

ZION'S HEAVENLY

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NEWSLETTER



Photo by Gayle Mateyak

*232 Years of worshipping the
Lord with each other....*

**ZION'S STONE CHURCH OF
WEST PENN TOWNSHIP**
A Federated ELCA & UCC Church

45 Cemetery Rd
New Ringgold, PA 17960

570-386-5111 (& Fax)

www.zionstchurch.org

Rev. Russell Campbell, Pastor
Cell # **610-737-2634**
zionstch@ptd.net
revarc@ptd.net

Come Worship with Us!

9:00am – Sunday Worship Service

(1st Sunday of the month Altar Communion)

10:15am – Sunday School

(Sunday School classes have ended until fall.)

5:00pm – 1st & 3rd Saturday Night Worship Services

(1st Saturday Night of the month we will have communion)

(No Meal Until Further Notice)

As of April 2005,
Zion's Stone Church Lutheran Congregation and Zion's Stone Church United
Church of Christ Congregation enter into a shared ministry. Keeping both
heritages in the Sunday Worship Service each week.



CHURCH STAFF...



Pastor: Rev. Russell Campbell

Office Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Cell Phone # 610-737-2634

Pastor's Home Email: revarc@ptd.net

Pastor's Church Email: zionstch@ptd.net

Church Administrator/Treasurer:

Charlotte Fritz Office Hours:

Charlotte is currently working from home.
You can still email or call office at prompt #4.

Charlotte's Office Email: zscofc@ptd.net

(Please use this email for information for Charlotte.)

Church Secretary:

Brenda Osenbach Office Hours:

Brenda will be in the office from 8:00am – 12:00am Mon – Thurs.

Please call ahead during the summer!

Brenda's Office Email: zscbrenda@ptd.net

(Please use this email for all slide, newsletter
and any other information, for Brenda.)



Church Office Phone Number:

570-386-5111 – When calling use:

prompt #2 for Pastor

prompt #3 for Brenda

prompt #4 for Charlotte

Check us out on Facebook!

Thanks to Sarah Martinez
for being our Facebook Coordinator!

Zion's Stone Website

www.zionstonechurch.org

Music Director/Organist:

Erin Zelinski – 570-205-3511

(currently on maternity leave)

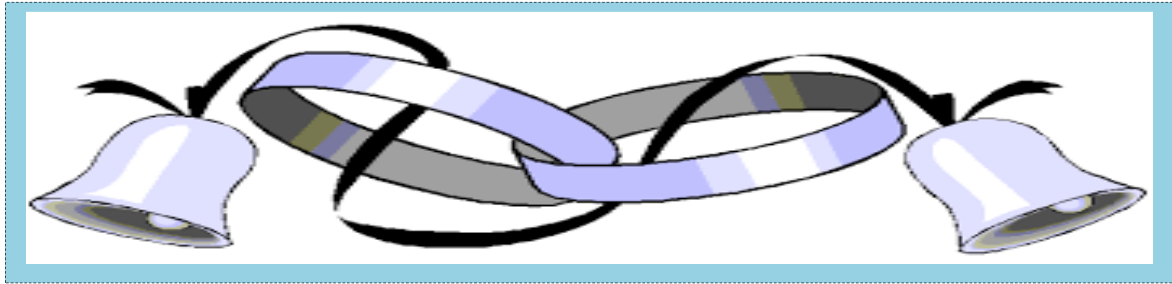
Card Care coordinator:

L.C. Dean: 570-449-0677

Sexton(s):

Fred (& Donna) Gimbi - Home # 570-386-2888

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642



Wedding Congratulations...

Ron and Brenda Osenbach would like to announce the marriage of their Granddaughter, Rayann Lehman to her High School Sweetheart, Cole Gagnon, on Saturday, May 28, 2022. The newlyweds are residing in Lehighton.



Baby Congratulations go to...

Rick and Erin Zelinski on the birth of their Daughter... Reese Anna Zelinski, who was born on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at 2:37am. Reese weighed 7lbs. 6oz. and was 21 ½ inches long. Our best wishes to the Zelinski Family.

WORSHIP JULY 2022

**Sunday, July 3, 2022 – 4th Pentecost
w/ Holy Communion – Altar**

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Freedoms of a Follower of Christ”

2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Sunday, July 10, 2022 – 5th Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service w/Young People’s Time

Sermon Title: “Samaritans and Other Aliens”

Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17, 2022 – 6th Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Mary and Martha”

Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 24th, 7th Pentecost

**10:00am – Worship Service at WP Park
with St. Peter’s Church due to Social**

Sunday, July 17, 2022 – 8th Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Return on Investment”

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 10:38-42



THURSDAY MORNINGS

& THURSDAY EVENINGS

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell



Bible Studies have ended for the summer, and will resume again in the Fall. Thank you to everyone for supporting Pastors Bible Study Program.

Worship **MINISTRY**

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES...

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell

**Saturday, July 2, at 5:00 pm w/Holy Communion
and Saturday, July 16, at 5:00pm**

**No light meals offered at this time.
Holy Communion offered the first
Saturday of each month.**



Zion's Stone Church Board Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

X Pastor Russel Campbell

X Nancy Meiser

X Paul Miller

X Sam Schaefer

X Charlotte Fritz

X Blair Miller

X Gary Clemson

X Amanda Sassaman

X Scot Dietrich

X Dan Metzger

Rick Zelinski

(X) = Board Members present

Member(s) of the congregation – Church Secretary Brenda Osenbach

Pastor Russ Campbell - Opened meeting with prayer

Pastor's Report – Presented

Secretary Report – Review of April 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Accepted by Blair Miller / 2nd Sam Schaefer

Treasurer's Report – Accepted by Gary Clemson / 2nd by Dan Metzger

Committee Reports

Worship & Music – Reminder of band practice for Memorial Day Service.

Property – Continue to wait for DEP Permit to begin work on well remediation. Water is continuously being monitored. Parking lot will have crack sealing performed by Folk Paving in September at no cost to Church.

Finance – Nothing to report.

Sunday School – Vacation Bible School 13-17 June (in-person).

Youth Group – 30 Hour famine is planned (no sleep over) on Saturday, 23 April. Next Youth Group meeting will be on Sunday, May 15th.

Outreach/Evangelism – Table setup, final decorations, and noodle preparations will be on Friday, 13 May at noon. On Saturday, 14 May the Food Pantry distribution will be supported and final preparations for the Spaghetti Dinner with the dinner beginning at 2pm.

Fund Raising – Church Social will be on Sunday, 24 July. Bingo will be held on Sunday, 2 October. Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner will be on Saturday, 19 November.

Personnel – Church Sexton will be on vacation 21-27 June.

Safety/Security Committee – AED batteries and pads still on backorder.

Other Business – Father's Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, 19 June at 10 am. This will be a covered dish dinner. Directory portraits are scheduled for 20-22 October. Trunk or Treat will be at the Park on Saturday 15 October. Additional details will follow for all events. Attendance will no longer be taken on Sunday except will continue to be taken for communion.

Pastor Russ Campbell - Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 @ 7 pm

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Sam Schaefer / 2nd by Scot Dietrich

Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Amanda Sassaman

Please help the office be efficient by having all newsletter submittals emailed to the church office (or placed in the newsletter submittal boxes) by the newsletter deadline, the **Third Sunday** of each month.

If you would like your wedding announcement or if you have a loved one who has entered into eternal life, thank you messages, etc., please contact the office by the newsletter deadline or we may not be able to publish your information until next month. *Thank You!*

ALTAR FLOWER & NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS...

If you are interest in sponsoring altar flowers or the newsletter, please call the office at (570) 386-5111 prompt #3, before 12 pm on Wednesday. **Leave a message** with your telephone number and the exact wording you would like to see printed on the slides. We still have Sundays available for the months ahead. Altar flowers are available. Please call the office every time you want to sponsor them. The newsletter is printed one time per month. Use the envelope in your packet marked bulletin. If you would like special wording placed on a slide please include that also with your \$20.00 donation.



Please do not put your altar flower request in the envelopes, because it may not be seen until it is too late.

YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE

The Florist wants our orders by Wednesday of each week.



COST OF SPONSORSHIP:

ALTAR FLOWERS \$25.00

ROSEBUD: \$10.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:\$20.00

ZION'S STONE CHURCH. THANK YOU!

Lectors are needed for every Sunday.

Please sign up in the Narthex. If you or someone you know would like to be a LECTOR ... New volunteers are always welcome.

CHURCH/AUDITORIUM FUNCTIONS ARE CURRENTLY NOT BEING SCHEDULED

Please call the church office at (570) 386-5111. If you or someone you know is planning a wedding at Zion's Stone Church, please contact Pastor Russ. You will have to adhere to CDC guidelines until further notice.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE &/OR CELL PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the office either through email (zscofc@ptd.net) or phone (570-386-5111) with your new information. This way we can keep in touch with you and provide you with important information regarding the church. Thank you!

(All the clip Art printed in this newsletter was taken from google clip art.)

Since we no longer print Sunday bulletins, the board has decided to ask for Newsletter Sponsors. We mail some of the newsletters out to shut-ins and those without a computer. In your offering packet there are envelopes marked bulletin. Just cross off and mark newsletter if you are going to sponsor. The cost per month will be \$20.00. We will put your sponsorship on a slide on Sunday morning (you can also remain anonymous). If you would like special wording please include that with your payment or send an email to Brenda at zscbrenda@ptd.net. Thank you!

Elmer Henry recently fell and broke a hip. He has had partial replacement. If anyone would care to send a get well card here is his new address:

Elmer Henry
UNC Rex Rehab Center
Room 114B
4210 Lake Boone Trail
Raleigh, NC 27607





Zion's Stone Church will be investing in advertisement signs for the "Old Fashioned Church Picnic". If you would like one or more signs for your yard or place of business, please contact:

Erin Zeigler at (570)516-6550.

We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 for each sign that you order to help defray the costs of purchasing the signs. Your donations would be greatly appreciated to help with advertising our OF Church Social. Please make checks payable to Zion's Stone Church and put in an envelope marked "OFC Social donation". You can also put cash in an envelope marked "OFC Social donation". You can put your envelope in the offering plate, give to Charlotte Fritz, or mail to the church. Please mark the envelope accordingly. **Call Erin Zeigler to order first.**

2022 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

May 1, 2022 - 88	June 4, 2022 – 8
May 7, 2022 - 11	June 5, 2022 – 80
May 8, 2022 - 107	June 12, 2022 – 92
May 15, 2022 - 112	June 18, 2022 – cancel
May 21, 2022 - cancel	June 19, 2022 –
May 22, 2022 - 91	June 26, 2022 –
May 29, 2022 - 70	

	FINANCIAL REPORT		
2022 May			
Current Giving:			
Total Income Budgeted for 2022-----\$ 214,743.41			
Total Benevolence income for 2022 -----\$ 11,700.00			
Total Income plus Benevolence ----- \$ 226,443.41			
Monthly		Weekly Budgeted	
Income & Benevolence		Income & Benevolence	
		(\$ 4,354.68 – per week)	
\$ 16,762.40		(\$ 18,870.28 – per month)	
		Gain/(Loss)	
		(\$ 2,107.88)	

**Thank you for your continued support of
Zion's Stone Church!**



June Newsletter was sponsored by
Barbara Lushia in memory of her brother
Lester Gerber's Birthday.

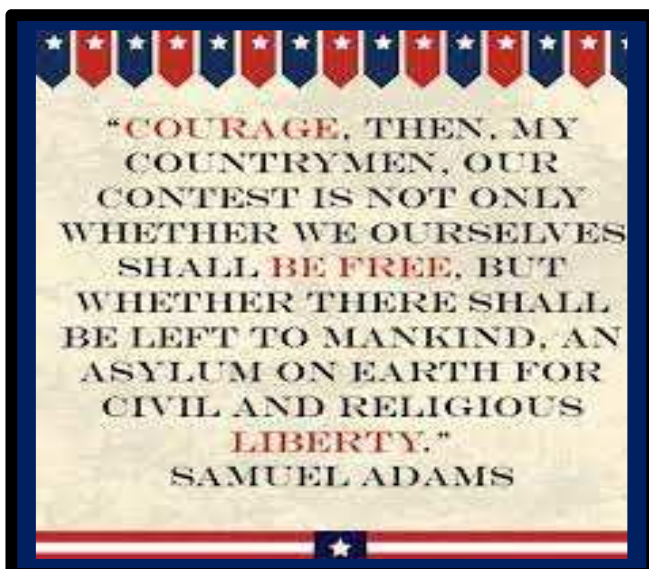
No July Newsletter Sponsor.....



All choirs will be postponed until further notice.
Thank you to our Choir Director,
Erin (Raymond) Zeliniski
for sharing her musical talents with us during the
Worship Services! And also thank you to our substitute
musicians, Eileen Meiser, Blair Miller, and Bill Clause,
while Erin is out on maternity leave.

Sunday School News...

There will be no Sunday school classes in July and August.
We encourage you to continue to read and study God's word as a family.
In our adult SS class, Pastor Russ mentioned reading the book of
Matthew during the summer. Or start off one of the months reading the
book of Proverbs... If you start with chapter 1 on the first day of the
month and read a chapter a day, you will have completed the entire
book by the end of the month. Read Bible stories to your kids... or read
from a version of the Bible written just for them. No matter how you do
it... just do it!! You can't find your way through the darkness of this
world without God's word to guide you!!
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"





Youth Group Meeting – June 12, 2022 – West Penn Park

Members present: Gabe Fritz, Brianna Muffley, Tyler Buchman, Maddie Miller, Skyler Forrest, & T.C. Cilm

Advisors present: Marianne Storch, Kyle Snyder, Dave & Adele Snyder, Karen Wood, and Darryl & Charlotte Fritz

Show & Tell presentations were presented by our senior members, Brianna Muffley and Gabe Fritz. Brianna presented her awards for Future Business Leaders of America and explained about the events that she attended. Gabe did his presentation on his Music that he is currently working on producing.

Secretary's Report was read by Karen Wood and the Treasurer's Report was given by Charlotte Fritz. The Youth Group would like to thank everyone that gave donations for the 30 Hour Famine. The Youth Group raised \$844.00 for World Vision! Great Job!

Old Business discussed was:

- A) Spaghetti Dinner – Maggie Wehr – Thank you to all the volunteers
- B) Memorial Day Service – held at St. Peter's Church
- C) Father's Day Church Service/Picnic – 10:00am – West Penn Park
- D) VBS – Monday – June 13 – Friday – June 17 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- E) Old Fashioned Church Social – July 24, 11:00am – 7:00pm – Will need help with games, set-up, & tear down.
- F) New Business discussed was:

Activity for the Summer: Bear Rock Junction & Swimming Party on Saturday, July 9th.

Next Youth Group Meeting will not be held on Sunday, July 10th, but instead WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022 at 7:00pm at the church.

There will **not** be a Youth Group meeting in July or August. Youth Group meetings will resume again on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 7:00pm.

“Encourage not Discourage!”

Have a safe and fun summer everyone!!

Respectfully submitted by: Charlotte Fritz, Advisor

FUNDRAISING UPCOMING EVENTS...

OLD FASHIONED CHURCH SOCIAL

Sunday, July 24, 2022 11:00am-7:00pm
at Zion's Stone Church

(10:00am - Church Worship will be down at the West Penn Park. It will be a combined Worship Service with St. Peter's Congregation at the big pavilion (#1) Special thanks to the members of St. Peter's Church & Pastor Ginny Heimer for inviting our congregation to worship with them! Please wait until 11:00am before coming up to the church so the volunteers can have time to setup for the OFCS! Thank You!)

There will be entertainment, delicious food, games, duck races, basket raffle, etc. We will need lots of help on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 9:00am with help in setting up the social. All help is greatly appreciated!

BASKET RAFFLE: We are in need of basket raffle donations, each basket should be valued at least \$25.00. If you are able to donate, please bring your basket donations to the church on Sunday, July 17th between the hours of 8:00am-10:00am. You may also drop them off during office hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-11:30am during the week of the 17th, Deadline is Thursday, July 21st to drop off baskets. Any basket questions, see Charlotte Fritz.

KITCHEN/FOOD: There will be a sign up in the Narthex for kitchen volunteers in the near future. Keep a look out for it. **NEW:** We will be having an unbaked Filling sale! Any kitchen questions, see Stacey Cheese.

ENTERTAINMENT: We are in the process of obtaining entertainment for the Social.

Any entertainment questions, see Dwane Miller.

FALL BINGO

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Doors open at 12:00 & Bingo starts at 1:00pm

(Please note: this is a week earlier then we would normally have it in the past.)

Tickets will go on Sale in September. \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door.

We will have Coach, Thirty one, Vera Bradley & Cash prizes with a mystery gift card.

We will need sponsors for each prize. Tickets will go on sale in September. There will be food to purchase as well. We will need sponsorships for the prizes.

Any questions, see Charlotte Fritz

More details will follow.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

November 19, 2022

Tickets will go on sale in November.

Any questions, see Dwane Miller.

**More details will follow for all upcoming events.



SAVE THE DATE...

The fundraising committee will be hosting a
Craft Fair on FEBRUARY 11, 2023.

We are looking for vendors to share their talents and art with us. Tables will be available for purchase for \$20.00 or 2 tables for \$30.00. If interested in reserving your table(s), please see Erin Zeigler or you can call Erin at 570-516-6550.

Tables maybe limited.

There will also be soup for purchase.

More details to follow.





Penn Northeast Conference UCC, 431 Delaware Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071

www.pnec.org 610-826-3113; 610-826-5464 FAX

Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates bonnieb@pnec.org

Rev. Christian Creyer christianc@pnec.org

Barbara Jennings barbaraj@pnec.org Patty Rehrig patty@pnec.org

SEND ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED TO patty@pnec.org

Bonnie's Letter

Dear Friends,

In these days of continuing violence and grief, shootings, death, political division, war, economic hardship, and deep pain, I share with you a poem by my friend and colleague, the Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, the Conference Minister of the Indiana Kentucky Conference of the UCC.

Breaking Through

“At the end of the streets of grief and despair, the roads of hope and joy meet.

At this intersection, a refracting light breaks through. It touches us all. How could it not?

Tears cascade between eyes that can see,
the tearing apart, the wearing thin,
the baring of skin made from the gods of warfare.

Raindrops plunge to an earth waiting to embrace them with a thousand “thank yous.”
Because, out of this earth comes
purple tulips, blue hydrangeas,
daisies so golden even the sun seems a bit jealous,
and grass so green we begin to remember that to walk the earth barefoot is to walk with God.

Sunlight dims to darkness and back again.
They are siblings, these two.
So, just when the world bends us toward the breaking point,
perhaps it is an invitation to reach with all our might towards the place
where a tattered tear and a hovering hope create something new.

It is you. It is me.
It is all of us.....**breaking through.**”

We, my friends, are called to be hope, to offer hope, to move into the journey of faith which shares hope with all those in the world. Do not succumb to hopelessness, my friends. Keep the faith and cry as you must. Grieve as necessary. Pause to breathe. And then --- move into hope. Be, with me, among those who break through into hope. Blessings, Bonnie

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Stronger Together

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me." (John 10:14)

"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." (Mark 2:11)

Jesus speaks: we hear his voice, and we follow. Even when we are made able to hear, by mechanical means. Even when we are blessed to move, using new and inspiring inventions. These are no less miracles than the healing of the one born blind (John 9), or the person on the mat who's unable to walk (Mark 2). Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is a partner in ministry with us, bringing technology, compassion and faith together – by the work of the Holy Spirit – in ways that put life in motion and love in action, for God's children of all ages – especially youth. They truly make us: **STRONGER TOGETHER.**

+ Bishop Christopher deForest



Watching your child take his or her first steps is one of the most exciting moments in a parent's life. But what if your child has a disability and those steps don't come so easily, or at all? Through the years, parents faced with this dilemma have come to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network looking for help and finding it. One of the rehabilitation technology stars in Good Shepherd Pediatrics' toolbox is the Trexo Plus. This innovative, wearable robotic gait trainer helps children with spasticity and mobility challenges walk, perhaps for the first time. Thanks to our generous supporters, including the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, Good Shepherd has acquired a total of six Trexo devices in small, medium, and large sizes for children as young as 1 through their teen years. This makes Good Shepherd the only pediatric rehabilitation provider in the U.S. to offer all three sizes for both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings. Children who benefit from using the life-changing technology are diagnosed with cerebral palsy, pediatric stroke, spinal cord injury, gait disorders, or other mobility problems.

The device's brightly colored legs allow children to walk hands-free safely, correctly, and consistently, all under the watchful eye of trained Good Shepherd staff. Trexo is one piece in an array of technology used by Good Shepherd Pediatrics and supported by the Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology Fund.

NEPA Synod can be proud of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. Because of you, children will be given the opportunity to exercise their brains and muscles in a new way, gaining confidence along with mobility. Good Shepherd provides therapies and residential options unique in the US. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission.

For more information, visit GoodShepherdPediatrics.org.

Story Contributor: Kimberly Stolarik, Interim Administrative Director, Development
Helping Children Through Technology



SYNOD ASSEMBLY REWIND

WHAT HAPPENED AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY?!?



The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn, Senior Director, Christian Community and Leadership Mission for the **ELCA** was the churchwide representative to our synod assembly. Rev. Vaughn enlivened the assembly with her words and brought greetings from the wider church. This representation reminds us that we are a church in three expressions: congregations, synods, and churchwide. These expressions work together to gather God's people and mobilize them to love and serve the world through mission and outreach.

This year's assembly was once again held virtually. We're getting "good" at holding virtual assemblies, but we simply cannot wait to gather in person. Next year, we'll be gathering at **Kalahari** in the Poconos, and we'll be wondering about how our synod and congregations are **going beyond death to life**. This is the "third lane" in our synod focus. Remember we've been talking about lane one, "**Growing young**" and lane two, this year's theme, "**Gaining Strength/Stronger Together**" These vital signs help us understand who we are as God's people and how we might best show up in our contexts.

This year some great **resolutions** were brought before the assembly. Some of these resolutions will be considered and acted upon by the **synod council**. The synod council is an important body within the synod. If you'd like to read the resolutions visit godslove.org/assembly in addition to resolutions you can view all the great videos from the assembly where churches and other groups showed their faith in action through ministries that highlighted our theme of being stronger together, growing young videos that look at fun scenarios to help individuals and congregations understand what it means to grow young, greetings from our ministry partners, and EVERY plenary is available for your viewing pleasure.

We had such an engaging time wondering what God was up to in our midst, especially in places where we're working together for the sake of God's Kingdom, here and now!

Happy



Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Grayson Balliet	2 Dennis Troxell
3 Logan Kromer Darryl Miller	4 Bryan Everett	5	6	7 Glenn Lutz Rhonda Stone	8	9 Barry Houser
10 Jeremy Brothers	11 Brock Crowley Kevin Fritz Melissa Meiser	12 David Snyder	13 Brynlee Steigerwalt	14 Beverly Knoebel	15	16 Lee Bittner
17	18 Megan Ruch	19 Dennis Osenbach	20 Michael Lutz Cooper Pistone Maureen Rex	21 Jared Buchman	22 Sarah Stival	23 Colleen McCall
24 Kelly Knowlan Dylan Miller Theron Schlecht	25 Parker Oswald	26 Gary Zehner	27 Bobby Knittle	28 Willis Helfrich Daniel Shellhamer Sandra Webb	29 Jacob Beers	30
31 Ryan Storch						



July Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:00pm Worship w/HC
3 9:00am Worship w/HC	4 July 4 th Holiday Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00am Worship w/Young ppl	11	12	13 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	14	15	16 5:00pm Worship
17 9:00am Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23 Prepping For Social
Deadline to drop off baskets for Social is 7/21						
24 10:00am Worship at Park w/St. Peter's Social 11-7 at Church	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00am Worship						