

## From the Pastor's Pen

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just around the corner, a day when we give thanks for our **Freedom** – **Freedom** from foreign nations and the **Freedom** to live as we wish and worship as we choose. As Christians, however, let us not forget that we have an even greater **Freedom**, a **Freedom** that our Lord Jesus won for us on the **Cross** some 2,000 years ago. It is a **Freedom** that transcends all peoples and nationalities. **Freedom** from **Sin** and **Freedom** from **Death**. Yes, that is the twofold **Freedom** our Lord offers us. First we have **Freedom** from **Death**. By his **Death**, Jesus conquered **Death**, and to all who would receive it, He offers **Eternal Life**. Secondly, we have **Freedom** from **Sin**. Listen to what Paul says in Galatians 6:14: *“As for me, however, I will boast only about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for by means of His cross, the world is dead to me, and I am dead to the world.”* In other words, we can be victorious over **Sin** in this present life. Because of Christ dying for our **Sin**, we are no longer captive to **Sin**. We don't have to keep on sinning. With God's help we can rise above our sinful tendencies. We have so much for which to give thanks. On Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, let us pause and give thanks for the **Freedom** we have as Americans and those who made it possible. And then let us give thanks for Jesus who has given us **Freedom** over **Sin** and **Death**.

In His Service,

Pastor Al

## SUMMER DAYS

Wednesday, June 21, was the first day of summer. Can you believe it? Time flies when you're having fun. So goes the saying. We hope that this summer brings plenty of fun days for you. We pray that it brings days of rest and refreshment for your body, mind, and spirit. Perhaps you'll have time to get away to a special place. Remember, however, that even though you might be on vacation, the church is not. Ministry continues to go on, and bills unfortunately keep coming in. Your weekly gifts are needed to keep Zion going. If you're away for one or more Sundays, you might want to mail in your offering before you leave or catch up when you return. You might also want to take advantage of our e-giving possibility. God's blessings don't cease during the summer months. Let's not let our gratitude cease either.

**MINUTES OF MINISTRIES COUNCIL  
ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017**

**Family Ministries & Children's Ministries: Terri Mellinger** - VBS July 23-27 "Maker Fun Factory"

**Sunday School and Worship Hour Children's Ministries: Andrea Gemmill & Janay DiBerardino:** Reevaluate Sunday School: how do we break down the age groups for the fall? There will not be any Little Lambs in the fall either. KWH will be twice each month, first and third.

**Outreach:** Adopt a Highway is June 10 at 8AM.

**Youth Fellowship: Lindy Holzer** -

Mission Trip: June 18-25. They will be leaving the church parking lot at 5:15AM.

July 9: during 10:30 service, the Youth will talking about their Mission Trip

What will happen over the summer? Maybe some mid week meetings.

**Men of Zion: Bruce Silar** - Picnic is July 29.

**United Methodist Women: Laurie Herbst** - Guest speaker this month is Deanna Wagner, she is from our local district. (June 20) This will be held at the Zion House. Elizabeth Buchanan is on a mission trip to Brazil, the UMW have pledged \$75 for help with her trip.

**Congregational Care: Christine Miller** - Cemetery Association letter was in the newsletter.

As members of this committee, we should pledge to contact anyone we realize isn't attending regularly. Maybe we should start home visitations again.

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

**Web site: Matt DiBerardino:**

**Worship: Peggy Horst**

**New Business:**

August 12: Youth have tickets for a Revolution game. Should we see if there are more people interested in going that same night? Possibly arrange a group outing for Faith and Family Night

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Mellinger

# Zion's July 2017 Ministries & Activities

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                                    | Friday    | Saturday                              |
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| <b>2 9:00 AM</b><br>New Song &<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:05 AM</b><br>Connect Cafe<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Traditional<br>Worship  | <b>3</b><br>Church Office<br>Closed<br><b>7:00 PM</b><br>Ministry<br>Council | <b>4</b><br>Church Office<br>Closed   | <b>5 6:00 PM</b><br>Prayer<br>Meeting       | <b>6</b>                                    | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                              |
| <b>9 Food Bank</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b><br>Men of Zion<br><b>9:00 AM</b><br>New Song &<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:05 AM</b><br>Connect Cafe<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Traditional<br>Worship | <b>10 7:00 PM</b><br>Church<br>Council                                       | <b>11 12:30-2:30</b><br><b>PM</b><br>Quilting   | <b>12 6:00 PM</b><br>Prayer<br>Meeting      | <b>13</b>                                   | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                             |
| <b>16 9:00 AM</b><br>New Song &<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:05 AM</b><br>Connect Cafe<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Traditional<br>Worship   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18 12:30-2:30</b><br><b>PM</b><br>Quilting   | <b>19 6:00 PM</b><br>Prayer<br>Meeting      | <b>20</b>                                   | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                             |
| <b>23 9:00 AM</b><br>New Song &<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:05 AM</b><br>Connect Cafe<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Traditional<br>Worship<br><b>6:00 PM-</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b><br>VBS         | <b>24 6:00 PM-</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b><br>VBS                                  | <b>25 12:30-2:30</b><br><b>PM</b><br>Quilting<br><b>6:00 PM-</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b><br>VBS | <b>26 6:00 PM-</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b><br>VBS | <b>27 6:00 PM-</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b><br>VBS | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>Men of<br>Zion<br>Picnic |
| <b>30 9:00 AM</b><br>New Song &<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:05 AM</b><br>Connect Cafe<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Traditional<br>Worship   | <b>31</b>  |   |   |   |           |                                       |

# 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 2-** Marianne Altland & Michele Farleman
- July 9-** Elaine Hengst & NEED
- July 16-** Rayli Leschke & NEED
- July 23-** Cynthia Silar & NEED
- July 30-** Lance Altland & NEED

## **Sunday School Nursery**

- July 2-** Laurie Herbst
- July 9-** Mindy Barshinger
- July 16-** Jane Haines
- July 23-** Mary Lou Stein
- July 30-** Gerri Howell

## **Sunday School Adult Lecture**

- July 2-** Dave Massa
- July 9-** Cynthia Silar
- July 16-** Terri Mellinger
- July 23-** Elaine Hengst
- July 30-** Brian Holzer

## **Sound System & Projector Operators for New Song**

- July 2-** Keith McFarland & April Bastress
- July 9-** Lonnie Mellinger & Need
- July 16-** Brian & Lindy Holzer
- July 23-** Brian & Lindy Holzer
- July 30-** Keith McFarland & April Bastress

## **Greeters & Ushers for July**

Lonnie Mellinger, Head Usher  
Lydia Massa, Front Door,  
Ryan & Emily Herbst, Greeters  
Mike Herbst, Assistant Greeter

## **Traditional Nursery**

- July 2-** Carol Belcher
- July 9-** Andrea Gemmill
- July 16-** Vickie Leiphart
- July 23-** Marianne Altland
- July 30-** Peggy Horst

## **Acolytes**

- July 2-** Lydia Schnick
- July 9-** Lance Altland
- July 16-** Maddie Dillion
- July 23-** Abby DiBerardino
- July 30-** Lauren Galvin

## **Counting Teams**

- July 2-** Mike & Laurie Herbst,  
Kathy Miller & Lynn Haines
- July 9-** Carl & Carol Belcher,  
Glenn & Kay Leiphart
- July 16-** Carl & Carol Belcher,  
Glenn & Kay Leiphart
- July 23-** Don & Mindy Barshinger,  
Isaiah Miller & Ryan Herbst
- July 30-** Don & Mindy Barshinger,  
Isaiah Miller & Ryan Herbst

## **Sound System & Projector Operators for Trad. Worship**

- July 2-** Chris Farleman & Jeff & Christine Miller
- July 9-** Keith McFarland & Michele Farleman
- July 16-** Brian & Lindy Holzer
- July 23-** Lonnie & Terri Mellinger
- July 30-** Chris Farleman & Need

**112 BOXES** (24 Count) **CRAYONS,**

(Walmart has the best prices on crayons)

And **3 Backpacks**

(5 Below is the best place to buy backpacks)

**NEEDED!**

**BY JULY 23**

**FOR RIVER'S EDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO**  
**DONATE TO EASTERN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE**  
**SCHOOL STUDENTS TO START THE COMING SCHOOL**  
**YEAR**

Note from Brenda Holcomb, Secretary for Rivers' Edge Community Services.

Below is the list of supplies to collect in June and July agreed upon for the backpacks. Please let me know by July 15 if you feel you will be short any supplies. Our goal is 160.

10 backpacks per church

12 one-inch 3 ring binders for the Middle School per church

Canadochly Lutheran -- spiral notebooks, 2 per child

Canadochly Evangelical and Reformed Church -- glue sticks

Christ UMC -- 2-pocket folders, 2 per child

Emanuel Lutheran -- #2 pencils

Emmanuel UCC -- 2 pink erasers per child

Faith UMC -- Rulers

Mt. Pisgah UMC -- yellow highlighters

Trinity Lutheran -- small tissues & small hand sanitizers

Trinity UCC -- pencil boxes; pencil pouches for 3 the ring binders

Water's Edge UMC -- multicolored dry erase markers

Wrightsville Hope UMC -- colored pencils

Wrightsville Presbyterian -- pens and lined paper for the Middle School

Zion UMC -- 24 count crayons



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY, JULY 23 - THURSDAY, JULY 27**

**6:00PM - 8:00PM REGISTER AT [WWW.EPZION.ORG](http://WWW.EPZION.ORG)**

**BIBLE POINTS: DAY 1 - GOD MADE YOU**

**DAY 2 - GOD IS FOR US**

**DAY 3 - GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU**

**DAY 4 - GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU**

**DAY 5: GOD MADE YOU FOR A REASON**

**ALL WEEK WE WILL CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE FOR US!!**

**PLEASE NOTE: DAY 1 MATERIALS WILL BE USED ON SUNDAY MORNING**

**(JULY 23) DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR AT 9:00AM.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS VBS KICK-OFF! AGES 3 - FIFTH GRADE**

**WE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**





## ***July Birthdays***

July 3- Todd Rose & Denny Tilton  
July 4- David Gipe  
July 6- Ashley Morris  
July 9- Sue Houser & Fran Bredbenner  
July 10- Gary Stermer  
July 13- Carl Belcher  
July 14- Mary Crumling  
July 16- Mike Gipe & Dwayne Immel  
July 18- Lance Altland  
July 20- Alicia Hunt & Jessica Winchester  
July 22- Edwin Abel Jr  
July 23- David Sitler & Lewis Brown  
July 24- Matthew McFarland  
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



## ***July Anniversaries***

July 7- Ria & Matt Schaeffer  
July 7- Carl & Carol Belcher  
July 10- Ken & Ferne Gochnauer  
July 11- Scott & Diane Winter  
July 20- Ron & Bobbi Cohen  
July 23- Jay & Brenda Holcomb

# Fourth of July Word Search

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

american  
bald eagle  
blue  
fireworks  
flag  
fourth  
july  
parade



patriotic  
red  
states  
summer  
united  
washington  
white