

From the Pastor's Pen

You might have heard the story about a man who had been a pastor for many years. This pastor came down with a rare affliction which permanently paralyzed his vocal chords, making him incapable of preaching. You can imagine how devastated that man was, no longer able to do that which he loved most, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. He woke up on Easter Sunday morning feeling rather depressed, knowing that he could no longer shout the Easter proclamation, "He is Risen!" Soon, however, his mood changed. His adult daughter asked what cheered him up. The pastor proceeded to write out the following message: "I realized that my situation is not that bad after all. I want to shout 'Alleluia' but have no voice to do so. It would be far worse to have a voice and not want to shout God's victory." How true. Easter is something to shout about. I'm not talking about colored eggs, candy, and Easter bunnies. Those are fun parts of the celebration, but not the reason we celebrate. We have reason to shout, because Jesus rose from the grave, conquering Sin and Death. He is Risen! He is Alive! He is Victorious, and He gives all who believe in Him a share of the Victory! The apostle Paul says it so well,

*Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(I Corinthians 15:57)*

Come join us on Easter Sunday, and take part in God's great victory celebration!

In His Love,

Pastor Al

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

6:30am – Easter Sunrise Service

(followed by breakfast)

9:00am – New Song Service

Sunday School

10:30am – Traditional Worship

RISEN

The recently released movie "Risen" is currently showing in area theatres. It is an excellent film that tells the story of the crucifixion and resurrection from the perspective of an unbelieving Roman officer. Go see it if you have the opportunity. And, beginning with Sunday, March 6, Pastor Al will be preaching a five week sermon series entitled, "Risen" which will make use of video clips from the movie. Hope you can join us!

Adopt-A-Highway - Zion commits to PennDOT to pick up the trash along Abel's Road between Craley and East Prospect. Here are the dates for 2016. We meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on the following Saturdays: April 30; June 25; August 20; October 15. Pick up usually only takes an hour of your time. Dress appropriately for walking and picking up trash in weeds (i.e. recommended is long pants and long sleeves). Orange vest, gloves and garbage bags are provided. Any questions see Brian or Lindy Holzer (PH: 252-2986) lholzer1@comcast.net

URGENT NEED! We are collecting "gently used" or new Children's books they will be given to elementary school children at the end of the school year to encourage them to read books during the summer and then to share them with their friends. River's Edge has 300 books collected and need 800 more books. Please put the books in the collection box at the back of the Church no later than April 7th. The East Prospect Lions Club is sponsoring this project and Lewis Brown, a member of our Church and that Club, needs time to sort them according to reading level before they are distributed.

United Methodist Women will hold their March 15 meeting at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. Elaine Hengst will be presenting the program that will include information and pictures from her recent trip to Australia and New Zealand. Anyone interested in learning about this area is welcome to attend.

March 2016 Ministries & Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting	2 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir	3 1:30 PM Released Time	4	5
6 7:45 AM Bells of Zion 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:05 AM Connect Cafe 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship	7 7:00 PM Ministries Council	8 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting	9 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir 7:35 PM Praise Team	10 1:30 PM Released Time	11	12
13 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 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship	14 7:00 PM Church Council	15 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting 7:00 PM UMW	16 5:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM Adult Choir	17 1:30 PM Released Time	18	19
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27 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 9:00 AM New Song & Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship	28	29 12:30-2:30 PM Quilting	30	31		

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.

March 6- Mary Anne King & Need

March 13- Kathy Miller & Need

March 20- Christine Miller & Mary Jo Hazell

Traditional Nursery

March 6- Andrea Gemmill

March 13- Janay DiBerardino

March 20- Carol Belcher

March 27- Laurie Herbst & Matt DiBerardino

Children's Worship Program

March 6- Little Lambs: Kathy Miller

March 13- KWH: Karen Carroll & Kristi Barry

March 20- Little Lambs: Marie Rose

March 27- KWH: Karen Carroll & Kristi Barry

Sunday School Nursery

March 6- Mindy Barshinger

March 13- Jane Haines

March 20- Mary Lou Stein

March 27- Gerri Howell

Acolytes

March 6- Lance Altland

March 13- Megan DiBerardino

March 20- Ashley Morris

March 27- Abigail Livingston

Sunday School Adult Lecture

March 6- Jeff Miller

March 13- Dave Massa

March 20- Terri Mellinger

March 27- Elaine Hengst

Counting Teams

March 6- Isaiah Miller & Ryan Herbst,
Terri & Lonnie Mellinger

March 13- Isaiah Miller & Ryan Herbst,
Terri & Lonnie Mellinger

March 20- Marian Hunter & Ned Sitler,
Steve & Vickie Leiphart

March 27- Marian Hunter & Ned Sitler,
Steve & Vickie Leiphart

Sound System & Projector Operators for New Song

March 6- Joe & Kristi Barry

March 13- Brian & Lindy Holzer

March 20- Joe & Kristi Barry

March 27- Brian & Lindy Holzer

Sound System Operators for Trad. Worship

March 6- Lonnie Mellinger

March 13- Chris Farleman

March 20- Lonnie Mellinger

March 27- Keith McFarland

Greeters & Ushers for March

Jeff Miller, Head Usher & Greeter
Isaiah Miller, Assistant Greeter
Marianne Altland, Front Door,
Sterling Hawkins & Wayne Fauth

Projector Operators for Trad, Worship

March 6- Terri Mellinger

March 13- Michele Farleman

March 20- Jeff & Christine Miller

March 27- Lindy Holzer

**MINUTES OF MINISTRIES COUNCIL
ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

Family Ministries & Children's Ministries: Terri Mellinger - VBS Planning, Easter Egg Hunt Planning

Sunday School and Worship Hour Children's Ministries: Andrea Gemmill & Janay DiBerardino: We will be having Kids Worship Hour on Easter Sunday.

Outreach: Lindy Holzer - Memorial Day planning is underway. Anyone interested in helping or has suggestions, please contact Lindy Holzer. Looking at Memorial Day Community Social for Sunday, May 29th. Open invitation to everyone to provide any new ideas for outreach any time to Lindy Holzer.

Men of Zion/ Bruce Silar : Will provide breakfast after Sunrise Service and for Connect Cafe.

United Methodist Women & Congregational Care: Christine Miller - UMW will be holding the Annual Self Denial service at the home of Cynthia Silar.

Congregational Care: Please send cards to Terry Kemp in the hospital.

Adult Education/Small Groups: Ferne Gochnauer - Kristi and Joe Barry will be starting the small group study titled "Not a Fan" on February 15. (Monday evenings)

Youth Fellowship: Karen Carroll: Feb: Bonton Community Days fundraiser, Laser Dome activity, possibly including kids from other churches in order to get a group rate. March 12 will be the Hoss Day fundraiser. Planning for Spring activities/service opportunities and an "out of the box" mission trip. A Mystery Dinner will probably be held in April. Thirty hour famine will be at the end of April.

Web site: Matt DiBerardino: Pastor Al will be speaking to Matt to put the Easter services on the web site.

Worship/Assimilation: Peggy Horst - Bruce Silar will be putting up the cross up for the Easter Season. Ash Wednesday will be Intinction style communion and Pew Communion on March 14. Maybe we need to find a way to encourage our children and Youth to participate in Communion. The families whose parents attend the early service are missing Communion for the kids and Youth. Should we take the Sunday School classes upstairs to participate in the Communion during the New Song service? Everyone was in agreement to try this.

Pastor's Report: New members were received on January 31

Confirmation classes will be starting on Feb 21.

Midway through Lent there will be a sermon series title "Risen" based on the movie of the same name.

Bell ringing before Worship Service: How do we get this going? It would be nice to get the acolytes involved. It will be rung at 10:15 each Sunday morning. Ferne will be talking to Tina to send out an email to the parents of the acolytes.

Next meeting: March 7th

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Mellinger

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST



WHERE: EAST PROSPECT COMMUNITY HALL

28 W MAPLE ST

SPONSORED BY ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

TIME: 9:00 AM

ALL AGE CHILDREN THROUGH

FIFTH GRADE ARE WELCOME

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 9AM, WITH VARIOUS EASTER ACTIVITIES TO FOLLOW, FINISHING WITH AN EGG HUNT. CHILDREN SHOULD BRING THEIR BASKETS TO COLLECT EGGS.

Pre-registration is suggested, either by calling our church office between 8AM and Noon (Monday-Friday) or on our website: www.EPZion.org





As Winter comes to a close, the youth are getting ready for a busy Spring!

We had a great time playing Laser Tag in February. 😊

We wish to thank everyone for their support for the BonTon Community Days booklets and appreciate BonTon partnering with so many non-profits to support the York area community and beyond. Each youth was asked to sell 5 books individually, as well as give up a Saturday morning to sell them at the BonTon and a Sunday afternoon walk around selling them in East Prospect. We hope you had an opportunity to take advantage of several the coupons.

We are having a Hoss' fundraiser at the East York Hoss's on March 12, 2016. The Youth will have the flyers and they are also on the table in the back of the church. Please pick up a few, give them out to family and friends. All you need to do to help us out is enjoy lunch or dinner out at East York Hoss's on Saturday March 12, 2017, turn your flyer in when you pay the bill and we receive a portion of the proceeds. Easy Peasy! Just remember, we CANNOT distribute the flyers in the parking lot at Hoss's or we forfeit all monies earned.

Mark your calendars!! The Mystery Dinner is back again for another year on April 9! The 30 hour famine will be 29-30th, 2016. Stay tuned for more details later in the month.

May you all have a blessed Easter season as we contemplate Christ's death and sacrifice, as well as celebrate the risen Christ.

In Christ,
ZUMYG (Zion UM Youth Group)

River's Edge Community Services

Neighbors Serving Neighbors along the Susquehanna River
A faith-based human services organization

MINUTES

February 1, 2016 (rescheduled from January 25)
Canadochly Lutheran Church

PRESENT: Brenda Holcomb, Jay Holcomb, Carolyn Livingston, Denise Ferree, Deb Klindinst, James Wooster, Ron Heagy, Jason Guillaume, Terry Robinson, Mark Zerby, Al Schwarz, Christine Blackford, Vickie Cumming

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Al Schwarz.

MINISTRY UPDATES FOR EASTERN YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY

November/December

Child Care:

Wrightsville Hope After School Prog.: Encounter (avg 15 weekly); Elevate (12-15 children).

Eastern York YMCA assists with some funding for the All Day Child Care at the Y, Before & After School programs at Kreutz Creek & Stony Brook and the Subsidized Child Care program.

Children:

Zion UMC hosts Released Time every Thursday afternoon for grades 3-5.

Clothing:

Phoebe's Closet at Wrightsville Hope (2 new families in Dec.; 4 new families in Jan. 25 total visits for Dec. and 22 visits for Jan.)

Food Pantry:

Eastern York Food Pantry at Wrightsville Hope (39 families in Dec.) Served 622 families during 2015 which includes 1,088 adults, 726 children. Needs plastic bags for packing.

Water's Edge UMC Food Pantry, served 9 families in Dec. (22 people).

Canadochly Lutheran Church donated enough canned goods to fill a wheel barrow to Eastern York Food Pantry.

Project Toy Box, Christ UMC: Served 110 children (38 families). Leftover toys went to Purple Heart. Thought about expanding to include grandparents of grandchildren they are caring for.

Other Giving within Eastern York School District:

Wrightsville Hope's Laundry Love project – giving out quarters during unannounced visits to Wrightsville laundromats.

Canadochly Lutheran provided fruit baskets & gift cards to local shut ins; Jesse Tree donations provided help to the cancer patient food pantry & to Access Shelter.

Zion UMC co-hosted Christmas breakfast & children's activities with East Prospect Borough on Dec. 12. Men of Zion sponsored a needy family at Christmas. Zion UMC youth went caroling within community. Zion UMC collecting clothes for the schools and Phoebe's closet.

Emanuel Lutheran, Freysville, organized a Can Hunger Campaign to collect funds to benefit Red Lion Community Services

Wrightsville Presbyterian Church offering Breaking Bread ministry every 4th Saturday of the month from 4-5 pm.

Update on summer lunch program:

Wrightsville Presbyterian Church will be working with the Columbia Presbyterian Church to provide weekly lunches for children in the Wrightsville/Hellam/East Prospect community. Looking for 2 site supervisors to be in charge. Lunches served Monday through Friday, 11 am to 1 pm each day starting after the last day of school in June through to the day before school starts in August. Serving children 18 yrs old and younger. In addition, hope to accommodate adult parents who are also hungry.

RECS Outreach for 2016:

Ongoing: Food Pantries, Phoebe's Closet, socks, underwear, sweatpants, sneakers for the 3 elementary schools.

Book Collection: February and March. Sponsored by East Prospect Lions Club. Bring gently used or new books to March 28th meeting.

Backpack Project: June and July. Packing backpacks at July 25th meeting.

Summer Lunch Program: June, July, & August. (more information to come)

Project Toy Box: November.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Brenda Holcomb

March Birthdays

March 1- Rory Hengst, Ernie Hake & Anita Howard
March 2- Linda Keller
March 5- Greta Hittle
March 6- Ron Cohen
March 7- Franklin Tome & Erin Flickinger
March 8- Spenser Yost
March 9- Isaac Dosch
March 10- Sue Grindal
March 13- Amber Jean & Ryan McCarthy
March 14- Darlene Keller, Christine Miller & Hannah Yost
March 15- Jeremiah Joyner
March 17- April Bastress
March 18- Herbert Garner, Andrew Houser & Terry Kemp
March 19- Matt DiBerardino
March 20- Sterling Hawkins & Shelby Lyle
March 21- Lucas Barshinger & Erica Druck
March 25- Cheryl Reincke
March 26- Ethan Tome
March 28- Elaine Cook, Kyle Rose & Marianne Altland
March 29- Harvey Hess



March Anniversaries

March 9- Jim & Andrea Gemmill
March 17- Steve & Vicki Webb
March 23- Glenn & Kay Leiphart

