

# *ZION'S HEAVENLY*

**Look for:**

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



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

## *HAPPENINGS*



## *DECEMBER*

## *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](http://www.zionstonechurch.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***

***For All Ages***

***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)***

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:**

Nancy Meiser - 570-205-9267

**Sexton(s):**

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

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642

# **WORSHIP DECEMBER 2022**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent**

**w/ Holy Communion – Altar**

**9:00am - Worship Service**

**Sermon Title:** “Needing Advent This Year”

Isaiah 11:1-10      Romans 15:4-13      Matthew 3:1-12

**Drive Thru Communion offered at 10:15am**

**Form a line in parking lot. Board members will direct you.**

**Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent**

**White Gift Card Sunday for Bethany**

**9:00am – Worship Service**

**w/Young People’s Time**

**Sermon Title:** “When the Plan Comes Together”

Isaiah 35:1-10      James 5:7-10      Matthew 11:2-11

**Sunday, December 18, 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Advent**

**9:00am – Worship Service**

**Sermon Title:** “In Dreams”

Isaiah 7:10-16      Romans 1:1-7      Matthew 1:18-25

**Saturday, December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm and 7:00pm – Worship Service**

**w/Altar Communion Both Services**

**Sermon Title:** “In Those Days, In These Days”

Isaiah 9:2-7      Titus 2:11-14      Luke 2:1-20

**Sunday, December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day**

**9:00am – Worship Service**

**Sermon Title:** “From a Distance”

Isaiah 52:7-10      Hebrews 1:1-12      John 1:1-14

# BOARD MEETING



**October 12, 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
X Scot Dietrich	X Dan Metzger	Rick Zelinski	

(X) = Board Members present

**Member(s) of the congregation** – Brenda Osenbach, Stacey Cheese, Ginny from Tamaqua Adult Day Care, Karissa Brothers, WP Lions and Debbie from McKeanburg food pantry.

**Pastor Russ Campbell** - Opened meeting with prayer

**Pastor's Report** – Presented

**Secretary Report** – “As is” Accepted Paul Miller/2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Clemson. Motion Carried

**Treasurer's Report** – Accepted by Blair Miller / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Miller. Motion Carried

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Property** – Books etc. in SS room. Offer to congregation for two weeks. Dump trailer on 11/6 to empty room for Sunday School use. A new sign has been donated and installed on road to church by Van Peters. Will be changed regularly. Will send a thank you letter from church.

**Finance** – Report presented by Gary Clemson . Discuss budget workshop to be held on October 26, 2022 @6:00pm.

**Sunday School** – Nothing to report.

**Youth Group** –.Nothing to report.

**Outreach/Evangelism** – 10/15/2022 Fall Festival @WP Park with Trunk or Treat. Discussed events at festival. Pot luck dinner at Tamaqua Day Care. Eileen Meiser “Hat Show” & cookies from outreach. Mon/Tues. Dec. 12/13, bake cookies. Deliver to Coaldale 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Hometown Nursing Home, Mahoning Valley. Nov. 13, giving tree will go up in Narthex. Must have back by 12/4. Doris Kressley will help with candy and cookie baking. Dec. 11 Bethany White Gift. Gift cards only.

**Fund Raising** – Nov. 19 Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner.

**Personnel** – Will be scheduling a meeting for pre-budget/contract review. Sexton will be on vacation Nov. 20 thru 26. Karen Wood will fill in.

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

**Other Business** –TBA.

**Nancy closed with prayer.**

**Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 9 November 2022 @ 7 pm**

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Blair Miller / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Clemson  
Respectfully Submitted by Dan Metzger.

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 Tuesday. **Leave a message** with your telephone number and the exact wording you would like to see printed on the slides. You can also email the office. 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 newsletter 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](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.)

## 2022 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

October 2, 2022- 89

# October 9, 2022- 108

**October 16, 2022- 83**

**October 23, 2022- 78**

**October 30, 2022- 98**

# November 5, 2022- 12

# November 6, 2022- 127

# November 13, 2022- 118

# November 19, 2022-

## November 20, 2022-

## November 27, 2022-



# FINANCIAL REPORT



# 2022 October

## 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)

\$ 16,654.20

(\$2,216.08)

## Weekly Budgeted Income & Benevolence

(\$ 4,354.68 – per week)

(\$ 18,870.28 – per month)

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



## No December Sponsor



**The Church Office will be closed:  
December 24 thru December 31, 2022  
January 1 thru January 3, 2023**

Charlotte is expecting to return to the Church Office beginning:

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 9:00am – 3:00pm

Thursday, January 5, 2023 9:00am – 3:00pm

Monday, January 9, 2023 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Hours will be subject to change. Please call ahead.

The Secretary's hours will be announced at a later date.



Thank you to everyone who helped to pack a box or who donated towards the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. 88 boxes were packed and sent to children in the world. 88 children will have a brighter holiday and a brighter future hearing the gospel and learning about our savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you for making a difference! God Bless!

## Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner Report from the Fundraising Committee

Thank you to everyone from our church and the community for the support of our pork and sauerkraut dinner on November 19. It's been 2 years since our last dinner, and the turnout was fantastic. We served 264 people and ended up with a profit of over \$1,800. The help from all our volunteers was wonderful, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

Special thanks to the following for their donations to help defray the cost of the dinner:

- Miller Charm Farm, Randy and Cathie Miller
- Blondie's Family Restaurant
- Adam & Sue Zeigler
- Todd & Stacey Cheese
- Dan & Kristine Troxell
- Wayne & Del Ann Miller
- Donald & Eva Mae Miller
- Dwane & Jessica Miller



Our goal is to hold these dinners not only to raise funds for special projects in the church, **but more importantly**, to build fellowship with each other.

Looking over the crowd that night, I think we accomplished both!

We hope you enjoyed the evening!

### Memorial Tree Tribute

**Who:** Anyone!! No affiliation with our funeral home is needed to participate.

**What:** Remember and honor your loved ones by bringing an ornament to be added to our outdoor tree; pick up a luminary bag to decorate or we can make one for you.

**When:** Thursday December 8, 2022 5:30 PM

**Where:** E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home  
655 East Broad Street  
Tamaqua, Pennsylvania 18252

**Why:** Many who have lost a loved one experience mixed emotions at the holidays. Remember and honor your loved ones at this family- based seasonal event. Ornaments and luminaries will be accepted at the funeral home through December 2, 2021. We will place the luminaries and adorn the tree to be enjoyed by all on December 8, 2022 5:30 PM. Please drive by or view the photos we will place on our website under events. We will also include a list of families participating. Please call **570-668-2550** to register - Monday through Friday 9:00-4:00 - there is no cost to participate.



## **Outreach Committee Giving Tree**

Return gifts by Sunday, Dec. 4

We are reaching out to  
Mahoning Valley Nursing Home,  
St. Luke's Coaldale 5<sup>th</sup> floor,  
Adult Day Care Tamaqua,  
Hometown Nursing Home  
and Seton Manor.

Members of the Outreach Committee along with Doris Kressley will be baking cookies and packing bags for the nursing home residents on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Packages are going to be delivered the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed! Please see Nancy Meiser or a member of the Outreach Committee for scheduling times. Thank you for volunteering to help with this outreach program.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS**

### **For the Homebound**

With the Christmas season approaching, please remember the homebound members of the church. We will be distributing holiday gift bags to these individuals during the holiday season. It brings great joy and happiness to be remembered at this time of the year.

Donations of non-perishable items are greatly appreciated. There will be drop-off locations in the narthex of the church and in the auditorium.

Please bring in your donations by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Suggested items are: Small stuffed animals, gift blankets, mittens, socks, cards, liquid body soap, small containers lotions, puzzle books, coloring books, paper pads, stamps, envelopes, cheese crackers, pb crackers, jello packs, pudding packs, fruit cups, applesauce cups, pretzel packs, cookie packs, raisin packs, chip packs, fig bars, goldfish, oatmeal cream pies, gummy fruit snacks, bite size candy bars, assorted candy, life savers.

Individually wrapped items please. We will shop for you if you can't.  
Due back by December 4. See members of outreach committee with questions.

# **THURSDAY MORNINGS**



# **THURSDAY NIGHTS**

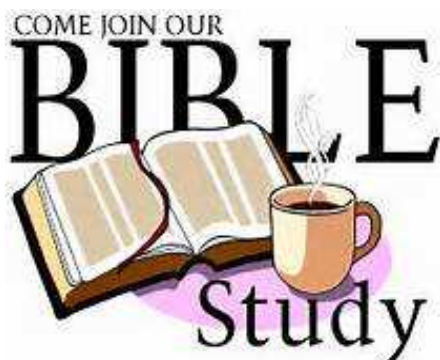
w/The Rev. Russell Campbell

Bible Study has been cancelled  
for the month of December.

Will resume again

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023

Study Book of Habakkuk



*Morning Bible Study starting at 10:00am Jan.5, 2023*

*Evening Bible Study will start at 6:45pm Jan. 5, 2023*

*(will notify to cancel if inclement weather)*



## **SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...**

**Worship Service for December**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm w/Holy Communion**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

Dec. 3 is the only communion Sat. in the social hall for remainder of 2022.  
If you haven't taken communion yet perhaps this would be for you.

**Drive thru communion being held on Sunday, December 4.**  
**Please form a line, board members will direct traffic.**



Thank you to our Director of Music  
Erin Zelinski  
for sharing her musical talents  
with us during worship!

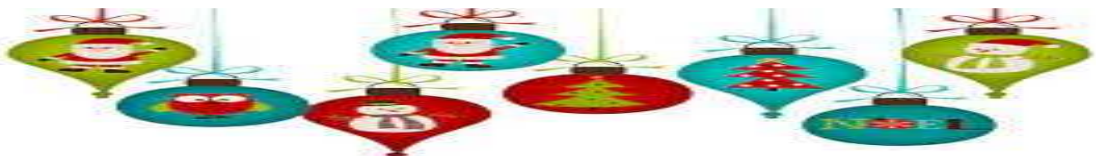


**6:15 pm Thursdays**



**6:45pm Thursdays**

**Choir Practice is cancelled for December 29<sup>th</sup>.**



***Special Thanks to L.C.Dean for her many years as  
Card Care Coordinator. Due to all of her responsibilities  
L.C. has decided to step down from this position,  
Nancy Meiser will now take over.***



*It's Almost Time For...*

***The GREAT Come Back Christmas Party***

***Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>***

***....Doors Open at 4:00pm....***

**4:30pm Pot Luck Dinner**

*Hamburger BBQ, Hot Dogs, and Drinks  
will be provided by the Sunday school*

***Please bring a covered dish or dessert!***

**5:30pm Kids decorate trees in upstairs rooms**

**6:15pm Movie “*The Star*” inspired by the nativity story**

**Sunday School Kids will sing after the movie**

*Signup Sheets are in the Narthex and Social Hall if coming to dinner!  
or call or text Eileen Coombe @ 570-386-4180*



# Youth Group news....

November 13, 2022 - Youth Group Meeting Notes

**Members Present:** Madison Schock, Tyler Buchman,  
Madelyn Miller, Kyrsten Derr, Lizzy Davenport

**Advisors Present:** Charlotte Fritz & Darryl Fritz, Karen Wood,  
David & Adele Snyder & Kyle Snyder

Kyrsten & Karen did the secretary's report.  
Charlotte did the treasurer's report.

## **Old Business:**

- The Pork & Sauerkraut dinner will be on November 19th from 3-7 p.m. We will need help to work it. Please come at 1pm if you are going to help – Note time change from 11am to 1pm.
- Christmas Party/Caroling will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-7:00 or 8:00pm.
  - A Gift will be provided to the Youth Group members. If you plan on bringing a friend then you are responsible for providing a gift up to \$25.00. We will have pizza and drinks.
  - Wear your favorite Christmas clothing/coats. **Please wear a jacket**, Not a sweatshirt (unless you have multiple layers on underneath it), but a jacket for Caroling...it gets very cold and we will be outside a lot.
  - Eat a good lunch, pizza party will be after Caroling.
- Movie Sleepover will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 7:00pm to Saturday, January 7, 2023 ending at 2:00pm.
  - A) We will have popcorn and drinks. Please bring a favorite snack to share.
  - B) Breakfast on Saturday will be cereal (if you want cereal please bring your favorite cereal) & Charlotte will get breakfast items/pastries/cookies from Sweet Lily.
  - C) Bring Sleeping bag, air mattress (if you have one) pillow, blankets, toiletry items including deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, comb/brush, etc.)
  - D) Wear warm PJs, it will get cold during the night.

## **New Business:**

- Poinsettias will be delivered on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please arrive around 7:00pm to help place the Poinsettias around the church. The more help we have, the faster it will go.
- The Next Youth Group Meeting will be on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during the Christmas Caroling/Party – No Show & Tell for December.
- Show & Tell for the Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be Lizzy Dav



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



# YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTER 2022

## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

*In HONOR of:*

1)

2)

3)

**Name of Sponsor(s):**

*In MEMORY of:*

1)

2)

3)

**Name of Sponsor(s):**

**Deadline to order Poinsettias is Sunday, December 4, 2022.**

**Cost per Plant is \$9.00.** Money must accompany the order.

Make checks payable to: **Youth Together, Youth Forever**

Indicate Color & Number of Plants (Doesn't guarantee Color)

**Total # of** Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_ (Pink & White Combined)

Please place order forms in the offering plate or give to Charlotte Fritz.

**For Mail in orders...**

In order for us to receive your order on time, please mail in your order **no later** than **Nov. 25, 2022.**

Please mail them to Zion's Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960

Total # of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark the envelop as: Youth Group Poinsettia Order**

**Thank You for your orders!**

# White Gift Sunday, December 11, 2022

*This year we will once again be accepting gift cards to donate to Bethany Children's Home. Deadline to receive gift cards is Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. You can place Your gift cards in the Christmas Gift bag located in the Narthex starting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*



## Bethany Children's Home

**TJ Maxx  
Ross  
Ulta Beauty  
Amazon  
Barnes/Noble  
Dicks Sporting  
Lowes  
Home Depot**

**Michael's  
Wal-Mart  
Target  
McDonald's  
Kohl's  
Boyer's  
Redner's Market  
Turkey Hill**

**Sheetz  
WaWa  
Domino's Pizza  
Foot Locker**





**Why We Do It** We understand we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but our service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We hope you will join us at any of our more than 3,400 participating locations to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget. We will never forget

**Who We Remember** From the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts, our veterans are devoted sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers. They come from all backgrounds in life to place those lives on the line for our freedoms. There are millions of individual stories to tell. Get to know them by viewing the [4,760](#) recent posts made by our supporters or sponsor a wreath in honor of or in memory of an American hero.

**December 17, 2022 12:00 noon @ Sky-View Hometown**

The Kistler school buses are scheduled to shuttle people from the Hometown Farmers Market to Sky-View and then back to the market parking lot between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm on December 17, 2022 for Wreaths Across America. **The service begins at 12 noon.**

The wreaths are laid after the service. Free hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. Bathrooms are available.



# **We have a winner!!!**

***Congratulations to Marianne Storch!***



**For winning the most amount in your witches cauldron! \$11.05 was collected in her cauldron from the Fall Festival & Trunk Trick or Treat Ugly Witch contest. There were 6 contestants that were competing against each other. Everyone dressed in their best witches costumes during the Festival. They had a fun time serving food, making candy apples, running the guessing game and running the 50/50 chance in their outfits.**

***Thank you to everyone who put donations in the cauldrons!***



**Runner up(s) were:**

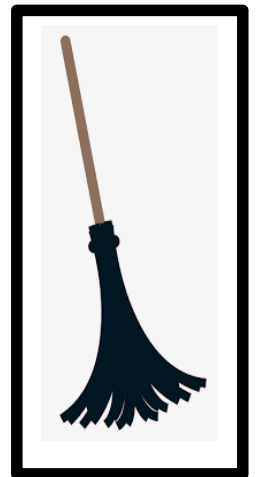
**Karen Wood - \$10.60**

**Jessica Miller - \$8.00**

**Erin Zeigler - \$8.00**

**Stacey Cheese - \$7.50**

**Charlotte Fritz - \$6.00**

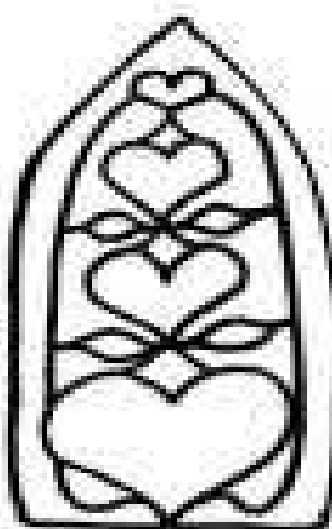


**Congratulations also to David Snyder for winning the 50/50 Chance.**

# ZION'S COLORING CORNER



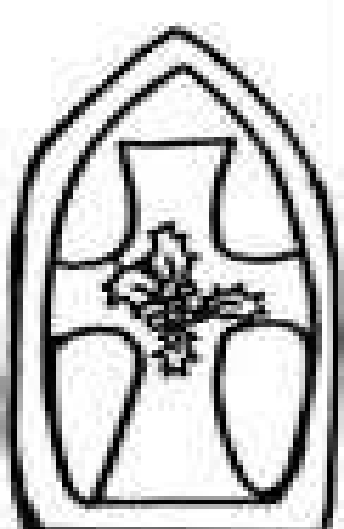
**Hope**



**Peace**



**Joy**



**Love**

# 2022 IS COMING TO AN **END**...



*Annual  
Giving  
Statements*

The New 2023 Offering Envelopes will be available on Sunday, Dec. 4 for pickup. Please pick up your offering envelopes, any family member, or shut-in/neighbor that can't get to the church. If you would

like your offering envelopes mailed to you, please send the office a note with \$5.00 (to cover the cost of mailing them) and we will mail your offering envelopes to you. If you can't pick up the offering envelopes on a Saturday Night (during the Sat. night worship services) or Sunday Morning, you can pickup your offering envelopes during office hours.

**PLEASE THROW AWAY ANY UNUSED 2022 ENVELOPES  
(after December 31, 2022!)**

**OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBERS CHANGE YEAR TO YEAR!**

**ONLY USE 2023 envelopes in 2023! Thank You!**

**2023**

# 2022 YEAR END STATEMENTS

will be available after Jan. 15, 2023. Any offerings received after Jan. 1, 2023 will be credited to 2023 statements. If you are planning on sending an offering and you want it to be credited to 2022, please mail them in enough time to be  
***received by Dec. 31, 2022.***

***THANK YOU!!***



The **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** opened November 1, 2022. LIHEAP helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. Households in immediate danger of being without heat can also qualify for crisis grants. The cash grant is a one-time payment sent directly to the utility company/fuel provider to be credited on your bill. These grants range from \$500 to \$1,500 based on household size, income, and fuel type. Remember: This is a grant and does not have to be repaid and you can apply online at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>

# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

## What's happening with Growing Young?

*Growing Young is an initiative lived out in the NEPSynod, congregations, and individuals' ministry. Growing Young was our synod assembly theme in 2021, but it is not a once-and-done theme. Growing Young is something we strive to accomplish together, continually.*

Congregations throughout our synod have been diving deep into the journey of Growing Young. Some are just beginning and exploring the concept whereas others are already incorporating it within their congregation and even helping beginners to gain the whole Growing Young experience. In case you are new to Growing Young, Growing Young is a movement in the NEPA Synod and throughout the greater ELCA and is based on a book of the same name. The book studied churches of all sizes, denominations, and locations throughout the country that are maintaining and engaging youth and young adults in their congregations. What does Growing Young really look like though?

Growing Young will look different for every congregation and the journey to get there will not be the same. Devoting time and commitment to the 6 core characteristics is the only way for your congregation to work towards a Growing Young outcome. These commitments orbit around a Jesus-centered community and help us truly become the church. Now is the time to pass down leadership and pastoral roles to those eager to assist and prioritize youth & young families everywhere. Now is the time to focus on warm relationships and empathize with today's youth. Now is the time to be the best neighbor and share Jesus' message seriously.

Is your congregation ready to Grow Young? Resources are available to help guide your community to the Growing Young mindset. For more information, visit [godslove.org/growingyoung](https://godslove.org/growingyoung) or by reaching out to the Growing Young coordinator, Stacey Burke at [stacey@nepsynod.org](mailto:stacey@nepsynod.org) or at 610-266-5101 ext. 10.

## Let's Grow Young together!

# Happy Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Theodore Zeigler	2 Darren Kistler	3 Karissa Brothers  James Coombe
4 Darryl Fritz  Connie Gruver	5 Robert Kressley	6	7	8 Helen Goetter	9 Karen Conover Michael Hegedus Wm. Schock Cameron Hunsicker	10
11 Penny Patrick	12 Kenneth Ruch	13 Robert Beers Jill Cravotta Larry Hamm Dwain Hoppes	14	15 Nicholas Clemson	16 Mackenzie Hill Alexandra Meiser Case Pilla	17 Gayle Mateyak Larrine Miller Calvin Shellhamer Jr.
18 Dylan Ristila	19	20 Joanne Tuckett	21 Scot Dietrich	22 Linda M. Beibleheimer Kyle Ruch	23	24 Stephanie Reed
25	26 Russell Hauck Sr.	27 Michael Miller Justin Muffley	28 Daniel Everett Pauline Steigerwalt Erin Zeigler	29 Betty Bitterman	30 David Clemson David Kershner	31 Gail Loughman

## December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir  No Bible Study	2	3 5:00pm Worship Service w/HC
4 9:00am w/HC 10:15am Drive Thru HC 10:15am SS 11:15am Conf. Class 4:00pm SS Xmas Party	5	6	7	8 6:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir  No Bible Study	9	10 
11 9:00am Worship Cong. Meeting 10:15am SS 11:15am Conf. Class 1-7 Yth Grp	12 Cookie Bake	13 Cookie Bake	14 7:00pm Board Mtg  Deliveries	15 6:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir  No Bible Study	16	17 5:00pm Worship Service
18 9:00am Worship w/Baptism 10:15am SS 11:15am Conf. Class	19	20	21	22 6:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir  No Bible Study	23	24 Candlelight Worship Service w/HC 4pm & 7pm
25 9:00am Worship  No Sunday School  No Conf. Class	26	27	28	29 No Bible Study  No Choir Practice	30	31 