

ZION'S HEAVENLY

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HAPPENINGS



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

www.zionstonechurch.org

Rev. Russell Campbell, Pastor

Cell # 610-737-2634

zionstch@ptd.net
revrcc@ntd.net

Come Worship with Us!

9:00am - Sunday Worship Service

(1st Sunday of the month Altar Communion)

10:15am - Sunday School

**NO SATURDAY EVENING
WORSHIP IN OCTOBER**

For All Ages

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



CHURCH STAFF...



Pastor: Rev. Russell Campbell

Office Hours:

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

Cell Phone # 610-737-2634

Pastor's Home Email: revarc@ptd.net

Pastor's Church Email: zionstch@ptd.net

Church Administrator/Treasurer:

Charlotte Fritz Office Hours:

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

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

Church Secretary:

Brenda Osenbach Office Hours:

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

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



Church Office Phone Number:

570-386-5111 – When calling use:

prompt #2 for Pastor

prompt #3 for Brenda

prompt #4 for Charlotte

Check us out on Facebook!

Thanks to Sarah Martinez
for being our Facebook Coordinator!

Zion's Stone Website

www.zionstonechurch.org

Music Director/Organist:

Erin Zelinski – 570-205-3511

Card Care coordinator:

L.C. Dean: 570-449-0677

Sexton(s):

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

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642

WORSHIP OCTOBER 2022

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 – 17th Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

w/ Holy Communion – Altar

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Thanks A Lot!”

Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 9th, 2022 – 18th Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Attitude of Gratitude”

w/Young People’s Time

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16th, 2022 – 19th Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “On Not Losing Heart”

Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 23rd, 2022 – 20th Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

“Darryl Fritz Leading Worship”

Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 30th, 2022 – 21st Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Importer to Exporter”

Isaiah 1:10-18 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

Pastor Russ will be on vacation October 17th thru 24th.



Wednesday, 29 June 2022

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

(X) = Board Members present

Member(s) of the congregation – None

Pastor Russ Campbell - Opened meeting with prayer

Budget Committee Gary Clemson: Discussed Oil Budget Cap Program (Countryside) for potential cost savings on heating oil June 2022 – May 2023 for church and sexton house.

Vote to enter “Budget Cap Program”: In favor 5. Against: 0. Motion Carried
Motion accepted by Gary Clemson / 2nd Blair Miller

Pastor Russ Campbell - Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 @ 7 pm

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

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Dan Metzger / 2nd by Blair Miller
Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Amanda Sassaman

Wednesday, 6 July 2022

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

(X) = Board Members present

Member(s) of the congregation – None

Discussed the withdrawal of moneys from investments to provide sufficient funds in checking account for the coverage of church expenses for the next quarter in a timely manner: Salaries Personnel Taxes Benevolences
And to request authorized church personnel Devin Meiser to complete the withdrawal.

Motion by Paul Miller to withdraw \$20,000 from investments:

0 in favor - Motion not carried

Motion by Dan Metzger to withdraw \$22,000 from investments:

unanimous - Motion carried Motion 2nd by Sam Schaefer

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

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Gary Clemson / 2nd by Blair

Wednesday, 20 July 2022

X Pastor Russel Campbell

X Nancy Meiser

Paul Miller

X Sam Schaefer

Charlotte Fritz

Blair Miller

X Gary Clemson

X Amanda Sassaman

X Scot Dietrich

X Dan Metzger

Rick Zelinski

(X) = Board Members present

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

Pastor Russ Campbell - Opened meeting with prayer

Pastor's Report – Presented

Secretary Report – Review of 8 June 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Accepted by Sam Schaefer / 2nd by Gary Clemson

Treasurer's Report – Accepted by Gary Clemson / 2nd by Scot Dietrich

Committee Reports

Worship & Music – Erin to return on 31 July

Property – Continue to wait for DEP Permit to begin work on well remediation. Currently waiting for someone to look at Northex ceiling issues.

Finance – Report presented by Gary Clemson showing that income is trending down over the past 4 years.

Sunday School – Nothing to report.

Youth Group – Nothing to report.

Outreach/Evangelism – Meatballs are still available for sale. See Nancy Meiser or Amanda Sassaman. Also, 10 September is the next New Ringgold Food Pantry distribution.

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

Personnel – Nothing to report.

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

Other Business – Directory portraits are scheduled for 20-22 October.

- Trunk or Treat will be at the Park on Saturday 15 October. Additional details will follow for all events.
- Board to address the Cemetery Committee regarding repair of grave markers.
- A Gospel Sign has been offered/donated to the church. Motion to accept by Dan Metzger / 2nd by Sam Schaefer. Permit may be required by township.

Pastor Russ Campbell - Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 10 August 2022 @ 7 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Amanda Sassaman.

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

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

X= Board Members Present

Brenda Osenbach, Congregation Member

Pastor's Report – Review report. Read by Nancy Meiser.
September 22, will start Bible study at 10:00am and 6:45pm.
Will not be renting the auditorium at this time until we get permits from DEP to fix the water problem.

Church Social Report-Subject to questions.
Approved Paul Miller. Second Sam Schaefer

Treasurer's Report –subject to questions
Approved Paul Miller. Second Sam Schaefer

Property – PPL contacted. 8 trees on property will be cut down at no expense to church. approved by Property Committee Members. Receptacle in Narthex needs to be replaced. Narthex leak again. Dean and Devon have been informed. DEP has not returned phone calls at this time regarding water. Sunday School will begin on September 11, 2022 at 10:15am.

Worship and Music – Nothing to report.

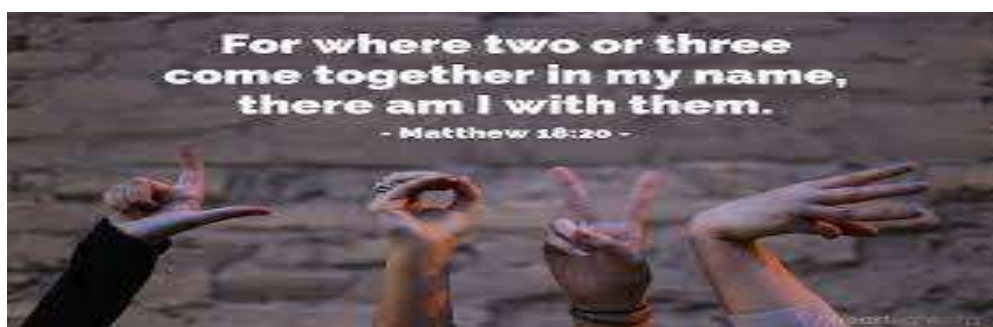
Personnel – Nothing to report.

Safety – Nothing to report.

Finance – Nothing to report.

Next board meeting. September 14, 2022.

Motion to adjourn. Approved Dan Metzger. Second Sam Schaefer



NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS...

Please help the office staff 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 the 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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

ZION'S STONE CHURCH. THANK YOU!

ROSEBUD VASE: \$10.00

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.

Acolytes... Last year's class and current confirmation classes please sign up on the calendar in the Narthex. Two acolytes are needed for each Sunday. Please arrive by 8:50am to prepare.

CHURCH/AUDITORIUM FUNCTIONS ARE CURRENTLY NOT BEING SCHEDULED 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.)

2022 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

August 6, 2022- 20
 August 7, 2022- 99
 August 14, 2022- 78
 August 20, 2022- Cancel
 August 21, 2022- 54
 August 28, 2022- 76

September 3, 2022- 15
 September 4, 2022- 89
 September 11, 2022- 86
 September 17, 2022-
 September 18, 2022-
 September 25, 2022

	FINANCIAL REPORT		
2022 August			
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 Income & Benevolence	Gain/ (Loss)	Weekly Budgeted Income & Benevolence	
\$ 13,254.23	(\$ 5,616.05)	(\$ 4,354.68 – per week) (\$ 18,870.28 – per month)	

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



The October Newsletter is sponsored
 “In honor of Darryl and Charlotte
 Fritz’s 29th Wedding Anniversary
 on October 16th”.



SPECIAL THANK YOU...

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

Please welcome via letter of transfer...New Members of Zion's Stone Church... Frank and Stacy Bittermann.

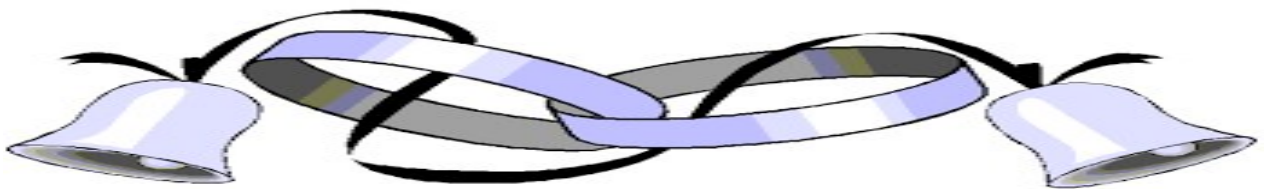


Baptism Congratulations go to:

Dennis and Jacquelyn Osenbach on the baptism of their daughter, Hazel Elizabeth Osenbach on Sunday, September 18th, 2022.

Baptism Congratulations also go to:

Frank and Stacy Bittermann on the baptism of their daughter, Heidi Lorraine Bittermann on Sunday, September 25th, 2022.



Wedding Announcement

James Martinez and Sonia Soto were united in a civil ceremony at the Slatington Magistrate on May 6, 2022. They celebrated their union before God, family, and friends in a Nuptial Mass at St. Stephen of Hungary in Allentown on July 27, 2022. Congratulations and best wishes to the Newlyweds.

THURSDAY MORNINGS

& THURSDAY NIGHTS

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell



October 7, 2022...Revelation
October 13, 2022...Revelation
October 20, 2022...**Cancel**...Pastor Vacation
October 27, 2022...Revelation

*Morning Bible Study starting at 10:00am
Evening Bible Study will start at 6:45pm.*

(will notify to cancel if inclement weather)

Bring your own Bible that you can write in!



SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...

Saturday Worship Services for the month of October have been cancelled.

Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16

SUNDAY SCHOOL



supporting Down Syndrome Awareness

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. The Sunday school will be taking a special offering on October 9 to raise money for the Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center and to support Abigail Troxell's team, Abigail's Adventure (they will be participating in a Buddy Walk on the 8th). Checks should be payable to Zion's Sunday School (SS will issue one check to EPDSC for total amount raised.) There will be offering baskets in the church and Sunday school. Thank you!!

**The next Sunday School Meeting is scheduled for Sunday,
October 16@11:15am in the auditorium.**





September 11, 2022

Youth Group Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Brady Brothers, Madison Schock, Tyler Buchman, Madelyn Miller

Advisors Present:

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

Karen did the secretary's report.

Charlotte did the treasurer's report.

Old Business

- The Youth Group went on a trip to Bear Rock Junction and then a swim party at Renee Gerber's pool on July 9th. We met at the church at 11:30 a.m. Parents picked up at Renee's house.
- The Old Fashioned Church Social was held on July 24th from 11-7. We had youth group members help with setting up on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday morning.
- There will be no spring shut-in visitations.

New Business

- St. Peter's Youth Group offered to take our Youth Group to Bear Rock Junction on September 18th. We are not going but we thank them for their great offer.
- October 2nd, 2022 - The Church Bingo is happening. Doors open at 12 and Bingo starts at 1. We will need helpers for this event. Youth Group Members can come down to help out at 11:15 after Sunday School.
- The Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat will be held at the West Penn Park on October 15th. We will need help with this event as well. More details will be available at the next youth group meeting.
- The Pork and Sauerkraut will be held on November 19th. We will start in the morning and finish in the afternoon to evening. More details will be available at a later date.
- Horses and Horizons Therapeutic Learning Center is having a Virtual Walk and are asking for donations. We will be donating \$150 to the cause.
- Elections were held this meeting. Brady Brothers is President and Co-Newsletter Coordinator. Madison Schock is Vice President. Kyrsten Derr is Secretary and Co-Newsletter Coordinator. Charlotte Fritz is the Treasurer. The Advisors are Historians.
- The Next Youth Group Meeting will be on October 9th at 7 p.m.
 - Tyler will bring a Show and Tell for this meeting.

“Encourage not Discourage.”

Respectfully Submitted By: Brady Brothers, Youth Group Co-Newsletter Coordinator



Zion's Stone Church
of West Penn Township
45 Cemetery Rd,
New Ringgold, PA 17960
Church Office: 570-386-5111 (Use Prompt 4)

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is hosting a
Coach, Thirty-One, Vera Bradley, Cash
Bingo w/Mystery Gift Card
on

Sunday, October 2, 2022

12:00pm – Doors & Kitchen Open
1:00pm – Bingo Starts



Tickets went on sale starting September 11th.

See Charlotte Fritz, call the Church office, or you can private message Charlotte on Facebook if you want tickets in advance.

Money must be received by September 25th to hold your ticket!

You can mail your checks to Zion's Stone Church (at the above address) by September 25th. ***Please make checks payable to Zion's Stone Church.***

Cost per ticket is \$20.00 (in advance)
or \$25.00 at the door.



HELP SUPPORT

Out Reach

(Non-Profit Organization)



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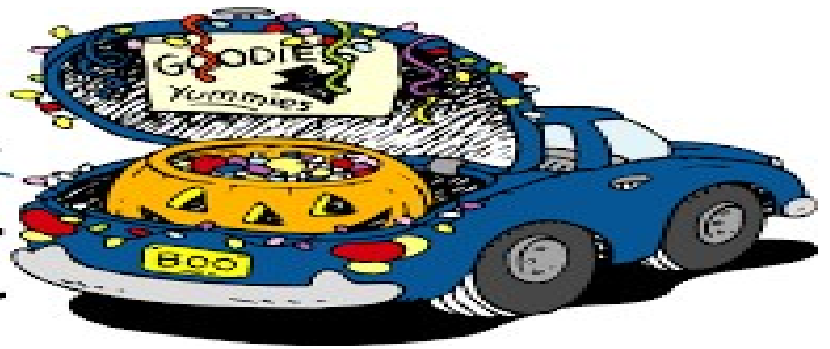
Nancy McIsaac

570-205-9267

For more details visit [boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](https://www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends)

*Exclusions Apply

Trunk or Treat



AND FALL FESTIVAL **SATURDAY, OCT. 15 2:00PM-4:00PM** **@WEST PENN PARK**

Sign-up forms will be available from the outreach committee for everyone who is going to decorate their trunks. All vehicles must register and be ready by 1:30pm. Be prepared to stay until end of event..
(Please make sure all treats being handed out are wrapped.)



Saturday, October 29, 2022 @2:00pm.
Please park across the street in grassy
area. Pastor will come to each vehicle
to give your pet(s) a blessing.





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

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

Rev. Christian Creyer christianc@pnec.org

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

SEND ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED TO patty@pnec.org

Bonnie's Letter

Philippians 4:4-7 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Dear Friends,

I have many favorites in scripture. This passage from Philippians is one I turn to when I am afraid, anxious, or upset. When I am at my wit's end, I try to remember these words from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. I try not to worry. I try to put everything in the hands of God. I pray and try to let go and let God.

That is not easy for a recovering control freak like me. I like to claim order in my life – at least order as I see and feel it. It is tough for me to let go. It is easy to offer thanks and gratitude. I love to list the things I have to be grateful for as I pray each day. My prayers of gratitude have become a wonderful way to end my evening prayer time. My mind rests more easily when my heart rests in gratitude. Does that work for you?

There are days when each conversation seems difficult, each situation seems without solution, each statement I make is met with disagreement and argument. Yet, I am grateful when people share their ideas and opinions, even if they are the direct opposite of my own. There's trust in the sharing, in the naming of different opinions and in the real striving to understand one another. I may not like the varied opinions or criticism, but I love that people are strong enough to share their ideas with me. On the other hand, I disregard anonymous complaints or the idea that individuals speak about "we" or "some people" rather than just for themselves. We live in a time when people have forgotten how to have a dialogue, a give and take of opinion, information, and belief. We seem to like "diatribes" which includes just repeating the same message louder and louder without any attempt to listen. If I seem to have wandered far afield of my opening paragraph, I have. One of the things I cannot control and need to put in the hands of God is my tendency to worry about criticism and disagreements. Criticism is hard to accept with grace and harder to offer thanks for. Yet, when I can accept different ideas, listen with an open heart, and offer thanks to God for the myriad voices in my midst, then I have truly opened my heart to those who love, believe, feel, and engage the world differently. There is grace in that acceptance and that is truly what our UCC covenantal relationships are about – respectfully listening and striving to understand one another. For that I can truly give thanks. Blessings, Bonnie

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

What's happening in NEPA Synod?

Bishop Conference 2022...

Synod Assembly 2023...

Going Beyond...

Stronger Together...

Growing Young...

Learning Ministries Day 23...

http://



Visit Godslove.org
for up-to-date
happenings
around the synod



*Synod
Assembly*

**GO BEYOND
WITH US
IN-PERSON!!**

**KALAHARI
POCONOS**

**JUNE
1-3
2023**

GOING BEYOND

2023

**WORSHIP
Play**

**CONNECT
Lead**



*The Northeastern Pennsylvania
Synod Presents:*



**BISHOP'S
CONFERENCE**

2022

Featuring



November 14 & 15

Americus Hotel
555 Hamilton St
Allentown, PA



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Hunter Ruch	3	4 Rusty Hauck Jr.	5 Jeffrey Gerber Zoie Steigerwalt	6 Susan Helfrich Colton Johannides	7 DelAnn Miller Paige Onder	8 Theresa Bernheisel
9 Tawny Kurtz	10	11 Sam Schaefer	12 Kyrsten Derr Elizabeth Stevens	13 Michele Beers Eileen Coombe Edith Lushia	14	15
16	17	18 Robert Frankhouser- Hamm Ashley Niedospial Suzanne Pratt	19 David Knoebel	20	21	22 Dwane Miller
23	24 Eric Hauck	25	26	27	28 Haley Hamm Colby Kistler Gerald Steigerwalt	29 Eden Helfrich
30 Susanne Hegedus Kevin Osenbach	31 Sarah Martinez Carol Tierney					

October Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ Worship Cancelled
² 9:00am Worship 10:15am SS 12:00pm Doors open 1:00pm Bingo	³	⁴	⁵ 6:00pm Outreach Committee Mtg	⁶ 10:00am/6:45pm Bible Study 6:15pm Bells 6:45pm Sr Choir	⁷	⁸ 4:30pm Hegedus/Hull Wedding Rehearsal
⁹ 9:00am Worship w/Zelinski Baptism 10:15am SS 1:30 Hegedus Hull Wedding 7:00pm Yth Grp	¹⁰	¹¹	¹² 7:00pm Board Meeting	¹³ 10:00am/6:45pm Bible Study 6:15pm Bells 6:45pm Sr Choir	¹⁴ 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal Brubaker/ Hoppes	¹⁵ 1:30 pm Wedding Hoppes/ Brubaker 2:00-4:00pm Trunk/Treat at WP Park
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