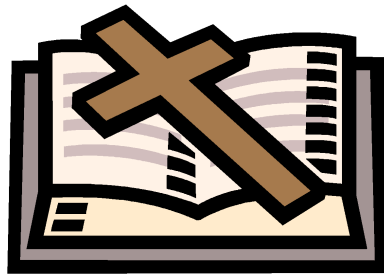


ZION'S HEAVENLY

Look for:

- *Worship Schedule
- *Acolyte Schedule
- *Music Schedule
- *Announcements
- *Youth Group News



- *Exciting Events
- *Monthly Calendar of Events
- *Birthday Calendar
- *Synod News
- And Much, Much More!**

HAPPENINGS



&



Newsletter



Photo by Gayle Mateyak

*231 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 alternates Altar Communion and Pew
Communion)*

10:15am –

Sunday School

(No Sunday School until further notice)

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

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

(Saturday night Services have been cancelled 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:

Pastor's Office is currently closed

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:

Office is currently closed

Charlotte's Office Email: zscofc@ptd.net

(Please use this email for information for Charlotte.)

CHURCH SECRETARY:

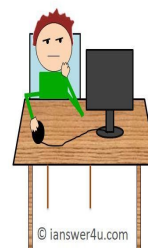
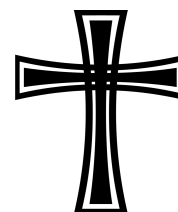
Brenda Osenbach Office Hours:

Office is currently closed

Brenda's Office Email: zscbrenda@ptd.net

(Please use this email for all bulletin information and other information for Brenda.)

**Due to COVID-19
The Pastor Office
Hours
and Church
Office hours will
remain closed
until further
notice. However,
you may still
reach the Pastor
on his cell phone
and you can
leave a phone
message for the
office staff and
they will get back
to you. Or you
can send them**



CHURCH OFFICE PHONE NUMBER:

**570-386-5111 – When calling use
prompt #2 for the 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

CARD CARE

COORDINATOR:

L.C. Dean: 570-449-0677

SEXTON(S):

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

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642

Worshipping together during this

time may still be “different” then the “normal” we are all used to. The Board asks for your patience and understanding with them for the next couple of weeks. They are working on keeping everyone as safe as possible. We’ve had some questions about mask wearing, when the seats are back to every row being available, etc. There are a lot of decisions that will need to be made in the next couple of weeks. The board will continue to have meetings and some of the “restrictions” may or may not be lifted. Again, they are working hard to keep you all safe. Remember all board meetings are open to the public.

***Masks are no longer required and are optional and the board still asks that if you are not feeling well or have concerns about attending the service in person, you’re encouraged to stay home and continue watch the service on Facebook & YouTube. The areas of the church used for worship will be cleaned and disinfected prior to the next week’s service.

You may call Pastor Russ on his cell phone or the church office and leave a message or email them.

Auditorium rentals are still not available.

All events besides church services are still cancelled until further notice.

They will keep you informed as much as possible....
Please keep them in your prayers.

WORSHIP - JUNE 2021



Sunday, July 4, 2021 – 6th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Sermon Title: “Hope and a Way Forward”

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 11, 2021 – 7th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: “The Clash of Worldviews”

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 18, 2021 – 8th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service w/New Member

Sermon Title: “Celebrity Status”

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 25, 2021 – 9th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: “More Than Enough”

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Charlotte Fritz will be On Vacation from
July 2 – July 11, 2021

&

I will be out of the office from
July 15- July 23, 2021 if you need to speak to someone
during this time, please see Brenda or call the office and leave
a message for Brenda. Thank you!

**** Scripture Lessons may change.**

WORSHIP - AUGUST 2021

Sunday, August 1, 2021 – 10th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Sermon Title: "What Do You Want?"

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 8, 2021 – 11th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Grummie"

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 15, 2021 – 12th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Abide"

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 22, 2021 – 9th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Words of Eternal Life"

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 29, 2021 13th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Worship will be led by Linnea Meiser

Rev. Russell Campbell will be on Vacation from
August 22-29, 2021

****No Lectors or Acolytes are needed in until
further notice.**

ZSC Board Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday
, April 14,
2021 –
Zoom
Meeting

X Pastor Russel Campbell	X Nancy Meiser	X Paul
Miller	X Amanda Sassaman	
X Charlotte Fritz	X Blair Miller	X Gary
Clemson	X Sam Schaefer	
X Scot Dietrich	X Dan Metzger	

(X) = Board Members present

Member of the congregation – None

Congregation Comments – None

Pastor Russ Campbell opened meeting with prayer

Pastor's Report – Accepted. Motion to accept by Dan Metzger / 2nd by Blair Miller

Secretary Report – Not supplied

Treasurer's Report – Accepted. Motion to accept by Gary Clemson / 2nd by Paul Miller

Committee Reports

Worship & Music – Nothing to report

Property – Nothing to report

Finance – Review of investments/statement

Outreach/Evangelism – Easter gift bags for senior church members
Continued bi-monthly food pantry assistance

Fund Raising – None to report.

Personnel – Committee to review/issue new contracts for Fred Gimbi/Charlotte Fritz/Brenda Osenback

Selection of new board member thru December 2022

Committee meeting date/time TBD

Safety/Security Committee – Nothing presented

Other Business – Committee sign-ups for congregational members.

Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 @ 7 pm

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Paul Miller/ 2nd by Blair Miller

Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Amanda Sassaman

NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS...

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. 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 it may not get put in. *Thank You!*

ALTAR FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS...

If you are interest in sponsoring altar flowers or bulletins, please call the office at (570) 386-5111 before 12 pm on Wednesday. **Leave a message** with your telephone number and the exact wording you would like to see printed in the bulletins. We still have Sundays available for the months ahead. Bulletins and altar flowers are available. Please call the office every time you want to sponsor them.



Please do not put your request in the envelopes, because it may not be seen until it is too late. YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE.



COST OF SPONSORSHIP:

ALTAR FLOWERS \$25.00

Rosebud: \$10.00

Make checks payable to

Bulletin: \$10.00

Zion's Stone Church. Thank You!

LECTOR & GREETERS:

are not needed until further notice

TO SCHEDULE THE CHURCH/AUDITORIUM:

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.)



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SPECIAL THANK YOU...

(The church receives thank you letters from other organizations that we support through Benevolence giving throughout the year.)

Special thanks to Linnea Meiser for filling in for Pastor Russ while he is on vacation.

My country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side Let Freedom ring.
My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.
Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.
Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright, With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King.



“Lord, teach us to pray...”

The prayers of this congregation are an essential part of worship. As a result, the Sunday prayer list is a living, breathing part of our prayer life. Our prayers continue on during the week through the efforts of a very devoted prayer team. Our prayer list will be revised quarterly. Please call or email Brenda at the church office or inform Janie Miller or Pastor Russ and we will make sure names are added or removed as needed. Next revision is

July 4, 2021.

2021 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

May 2, 2021 - 129

June 6, 2021 - 88

May 9, 2021 - 102

June 13, 2021 - 69

May 16, 2021 - 112

June 20, 2021 - 77

May 23, 2021 - 145

June 27, 2021 - 84

May 30, 2021 - 92

May 30, 2021 - 66
(Memorial **Day** Service)



FINANCIAL REPORT



2021 May

Current Giving:

Total Income Budgeted for 2021-----\$213,228.25

Total Benevolence income for 2021 -----\$ 11,700.00

Total Income plus Benevolence -----\$224,928.25

Monthly
Income & Benevolence

Gain/(Loss)

Monthly Budgeted
Income & Benevolence
(\$4,325.54 – per week)
(\$18,744.02 – per month)

\$16,760.26

\$ -1,983.76

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

Please continue to pray for our neighbors, sister churches, all those who have/had Covid and their families, all those that have lost loved ones during this pandemic, all the health care workers and their families, our leaders in government, and pray, pray for our Nation.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid."
—John 14:27*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Due to Covid-19 all choirs will be postponed
till further notice.



Thank you to Choir Director,
Erin (Raymond) Zeliniski
for sharing her musical
talents with us during the
Worship services!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Due to the COVID-19, Youth Group meetings will be postponed until further notice.

If anyone needs to talk with us, the advisors are all available. We will continue to pray for you all and we miss you so much!



Sunday School News...

(Sunday School classes are cancelled until further notice.
We will continue to pray for all you.)

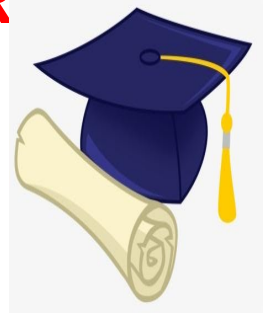
WOW!VBS will be coming to Zion's for 4 days this summer. WOW is an on-line global VBS for all the kids of the world! The 2021 theme is All We Need Is Love! Watch for announcements in church and on Facebook!

Summer Bible Challenge: There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs. There are 31 days in each of our SS summer months (July and August). Read a chapter a day each month and you will have read the entire book twice by the end of summer and filled your mind with wise words for living.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 Graduates!!

(In addition to June's graduate list)



Congratulations to
Ariel Frederickson,
Daughter of Shawn & Kelly Frederickson
Ariel will be attending LCCC.

Shelby Frederickson,
Daughter of Shawn & Kelly Frederickson
Shelby will be attending LCCC.



ADULT CONFIRMATION:

Congratulations to
Taylor Fritz & Joshua Zehner,
who will be Confirmed
At Zion's Stone Church on Sunday, August 1, 2021 by Rev.
Russell Campbell

PERSONAL CARE URGENTLY NEEDED PART TIME

Matt Brickler needs your help....Various shifts available. Some experience helpful but not needed. Will train the right, caring person.

Additional shift: Midday: 11:30AM-2:00PM One to five days/week

Days: 7AM-10:00/11:00AM One to five days/week

Evenings: 8PM-9:30PM One to five nights/week

Nights: 9:30PM-6:00AM One to five nights/week

NON SMOKER, Family atmosphere \$13/hour

570-386-4413 or samob@ptd.net

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell

are cancelled until further notice.



THURSDAY MORNINGS

& THURSDAY NIGHTS

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell

are cancelled until further notice.

*If you are interested in a zoom
(computer meeting site) bible study,
please let Pastor Russ know.
If there is enough interest, Pastor
Russ will gladly start Zoom Bible
Studies.*

*Bring your own
bible that you can
write in!*

"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God." – Romans 14:8

Christian Sympathies go to...

Claudia Oswald and Tracy Oswald
on the death of
Claudia's husband and Tracy's father,
Richard D. "Ricky" Oswald,
who entered into eternal life on
Friday, June 18, 2021.



Jeff, Tammy, & Chad Weaver
on the death of
Tammy's Step father,
Neil J. Kershner,
who entered into eternal life on
Saturday, June 19, 2021.

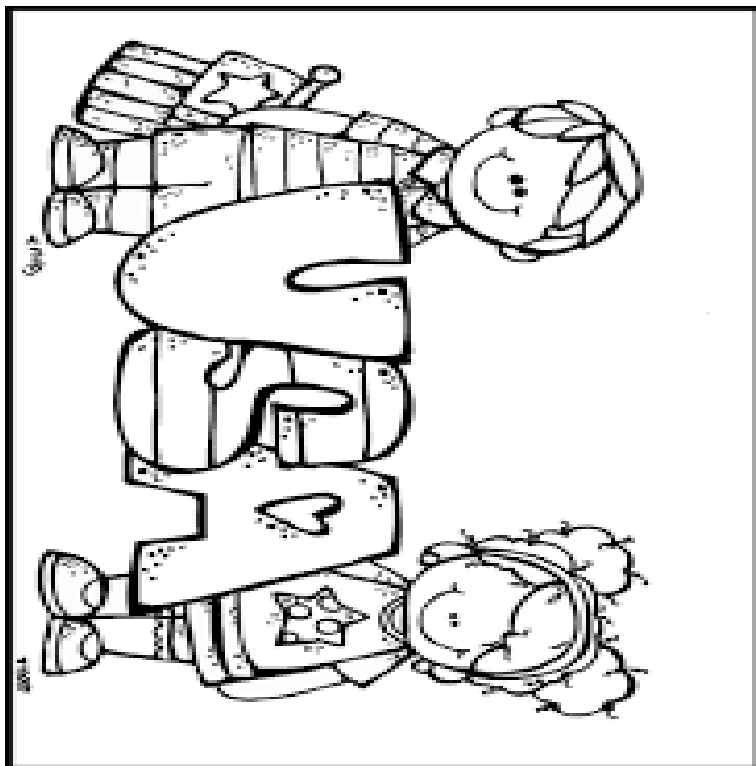
Dorothy Fritz and Family & Friends
on the death of Dorothy's sister-in-law,
Florence Fritz,
who entered into eternal life on
Tuesday, June 29, 2021.



ZION'S COLORING CORNER



www.coloring-pages.info



ST. PETER'S, WEST PENN VBS REGISTRATION FORM

(One per child)

MONDAY, JULY 19th FRIDAY, JULY 23rd from 6:00 8:30 PM

CLOSING PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, JULY 25th AT 10:00 AM AT WEST PENN PARK

(For more information, contact Michelle Bates at 570-573-1134)

Child's T-Shirt Size: _____

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____

Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Home telephone: _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____

In case of emergency, Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

PNEC NEWS....

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. Gilberto Garcia Rodriguez hispanicucc@rcn.com

Rev. Christian Creyer christianc@pnec.org

Barbara Jennings barbaraj@pnec.org

Patty Rehrig pattyvr@pnec.org

Letter from Bonnie

Dear Friends,

Well, my commitment to rejoicing (as shared last week) has been going pretty well. I must admit that I don't always dance – but I am swaying to the music every day. I am focusing on the positives and rejoicing – much of the time. BUT, and it's a big BUT – I am still allowing petty frustrations to get in the way. I notice this especially when driving. I am an impatient driver, cautious and polite I think, but impatient.

For instance, why don't people use their turn signals? Why do people feel the need to drive 15-20 miles below the speed limit in the passing lane? I must remind myself to breathe through the frustration. It's no one's fault that I have a lot to do, places to go and people to see. The 2 minutes extra on the road is not going to make a significant difference. Just this morning I practiced some self-talk, "Bonnie, take a breath. You are not in a hurry. Two minutes more won't matter."

Do you find yourself being frustrated over little things? These kinds of niggling things can bother me more than the big issues in my life. I wonder why that is? Perhaps these are the things I think I can control – while I do recognize that I really can only control myself, my behavior, and my attitudes.

Sometimes in our culture, we focus on trying to make other people change, make other people agree with us or bend toward our will. What might the world be like if we simply focused on loving our neighbors and breathing in the Spirit of the God, exhaling any unrealistic expectations? Rejoicing might come more easily. There may be less animosity and frustration in our hearts, in our families, in our churches, in our communities and in our nation. I would be comfortable with that. Wouldn't you?

So, this week I am going to add to my rejoicing practice, a practice of loving my neighbors, all my neighbors (even those drivers who usually frustrate me). I'm going to focus on deep breathing, on the commandment to love my neighbors, and on working on my own attitudes. I do not know if this will make a difference, but it might. Will you try this with me?

Blessings, Bonnie

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

MINLAB 21

How has your church been able to: Heal the Hurting, Love the Land, and Engage the Stranger?

Learn new ideas to take home and try. And show and tell others about the "vital signs" you've seen "growing" in your midst through God's grace, love and care in your community. On August 14th we will also go deeper into ways the "Growing Young" movement across our Synod is making a difference and changing the ways we are growing as a Jesus-centered community.

We hope every congregation will send at least two participants, to learn and share and grow. **Join us August 14, 2021**

Sign up online at Godslove.org



Christian Freedom vs. American Freedom

As we gather this month to celebrate July 4th and the **Freedom** ascribed to us as citizens of the United States of America, we often think of the individual freedoms that we 'hold dear.' Those "I" statements regardless of impact on another. We must understand these notions of what freedom means for us as **Lutheran Christians** and how we celebrate freedom *from* and *for*. We often see freedom as *from* something: oppression of speech, restriction of arms, etc. However, when God talks about freedom, God speaks of freedom *for* one

Meet Laurie Christman

Born and raised in Allentown, I now live with my husband of 31 years, two young adult sons, and one tortoiseshell cat in Lehigh Township, Northampton County. Hobbies flow with the seasons - gardening, reading, jigsaw puzzles and upcycling crafts.

During office hours, you'll find me at the front desk in the Lutheran Center. I enjoy answering the phone and greeting folks when they visit. If I don't have the information you need, I'll track it down or connect you with the right person. When you do your yearly congregational report, I'm the person that makes sure we have a copy in the synod's record. I keep the roster of people and congregations updated as well. My most challenging task is scheduling supply pastors for congregations in transition, as there seems to never be enough pastors.



another. Jesus states the 'greatest commandment' is to *love one another as he (Jesus) loves us* (John 13:24-25). This biblical freedom, is one which Luther encouraged others to share. The promise that God engages us in freedom for one another. **To build up**

community by strengthening relationships with one another and with God. The diversity by which we have been created is something that is meant to offer strength not divide. Luther spends a lot of time with Paul's letters, and the language of the **Body of Christ**. *We are all members of Christ's body, together, united, with differing views, even on the understanding of Freedom.*

While we are different we are united. The same blood flows through us all." Luther quotes Romans 6:4 in the Small Catechism to support the above claim: "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too, are to walk in new life."

Let us celebrate this nation's day of independence both from oppression, and for the love of one another: that we may see the unity in the diverse makeup of our nation, which strengthens our resolve as community, to live into the Body of Christ more fully every day.

Pastor Zach Labagh, Lead Pastor at Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church, Knauers, PA

ZION'S STONE CHURCH 2021 JULY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Travis Hill	Linsey Lenhart Denise Troxell	Logan Kromer Darryl Miller
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bryan Everett			Devon Kistler Glenn Lutz Rhonda Stone		Barry Houser	Jeremy Brothers Jean Hill
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Brock Crowley Kevin Fritz Melissa Meiser	David Snyder	Brynlee Steigerwalt	Grayson Balliet Beverley Knoebel		Lee Bittner	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Megan Ruch	Dennis Osenbach	Michael Lutz Cooper Pistone Maureen Rex	Jared Buchman	Marianne Lupkin Sarah Stival	Colleen McCall	Kelly Knowlan Dylan Miller Theron Schlecht
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Parker Oswald	Gary Zehner	Bobby Knittle	Willis Helfrich Daniel Shellhamer Sandra Webb	Jake Beers		Ryan Storch Kiara Moser MacDonald

ZION'S STONE CHURCH AUGUST 2021 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Braydon Gerber Sharon McKee Tyler Tyson	Cheryl Leone Michelle Muffley	David Heckman Devin Meiser Maisie Schock			Curtis Steigerwalt David Zeigler	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Kendra Mateyak	James Kemmerer, Jr Brandi Kernag Amanda Sassaman	Joey Ayrton Jacob Hehn	Isabella Huegel Larry Meckes		Kim Ruch	Ron Osenbach
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Robert Homyak Morgan Kistler Yvonne Mikruk	Dawn Oswald Kelsey Patrick Charlene Ruch Cinda Zehner	Marissa Everett Matthew Oswald	Elmer Henry Carl Ruch Jordan Zehner Zachary Zehner	Alan Gursky	James Martinez Earl Pratt, Jr. Elizabeth Steigerwalt	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Frank Bitterman April Lorah	Joshua Zehner	Nathan Steigerwalt	Misty Hamm - Frankhouser Dustin Kern Melissa Maxwell Anthony Rago	Kerry Hamm	Lisa Rago Beth Oswald
29	30	31				
Mary Jane Kistler	Mallory Freed	Hunter Hill Blair Miller Peyton Neumoyer				

Please Note: Due to Covid-19 virus – All church activities, Events, & Bible Studies have been cancelled so there will be no **Calendar of Events until we are back to normal. Thank you for your understanding and patience! We are in this together!**