and the support that you have given me through the years and through the ordination process. Zion will always be my home church, and you will always be my church family.

Wherever I may go, you will be in my heart. May God bless you and guide you as you continue to follow God's leading.

In Christ,  
Rachel Horst

## AGENDA FOR THE MINISTRIES COUNCIL

### ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monday, June 2, 2014

**Opening and prayer:** Pastor Al

**Family Ministries & Children's Ministries:** Terri Mellinger

VBS: A display and sign up sheets are up. Theme is "Wilderness Adventure", centering on Moses and the Israelites after fleeing Egypt. July 20-24 6PM – 8PM here at Zion. Many spots have been filled, but volunteers are needed.

Reception for Rachel Horst: June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4PM

August 3: Annual family picnic at Shenberger's Chapel Picnic grounds.

**Outreach: Lindy Holzer** – Lindy did a fantastic job of coordinating the Memorial Day Social. The entire event was wonderful. What a great community event!!

**Men of Zion/ Bruce Silar** – Teen Challenge Choir went well, everyone loved having them here.

**United Methodist Women & Congregational Care: Small Groups/Adult Education: Christine Miller** –

**UMW** is collecting some specific items for health kits for Mission Central during the month of June. The specified list is in the newsletter.

**Congregational Care** – Christine made a list of people within Eastern York school district that have not been to Zion or had any contact with them within the last year. This is our initial target group that will be contacted. Christine is looking for some guidance as to exactly what the conversation with these people should be. At our next meeting, we will discuss these suggestions.

**Small groups** – Possibly a group for parents starting in the fall. The women's group will probably begin again in the near future. It was suggested that we have congregation members that have participated in the past, share their experiences with the rest of the congregation to help promote the small group idea

**Youth Fellowship: Liz Jackson** - Kids had a great time on Memorial Day with the float and manning the dunk tank. Last night they had a "Clue done it" evening. It was definitely a fun time. Next weekend they will be having a party at the river to close out the year. They leave on their mission trip to West Virginia on June 22. Kelby Hodge and Wayne Dosch will be the chaperones for the trip. Liz will be resigning effective June 30. She and her husband will be moving out of the area.

**Web site: Matt DiBerardino** – Sermons are on the web site each week. Pastor Al will be checking with Conference if we may put music from our worship services on the site.

**Worship/Assimilation:** Peggy Horst: Sunday, June 8 is Pentecost Sunday. Lindy Holzer will be taking care of filling the altar with flowers. Communion will be June 15<sup>th</sup>. Candy will be handed out for Father's Day.

**Pastor's Report:**

Zion has been given a kneeling bench. It is smaller than the one we already have. It will be put downstairs in the adult Sunday school room. A thank you card will be sent. Skip will take a picture and put it in the next newsletter.

There are three kids completing their confirmation class. They will be joining the church this Sunday. Two of them will also be baptized. (Allen and Jessica Miller) Thomas Dosch is the third.

Pastor Al will be preaching a seven part sermon series on the subject of the Letters to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation beginning June 22.

Meetings: The church council has decided to meet every other month, but this council will continue to meet monthly, except July. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

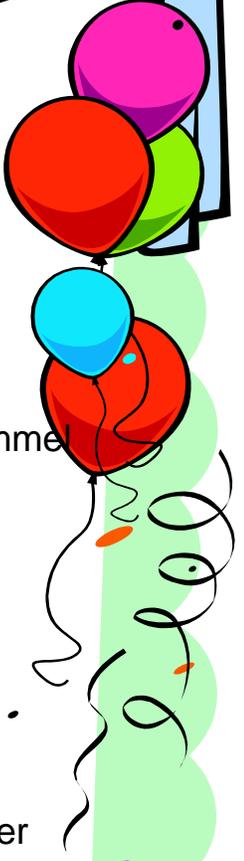
Skip led us in prayer to close the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Mellinger



## *July Birthdays*

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- July 3- Todd Rose
  - July 4- David Gipe & Liz Jackson
  - July 6- Mariah Miller & Ashley Morris
  - July 9- Sue Houser & Fran Bredbenner
  - July 10- Gary Stermer
  - July 13- Carl Belcher
  - July 14- Mary Crumling
  - July 16- Mike Gipe, Megan Gift, Roberta Kupel & Dwayne Immel
  - July 18- Lance Altland
  - July 20- Alicia Hunt & Jessica Winchester
  - July 22- Edwin Abel Jr & Sandy Abel
  - July 23- David Sitler & Lewis Brown
  - July 24- Matthew McFarland
  - July 25- Jenna Abel
  - July 26- May Kemp
  - July 27- Don Barshinger, Jeff Miller (Christine) & Barb Cooper
  - July 29- Frank Kober
  - July 30- Spring Gipe
  - July 31- Nathan Barshinger
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## *July Anniversaries*

- July 7- Ria & Matt Schaeffer
- July 7- Carl & Carol Belcher
- July 9- Chris & Shana Slaybaugh
- July 10- Ken & Ferne Gochnauer
- July 11- Scott & Diane Winter
- July 20- Ron & Bobbi Cohen



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# President's Day Word Search

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