

# ZION'S HEAVENLY

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# HAPPENINGS



2022

# 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](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 Altar Communion)*

***10:15am – Sunday School***

***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)*

***(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](mailto:revarc@ptd.net)

**Pastor's Church Email:** [zionstch@ptd.net](mailto: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](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 Mon – Thurs.

Brenda's Office Email: [zscbrenda@ptd.net](mailto: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](http://www.zionstonechurch.org)

**MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST:**

Erin Zelinski – 570-205-3511

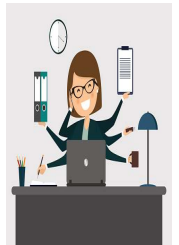
**CARD CARE COORDINATOR:**

L.C. Dean: 570-449-0677

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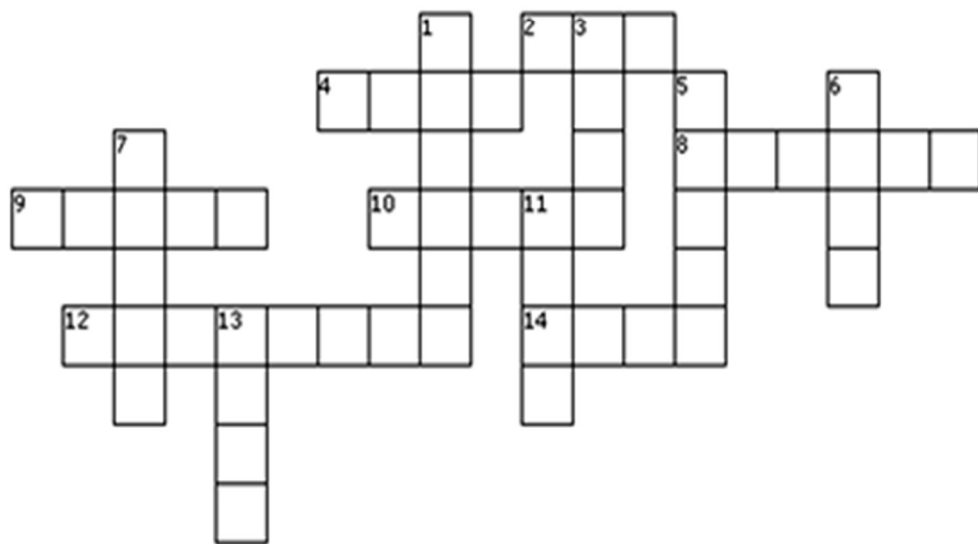
Fred (& Donna) Gimbi - Home # 570-386-2888

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642



# He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

## DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

## Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

# **WORSHIP MAY 2022**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter**

**w/ Holy Communion – Altar**

**9:00am - Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: “Cost-Benefit Analysis”**

Acts 9:1-6      Revelation 5:11-14      John 21:1-19

**Sunday, May 8, 4<sup>th</sup> Easter**

**Mother’s Day**

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

**Sermon Title: “Risky Business”**

Acts 11:1-18      Revelation 21:1-6      John 13:31-35

**Sunday, May 15, 5<sup>th</sup> Easter**

**9:00am – Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: “Listening to the Shepherd”**

Acts 9:36-43      Revelation 7:9-17      John 10:22-30

10:30am - Stevens and Pistone Baptisms

**Sunday, May 22, 6<sup>th</sup> Easter**

**9:00am – Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: “Lord, How Will We See You?”**

Acts 16:9-15      Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5      John 14:23-29

**Sunday, May 29, 7<sup>th</sup> Easter**

**9:00am – Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: “Someone’s Praying for Me”**

Acts 16:16-34      Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26





## **Zion's Stone Church Board Meeting Minutes:**

Wednesday, 9 March, 2022

X Pastor Russel Campbell  
X Charlotte Fritz via phone  
X Scot Dietrich

X Nancy Meiser  
X Blair Miller  
Dan Metzger

X Paul Miller  
X Gary Clemson  
X Rick Zelinski

X Sam Schaefer  
X Amanda Sassaman

(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 February 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Accepted by Paul Miller / 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Clemson

**Treasurer's Report** – Accepted by Paul Miller / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Zelinski

### **Committee Reports**

**Worship & Music** – Nothing to report.

**Property** – Continue to wait for DEP Permit to begin work on well remediation. Board received a report of scaffolding missing that belonged to Kenny Mateyak. Vote to replace scaffolding accepted by Paul Miller / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Meiser

**Finance** – Nothing to report.

**Sunday School** – Vacation Bible School 13-17 June (in-person). Easter Egg Hunt 16 April. Cystic Fibrosis 26 April and 8 May.

**Youth Group** – 30 Hour famine is planned (no sleep over) on Saturday, 23 April. Next Youth Group meeting will be on Sunday, March 13.

**Outreach/Evangelism** – Maggie Wehr Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Basket Raffle included. Additional details to be announced. Food Pantry distribution will be on Saturday, March 12. Meatball making is on Saturday, 9 April.

**Fund Raising** – Church Social and Bingo planning for this year. Date(s) will be announced. Meeting is on Sunday, 13 March.

**Personnel** – Nothing to report.

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

**Other Business** – Annual Audit completed this date. The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20. Wednesday, 16 March service offering to be given to Disaster Response for Ukrainian Support. Also, 2022 and 2023 Bulletin Sponsor Envelopes will be designated as "Newsletter Sponsorship" at \$20 for the entire month. This is due to the weekly bulletins are now on screen. Motion accepted by Sam Schaefer / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Zelinski.

**Pastor Russ Campbell** - Closed with the Lord's Prayer

**Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 20 April 2022 @ 7 pm**

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Rick Zelinski / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blair Miller  
Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Amanda Sassaman

# Zion's Stone Church Congregational Meeting

## 2021 Review

Sunday, 20 March 2022

X Pastor Russel Campbell  
Charlotte Fritz  
Scot Dietrich

X Nancy Meiser  
X Blair Miller  
X Sam Schaefer

X Paul Miller  
X Gary Clemson  
X Dan Metzger

X Rick Zelinski  
X Amanda Sassaman

X = Board Members present

Members of the congregation – All

**Call to Order and Opening of Meeting – Nancy Meiser**

Motion to open by Larry Meckes / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Heckman

**Pastor Russ** - Opened with the reading of his letter to the congregation.

**Church Board President - Nancy Meiser** – Thanks to congregation for all of their support and help. Reviewed 2021 weddings, communion/confirmations, transfers/new members, baptisms, and loses.

**Sunday School – Eileen Coombe** - Reviewed 2021 events and highlighted 2022 coming events. Thank you(s) to Sunday School Team and volunteers. Thanks to congregation for continued donations and prayers.

**Fund Raising – Dwane Miller** - No report on 2021 events due to shut-down. Gatherings and events will resume in 2022 to include Pork & Sauerkraut dinner. Suzie Zeigler encouraged volunteer participation. She emphasized the gathering of friends, the making of new ones, and the fun time.

**Youth Together Youth Forever** – No representation of committee.

**Music and Worship – Erin Zelinski** – Carillon system installation and continued programing to completion. The Choir is currently on hold until this fall and the Bell Choir is in need of two(2) new recruits.

**Outreach – Nancy Meiser** - Reviewed 2021 fundraising and events. She emphasized that the committee is always eager to assist in helping anyone with applications for government funded programs. Nancy thanked congregation, volunteers, Sunday School, and Kitchen committees for continued participation and support. Concluded with 2022 planned events.

**Financial Review 2021 – Gary Clemson** – Reviewed End of Year 2021 Financial Report.

Congregation question - Dwane Miller - asked about plans for the Sexton House. Gary Clemson – currently there are no plans for the sextion house due to the possible future housing need(s) by the Sexton or Pastor. The house upkeep has been continuous. Gary also asked for any congregation member(s) input regarding the future use of the Sexton House.

**Meeting Closing - Nancy Meiser** – Thank you to the Congregation, Pastor Russ, and the Board Members.

Congregation questions - None

Motion to adjourn: Accepted by Erin Zelinski / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marianne Blaschak

Pastor Russ – Closing prayer – All present.

## 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, 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**

**ZION'S STONE CHURCH. THANK YOU!**

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:\$20.00**

## **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](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.)



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](mailto:zscbrenda@ptd.net). Thank you!



Photo taken by Gayle Matevak

## SPECIAL THANK YOU...

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

**Your kindness and concern** have meant so very much and will always be remembered. Dear Zion's Stone Board members. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Karen and I enjoy the plant garden you sent to us. When I look at it I remember my Dad. We also appreciate the sympathy card. Dan and Karen Metzger.

**Dear Church Family.** Thank you to Pastor Russ for his phone calls, prayers, and well wishes. And thank you to everyone who has prayed, called, and sent get well cards to me prior, during my surgery and while I am recovering from shoulder surgery. I have also experienced vertigo since my surgery and have been pretty sick with that. Everyone's prayers and get well wishes has made it easier to bear. I still have a couple weeks till I recover fully but I know God and my church family are with me. Special thanks to the board for the beautiful flowers. Love you all, Charlotte.

**Dear Zion's Church Family.** Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness and your generosity. How special it was to receive your care bag of goodies! We are grateful and thankful to be remembered during this special season of Lent and Easter. In Christ, Bob and Janie Miller.



**Dear Zion's Church Family.** Thank you so much for the bag of goodies. I will put them to good use. It was very much appreciated. Geraldine Balliet.

**Dear Church Family.** Thank you for your kindness in reaching out with a bag of Easter goodies...it was very much appreciated and enjoyed! I can always count on my church family to make me feel included and loved even when I'm not up to attending church every week. In Christian Love, Pauline Steigerwalt.

# 2022 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

**March 5, 2022 - 15**  
**March 6, 2022 - 110**  
**March 13, 2022 - Cancel**  
**March 16, 2022 - 110**  
**March 19, 2022 - 11**  
**March 20, 2022 - 108**  
**March 27, 2022 - 114**

**April 2, 2022 - 41**  
**April 3, 2022 - 133**  
**April 10, 2022 - 161**  
**April 14, 2022 - 66**  
**April 15, 2022 - 64**  
**April 17, 6:30am-2022 - 52**  
**April 17, 9am-2022 - 168**

	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		
<b>2022 March</b>			
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	Gain/(Loss)	Income & Benevolence	
		(\$ 4,354.68 – per week)	
\$ 16,224.95	(-2,645.33)	(\$ 18,870.28 – per month)	

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



Our May Newsletter Sponsors are:  
 Kirk and Pam Arner.  
 Thank you!



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

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

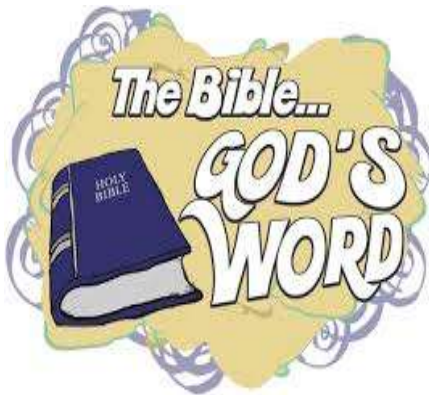


It's that time of year! If you or someone you know is graduating or has graduated (since last July of 2021), please let the office know via email: [zscbrenda@ptd.net](mailto:zscbrenda@ptd.net) or 570-386-5111 prompt #3 or put a note in the newsletter submittal boxes. All graduates will be honored at the Outdoor Father's Day Worship Service on June 19, 2022, @ 10:00am, at the West Penn Park. We will need: Graduates Name. Parents Names. High School, College, Trade School or Other that you are graduating from. We would also be interested in your future plans if you know what they are at this time. We will need this information by May 22, 2022 please, for publishing. Thank you! We will also be having a covered dish fellowship following the service. Church supplies Hot Dogs, BBQ, Buns and Drinks. More details to follow.....

# THURSDAY MORNINGS

## & THURSDAY EVENINGS

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell



May 5

May 12

May 19

May 26 **Cancelled**

Bible Study will be  
on the book of  
Revelation for the  
month of May.

*Morning Bible Study begins at 10:00 am*

*Evening Bible Study begins at 6:30pm.*

*in the Social Hall.*

*(will notify to cancel if inclement weather)*

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



## SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell

**Saturday, May 7 at 5:00 pm w/Holy Communion  
and Saturday, May 21, at 5:00pm**

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





## Sunday School News...

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 13-17 6:30-8:30 pm**

**TO MARS AND BEYOND:**

**Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!**

"MARS" VBS is for kids from **Age 3** to completed **5<sup>th</sup> Grade** and will take place right here at **Zion's...** All kids are welcome!!

At "MARS" VBS, kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

**It's not too late to Blast-Off with us!! Register now!!**

FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ON ZION'S WEB PAGE

**May 8 -** CF Special Offering - to support one of our favorite teams  
Courageous Cousins (Benjamin Hehn and his cousin Aidan)  
Help us raise money to fight CYSTIC FIBROSIS  
Donation baskets will be in the church and auditorium



**May 29 -** No Sunday school classes  
Take time to attend a  
Memorial Day Service!



Special thanks to everyone who helped with our Egg Hunt....

Marianne who filled the eggs with goodies.... Karen, Dave, Audra, Heather, Matt, and Jim who hid over 400 eggs... and parents, grandparents, and friends who brought their kids!! We had a cloudy (but dry) day as 30 kids scooped up all those eggs and had a great time doing it!! Pastor Russ had fun too!!

# **ZION'S STONE CHURCH - 2022 VBS REGISTRATION**

**JUNE 13 - 17      6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Preschool\*\* - Age 3 to entering Kindergarten**

**CHILD'S  
NAME:**

**Preschool\*\* - Child's Age & Date of Birth:**

**School grade completed as of June 2022:**

**Name of parent(s):**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

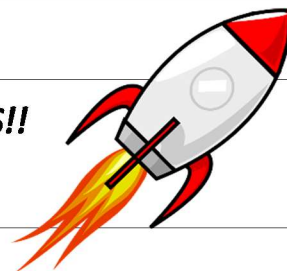
**Allergies or medical conditions:**

**Emergency Contact:**

**Relationship to child:**

**Phone:**

**BLAST OFF WITH US!!**



**Drop off at church in the VBS box (or)**

**Mail to Audra Schlecht - 10 W.Hyland Drive - New Ringgold, PA 17960**



# **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP 2022**

**ZION'S VBS JUNE 13-17**

*Volunteers are the core of our VBS!*

*Pray - Ask God where you should use your gifts and abilities at VBS*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
please print

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
please print

Middle School and High School Students (grades 6-12)

Completed Grade \_\_\_\_\_

AGE 18 or Older Yes \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional Paperwork is required for Volunteers 18 and older  
We will contact you with information*

_____ I will be available every night	6-13	_____ Monday
6:30-8:30 pm	6-14	_____ Tuesday
(or check nights)	6-15	_____ Wednesday
	6-16	_____ Thursday
	6-17	_____ Friday

I would like to work with:

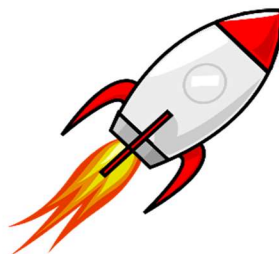
Preschool \_\_\_\_\_  
Age 3 to entering Kindergarten

Elementary kids \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades K - 5

I would like to help with  
Decorating/Set up \_\_\_\_\_  
(Before VBS starts)

*Drop off forms at church (or)  
Mail to Audra Schlecht  
10 W. Hyland Drive-NR 17960  
Phone 570-386-3112*

**BLAST OFF WITH US !!**



**APRIL IS VOLUNTEER MONTH – VOLUNTEER NOW!!**



## April 10, 2022 Youth Group Meeting Notes

### Members Present:

Bradyn Brothers, Kyrsten Derr, Gabe Fritz, Madelyn Miller, Tyler Buchman, Titania Cmil, Madison Schock

### Advisors Present:

Charlotte Fritz, Darryl Fritz, Karen Wood, Dave Snyder, Adele Snyder, Kyle Snyder

Kyrsten brought in a show and tell.  
Karen did the secretaries report.

### Old Business

- The youth group will be starting a scholarship in honor of our previous member and friend, Eoin Towers, who passed away in December of 2021. The Eoin K. Towers Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship that will be offered for Seniors.
- April 23rd - The Youth Group's 30 Hour Famine will be held. There will be no Friday sleepover. The time to report on Saturday morning is 9 a.m. Please do not wear good clothes/wear old clothes on April 23rd. Please also wear sneakers and bring a jacket or two. We will be eating a dinner of chicken nuggets and tacos at 6 p.m. The whole event will end around 8 p.m. Please bring your envelopes to this event. This means that Youth Sunday will be held on April 24th where we will have a presentation. Bradyn will read the scriptures. Kyrsten and Madelyn will acolyte.
- On Sunday, May 8th, there will be a collection of donations for the CF organization. It will be in honor of Ben Hehn and his cousin, Aiden
- There will be no spring shut-in visitations.

### New Business

- Bradyn will bring in next month's show and tell.
- No elections were held at this meeting.
- Next Youth Group Meeting will be May 15 at 7 p.m. Kyrsten will bring a snack and Gabe will bring a drink.

“Encourage not Discourage.”

Respectfully Submitted By: Bradyn Brothers, Youth Group Newsletter Coordinator



*Proceeds Benefit Maggie Wehr of Tamaqua*

**SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022**

**2:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Adult Tickets (10+) - \$10.00**

**Children (under 10) - \$ 5.00**

**TAKE OUT  
and  
CURBSIDE  
DELIVERY  
AVAILABLE**

**There will be a Basket Raffle & Bake Sale.**

**Basket Raffle will go off at 7:00pm.**

**Need not be present to win!**

**Any donations for baskets or baked goods are greatly appreciated.  
All basket donations should be brought to the church no later than:**

**Sunday, May 8, by 11:15am. Or during office business hours:**

**Mon-Thurs. up to May 5, 9:00am-11:30am.**

**Please put your name and phone # on all basket donations for Pat!**

**Please contact Event Coordinator:**

**Nancy Meiser - 570-205-9267**

**or any member of the Outreach Committee.**

**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 park – More details to follow)

There will be entertainment, delicious food, games, duck races, basket raffle, etc. We will need lots of help on Saturday, July 23, 2022 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 17<sup>th</sup>** between the hours of **8:00am-10:00am**. You may drop them off **by appointment** during the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> as well.  
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.  
Any kitchen questions, see Stacey Cheese.

**NEW:** We will be having an unbaked Filling sale!

**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.)

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. 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.

Next Fundraising meeting will be after the church service on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the West Penn Park.

Please remember! The bylaws of Zion's Stone Church require that to be an active member you must take communion at least one time during the calendar year and give an offering at least once. Beginning January 2, 2022 you will also be required to take communion in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, in the Social Hall on the first Saturday of each month (when offered), or on special Holy Days when communion is offered. Pastor Russ will also be offering drive thru communion on Palm Sunday, and throughout the warmer months when announced. We will post on Sunday announcements and in the newsletter. This does not apply to shut-ins. (Pastor already visits them). If you live out of the area all you have to do is send or email a copy of your communion card from your place of worship. If your church does not have communion cards, have the church secretary send a church letter stating that you communed at that church. You can then email to: [zscbrenda@ptd.net](mailto:zscbrenda@ptd.net) or send in regular mail to Zion's. At least once per year, take communion and give an offering to Zion's Stone Church. Pastor Russ is also available to make an apt. to come to your



“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. In addition to the list on Sunday, the team is praying for many others behind the sidelines. In order to keep our Sunday prayer list current and concise, the prayer team and board have agreed to purge the pulpit list beginning Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and again in September. We also have a long term prayer list that the prayer team prays for daily at home. This list is for people who are going to take a much longer time to recover or will need extended prayer for many months. We also have a private list. You can move names to these lists also. If you are adding someone we need your name and phone number also. Pastor will call you in 4 weeks to get an update on the person you added. He will make a decision at that time to leave on or move to long term list. Please email Brenda at [zscbrenda@ptd.net](mailto:zscbrenda@ptd.net) or 570-386-5111 prompt #3. You can also give Pastor, Janie or Gayle this information and they will pass on to the office.



# ZION'S COLORING CORNER





# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD NEWS

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## What's it like to be a Pastoral Intern in NEPA?

By Melissa Hrdlicka

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It is hard to believe I have been on internship with Common Ground Recovery Community for nine months already! My time with Common Ground has been a deep blessing to me and to my education. I have witnessed the presence of God in the open vulnerable sharing during our Wednesday worship, in the heartfelt reverent “thank you’s” when serving communion and meals in downtown Reading and in our study of the scriptures and 12-steps. Common Ground truly is a place of radical love and where God’s grace embraces our brokenness.

As part of my internship project, I invited our worshiping communities and ministry partners to reflect on these three questions: What does Common Ground mean to you? What does community mean to you? And where do you see God here and in the world? They then drew on white cotton squares that will be sewn together to make an altar cloth to fit all of our communion tables. The responses were profound and beautiful!

There are drawings of stick figures holding hands around the globe, animals peacefully living together, a place of refuge in the storm and in the desert, flowers, hearts, and crosses. There are phrases like, “Freedom, break the chains”, “God is love”, “We are better together”, “Never give up hope because there is hope in everything”, and so much more on these 33 squares!

As these squares are knit together to make one, we are reminded that God weaves all of us together in a tapestry of love to bring warmth, comfort, grace, and peace to a weary world! May we live out this good news and may it spill over into thanksgiving! (Colossians 2:2-7)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Marianne Blaschak	2 Dustin Ulrich	3 Tracy Oswald	4 Lacey Beers Kyle Bellhorn LC Dean	5 Gabriel Fritz Mary Jane Miller	6 Dean Everett	7 Nikki Bailey
8 Peyton Kurtz	9 Bryce Bailey Lauren Mateyak Tatiana Shellhamer	10 Connor Knowlan Donald Mikruk	11 Kirk Arner Johnny Kromer	12 Chase Rehrig Duane Ruch Bonnie Wagstaff	13 Dan Clemson Scott Everett Logan Miller Melissa Moyer	14 Ken Mateyak
15	16 Anita Zehner	17 Kirsten Miller Brittany Zehner	18 Will Lazarchick Jr Dan Metzger Dustin Miller	19 Jennifer Balliet Jayne McLaughlin Derek Miller Mary Karen Shoff	20	21 Maria Clause
22 Brady Miller Kate Towers	23 Eva Mae Miller Sonny Zehner	24 Jean Hamm Jocelyn Shellhamer	25 Oliver Kressley	26	27 Joy Hauck Duane Schock	28
29	30 Paul Miller	31 Linda I. Beibleheimer Kevin Kistler Sr.				



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship w/HC  10:15am SS	2	3	4	5 Bible Study 10:00am 6:30pm  Natl. Day Of Prayer	6	7 5:00pm Worship w/HC
8 9am Worship w/Yng Ppl  10:15am SS  Mother's Day	9 	10	11 7:00pm Board Mtg.	12 Bible Study 10:00am 6:30pm	13 Set up for Spaghetti Fundraiser	14 Maggie Wehr Spag. Dinner Fundraiser 2:00-7:00pm
15 9am Worship 10:15am SS  10:30am Baptisms  7pm Yth Grp	16	17	18	19 Bible Study 10:00am 6:30pm	20	21 5:00pm Worship Service  Armed Forces Day
22 9am Worship  10:15am SS	23	24	25	26 No Bible Study	27 7:30pm Wedding Rehearsal Brennan/ Walker	28 3:00pm Wedding Brennan/ Walker
29 9am Worship NO SS Memorial Day Service at St. Peter's 11:00	30 	31				