

# ZION'S HEAVENLY

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# 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](http://www.zionstchurch.org)

Rev. Russell Campbell, Pastor  
Cell # 610-737-2634  
[zionstch@ptd.net](mailto:zionstch@ptd.net)  
[revarc@ptd.net](mailto: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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Night Worship Services***

*(1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:revarc@ptd.net)

**Pastor's Church Email:** [zionstch@ptd.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 Tues. & Thur.

Brenda's Office Email: [zscbrenda@ptd.net](mailto: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](http://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 - OCTOBER 2021**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**9:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Communion**

**Sermon Title: "One With Christ"**

Genesis 2:18-24      Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12      Mark 10:2-16

**Sunday, October 10, 2021 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**9:00am - Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: "Blessed Disturbance"**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15      Hebrews 4:12-16      Mark 10:17-31

**Sunday, October 17, 2021 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**9:00am - Worship Service w/Darryl Fritz**

(Pastor on Vacation – Oct. 11 – 18, 2021)

**Sermon Title: "Goats"**

Isaiah 53:4-12      Hebrews 5:1-11      Mark 10:35-45

**Sunday, October 24, 2021 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**9:00am - Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: "Speak Up, Stand Up, Look Up (and Greckse?)"**

Jeremiah 31:7-9      Hebrews 7:23-28      Mark 10:46-52

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**All Saints Day**

**9:00am - Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: "Same Saints or All Saints"**

Isaiah 25:6-9      Revelation 21:1-6a      John 11:32-44

*I can do ALL THINGS  
through Christ  
who STRENGTHENS me.*  
–Phillippians 4:13





# **ZSC Board Meeting Minutes:**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

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

Scot Dietrich

X Dan Metzger

X Rick Zelinski

(X) = Board Members present

Member of the congregation – None

Congregation Comments – None

Pastor Russ Campbell opened meeting with prayer

**Pastor's Report** – Accepted

**Secretary Report** – Accepted

**Treasurer's Report** – Accepted

## **Committee Reports**

**Worship & Music** – Nothing to report

**Property** – Discussed security system alarms going off.

**Finance** – None to report

**Outreach/Evangelism** – Food Pantry assistance 8-9-10 June.

**Fund Raising** – None to report.

**Personnel** – Contract review. Music Director – accepted by Blair Miller / 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Metzger

Sexton written contract – accepted by 7 members / 1 member opposed

**Safety/Security Committee** – Nothing presented

**Other Business** – Discussed possible retaining of an attorney. COVID restrictions to be discussed 30 Jun @ 7pm meeting.

Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer

**Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 14 July 2021 @ 7 pm**

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Sam Schaefer / 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.)

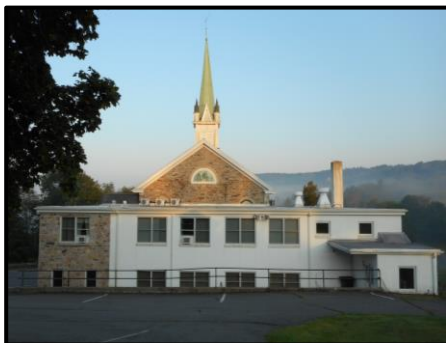


Photo taken by Gayle Mateyak

## 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 helped make the meatballs for the Outreach Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who purchased Meatballs. Your help and purchases were gratefully appreciated.

**Dear Church Family,** I would like to thank everyone for their prayers & condolences in the death of my brother & I would also like to thank everyone who prayed for my husband & myself when we were in an accident. We are both doing well & we'd like to thank everyone for all the prayers. **Sincerely, Kay & Larry Hamm**

**Dear Zion's Stone Church Staff,** We enjoyed attending your service – especially hearing “Blessed Assurance” for the Communion. It is a special family song and it touched me deeply. Todd Cheese was extremely helpful in finding the gravestones and Zimmerman history. What a blessing our visit was. We will cherish the memories.  
**In his love, Diane & Chuck Winder**



*Christian Sympathies go to...*

Larry & Kay Hamm and Family & Friends  
on the death of Kay's brother and sister,

**Barry Andrews,**

who entered into eternal

life on Sunday, September 5, 2021 and

**Shirley Andrews,**

Who entered into eternal life on

Wednesday, September 15, 2021.



## 2021 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...



August 1, 2021 - 105

September 5, 2021 - 102

August 8, 2021 - 89

September 12, 2021 - 91

August 15, 2021 - 84

September 19, 2021 - 105

August 22, 2021 - 106

September 26, 2021 - 76

August 29, 2021 - 70



## FINANCIAL REPORT



### 2021 August

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

\$17,331.64

Gain/(Loss)

\$ -1,412.38

Monthly Budgeted  
Income & Benevolence

(\$4,325.54 – per week)

(\$18,744.02 – per month)

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



will start back up again in November!  
There will be no soup and sandwiches  
before the service until further notice.

See you on November 7 & 21, 2021  
at 5:00pm!



## ***THURSDAY MORNINGS***



## ***& THURSDAY NIGHTS***

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell

*will resume on November 4, 2021:  
Morning Bible Study will start at  
10:00am and Evening Bible Study  
will start at 6:30pm.*

# ***Sunday School News...***

## **We're Back!!!**

Join us on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15

Classes for all ages

(Adult class – please bring your Bible)

## Eastern PA Down Syndrome Buddy Walk 2021

### **2021 Buddy Walk**

Hi everyone,

The 2021 Buddy Walk is on Saturday, October 2nd. You are invited to register and join us for the walk and tailgate or donate.

Here is the address for Abigail's page, Abigail's Adventure:

<https://www.classy.org/team/365837>

Donations can be made to an individual or the team.

The walk is held at Cedar Crest College, 100 College Drive, Allentown, PA 18104.

Arrival at 12:00

Opening Ceremony at 1:45

Step Off at 2:00

Activities until 4:30

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

We are planning on getting back together with the Youth Group on Jan. 9, 2022!

Anyone in grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Come join us for  
games, snacks, fun  
and  
time of fellowship!*

*All are welcome in grades  
6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>*



## BLESSING OF ANIMAL SERVICE

**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

**2:00pm** in the Church parking lot

Please stay in your cars and Pastor Russ will come to you and bless your animals.





WEDDING  
CONGRATULATIONS  
TO...



Taylor Fritz &  
Joshua Zehner  
who will be married on  
October 23, 2021  
by Rev. Russell Campbell  
Taylor is the daughter  
Of Scott & Shannon Fritz  
& Josh is the son of Bruce &  
Carolyn Zehner.





# OUTREACH COMMITTEE

WROTHAMPTON & WENTON

## Pierogi Sale

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

Sunday, October 17, 2021

**Time:** Right after Church service

**Location:** Auditorium



## Volunteers are needed

We will be making Pierogies on

**Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

Contact **Nancy Meiser** for details

Order Forms will be in the Narthex in September!

## Gift Tree

**Coming Soon**

Keep watching for details



# TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT

Calling All Ghouls & Goblins

Come Out for

Zions Stone Church of West Penn Socially Distant Trunk or Treat

Join us for a night of wholesome family fun



"Trunk or Treat"  
Halloween Outreach  
for Churches

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When: Saturday October 16, 2021

Time: 2:00 Car Decorating & Registration

3:00-5:00pm Trunk or Treating

Contest for Best Car Décor

❖ You can Pre-Register Through Church Secretary or picking up a  
Registration form in Narthex

❖ Please place treats in treat bag or Ziploc bag

❖ This event will not be rescheduled if there is heavy rain

# Trunk or Treat Car Registration/Rules

- ❖ Leave a parking space between cars
- ❖ Everyone is responsible for cleaning up their own decorations
- ❖ All vehicles need to be ready by 2:30 pm and be prepared to stay until event ends
- ❖ Mail to: 45 Cemetery Rd, New Ringgold, PA 17960

✓ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **License Plate:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Vehicle Make and Model:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Drivers License Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Theme of Car:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Fall*  
**RUMMAGE  
SALE**



**St. John UCC**  
**150 Pine Street, Tamaqua**

## **Two Day Sale**

**No Reasonable Offers Refused**

**\*SATURDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM**

**\*MONDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM**

**Clothing: Women's Plus, Men's Big & Tall, infants,  
Children, and shoes**

**Games, toys, books, jewelry, Christmas, and  
other holidays, household items, and décor  
pieces.**

# **West Penn Lions**

## **& R & K Sub and Sandwich Fundraiser**

West Penn Lions are having their quarterly R&K Sub & Sandwich Fundraiser.

**Subs are \$6.50 and pretzel sandwiches are \$5.50.**

### **Sub Flavors are:**

Italian (with onions, no onions, or with onions & peppers);  
Ham (with onions or no onions);  
Turkey (with onions or no onions);  
Roast Beef (with onions or no onions);  
American (cooked salami, bologna, & white American) (with onions or no onions);  
or Turkey with onion on a Whole Grain Roll  
or All cheese with onion on a whole grain roll.

**All subs are 12 in".**

### **Pretzel sandwiches are:**

Italian,  
Ham & American Cheese;  
Ham & Swiss,  
Turkey & American;  
Roast Beef & American;  
Sweet Lebanon & American;  
All Cheese;  
Chicken Salad;  
Egg Salad; or Tuna Salad.

Please see Karissa Brother (she's on Facebook) or any Lions Members to order. All orders are due by 10/03/21. Delivery is 10/13/21.



# **Take-Out Chicken Croquette Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**



**Trinity United Church of Christ  
22 Lafayette St-Tamaqua**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Adults: \$15.00**

**Children Under 12: \$7.50**

**Meal includes Chicken Croquette, Buttered  
Noodles, and Coleslaw**

**Take outs - Pre-Order**

**Call 570-516-6146 to order – leave message**



# **Take-Out Meatloaf Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**



**Trinity United Church of Christ  
22 Lafayette St-Tamaqua**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Adults: \$15.00**

**Children Under 12: \$7.50**

**Meal includes Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,  
Vegetable, and Coleslaw**

**Take outs - Pre-Order**

**Call 570-516-6146 to order – leave message**





# **Take-Out Election Day Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**



**November 2, 2021**

**TRINITY UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
22 LAFAYETTE ST-TAMAQUA**

**3:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
or sellout**

**ADULTS: \$15.00  
CHILDREN under 12: \$7.50**

**Call 570-516-6146 to order – leave message**

# ZION'S COLORING CORNER



Pumpkin Patch



# PNEC NEWS....

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

[www.pnec.org](http://www.pnec.org) 610-826-3113; 610-826-5464 FAX

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Rev. Gilberto Garcia Rodriguez [hispanicucc@rcn.com](mailto:hispanicucc@rcn.com)

Rev. Christian Creyer [christianc@pnec.org](mailto:christianc@pnec.org)

Barbara Jennings [barbaraj@pnec.org](mailto:barbaraj@pnec.org)

Patty Rehrig [patty@pnec.org](mailto:patty@pnec.org)

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## Letter from Bonnie

My Dear Friends,

I write this today sitting in Steve's hospital room. He will be fine, we pray, but he has pneumonia and myriad other health issues right now. And yet, I live in hope, as does he, that we have more years together. We will take what comes with prayer, hope, love, and grace. There's always a lesson in these challenges.

Today, as yesterday as I spent the day in the Emergency Room with him, I am thankful for our access to excellent medical care, great physicians, safe hospital settings and the technology that allows all this to be possible for us. We are also thankful for access to our medical insurance, which will cover the bulk of the costs of this and his other care.

But there are others who I need to thank. Yesterday we held an open house lunch for our chaplains. I was not able to be present, but they shared with each other, were recognized by us and Christian and Barbara stepped in to thank them for me. The PNEC staff is wonderful! I could not do most of what I do without them. Really none of us could. Please take time to thank them, to show your appreciation and celebrate them. They truly are the foundation of the Penn Northeast Conference.

So, thanks to the staff. Thanks to our chaplains who have continue to serve daily, even while the rest of us were isolated in safety – they are the front lines. Thanks to our pastors who in these difficult days keep leading worship, offering pastor care in a variety of ways, and are managing the anxiety of our time with faith and courage. Thanks to all the front-line people who have worked diligently to sell groceries, work in service stations, staff pharmacies, direct traffic, fight fires, and on and on and on.... we couldn't have made it through the last months without them.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank God. Thank God for hope and joy, for the blessings of love in our midst, for the courage to face these days, for the confidence to keep putting one foot in front of the other.

I have come to the realization that the world will never be the same as it was pre-COVID. I have also begun to realize that COVID will likely never leave us. As with other viruses, it will mutate and change, we will learn how to prevent and treat it, and we will adjust our lives in new and different ways each and every day. That could leave us with little hope, but that is not how I choose to live in the world. Rather, I will be thankful for what we learn, how we are and can be treated, what is good and helpful in the world and in our interactions with one another.

I will be thankful for my family, for my friends, for my pastor, for my co-workers, for all the ministers working to better the communities we serve, and for every breath I take. I hope you can find reason to be thankful as well.

In God's hope and with blessings, Bonnie





# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

OCTOBER 2021 • ISSUE 10 • VOLUME 29

## CONGREGATIONAL LEGACY & PURPOSE

BY DEACON TRAVIS WOODFIELD

I have to admit, I'm a sucker for history, especially church history. I love learning about times in the past that I'll never get to experience, in places I can only aspire to visit. I've been fortunate to go to some of those places: I've stood in churches that were 1,000 years old across Europe and marveled at the engineering, been in the cradle of the Roman Empire, lived in New York City and Philadelphia, laid down, in the rain, in the grass of monasteries from 800 years ago that is now in ruins. In all of these places, I try to imagine what it was like to be part of a community from long ago. Sometimes it's easier than others, I know something unique about a place or I know how a building was built, but the end is the same- I am in a place, remembering what I can about it, being part of its history and life.

There is a cycle to these things. Empires come and go. Leaders and rulers come and go. Institutions come and go. All of these life cycles, being born, going through a growth period, living adulthood, moving into the twilight of life, and finally, death, are all part of our lives, whether on a personal or institutional level. Part of the incredible message of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is that death does not have the final word. However, no matter how much we try to avoid it, duck it, or deny it, death will have a word. Jesus himself understood that the only way to resurrection was through death - after all, if there's no death before resurrection, what we are really talking about is immortality, which is certainly not the Christian message.

These "deaths" can come in many forms in the church. Maybe it's moving a worship time, moving from 2 services to 1 so that the community might be one and ministry might be effective. It may be struggling with how to do "virtual" church in the time of a pandemic. Maybe it's letting a go special ministry that the church can no longer support with financial or labor. Maybe it's giving up a building to move to a building that fits the congregation. Maybe it's merging or closing.

The truth is that none of these realities, these deaths, are easy to imagine or even embrace. There is real grief, fear, anxiety, anger, and sadness that comes with even thinking about them. It's also true that we are not alone in these decisions. We do not know what resurrection may look like, but we know that it is Christ's promise. History always seems short when we are the ones participating in it. Christ sees the long view and, I think, wondering how we can participate in trying to see that long view is part of our call as a Christian. We cannot see the end but we can think and pray about what next, faithful steps may be. As a church, we have to start thinking about what those faithful steps might be, both as individuals, as a church, and as a synod.

Four years ago, I had the chance to go to the Isle of Iona in Scotland and visit the Benedictine abbey there, which is now a retreat center. Could a group of Benedictine nuns, living in the 1200's on a remote island of Scotland, possibly imagine that a guy from a land that had not been discovered yet to come visit their monastery? That, I would lay down, in the rain, in the ruins of their chapel, and imagine what it was like to worship there? 800 years ago, it would have been simply impossible to dream. What they did do was make faithful decisions that allowed that moment to happen and, even in the literal ruins of their communal life, there was a moment of that community's resurrection in my mind and heart, remembering them. As we move forward as a church, locally and as a synod, I pray that we can make faithful, prayerful decisions that are resurrection decisions and not immortality ones.



# Synod Staff:

## STACEY BURKE

Stacey Burke is the Lutheran Center's receptionist and the friendly voice you will most likely hear when calling the Synod office. Her main responsibilities will be scheduling supply pastors and maintaining the database of congregations.

Stacey graduated with a graphic design and TV/Film degree and plans to use her positive attitude and creative mindset to fulfill God's work throughout the Synod office and beyond. Being an active member at Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville for over 30 years, Stacey has volunteered her time in various committees including youth group, Vacation Bible School, choir, orchestra, and worship arts.

Stacey is inspired daily by her husband Kevin and their new baby boy. They love spending time together as a family, which also includes a cat named Duncan and a dog named Red. Stacey resides in Bethlehem and enjoys attending art festivals and concerts. In her free time, Stacey likes to capture photography, play the guitar, perform in theater arts and spend time outdoors. She is very excited to have the opportunity to join the Synod staff, and she looks forward to growing within the Lutheran Center and watching God inspire and work all around her.

## 2021 Zion's Stone Church OCTOBER Birthday Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						Hunter Ruch
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rusty Hauck	Jeffrey Gerber Zoie Steigerwalt	Susan Helfrich Colton Johannides	DelAnn Miller Paige Onder	Theresa Bernheisel	Tawny Kurtz
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Tanner Humphrey	Kyrsten Derr	Michele Beers Eileen Coombe			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Robert Frankhouser Ashlee Niedospial Suzanne Pratt	Pastor David Knoebel			Dwane Miller	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Eric Hauck				Haley Hamm Colby Kistler Jerry Steigerwalt	Eden Helfrich	Susanne Hegedus Kevin Osenbach
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Sarah Martinez Carol Tierney						

**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!**