ZION'S HEAVENLY

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HAPPENINGS



NEWSLETTER

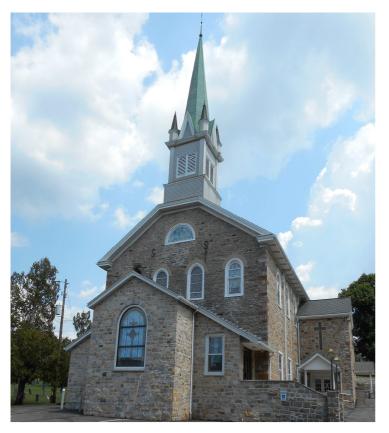


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233 Years of worshipping the Lord with each other....

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
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 - 1st & 3rd Saturday Night Worship Services
(1st 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
Pastor's Church Email: zionstch@ptd.net

Church Administrator/Treasurer:

Charlotte Fritz Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 noon to 3:00pm Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Charlotte's Office Email: zscofc@ptd.net

(Please use this email for information for Charlotte.)



Church Secretary:

Secretary information will be announced at a later date!
Information not available from board at time of newsletter printing.
Charlotte's information remains the same.

Church Office Phone Number:

570-386-5111 – When calling use: prompt #2 for Pastor

for Secretary 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:

Nancy Meiser - 570-205-9267

Sexton(s):

Fred (& Donna) Gimbi - Home # 570-386-2888 Fred's Cell #570-573-7642

The Church Office will be closed from May 5th thru May 13th. And also May 22nd thru 25th. Charlotte is on vacation!

WORSHIP MAY 2023

Sunday, May 7, 2023 – 5th Easter w/ Holy Communion – Altar 9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: "Easter Everyday"

Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14, 2023 – 6th Easter

9:00am – Worship Service w/Young People's Time

Sermon Title: "Left Behind"

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 7th Easter

9:00am - Worship Service

w/Baptism of Jaxon Freed

Sermon Title: "United or Untied?"

Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-10 John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28, 2023 - Day of Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service w/Holy Communion Confirmation of Tyler Buchman and Madelyn Miller

Memorial Day Service in Cemetery at 11:30am

Sermon Title: "You've Got Spirit"

Numbers 11:24-30 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 7:37-39



Please welcome William Welker who became a member of Zion's Stone Church on Sunday, April 30 via Adult Confirmation.



MARCH 7, 2023

X Pastor Russel Campbell

X Nancy Meiser

X Rosalee Rehrig X Sam Schaefer (phone)

X Charlotte Fritz

X Blair Miller X Gary Clemson

X Amanda Sassaman

X Scot Dietrich

Dan Metzger

X Rick Zelinski

(X) = Board Members present

anhach Charlotta Eritz

Congregation present: Brenda Osenbach Charlotte Fritz Call to Order. Opening Prayer: Pastor Russel Campbell

Pastor's Report: Presented and Reviewed

Secretary's Report: Presented and Reviewed . Motion to accept: Scot . 2nd Sam Treasurer's Report: Presented and Reviewed . Motion to accept: Scot. 2nd Rick

Committee Reports: (Board Representative in parentheses)

Worship and Music(Rick Zelinski)- The organ was tuned. There will be a Music Sunday on 3/26/ Property(Scot Dietrich)- The urinal in the social hall has been fixed as well as the light switches. Gary tested the emergency lights. Amanda will look into quotes for resurfacing theparking lot. They will shut the ice machine off in the sextons house.

Finance(Gary Clemson)-Nothing new.

CE/Sunday School(Rick Zelinski)-There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. No donations are required.

Youth Group(Dan Metzger)- The 30 hour famine will be held 4/21 through 4/22 with Youth Sunday being held on 4/23. There is a meeting 3/12.Outreach/Evangelism/Fundraising (Amanda and Nancy)-

There will be a bus trip for those interested to NYC on May 13th for 911 memorial, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Cost is \$124 a person and interested people should see Dan Metzger. Outreach will be selling Gertrude Hawk candy bars for \$2 each. Interested people can see Rosalee Rehrig if they would like to purchase a box to sell for \$96. They will be selling Meatballs \$15 for 25. They will be made on 4/29. We will be holding a Talent Fun night on September 30th. Erin is in charge of the acts and has a Male Beauty Pagent. We will be holding a Chili Cook Off on 10/28. There will be a trunk or treat on 10/14. The Fundraising committee is planning a Easter Filling Sale. Charge will be \$8 a quart and canbe picked up on 4/8. The Social will be held at the park on July 30th from 11-7. The Fall Bingo will be 10/08. The pork and Sauerkraut Dinner will be 11/18. They will be planning a Holiday Craft Fair. Personnel(Amanda Sassaman)-They continue to look for a new Secretary.

Safety/Security(Blair Miller)-Pads and battery for the AED have been ordered through Dr.Rehrig's office. Sam, Blair, and Nancy will be attending a shooter safety course entitled "Protect his house" Other Comittees/Misc-nothing presented

New Business:

- -New Fee Schedule was reviewed and approved. Motion to accept: Scot, 2nd: Sam
- -Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday and the kids will be doing the processional.
- -There will be no saturday services in April.
- -Easter flower orders are due 3/12 and will need to be put in the Sanctuary on Sat 4/8.

Old Business: -nothing to report

Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7pm

Congregational Meeting will be held 3/19

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Scot Dietrich and seconded by Rick.

Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Rosalee Rehrig

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 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 Rosebud VASE: \$10.00

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.

Acolytes are needed for every Sunday... please sign up on the calendar in the Narthex. Please arrive by 8:50am to prepare.

CHURCH AND AUDITORIUM FUNCTIONS NOW BEING SCHEDULED

DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE &/OR CELL PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the office either through email (<u>zscofc@ptd.net</u>) or phone (570-386-5111) prompt #4 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.)

2023 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

March 1, 2023 -19 March 4, 2023 -13 March 5, 2023 -118 March 8, 2023 -17 March 12, 2023 -111 March 15, 2023 -101 March 19, 2023 -93 March 22, 2023 -13 March 26, 2023 -99 March 29, 2023 -18

April 2, 2023 - 136

April 6, 2023 -

April 7, 2023 -

April 9, 6:30am- 2023 -

April 9, 9:00am- 2023 -

April 16, 2023 -

April 23, 2023 -

April 30, 2023 -



FINANCIAL REPORT



2023 MARCH

Current Giving:

Total Income Budgeted for 2023------\$ 228,518.41 Total Benevolence income for 2023 ------\$ 11,500.00

Total Income plus Benevolence ----- \$ 240,518.41

Monthly

Weekly Budgeted
Gain/ (Loss)
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Income & Benevolence Gair

(\$ 4,615.74 - per week)

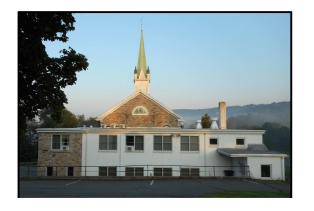
\$ 15,072.11 (\$3,390.85)

(\$18,462.96 - per month)

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



The May Newsletter is sponsored in honor of the two May Birthdays of our Friends, Joy Hauck, turning 40 and Ken Mateyak, turning 60 by Their Friends. Also sponsored by Linda and Gene Schaeffer to honor our Current Service Members and Past and Present Veterans.



SPECIAL THANK YOU...

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

Dear People of Zion's...

I want to thank you so much for all the support you have given to David and myself over the last few years as we both were undergoing such serious health circumstances. We were really appreciative of all your thoughtfulness and kindness at Christmases with your very helpful and useful gift bags.

When David passed away I was grateful that he could lie in state at Zion's-the church that brought us to the Mahoning Charge and where so many of my Lutheran ancestors are buried. A special thanks to Darryl and Charlotte Fritz for making all the arrangements. I wish you a Blessed Easter and God's blessings upon you always. Sincerely, Beverly Knoebel

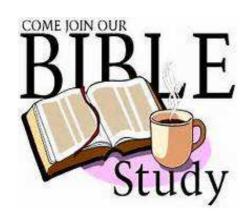


The Memorial Day Service will be held at Zion's Stone Church on Sunday, May 28 @ 11:30am in the cemetery with St. Peter's Church Please note the time change!

THURSDAY MORNINGS &

THURSDAY NIGHTS

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell



Bible Study
is being
postponed
until fall.



SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...

Saturday, May 6 @ 5:00pm w/Holy Communion

Saturday, May 20 @ 5:00pm





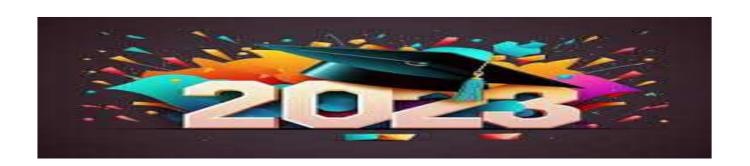




Thank you to our Director of Music Erin Zelinski for sharing her musical talents with us during worship!

6:15 pm Thurs. Practice
Bell Choir plays
the Third Sunday
of month during 9am worship

6:45pm Thurs. Practice
Senior Choir sings on
Sunday morning during
9am worship service



Are you (or someone you know) graduating this year, from High School, College or Trade School (since July of 2022). Please call the office (570-386-5111) or email your information to zscbrenda @ ptd.net. You can also put a note in collection plate. We need your name, school name you are graduating/graduated from and what your future plans are. All graduates will be honored at the Father's Day, Outdoor Church Service on June 18, 2023 @ 10:00am.

Sunday School News...



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 26-30 6:30-8:30 pm TWISTS & TURNS...

Celebrate how following Jesus changes the game... Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Kids will have fun with games while learning that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. In the end, they'll find that even when they mess up it is never "game over."

TWISTS & TURNS VBS is for kids from Age 3 to completed 5th Grade and will be held right here at Zion's. So "make your move" and join us! Just complete a registration form by May 10. You can register on-line on the church's web page - VBS (or) Pick up a form at church or Sunday school and place your completed form in one of the drop boxes located there.

(www.zionstonechurch.org)

May 28 No Sunday school classes -Memorial Day Services at Zion's

June 11 Last day of Sunday school classes for the summer

We had a beautiful day for our annual Egg Hunt and many families joined us! Thank you, Marianne for filling all those eggs with goodies. And thanks to Dave, Adele, Karen, Heather, Matt, and Jim for hiding the eggs for the hunt. Over 30 kids had fun gathering those colorful eggs!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our CF special offering at the end of April. Your donations help to fight Cystic Fibrosis!!

SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, GOD; TEACH ME TO FOLLOW YOU. PSALM 25:4



April 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Kyrsten Derr, Bradyn Brothers, Maddie Miller,

Karma Gold, & Skyler Forest

Advisors present: Karen Wood, Dorothy Knowlan, Marianne Storch,

Kyle Snyder, Dave & Adele Snyder, & Darryl and Charlotte Fritz

Show & Tell by Skyler

Secretary's Report was read.

Treasurer's Report not available at the time.

Old Business:

1) 30 Hour Famine

- Friday, April 21st 7:00pm Saturday, April 22nd 8:00pm Bring sleep bag, toiletry items, wear old clothing & shoes, must have sneakers!
- Bring donations & Consent forms & medical insurance card copy on Friday, April 21st. Parents will have to sign a medical release form on Friday night when dropping off kids.
 - Checks should be written out to YTYF (Youth Together, Youth Forever)
 - Saturday Night Dinner Tacos & Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese
 & French Fries & Ice Cream

2) Youth Sunday

- April 23rd
- Greeters be at the church by 8:15am
- Acolytes: Maddie Miller & Lizzy or Tyler (fill in)
- Lector: Bradyn Brothers
- Worship helpers: Marianne & Darryl leading worship

New Business:

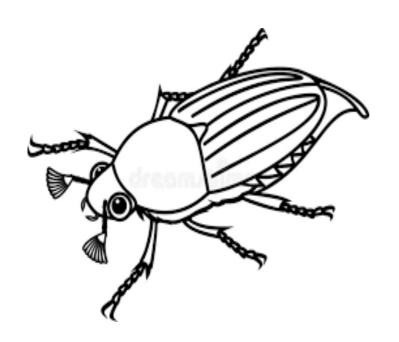
1) July 30, 2023 - Old Fashioned Church Social

Need volunteers for the OFCS – hours will count for NHS

Next Meeting: June 4, 2023 Show & Tell: Kyrsten

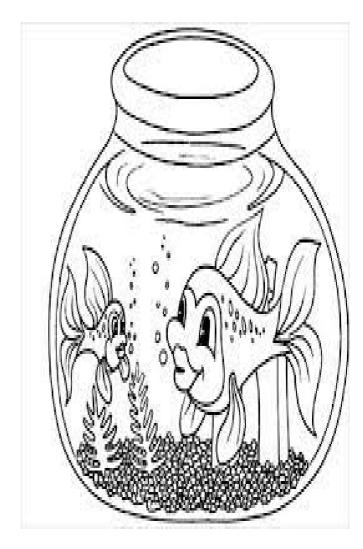
• Snacks: Karma & Drinks: Skyler

ZION'S COLORING CORNER









SPECIAL THANKS TO

Everyone who purchased <u>unbaked</u> Church filling from the Fundraising Committee! We hope you enjoyed your filling! We made over 100 quarts of filling! WOW! FANTASTIC!! Your support is greatly

appreciated by all!!





WE NEED YOUR HELP ONCE AGAIN!

We will once again be hosting a Basket Extravaganza at our OLD FASHIONED CHURCH SOCIAL.

This year, the Social will be at the West Penn Park on Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 11:00am - 7:00pm

We are in need of donations of (new) wrapped (\$25 or higher) basket items (or your (new) unwrapped items) by July 23rd by 11:00am) If you want to donate but not shop, just let Charlotte Fritz know by Sun., July 16th (by 11:15am).

Dates & Times for drop off are as follows and are Subject to Change:

Mon., July 17 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm Wed., July 19 – 9:00am – 2:00pm & 7:00pm – 9:00pm Thurs., July 20 – 9:00am – 2:00pm

Sun., July 23 - 8:00am - 11:15am

Please don't bring your items until the drop off dates & times.



SAVE THE DATE....

2023 Old Fashioned Church Social

will be held at the

West Penn Park,

655 Zion's Stone Church Rd, New Ringgold, PA 17960

on Sunday, July 30, 2023

11:00am - 7:00pm

Yes, that's right, the OFCS will be held this year at the West Penn Park!



Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend or two!



Last Year we had a 100 baskets! We hope to make that this year! All Items valued at \$25.00 or higher!

ave lots of fun GAMES. River Duck Races, Prizes too!



























ZION'S OLD FASHIONED CHURCH SOCIAL - Continued

There will be YUMMY food to purchase, such as:



Turkey BBQ, Hamburger BBQ, Hot Dogs, Church Filling, Turkey & Waffles, Homemade Halushki, Homemade Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Waffles, & Ice Cream, & Beverage:





(Menu is subject to change)

ENTERTAINMENT provided by:

(To Be Determined - 11:00am - 1:00pm)



The Good News Travelin' Band – 1:00pm – 3:00pm Featuring a blend of traditional, country, bluegrass & Southern gospel music. We have an unique, live sound & have married some of the great hymns of days gone by w/our country style musical flair. We are able to bring our love of the lord & His message to life with our music & would love to share it with your



Dgan Hahn & The Hawks — 5:00pm — 6:00pm The Hawks, a Palmerton country and gospel group. The harmony group is made up of husband-and-wife team Lisa and Duane Hawk and area dairy farmer Dean Hahn.



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crystalviewcarriage@gmail.com
Crystal View Carriage Services are available for
Weddings, Proms, Graduations, Reunions, Sleigh
Rides, Valentine's Day, & more! Check out their
website: www.crystalviewcarriage.com

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 pattyr@pnec.org

SEND ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED TO pattyr@pnec.org

Bonnie's Letter

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to engage in a Sabbatical for the past three months. My soul is renewed, and I am so grateful for the time to rest, relax, travel, and explore. I thank the staff and Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith for all their hard work during my Sabbatical. I was truly able to rest knowing the Conference work was in your capable hands.

As I returned to work this week, in the throes of the Holy Week celebrations, I was gladdened by the editorial in the Morning Call this morning which accented today as special for Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Actually, the whole of the season is special – Ramadan for our Muslim siblings, Passover for our Jewish siblings, and Lent and Easter for our Christian siblings. The connection of the faiths rooted in Abraham is important – and never more so than in these times when differences divide rather than unite us.

We rest in the scriptures together – connected through the love of God – lived out through the lives of prophets and teachers, ministers, and wise sages. We come together to celebrate God's creation and continuing testimony to and for us. As we celebrates our faith this week, may we be reminded that our Savior calls us to radical love, a love that allowed Jesus to wash the feet of his disciples, that anchored his love through the sharing of a sacred meal with his disciples – all his disciples, the one who would betray him, the one who would deny him, and all the ones who would abandon him. Rather than judge, Jesus loved. Rather than ridicule or remonstrate, Jesus offered compassion and kindness.

As Mohammed Khaku wrote in his editorial today, "Every faith stands at a historic crossroads. There would be no poverty nor any wars and oppression around the globe if we were to abide by the principle of justice, freedom, and equality." This Holy Week, this Easter, this Eastertide and beyond, may we live into the love of God, sharing the love, mercy, compassion, and generosity of God with one another – no matter our faith tradition – no matter our life experience – no matter our joy or sorrow. That is my prayer for us, one and all.

Blessings, Bonnie





Wednesday may be a slump day for some, but at the La Crosse LuMin Lutheran Campus it's all about grace through free cookie Wednesday. Want a cookie? Take a cookie! They just give out cookies to make folks' day better — no strings attached. As he's giving out the cookies, it's not unusual for Pastor Ben Morris to be asked, "Where do the cookies come from?" The answer is Lutheran grandmas up in the bluffs and hills made them with real butter and real love. Each week congregations throughout the La Crosse Area Synod drop off 500 cookies to be given away. Pastor Ben says, "It's like manna in the wilderness; there always seems to be enough," and these cookies taste better.

LuMin La Crosse is a place to gather in worship, connect to study, grab a cup of coffee, share a family-style meal, sit in prayer, make bread for the women's shelter, take walks together, and explore places afar in service to others. They advocate for others, share space with multicultural student groups, proudly display the pride flag, and mostly reconnect with humanity and each other. Oh, and give out cookies! Like all ELCA LuMin campus ministry sites across our synods, this ministry happens because congregations share food — yes, cookies — and also through Mission Support that is shared with our synods and churchwide organization to support these vital, transformative, grace-filled ministries with students. Mission Support is just one way campus ministry is funded, so learn more, and pray for local campus ministry by checking out luminelca.org/.



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7 Nikki Bailey	8 Peyton Kurtz	9 Bryce Bailey Lauren Mateyak Tatiana Shellhamer	Connor Knowlan Donald Mikruk	KR Arner Johnny Kromer	Chase Rehrig Duane Ruch Bonnie Wagstaff	Dan Clemson Scott Everett Logan Miller
Ken Mateyak	15	Anita Zehner	17 Kirsten Miller Brittany Zehner	Will Lazarchick Daniel Metzger II Dustin Miller	Jennifer Balliet Jayne McLaughlin Derek Miller Mary Karen Shoff	20
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May Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Just Hursday of Way	1	2	3	6:15pm Bell Choir 6:45 Choir National Day of Prayer	Office Closed May 5 th thru 13 th Charlotte on Vacation	Saturday Worship Cancelled
9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15am SS	8	9	7:00pm Board Meeting	6:15pm Bell Choir 6:45 Choir	12	13
9:00am Worship 10:15am SS Mother's Day	15	16	17	6:15pm Bell Choir 6:45 Choir	19	Saturday Worship Cancelled
9:00am Worship w/Freed Baptism 10:15am SS 11:15am Conf. Rehearsal	Charlotte Vacation May/22 nd to 5/25 th	23	24	25 6:15pm Bell Choir 6:45 Choir	26	27
9:0am Worship w/Holy Comm. w/Confirmation No SS 11:30am Memorial Day Service in Cemetery	Memorial Days	30	31			