

ZION'S HEAVENLY

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HAPPENINGS

November

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.)

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

Sexton(s):

Fred (& Donna) Gimbi

Home # 570-386-2888

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642

Card Care coordinator:

Nancy Meiser - 570-205-9267

Genealogy Requests:

Todd Cheese

Cell: 570-778-3641

Todd's email:

CheeseT@icloud.com

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Sunday, November 5, 2023 – All Saints Sunday

w/ Holy Communion – Pew

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Getting Our Acts Together”

Micah 3: 5-12 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Sun., November 12, 2023 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

w/Young People’s Time

Sermon Title: “Using, Risking, Trusting”

Judges 4:1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Sun., November 19, 2023 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Be Prepared”

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 – Thanksgiving Eve

7:00pm - Worship Service at Ben Salem Church

Sunday, November 26, 2023 – Christ the King Sunday

9:00am – Worship Service

Sermon Title: “Endings and Beginnings”

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Zion's Stone Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

X Pastor Russell

X Nancy Meiser

X Sam Schaefer

X Blair Miller

X Gary Clemson

Amanda Sassaman

Rosalee Rehrig

X Scot Dietrich

X Dan Metzger

Rick Zelinski

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



Congregation present: Charlotte Fritz

Call to Order.

Pastor's Report: Report presented and reviewed.

Secretary's Report: Presented and Reviewed. Motion to accept: Dan 2nd Scot

Treasurer's Report: Presented and Reviewed. Motion to accept: Blair 2nd Scot

Committee Reports: (Board Representative in parentheses)

Worship & Music (Rick Zelinski) – Nothing new to report, Choir will meet at 6:45pm on Thursday evenings for practice and Bell choir will meet at 6:00pm. (Correction – Bell Choir to meet at 6:15pm)

Property (Scot Dietrich) – The First Aid Kit will be kept in a cabinet in the Sunday School Room. Gary will be updating the Sunday School lights to LED.

We did not pass our water test on 9/12/23. There is a retest pending for today.

All of the smoke alarm batteries have been replaced.

The Driveway will be sealed and coated and new lines will be done. A Motion was made by Gary for the funds to come from Fundraising. It was seconded by Sam and all were in agreement.

We received a letter from the West Penn Supervisors telling us they are interested in purchasing the park. A discussion was held and motion was made by Gary and seconded by Sam to write a letter back to them letting them know we were not interested at this time.

Finance (Gary Clemson) – Gary states the finances have been looking stable and we are on the positive side as of 9/23. There will be a sign up in the Narthex for counting money.

Approved Board members and Office Staff as well as former Board Members can sign up if interested.

CE/Sunday School (Rick Zelinski) – The teachers were installed on 9/17/23.

Youth Group (Dan Metzger) – Youth Nite will be held on 10/21/23. There will be games and movies.

Outreach/Evangelism/Fundraising (Amanda & Nancy) – There will be a pizza sale on September 16th. Orders are being taken and we have about 100.

Personnel (Gary Clemson) – There will be a meeting on 9/26/23 at 6:45pm to start worksheets on salaries and staffing.

Safety/Security(Blair Miller) – The safety film will be installed on the doors and windows on 9/15. CPR has been rescheduled for 1/24/24.

Other Committees/Misc-nothing new

New Business: nothing new



Old Business: Susan Zeigler has stated that her sister in law, Doris is doing floral arrangements and may be able to help with flowers for the Church.

Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 7pm

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dan Metzger and seconded by Blair
Notes taken by Dan Metzger.

Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Rosalee Rehrig



MINISTRY

*Is not a job
or Sunday routine,
It's a privilege to be chosen
and used by God*



Christian Sympathies go to Rudy & Kay Sheeler,
and Family & Friends
on the death of Kay's Mother,
Mabel Leiby,
who entered into eternal life
on October 3, 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...

If you are interest in sponsoring ~~altar flowers~~ or the newsletter, please call the office at (570) 386-5111 prompt #4, 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. 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.

To date we are currently without a florist.
We are working on obtaining another florist to accommodate all of our floral needs. We will let you know when we find a florist.

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...


September 3, 2023 – 97
 September 10, 2023 – 87
 September 17, 2023 – 97
 September 24, 2023 – 100

October 1, 2023 – 112
 October 8, 2023 – 108
 October 15, 2023 – 92
 October 22, 2023 – 94
 October 29, 2023 –





FINANCIAL REPORT



2023 September

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	Gain/ (-Loss)	Weekly Budgeted
Income & Benevolence		Income & Benevolence
\$12,324.70	\$-6,138.26	(\$ 4,615.74 - per week)
		(\$18,462.96 - per month)

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


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The November Newsletter
 is sponsored in honor of
 Zion's Stone Church's volunteers.

THURSDAY MORNINGS & THURSDAY NIGHTS

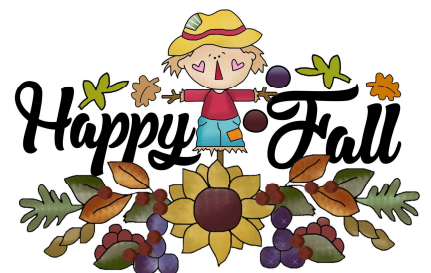


w/The Rev. Russell Campbell
10:00am - Morning Bible study
6:45pm - Evening Bible study is at



SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...

Saturday Night worship services
are cancelled for the
Month of November.
See you again in December!



Music Director & Organist: Erin Zelinski

If anyone is interested in joining any of the choirs please see Erin.
Everyone is welcome! Share your talents with us!

6:15pm – Handbell Choir rehearses

Handbell Choir plays in church once a month during the
9:00am Worship Service

6:45pm – Senior Choir rehearsals

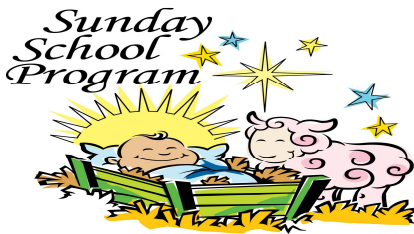
Senior Choir sings on Sunday morning during
9:00am worship service

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



The Sunday School classes will be making Veteran's Day cards to all the veteran's of Zion's Stone Church. Preschool to Grade 5 will make cards to be mailed to Zion's Veterans that week.

Karissa Brothers will once again be heading up Operation Christmas Child (shoebox outreach of Samaritan's Purse). Boxes will be placed in the Narthex & Sanctuary for anyone who would like to take one and fill it for children from all over the world. We will be collecting boxes until November 12, 2023. Please place \$10.00 in the box to help cover the expense of mailing the shoeboxes. Attach a note if you are a SS member and the Sunday School will cover the cost of mailing your box.



Our SS program will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023. We will have a covered dish dinner starting at 4:30pm and we will be showing a movie after the covered dish dinner. More details to follow.

There will be Sunday School on the Following dates:

Christmas Eve Sunday

December 24th - Birthday Party for Jesus



New Year' Eve Sunday

December 31st - Continue Celebrating

Next Sunday School Meeting will be held on November 12th at 11:15am.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Youth Group News...

October 1st, 2023

Youth Group Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Bradyn Brothers, Kyrsten Derr, Madelyn Miller, Tyler Buchman, Emily Buchman

Advisors Present:

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

Kyrsten did the secretary's report.

Charlotte did the treasurer's report

Old Business

- Kyle did show n' tell.
- Trunk or Treat will be held at the West Penn Park from 1-3 pm on October 14th during the Fall Festival from 12-5 pm. We will have one decorated car for the Youth Group.
- Blessing of the Animals will be on October 14th at 10 am before the festival.
- Fall Bingo will be held on October 8th at 1 p.m. We need people to help starting right after Sunday School that morning. If you can help, please be there. You can earn service hours for helping at this event.
- We are no longer having the Chili Cook Off on October 28th but they will still be showing a movie at 7 pm. It will be *The Girl Who Wore Freedom*. They will have popcorn and drinks.
- The Pork & Sauerkraut dinner will be held on November 4th from 4-7 pm. We will need some help with this event, so please help if you can.
- On October 21st, we will be having a Movie and Game Night. It will be from 3-10. You may bring friends and age-appropriate games.
- We elected new officers at the last meeting.

New Business

- We will be going Christmas Caroling on December 9th from 1:30-9 pm. A parent or guardian will need to sign a consent form. We will also be doing a \$15.00 Christmas gift exchange. The gift should be able to be given to an adult or child and gender neutral.
- We will be having a movie sleepover and game night on January 12-13. It will be from 7 pm on the 12th to 12 pm on the 13th.
- The Next Youth Group Meeting will be on November 12th at 7 pm.
 - Adele will bring the show n' tell.
 - Maddy will bring snacks.
 - Bradyn will bring drinks.

“Encourage not Discourage.”

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



**ZION'S STONE CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP
NEWSLETTER 2023
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 3, 2023.

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 Darryl & Charlotte Fritz, Karen Wood, or Dave & Adele Snyder

For Mail in orders...

In order for us to receive your order on time, please mail in your order **no later** than **Nov. 27, 2023.**

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

Please mark the envelop as: Youth Group Poinsettia Order

Total # of Plants: _____ Total Amount: _____

Thank You for your orders!

Zion's Stone Church Youth Group

Gift Card Fundraiser Order Form 2023

The Youth Group will be selling gift cards this year as their one and only fundraiser for the year. It's the first time since covid that the Youth Group is able to sell the gift cards. We are doing things a little different this year. If you would like to place an order, please give your orders/money to Charlotte Fritz or Marianne Storch.. Orders and money must be received no later than Sunday, November 26th by 11:00am. The orders can be picked up before and after Church on Sunday, Dec. 17th in the Narthex of the Church. Please make every attempt to pick up your orders by 11:15am on Dec. 17. Thank you for supporting Zion's Stone Church Youth Group! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Seller's Name: _____

Orders placed by Nov. 26 - pickup Dec. 17

Customer's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

GIFT CARD	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Apparel & Accessories			
American Eagle	\$25		
Claire's / Icing	\$10		
Old Navy / Gap	\$25		
T.J. Maxx / Marshalls	\$25		
Under Armour	\$25		
Books & Entertainment			
Amazon	\$25		
Amazon	\$50		
Amazon	\$100		
AMC Theatres	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	\$25		
Best Buy	\$25		
Disney	\$25		
GameStop	\$25		
iTunes	\$15		
iTunes	\$25		
Regal Theatres	\$25		
Grocery			
Giant Foods	\$25		
Giant Foods	\$50		
Giant Foods	\$100		
Weis Markets	\$25		
Weis Markets	\$100		

GIFT CARD	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Department Stores			
Big Lots!	\$25		
Boscov's	\$25		
Five Below	\$25		
JCPenney	\$25		
Kohl's	\$25		
Macy's	\$25		
Target	\$10		
Target	\$25		
Target	\$50		
Target	\$100		
Wal Mart / Sam's Club	\$25		
Wal Mart / Sam's Club	\$50		
Wal Mart / Sam's Club	\$100		
Gas & Auto			
AutoZone	\$25		
Exxon / Mobil	\$50		
Sheetz	\$25		
Sheetz	\$100		
Wawa	\$25		
Wawa	\$100		
Sporting Goods			
Cabela's	\$25		
Cabela's	\$100		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25		

Front - # of Cards _____

Front - \$ Total _____

More Retailers Listed on Back

GIFT CARD	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Dining - Casual			
Applebee's	\$25		
Applebee's	\$50		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25		
Chili's Grill & Bar	\$25		
Cracker Barrel	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	\$25		
Logan's Roadhouse	\$25		
LongHorn Steakhouse	\$25		
Olive Garden	\$25		
Outback Steakhouse	\$25		
Panera Bread	\$10		
Panera Bread	\$25		
Panera Bread	\$50		
Pizza Hut	\$10		
Red Lobster	\$25		
Red Robin	\$25		
Texas Roadhouse	\$25		
Home Improvement / Décor			
Home Depot	\$25		
Home Depot	\$100		
HomeGoods	\$25		
HomeGoods	\$100		
JoAnn Fabric	\$25		
Lowe's Home Impr.	\$25		
Lowe's Home Impr.	\$100		
Michaels	\$25		

GIFT CARD	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Dining - On the Go			
Arby's	\$10		
Arby's	\$25		
Burger King	\$10		
Burger King	\$25		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$25		
Cold Stone Creamery	\$10		
Domino's	\$10		
Domino's	\$25		
Dunkin Donuts	\$10		
Dunkin Donuts	\$25		
McDonald's	\$10		
McDonald's	\$25		
Starbucks	\$10		
Starbucks	\$25		
Subway	\$10		
Taco Bell	\$10		
Taco Bell	\$25		
Wendy's	\$25		
Health & Beauty			
Bath & Body Works	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	\$25		
CVS Pharmacy	\$25		
Rite Aid	\$25		
ULTA	\$25		

Please Make Checks Payable To
Youth Together, Youth Forever

Back - # of Cards _____

Back - \$ Total _____

Total # of Cards _____

Order Total \$ _____

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HELP AND
SUPPORT!!**

Any Questions? Please call or text Charlotte Fritz at (570) 952-4689

For Coordinator Use:

Date Rec'd: _____

Amt. Rec'd: \$ _____ Cash / Check

Zion's Stone Church of West Penn Township

45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold

Located 1/2 mile off Route 309, 1 mile north of E-Z Market



Our Menu Includes:

- Pork
- Homemade Sauerkraut
- REAL Mashed Potatoes
- Hot Dogs
- Home Grown Corn
- Applesauce
- Bread, Apple Butter
- Dessert
- Tea/Water/Coffee



Saturday, November 4th
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Adults (13+): \$10.00
Ages 4-12: \$5.00
Under 4: Free

****This is a non ticket event.**



White Gift Sunday -December 10, 2023



White Gift Sunday - 2022

Below is the Christmas wish list for Bethany's Children Home for White Gift Sunday. The date for White Gift Sunday will be held on **Sunday, December 10th**.

If you have any questions regarding the gifts, please call 610-589-4501, ext. 305

Bethany Children's Home kindly asks that all items are **New and unwrapped**. They appreciate age-appropriate gifts with the consideration of parental warnings, modesty & safety. Bethany youth are 10-21 years of age.

Clothing: bath robes: young women and men • black & white athletic socks: men and women • joggers/sweatpants: men and women • men's athletic shorts: sizes sm-xl • underwear • sports bras • white t-shirts • Pajama sets: men and women • hoodies • Nike slides • men's belts

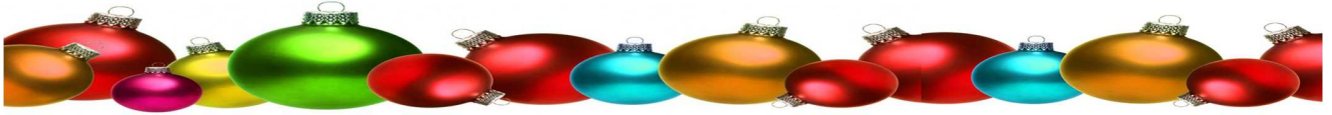
Cottage Needs: Zippered waterproof mattress cover - twin • comforters • lightweight twin-size blankets • towels • washcloths • pillows • all-plastic hangers • mp3 players • flat irons • Dust Busters • bagless vacuum • air fryers • plastic laundry baskets • deodorant • cocoa butter • blenders • reusable water bottles • body wash/shampoo/conditioner • body spray (axe/bath and body) • journals • board games for 12 and up • Legos • Makeup and Eyelashes • hair elastics • pots/pans • Shower caddy's

Recreation: indoor basketballs 29.5 inch • Lego sets: super heroes, Star Wars • mechanical tool set • 2-stage or 3-stage locking carabiners • Nerf guns and ammo • Roller blades or skates sizes 4-13 • 5-gallon water cooler • Mylec floor hockey balls - orange • knee hockey sets • 2-part resin for casting and pouring • adult beach volleyballs • footballs • T RX workout bands • badminton racquets and birdies • screwdriver sets • allen wrench sets • Olympic weightlifting bar • weights for Olympic bar • yoga blocks hand wraps or MMA gloves • hula hops • laser lights • fishing equipment

Music Education: earbuds • electric guitars • amps for microphones and electric guitars • guitar and ukulele straps • Microphones with cords • hard case storage cases for microphones • mic stands • lightning cables • charging cubes • MP3 connecting cables MP3 players • bluetooth over ear headphones • standing (non-wall mounted) guitar storage • electric guitar pedals/stomp boxes

Art Studio: canvases • posterboard • acrylic paint • premixed acrylic pouring paint • acrylic gel medium • acrylic modeling paste • Gesso (White, Black, & Clear) • clear semi-gloss finish spray paint • spray paint, assorted colors fabric paint • paint pens • big easels paintbrushes • washi tape • scratch art paper • calligraphy pens and inks • Pony Beads/ unique beads • Masonite Board • jewelry making materials • Stabilo pencils • artists' pens • rubber stamps & ink pads rub-on transfers • 3D string art kits • Diamond Art kits • dream catcher kits • sand art supplies • macrame cord • stencils • letter & number stickers • origami paper • storage containers • kiln shelves • kiln chisel • pottery clay and glaze (low fire and high fire) • linocut boards and tools • slime/putty kits • birdhouses/boxes to paint • sensory bottles

Gift Cards: TJ Maxx, Ross, Dick's Sporting Goods, Ulta, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Lowes, Home Depot, Michaels, WalMart, Target, McDonald's and Kohls, Boyer's and Redner's markets, Turkey Hill, Giant, Domino's Pizza, Sheetz, Wawa, Foot Locker • itunes • JoAnne Fabrics • Goggleworks • Shutterfly



Do you love to decorate?



Then we need you!



Come on out on Monday, November 27th at 6:00pm and help make the church look festive for the Christmas season. Please see Amy Mogish if you have any questions. The more the “Merrier”!!!! LOL!!



Not required, but you can wear your best festive outfit, even your ugly Christmas sweater!

Important dates to remember:

All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 5, 2023

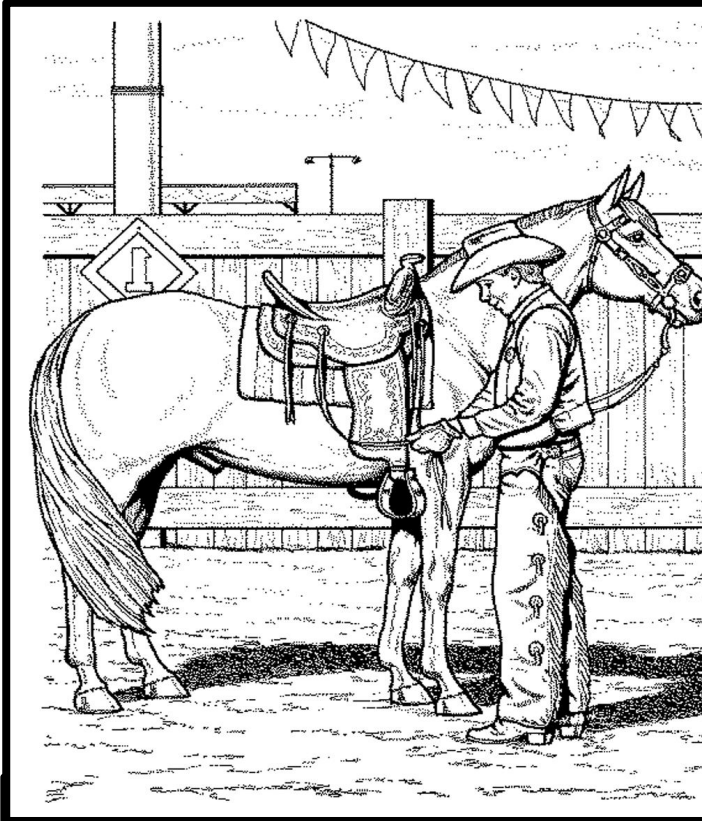
Remembering our loved ones who have passed during the last year.



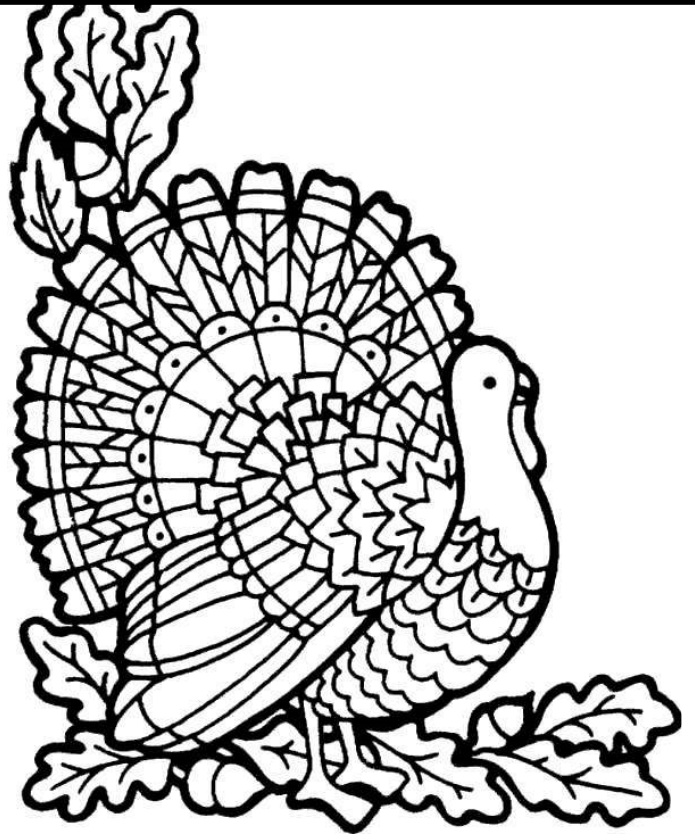
**Tuesday,
November 7, 2023
Don't forget to Vote!**



Zion's Coloring Page



HAPPY
THANKS
GIVING



Special Thanks to everyone who sponsored a bingo prize, donated a Chinese auction item, donated food, helped setup and tear down before and after the bingo and everyone that came out to play bingo on October 8, 2023. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the members of the Fundraising Committee! Thank You!



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Thank You God for showing us the way.
Help us to remember You this day. Let us
Always remember the price You paid.
Never let us forget that with You we can be saved.
Keep us in Your loving arms.
So we know that we belong.
Guide us and protect us, as we walk
In the path that You have set. Even though life can be
Very hard, we know that You won't forget.
I know that I am
Never alone. For You are always there
Guiding me every step with the love You have shown.



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

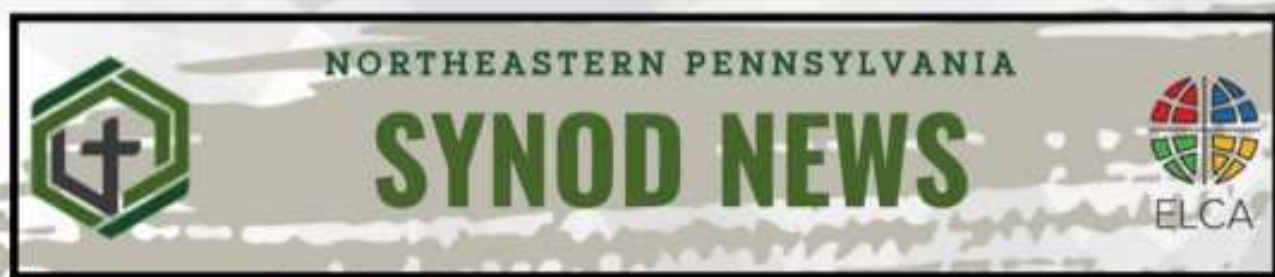
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pattyr@pnec.org

(There was no new letter from Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister,
at the time of printing this newsletter.)



Interconnected, Diverse, and Wild Creation

Have you ever worked on a crochet or knit project, and got to a point where your yarn ends up tied in a bird nest-looking mess? Or maybe you're one that works with a fishing line, and while re-spooling a reel you end up with a knot with loops and swoops that make you scratch your head and wonder, "Now what?"

I've noticed that when I experience the dilemma of a knotted skein, I feel frustration and anger. If I'm not in my clearest headspace, I will reactively pull one loop at a time, looking for one with any ability to move. "This one moves? Great!" I'll pull it in either direction until it stops. Still knotted? Find another! And again, and again. If I'm not careful I can end up tightening the knot even further, never to be unwound and destined for the scrap pile.

On my clearer days, I can take a jumbled mess of a knot and get it unwound and collected into a smaller ball of yarn without even needing to cut it from the rest! In Times like this, I have found, that the frustration and the anger are still present, yet in letting them pass while I pause, I create the opportunity to take care and intention in my untangling.

I wonder if God feels like that sometimes when, as the interconnected, diverse, and wild Creation that God so deeply loves, we get ourselves all knotted up through broken relationships, judgments, and ignorant acts. I wonder, does God reactively start pulling at us to take action? Does God accept our jumbled mess, allowing us to make different choices and seek right relationships that honor our connectedness? Does God enjoy the feeling of seeing us come together to co-create something new and beautiful?

May you know and trust that the One who has knit you together in the womb is the One who is eager and ready to create goodness and mercy in and through you this day and always. Blessings on your detangling.

Reverend Lauren Applegate
On Leave From Call





**We Love 2023:
The Reconciling
in Christ Process**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023
8:30AM-3PM
at The Lutheran Center
2354 Grove Rd., Allentown**

Join the synod's LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team as we host a special day of education, information, and fellowship on this year's theme: The Reconciling In Christ process. We are thrilled to welcome Carla Christopher, Assistant to the Bishop for Justice Ministries in the Lower Susquehanna and Delaware-Maryland synods, to work with us on integrating our commitment to racial justice into our RIC efforts.



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JUNE 8TH 2024

**NATIONAL
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*This Thanksgiving, we acknowledge
this land is Indigenous*

ZION'S STONE CHURCH NOVEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Livia Miller Scott Sassaman	Kirk Arner Kendall Earle	Jeaninne Miller Emersyn Pistone	Todd Tyson, Jr.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Beth Billman Wyatt Earle	Alan Steigerwalt	Jaxon Freed Kaleigh Rabenold Kyle Rabenold Gene Schaeffer Kitty Ann Stival	Nancy Lechleitner			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Phyllis Greene	Jayda Moyer	James Aryton Ariel Frederickson Shelby Frederickson Madeline Ruch		Drake Miller	Terry Osenbach Trent Schlecht	Erin Zelinski Loretta Rudelitch
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bob Miller	Donald Mikruk, Jr.	Lillian Huegel	Kyle Patrick Tyler Schlecht		Carol Schaeffer	Sophia Aryton
26	27	28	29	30		
	Caitlyn Pilla	Linda Tyson Lucinda Tuckett	Kim Aryton Linnea Meiser	Greg Sheeler Seraphina Steigerwalt Jennifer Stevens Makenna Storch		

ZION'S STONE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
						4:00pm - 7:00pm Pork & Sauerkaut Dinner
						NO - Saturday Night Worship
All Saint's Sunday 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am-Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Pew) 10:15am - Sunday School 		 Election Day	7:00pm - Board Meeting	10:00am - Bible Study and 6:45pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Choir		 Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am - Worship Service w/Young People's Time 10:15am - Sunday School 11:15am - SS Meeting 7:00pm - Youth Group Meeting				10:00am - Bible Study and 6:45pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Choir		NO - Saturday Night Worship
19	20	21	22	Thanksgiving 23	24	25
9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11:30am - News. Deadline			7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Ben Salem Church	 No - Choir Rehearsals or Bible Studies		
26	27	28	29	30		
9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	6:00pm Decorate for Christmas			10:00am - Bible Study and 6:45pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Choir		