

ZION'S HEAVENLY

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HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER



Photo by Gayle Mateyak

*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 is Holy 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.)

We Have A New Church Secretary!

Amy Mogish Office Hours:

Monday – 9:00am – 3:00pm

Thursday – 9:00am – 3:00pm

Amy's Office Email: ZSCSecretary@ptd.net

(Please use this email for information for Amy)

(Office is closed on Tuesday's & Friday's)



Church Office Phone Number:

570-386-5111 – When calling use:

prompt #2 for Pastor

prompt #3 for Amy

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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Sunday, September 3, 2023 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

w/ Holy Communion – Pew

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Getting Out of Our Own Way”

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Sun., September 10, 2023 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

w/Young People’s Time

Sermon Title: “Binding and Loosing”

Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Sun., September 17, 2023 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Payback”

Exodus 14:19-31 Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

**Sunday, September 24, 2023 –
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “That’s Unfair!”

Exodus 16:2-15 Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

PEW COMMUNION IS BACK!

We will be using pew communion for the following 1st Sunday of the month in 2023:

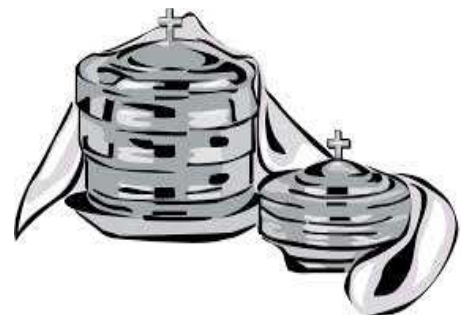
September 3rd – Pew

October 1st – Pew

November 5rd – Pew

December 3rd – Pew

Please fill out a communion card & hand it to the ushers during communion, Charlotte will no longer be recording the communion at the table by the Altar. The communion cards are back in the racks on the pews.



CPR TRAINING CLASS

Zion's will be hosting a CPR class on Sunday, September 17th, from 12 Noon – 4:00pm. There are only 25 seats available. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, September 10th. See Nancy Meiser to sign up.



Zion's Stone Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2023

Pastor Russell	X Nancy Meiser	X Sam Schaefer	X Blair Miller
X Gary Clemson	Amanda Sassaman	X Rosalee Rehrig	X Scot Dietrich
X Dan Metzger	Rick Zelinski		

(X)=Board Member Present -----

Congregation present: Charlotte Fritz Darryl Fritz

Call to Order. Pastor's Report: report reviewed and accepted. It has been suggested that we return to alternating pew/altar communion. We will start this in August and see how it goes. The offering will continue in the back in the Narthex. Secretary's Report: Presented and Reviewed. Motion to accept: Dan Metzger. 2nd Sam
Treasurer's Report: Presented and Reviewed. Motion to accept: Dan. 2nd Blair

Committee Reports: (Board Representative in parentheses)
Worship and Music(Rick Zelinski)-nothing new to report

Property(Scot Dietrich)-Darryl Fritz states the permit application has been signed for the water treatment and we now just have to wait to get the permit before the work can be done. The equipment has been ordered. The last 2 water tests were normal. We do have a few quotes for the work on the parking lot and they will be reviewed with Amanda before final decisions are made. They will be looking at the lights in the Sunday school room to complete the upgrades before September when the new school year starts. The boilers have been serviced by Jay Hollenbach. The drain was cleaned from the AC in the Auditorium due to a leak. The rest will also need to be done.

Finance(Gary Clemson)- The last payment to Countryside was made in May and we will have a credit to be used for the fall. NO new contracts will be looked into until after this is used up. We will need to have a second name added to the checking account and it will be decided who it will be in the near future.

There was a Benevolence check given to Make -A-Wish last year that was returned for \$687.50. A discussion was held regarding where the money should be given. A motion was made by Gary to send the money to the Tamaqua Adult Daycare and was seconded by Sam and Blair. All were in favor.

CE/Sunday School(Rick Zelinski)-nothing new

Youth Group(Dan Metzger)-They will be going to Knoebels on Monday July 17th and their next meeting will be in September.

Outreach/Evangelism/Fundraising(Amanda and Nancy)- They are continuing to plan for the Chili cook-off and Talent show. There will also be another Pizza Sale in September. They will be going to the Adult Daycare on Friday, August 11th for a picnic. The remainder of the scarves for the Christmas outreach will be made on August 5th. There will be a meeting on August 15th at the Sextons house for the outreach committee. Fundraising needs help for the Old Fashioned Social on July 30th. The two committees will be working on the Trunk or Treat for October.

Personnel(Amanda Sassaman)- The Board members will be continuing to count the money after church. Amy will be available at the church for 12 hours a week. It will be encouraged for those needing assistance to call ahead to make sure someone is here as she will be leaving when the work is done.

Safety/Security(Blair Miller)-There was a meeting held earlier in the week. The MEDIVAC landing site was reviewed. This will be determined by the Fire Company after we would call 911 depending on the concern. A trauma kit was purchased for the Narthex and another one is being ordered for upstairs. 3M security film was discussed to be placed on the windows of the doors in the Narthex as well as on the Auditorium windows. Possible types were reviewed and a motion to order the 12mil film for approximately \$620 was made by Dan and seconded by Gary. All were in favor. The security team will be introduced to the congregation so they know who to look to in the possibility of an event for instructions. We are looking into training for CPR/first aid.

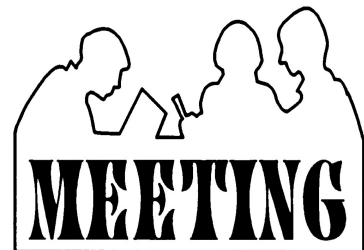
Other Committees/Misc-nothing presented

New Business: nothing new

Old Business: We will need to continue to search for a new flower shop for the altar vases. Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dan Metzger and seconded by Sam

Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Rosalee Rehrig



Christian Sympathies go to Nancy Meiser,
Eileen Meiser and Family & Friends
on the death of Nancy & Eileen's Aunt,
Frances Casey Rusden,
who entered into eternal life on July 23, 2023.



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...

Due to our current Florist Shop, Edward's Flowers, closed on May 31, 2023, we may not be able to get Altar Flowers, Rosebuds, etc. for a couple of weeks. We are currently working on obtaining another Florist to accommodate all of our floral needs. We will let you know when we find a florist that will be able to accommodate all of our floral needs.

Please be aware that the cost of the Flowers & Rosebuds will most likely change.

The cost of a newsletter sponsor is still \$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 8:45am 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 (zscofc@ptd.net) 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...

June 4, 2023 – 87	July 2, 2023 - 114	August 6, 2023 – 98
June 11, 2023 – 104	July 9, 2023 - 94	August 13, 2023 – 112
June 18, 2023 – 75	July 16, 2023 - 93	August 20, 2023 – 61
June 25, 2023 – 99	July 23, 2023 - 84	August 27, 2023 – 97
	July 30, 2023 - 94	





FINANCIAL REPORT



2023 June

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

(In order to meet our spending plan,
we need to receive these amounts,)

Monthly

Income & Benevolence

\$ 17,821.69

Gain/ (-Loss)

\$- 641.27

Weekly Budgeted

Income & Benevolence

(\$ 4,615.74 - per week)

(\$18,462.96 - per month)

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



SPECIAL THANK YOU...

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

Special thank you to everyone who donated to the basket extravaganza! Special Thank you to everyone who came out on the days prior to the Social on July 30th to help with food preparations, set up, wrap baskets, ran and got supplies, helped with games, face painting, donated supplies, helped during the day and helped with clean up after it was over. Thank you to Kyle Hoppes owner of Crystal View Carriage Services for bringing your beautiful horses and giving us carriage rides. Without everyone's help this event would not be possible. It really does take a village! So thank you all very much! Your help is truly appreciated by the members of the Fundraising Committee!!!

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and sent me cards while I was in the hospital and in rehab. Also, thank you to Pastor Russ for his visit and prayers. I am home now and recovering very well. God Bless, Dorothy Fritz



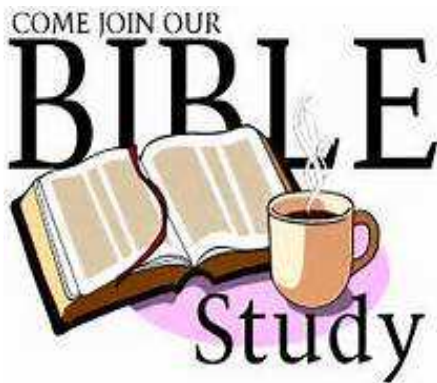
The September Newsletter
is not sponsored.

THURSDAY MORNINGS

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THURSDAY NIGHTS

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell



Thursday morning & Thursday Night bible studies will resume on Thursday, September 14th at 10:00am 6:45pm. We will be studying the book of Jonah.



SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...

Saturday Night worship services will resume on September 16th, at 5:00pm with a baptism for Elexus Starr.





Choir practices have resume!

6:15pm – Handbell Choir rehearses

6:45pm – Senior Choir rehearsals

Senior Choir sings on
Sunday morning during
9:00am worship service



New Contact information for Genealogy Requests:



GENEALOGY REQUESTS

PLEASE CONTACT

TODD CHEESE

PHONE: 570-778-3641

EMAIL: CheeseT@icloud.com

Youth Group News...

There were no meetings in July or August.

The Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 7:00pm

Anyone in grades 6th – 12th are welcome to join! Do not need to be a member of Zion's Stone Church to join. All are welcome!



Adult Baptism Congratulations go to

Elexus Starr, daughter of Coleen Stidham, who will be baptized on Saturday, September 16th. Elexus will be baptized by Rev. Russell Campbell during the Saturday night worship service.

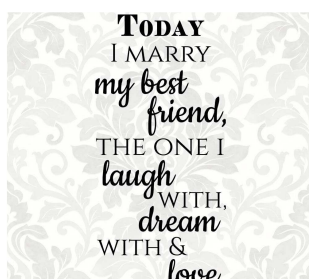
Baby Baptism Congratulations go to

Anthony Reed and Destiny Hebelka on the baptism of their daughter, **Novalee Grace Reed**, who will be baptized on September 24, 2023 during the Worship Service by Rev. Russell Campbell

Congratulations to

Tatiana Shellhamer & Dyllyn Trexler

who will be married on September 23, 2023
by Greg Kurtz at Ryan Township Grove.



Sunday School News...



We'll be back in Sunday school on Sept.10 with classes for all ages - Join us Sunday mornings at 10:15am

Here's our Main Street Team (Zion's Sunday school)...

NurZOOry

Toddlers to Kindergarten

Karen Wood

Adele Snyder

David Snyder

Fruit of the Spirit Café

Grades 1 - 5

This could be you...

Call or text Eileen 570-386-4180

S.W.A.T.

STUDENTS WITH A TESTIMONY

Grades 6 - 12

Darryl & Charlotte Fritz

Bob & Jane Miller

Ruth Raymond

SONshine Circle

Adults - young and old

James Coombe

Linnea Meiser

Kris Bellhorn

Gayle Mateyak

Treasurer

Karissa Brothers

Audio/Technical

Kyle Snyder

Director

Eileen Coombe



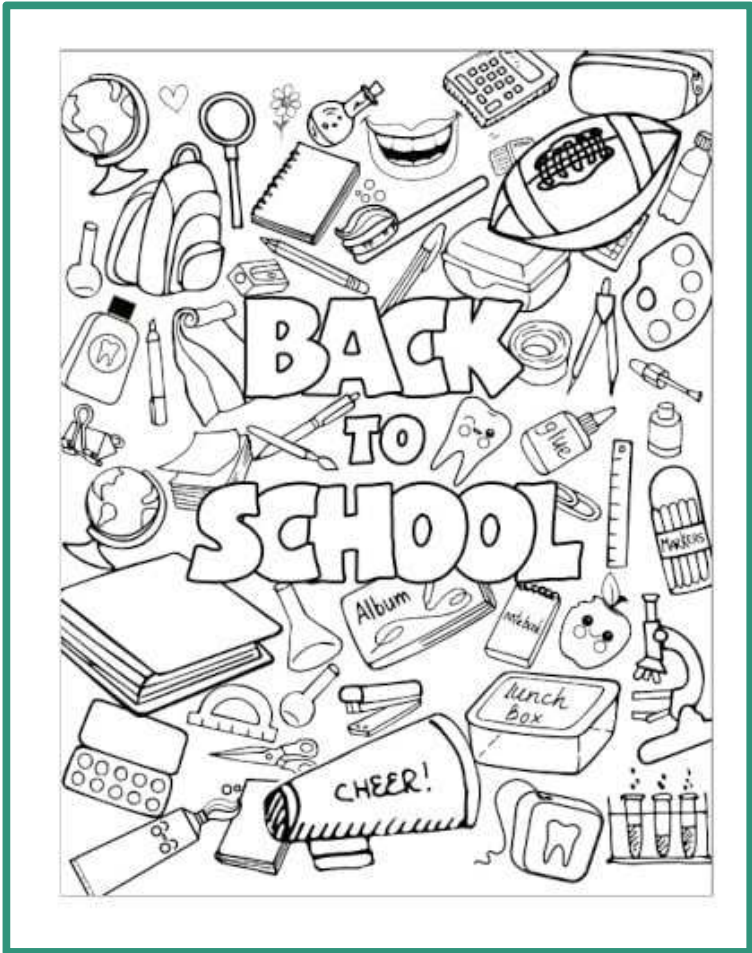
Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25



INSTALLATION - SEPTEMBER 17 DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING - SEPTEMBER 24 @ 11:15AM



OUTREACH NEWS....

Pizza Sale – September 16, 2023

The Outreach Committee will have a signup sheet in the Narthex starting in July for anyone that would like to order pizza(s). Plain Cheese pizza will be \$12.00 each or \$13.00 Pepperoni. See Deadline to order is Friday, September 8th. See Nancy Meiser for more information.



Talent show - September 30, 2023 with potluck dinner. Dinner will be at 4:30pm and show will start at 6:00pm. Anyone interested in performing or have an act, please see Erin Zelinski or Blair Miller.

TRUNK or Treat with a Fall Festival- October 14, 2023

It will start at 12 noon and go until 5:00pm – it will be held down at the West Penn Park. Trunk Trick or Treat will be held from 1:00pm – 3:3pm. There will be food, games, candy jar guesses, pumpkin decoration station, make your own candy/caramel apple, Scarecrow making & a 50/50 Drawing. The West Penn Police and Fire department will be at Fall Festival and you can get your picture taken with the fire trucks. (See Flyer for more information)



Chili cook-off & Movie - October 28, 2023

Cook-off will be from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and then a movie will follow at 5pm. Food will be available for purchase. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili. If you are interested you do not have to be from the church. So get out your best recipes and enter. Please sign up with Blair, Nancy or Amanda. Any questions on Trunk or Treat contact Nancy at, Nancy.J.Meiser@AmexGBT.com Thanks!





TRUNK OR TREAT FALL FESTIVAL

Will be held on
Saturday, October 14, 2023
from 12:00pm–5:00pm at West Penn Park

Trunk Trick or Treat will be held from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Come in your Halloween costume and get lots of candy from the trunks of the cars. Vote for your favorite Halloween decorated car trunk!

*(**Anyone** that would like to have your car be part of the trunk or treat, please pre-register with Nancy Meiser at Nancy.J.Meiser@AmexGBT.com or see Nancy at church by October 8th.)*

There will be food to purchase at the Fall Festival. Items include: Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, homemade Soups; Chicken Noodle, Ham & Bean & Chili, homemade Pumpkin Roll, Ice Cream, homemade Apple Cider, drinks, etc.

Fun for the whole family! We will have games, make your own Candy/Carmel apples, make your own pumpkins, make your own scarecrow and more! (Straw is being donated but bring clothes to decorate your scarecrow with! Can make kid size & or Adult size Scarecrows!)

(Congregation: *if you have any clothing you want to get rid of, we are collection **bib overalls, denim jeans, button down shirts, & old flannels.** and can be kid size or adult size.)* (Only items for making scarecrows, please no other clothing. Thank You!)

The West Penn Fire Co and the West Penn Police departments will be at the Fall Festival. Get your picture in/by the fire truck(s).

*This event is being hosted by Zion's Stone Church Outreach and Fundraising Committees. So come on out and have a great time!
Bring your family, friends and neighbors!!
Everyone is welcome! Open to the public!*

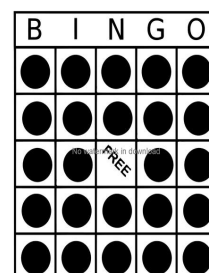


SAVE THE DATE....

Zion's Stone Church
of West Penn Township

**45 Cemetery Rd,
New Ringgold, PA 17960**

Church Office: 570-386-5111 (Use Prompt 4)



**is hosting a Desinger Purse
& Cash Bingo**

**(Purses to include: Coach, Michael Kors,
Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade & Vera Bradley)**

on Sunday, October 8, 2023

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



(Due to very limited space, no one under 14 permitted,
Anyone 14 and older will need to play their own cards)

Tickets will go on sale starting September 10th.

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 \$25.00 (in advance)

or \$30.00 at the door.



GOD PROVIDES, WHAT WE NEED...

Because of the dedication and time of the fundraising Committee and everyone who helped; whether it was making something, donating items, donating money, working in the kitchen, wrapping baskets, cooking, cleaning up, setting up, donating basket(s), shopping, picking up food/items going to the church service, help with parking the cars, painting faces, working the games, cheering on the ducks at the races, listening to the entertainment, taking rides in the horse & buggy, and for coming out to the Social on July 30th, this was the best social to date! We have been hosting the social for over 10 years and it was simply the best. What a joy to see everyone, families being reunited, high school friends, neighbors, other church members and our church members. It was a beautiful day, the weather could not have been any better.

Sometimes thank you just isn't enough, but sincerely,
THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

Here is a small summary of how we did at the Social:

Total Income of Games, Adult & Kid Duck Races, Basket Extravaganza, Face Painting, Carriage Rides -----		\$5,637.50
Total Income of Food & Donations -----		\$3,265.10
Total Income -----		\$8,902.60
Total Expenses-----		\$2,722.20
Total Profit -----		\$6,180.40

All of the Fundraising money goes back into the church!
When and where ever there is a need,
that's what the money is used for.

Next Upcoming Fundraising Event: Designer Purse Bingo

October 8, 2023, Seating is very limited. Tickets go on sale September 10, 2023...must receive the money for the tickets.....
NO TICKETS will be held. Due to the high cost of the prizes, the tickets will now be **\$25.00** instead of \$20.00.

"If there is a need God will provide!"



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

www.pnec.org 610-826-3113; 610-826-5464 FAX

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

A Letter from the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister

(Bonnie is on vacation and there is no letter from her)



LABOR DAY –WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?

(Labor Day celebrates the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights in the labor movement of the late 19th century. Their hard-fought wins are the reason for many of the rights we enjoy and take for granted today, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. Those workers saw that there could be no freedom and liberty in this country without economic freedom for the working class. The holiday honors the source of this nation's strength—American workers, unions, and labor leaders. No matter how you decide to celebrate Labor Day 2023, take some time to reflect and pay tribute to all the laborers, past and present, who helped build America and make it the country it is today...)

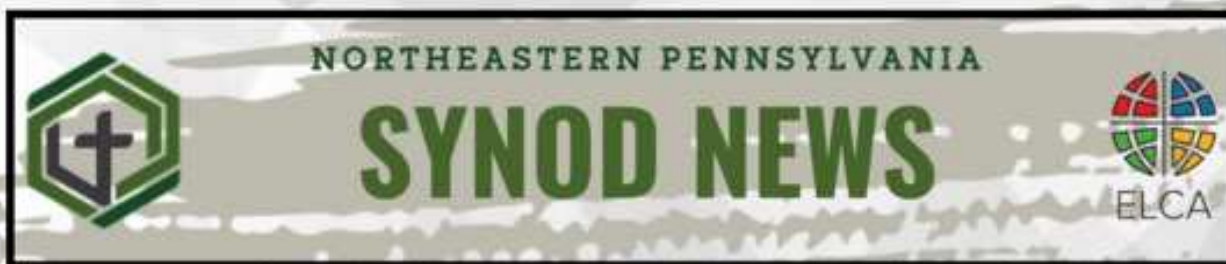
Labor Day became a U.S. federal holiday in 1894, but by that time thirty states already officially celebrated the holiday.

Labor Day was created by members of the labor movement, who organized strikes and rallies to fight for better working conditions amid the Industrial Revolution, according to [the History Channel](#).

On September 5, 1882, New York City union leaders organized what is now considered the country's first Labor Day parade, according to [National Geographic](#).

On this day, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march through the streets of New York City, in an event culminating in a picnic, fireworks, and dancing. Organizers declared the day "a general holiday for the workingmen of this city." Their idea spread across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing the workers' holiday.

It wasn't until 1894, however, that Congress legalized the holiday following the Pullman strike, a nationwide railroad boycott that turned fatal and shined a national spotlight on workers' rights. Amid this massive unrest, Congress sought to make peace with American workers by passing an act making Labor Day a legal holiday. President Grover Cleveland officially signed it into law on June 28, 1894. Strangely enough, The Department of Labor was created *after* Labor Day became a holiday, and it was the first department to be led by a woman: Francis Perkins.




OCT 3&4
Parish Secretary
SEMINAR
**Caring for You
 & Me in 2023**
*Heritage Hotel,
 Lancaster, PA.*

<https://nepasynod.org/parish-secretary-seminar/>

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Sept. 10
2023**

RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING FOR ROSTERED LEADERS

As per "Resolution: Anti-Racism Education Emphasis" submitted to the 2022 Synod Assembly and passed at the July 2022 meeting of the Synod Council, all NEPA Synod rostered leaders (pastors and deacons) and synodically authorized lay leaders are required to have Anti-Racism Training at least every 3 years, at the same cost as Boundary Training. To help meet this requirement, the Synod Racial Justice Team has scheduled two training events for Fall 2023, for those who were not able to attend one of the Winter 2023 sessions. **Lay Leaders are also welcome to attend.**

Tuesday October 17, 2023

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Office
 2354 Grove Rd, Allentown, PA 18109

Saturday October 21, 2023

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
 527 Washington St, Reading, PA 19601



GROWING YOUNG



GAINING STRENGTH





YOUR MISSION SUPPORT GIFTS AT WORK

STORYTELLING ENGAGEMENT

2023 Mission Support Memo

The eHarmony of Prison Reentry

*As you read this story, what questions arise?
How might you share this story with others in your
ministry setting?*

A story from our Grand Canyon Synod

Over 600,000 people are released from prison every year, and as they struggle to rejoin society, they face barriers to connecting with reentry service providers. We are honored that so many of our synods and congregations are active in prison ministry; yet they know the challenge of finding reliable and effective resources to support folks once they've been released.

Our synods are supporting reentry ministry: the Metropolitan Chicago Synod helped start the work and the Grand Canyon Synod has launched the innovative online resource the Inside Out Network (ION), a one-of-a-kind platform that helps returning citizens connect with the support they need for a successful reentry. The Grand Canyon Synod has made a strong commitment, awarding ION an "Adapting, Connecting, Transforming and Sustaining" grant so it can help people access ministries and service providers.

ION is a bit like eHarmony: returning citizens and service providers can find each other and exchange messages, even before release, to make sure returning citizens get the support they need as soon after release as possible. What started as a prison ministry from an ELCA church in the Chicago area is now operating in Illinois and Arizona and launching soon in Oregon, with 6,400 returning citizens and 443 service providers and ministries enrolled. ION is always free to returning citizens, and service providers participate free of charge for a year before paying a modest annual fee.

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, ION has gone into Arizona prisons to train staff on using the platform. This has led to inmates enrolling before their release; reports indicate that as release approaches, they are less anxious, seeing ahead of time what help will be available.

ION values its partnerships with ministry and is currently developing a Reentry Congregational Initiative, gathering insights from faith communities that intentionally minister to returning citizens. Many ELCA congregations work in this area, and we welcome any insights they might provide by completing this survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLFWMLS>). ION intends to develop a guidebook called "Effective Reentry Ministry for Ordinary Congregations"; its valuable "Spiritual Survival Guide for Prison and Beyond" can be read or downloaded free of charge from the ION website at insideoutnetwork.net/resources.

ZION'S STONE CHURCH 2023 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
					Randy Clemson	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jennifer Clinton	Corey Hamm Sondra Jones Allan Knowlan Diane Schock	Gary Clemson, Jr. Denise Dietrich Karen Everett Kevin Kistler, Jr. Bobbi Sabath Tegan Steigerwalt	Sarah Davenport	Eva Bitterman Aimee Crowley	Madelynn Schaeffer	Marie Zehner
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Audra Schlecht	Abigail Troxell	Kyle Hoppes Pauline Lorah Daniel Troxell Brett Zehner	Katie Davenport Lori Steigerwalt	Mark Christ Molly Clemson Brad Clemson Emma Rago	Joann Dunkleberger	Lauren Christ Michael Hunsicker DJ McLaughlin
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Lucas Kamant	Timmy Lehman	Pastor Russ Campbell Mark Haas	Diane Heckman	Cadence Davis Katie Kressley Sherry Oswald
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Hannah Reed David Tyson	Stacey Clemson Nancy Meiser	Kelly Frederickson George Hegedus IV	Emeline Meiser Harry Ulrich	Tyler Buchman Bryn Miller Madison Schock Kyle Snyder	Peggy Frace	
						

ZION'S STONE CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						NO - Saturday Night Worship
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Pew) 10:15am - Sunday School	 Office Closed			NO - Bible Study and NO - Bible Study 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Choir	 Deadline to order Pizza kits from Outreach	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00am - Worship Service w/Young People's Time 10:15am - Sunday School 7:00pm - Youth Group Meeting (Deadline to sign up for CPR Training.)			7:00pm - Board Meeting	10:00am - Bible Study and 6:45pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Choir		5:00pm - Sat. Night Worship Service w/baptism of Elexus Starr
Harvest Home 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00am - Worship Service w/Installation of S. S. Teach. & Off. 10:15am - Sunday School 11:30am - News. Deadline 12:00pm - 4:00pm - CPR training				10:00am - Bible Study and 6:45pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Choir		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Baptism: Novalee Grace Reed 10:15am - Sunday School 11:15am - Sun. School Meeting				10:00am - Bible Study and 6:45pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Choir	Talent Show Rehearsals	Talent Show 4:30pm - Dinner 6:00pm - Talent Show