

ZION'S HEAVENLY

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HAPPENINGS



September



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

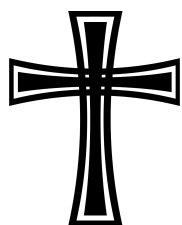
(No Sunday School until further notice)

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 Russ will be coming back to the Office in September...
he will have office hours posted soon.

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 will be coming back to the church office starting in
November. Her office hours will be posted at a later time.

Charlotte's Office Email: zscofc@ptd.net
(Please use this email for information for Charlotte.)



CHURCH SECRETARY:

Brenda Osenbach Office Hours:

Brenda will be back in the office starting on Sept. 7th from 8:00am –
12:00am. Brenda will be in the office from 8:00am – 12:00am Tues. & Thur.

Brenda's Office Email: zscbrenda@ptd.net
(Please use this email for all bulletin information, newsletter
and other information for Brenda.)

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 to 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.

Some church services are still cancelled until further notice.

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

WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday, September 5, 2021 – 14th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Sermon Title: "Limitless, Boundless, Universal"

Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-10, 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

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

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Who Do You Say I Am?"

Isaiah 50:4-9a James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 19, 2021 – 16th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Not Understanding and Afraid to Ask"

Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3:13—4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 26, 2021 – 17th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: "MYOB!"

Esther 1-6, 9-10 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

*Always pray to have
Eyes that see the best in people,
a Heart that forgives the worst
a Mind that forgets the worst
and a Soul that Never
loses faith in God.*

ZSC Board Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, May 10, 2021

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

(X) = Board Members present

Member of the congregation – None

Visitors – Fred and Donna Gimbi

Congregation Comments – None

.Pastor Russ Campbell opened meeting with prayer

Pastor's Report – Accepted

Secretary Report – Not presented

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

Committee Reports

Worship & Music – Nothing to report

Property – Air Conditioning services will occur this month and the boiler certification by Insurance due this

month. Also discussed security at the sexton house.

Finance – Review of investments/statement

Outreach/Evangelism – Food Pantry assistance 8 May.

Fund Raising – None to report.

Personnel – Nothing to report

Safety/Security Committee – Nothing presented

Other Business – Chimes no working. Motion to investigate purchasing of new chime system by Paul Miller /2nd by Dan Metzger. Nancy will contact

someone to speak a board. Also a reminder that the Northex monitor is still acting up.

Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 @ 7 pm

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Sam Schaefer / 2nd by Paul 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.)



Photo taken by Gayle Mateyak

SPECIAL THANK YOU...

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

A huge thank you to everyone that donated clothes for the clothing drive we had in August. Your donations are a blessing to those who needed them. Special thanks to Pat Lorah and all the volunteers who helped organize the clothing drive.

Thank you to everyone who donated Aim Toothpaste and Ajax to the New Ringgold (McKeansburg) Food Pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the prayers, phone calls, text messages, cards, and Flowers from the Board that I received before, during and after my wrist surgery. **God Bless,** Charlotte Fritz

Zion's Stone Church Family, Thank you for your prayers and cards that I received while recovering from surgery. I could feel your prayers and am so grateful for them. **May God Bless you all,** Mark Haas

Congratulations go to



Jay and Caitlyn (Ruch) Pilla
on the birth of their son,
Jett Thomas Pilla,
Who was born on June 27, 2021.
Jett was welcomed home
by big brother Case.

2021 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

July 4, 2021 - 70

August 1, 2021 - 105

July 11, 2021 - 99

August 8, 2021 - 89

July 18, 2021 - 89

August 15, 2021 - 84

July 25, 2021 - 91

August 22, 2021 - 106

August 29, 2021 - 70



FINANCIAL REPORT



2021 June & July

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)

\$13,134.51

\$ -5,609.51

\$13,926.14

\$ -4,817.88

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

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!



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!*

Sunday School News...

Great news...

Mark your calendars!

We are planning on reopening on

Sunday, October 3rd!!

Classes for all ages – See you @ 10:15 am



YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

We are planning on getting back together with the Youth Group by Jan. 2022!

Anyone in grades 6-12th are welcome to join!

Bring a friend when we start back up again!

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!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR TROOPS AND
THEIR FAMILIES!**



A Soldier's Prayer

By: Jon M. Nelson

Now I lay me down to sleep,
And hope my dreams are thoughtful and deep.
I pray that tonight I'm not awoken,
By bombs exploding and the ground shakin'.

I hope that I can get some peaceful rest,
And wish that the next day will be blessed.
All I want is to sleep through the night,
So that tomorrow I'm ready for another fight.

I pray my dreams are of my family,
As I make sacrifices to keep them free.
May you watch over and keep them safe,
As they wait for me and remain brave.

Dear lord please listen as I pray to you,
And proudly defend the red, white and blue.
I will always serve you and my country,
And be the best person that I can be.

May it be a peaceful night without a sound,
With no shots or bullets flying around.
As I lay and dream of back home again,
I'll unfold my hands after I say Amen.

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About the author: I am an active duty soldier with over 16 years time in so far. In addition to being a soldier I am an award winning and published poet, currently working on my second book. I write poetry on many different subjects from love to the kindness of humanity, but my most popular poems and my favorite to write are about military, veterans, and their families.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meatball Sale

Pick-up date: Sunday, September 19, 2021

Time: Right after church service

Location: Auditorium

Volunteers are needed

We will be making Meatballs on

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Contact **Nancy Meiser** for details

Order Forms are in the Narthex!



Pierogi Sale

Pick-up date(s): Sunday, October 10, 2021

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Time: Right after Church service

Location: Auditorium



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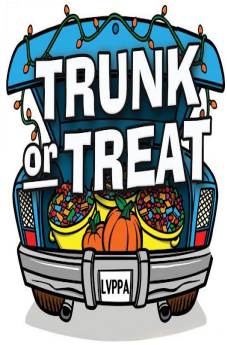
Volunteers are needed

We will be making Pierogies on

Saturday, October 9th & 16th

Contact **Nancy Meiser** for details

Order Forms will be in the Narthex in
September!



Trunk or Treat

Date: Saturday, Octotber 16, 2021

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

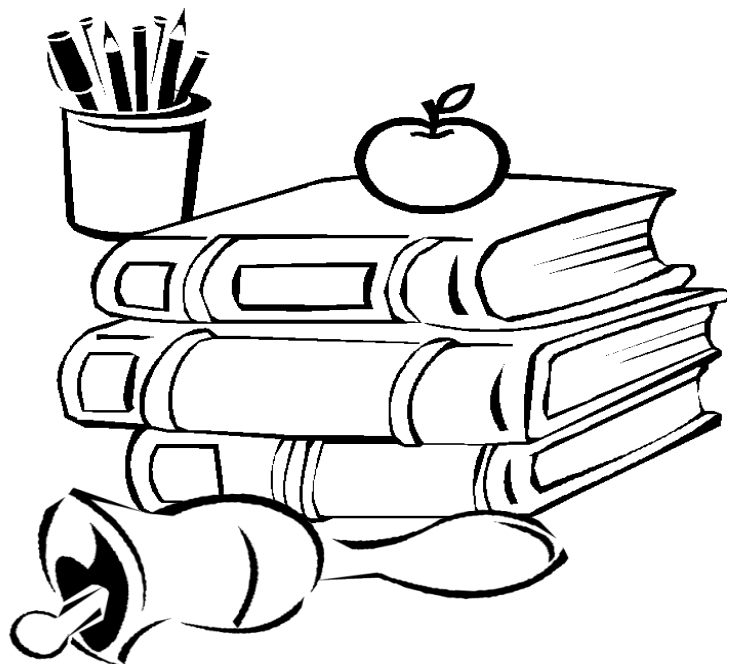
Location: Church parking lot

Gift Tree

Coming Soon - Keep watching for details



ZION'S COLORING CORNER



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 christiane@pnec.org

Barbara Jennings barbaraj@pnec.org

Patty Rehrig pattyrr@pnec.org

Letter from Bonnie

Galatians 3: 27-29 reads:

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."

Friends, As I reflect on the world in which we live and look at the divisions and separations that sometimes drive our decision-making, I am drawn to this text. In Christ Jesus we are one; we are the same; we are children of the Living God. This text calls us to talk with one another with a clear recognition that each of us, practicing people of faith or not, has a spark of the Divine Creator (however we define that) within us. We are each and all valuable, worthy, and loved beings – even when we do not recognize that in ourselves or others.

In the coming days we will be asked to examine how we care for one another and keep each other safe. How do we respond to wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods? How do we respond to our departure from Afghanistan and how do we welcome refugees and immigrants from war-torn cultures? How do we respond to mask mandates and calls for additional "booster shots" for our vaccinations? How do we recognize the political and policy decisions being made in our nation and around the world?

All the decisions made in our families, churches, communities, nation, and the world have an impact on how we encounter one another, how relate to one another. Which brings me to another set of song lyrics I want to share. (Sometimes you might wish I didn't listen to so much music, but it does ground me.) There is a new song performed by the duo For King and Country. It is titled **"Relate"** and I share some of the lyrics with you.

"I don't know what it's like to be you;
You don't know what it's like to be me
What if we're all the same in different kinds of ways
Can you, can you relate?
We both know what it's like to be hurt
We both know what it's like to feel pain
But I think it's safe to say we're on to better days
Can you, can you relate?
Can you relate?"

Friends, can we through the grace of God endeavor to relate to one another? That is my hope.

Blessings, Bonnie



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

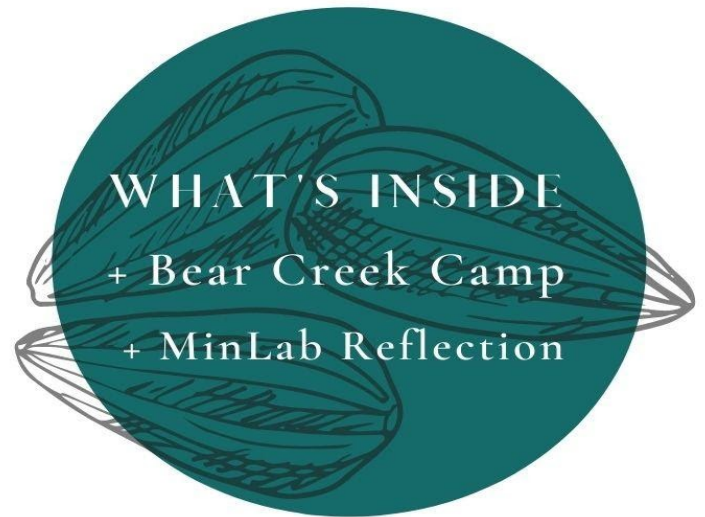
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AN INCREDIBLE RETURN TO THE WOODS AT THE END OF THE RED DIRT ROAD

BY COLLIN GROOMS

No one would have asked to have a summer of youth camp canceled because of COVID, but certainly, as with any challenge, it is good when the positives of a situation can be found. Having a summer away from the routines of camp as it has “always been” gave Bear Creek Camp an opportunity to truly look at creating the camp experiences that campers and staff need right now.

In a world where we’ve been separated from our friends and families, taking the time to build a small, intentional community was most essential. This summer, each quest group crafted their own experience as they creatively planned their week’s activities. For some that meant nature hikes into the depths of our woods or discovering every swimming location. For others that meant time on the high ropes course or writing new songs to be sung at bonfires.



*Continuing
Promises*

For every group that meant finding unique ways to explore their faith through daily bible study and worship experiences. Camp has an enduring quality of being the place where campers can find whatever they are needing in the moment. Faith can be discovered and strengthened. Lifelong friends can be made. Personal discovery happens constantly as we're taken away from our comfort zones and shown a newly revealed world.

Summer 2021 was an incredible return to the woods at the end of the red dirt road. We are so deeply grateful for our entire community that supported us in reaching this new beginning.



GROWING TOGETHER IN NEPSYNOD: MINLAB

On August 14, 2021 people from all over the NEPSynod gathered at the Lutheran Center to share ministry, ideas, and God's love with one another. Individuals who participated in MinLab were able to work together to build relationships with one another and the ministries of the other through authentic engagement, conversation, and questions. *The relationships we build at synod assemblies, special events, and through mutual collaboration are paramount to our work as Church.*

At MinLab, participants learned more about Growing Young and elements that are present in ministries that are actively "growing young." Participants also learned that congregational and organizational ministry is at the center of our work as a synod. *The synod is not a top-down organization, but instead, a collaboration of people working together to serve God's people.* Leaders in our synod, both lay and ordained, can't wait to see where the Spirit will lead us next.

ZION'S STONE CHURCH 2021 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Randy Clemson	Patricia Kistler	Jennifer Clinton	Corey Hamm Sondra Jones Allan Knowlan Diane Schock
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Gary Clemson, Jr. Denise Dietrich Karen Everett Kevin Kistler, Jr. Bobbi Sabath Tegan Steigerwalt	Sarah Davenport	Eva Bitterman Aimee Crowley	Madelyn Schaffer	Marie Zehner	Audra Schlecht	Abigail Troxell
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Kyle Hoppes Pauline Lorah Daniel Troxell Brett Zehner	Katie Davenport Lori Steigerwalt	Mark Christ Molly Clemson Brad Clemson Emma Rago	Joann Dunkleberger	Lauren Christ Michael Hunsicker DJ McLaughlin		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lucas Kamant	Timmy Lehman	Pastor Russ Campbell Mark Haas Lori Kistler	Diane Heckman	Cadence Davis Katie Kressley Sherry Oswald	Hannah Reed David Tyson	Stacey Clemson Nancy Meiser
26	27	28	29	30		
Kelly Frederickson George Hegedus IV	Emeline Meiser Harry Ulrich	Tyler Buchman Bryn Miller Madison Schock Kyle Snyder	Peggy Frace			

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!**