

ZION'S HEAVENLY

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Happenings



2025

NEWSLETTER



Picture taken by Gayle Mateyak

*235 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

Come Worship with Us!
9:00am – Sunday Worship Service
(1st Sunday of the month is Holy Communion)

Sunday School will resume on
September 7th! Have a great Summer
Vacation!

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...



Pastoral Information:

***In case of Pastoral Emergencies or for Baptisms, Weddings, etc. until a new pastor is found, please call the church office and leave a message for Amy (if she doesn't answers).

Please Do Not leave a message on Pastor's Phone/prompt #2.

Church Administrator/Treasurer:

Charlotte Fritz Office Hours: Due to surgery in May Charlotte will be working from home. Please call and leave a message and she will get back to you.

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 Email and phone messages will be checked thru-out the week. **Please call ahead if planning to visit, hours may vary.** Amy's Office Email: ZSCSecretary@ptd.net



Office is only opened on Monday's

The office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. It will also be closed from Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 - New Year's Day, January 1, 2026.

Church Office Phone Number:

**570-386-5111 – When calling use:
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

Sexton(s):

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

TITHE.LY – ZION'S STONE CHURCH ONLINE GIVING

- 1) Find our giving Link – Direct URL is posted on our Facebook page and the QR code will also be printed in the newsletters. Choose Your Gift - Enter your donation amount, select your fund (weekly offering, etc.), & Decide on one-time or recurring.
- 2) Enter Payment Details – Use credit/debit cards to link your bank account, option to cover transaction fees.
- 3) Confirm and Complete – Review and Confirm Donation, click "give" to finalize, & you'll receive an email confirmation.



Scan Me

Zion's Stone Cl

45 Cemetery Rd. New Ringgold, PA 17960.

Genealogy Requests:

Please contact Todd for all
Genealogy requests for
Zion's Stone Church
Cemetery at Todd's email:
CheeseT@icloud.com

List of Current Board Members

Todd Cheese - President-570-778-3641
Daniel Troxell - Vice President-570-527-0783
Colleen McCall - Secretary-570-582-8330
Holly Welker - Treasurer-570-527-4293
Bob Knittle - Member-570-952-4102

Zion's Stone Church Cemetery - 2025 Price Sheet (Prices effective January 30, 2025)

Prices for Members: \$300.00 - Per Grave Lot/Plot
\$1500.00 For Opening/Closure of Grave
\$350.00 For Cremation (Includes Open & Close)
Footer By Cost, Labor, & Material Prices

For Non-Members: \$375.00 - Per Grave Lot/Plot
\$1750.00 For Opening/Closure of Grave
\$1000.00 Non-Member Burial Fee (whether buried or cremated)
\$ 450.00 For Cremation (Includes Open & Close)

****Prices are subject to change for all above fees****
****Limit of 1 Urn per filled lot or 2 urns per lot total****

If anyone is currently interested in purchasing a lot, please contact Holly Welker
@ (570) 527-4923 or by email hollywelker@icloud.com.
Checks made payable to Zion Stone Church Cemetery. Thanks.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR ZION'S STONE CEMETERY

All Cemetery Charges will be added extra. Any Funeral attended by Esterly on
Saturdays Weekday Late Charges for Esterly After 4:00 PM After 5:00 PM Sunday and
Holidays for Esterly Add \$300.00 Add \$100.00 Add \$100.00 per hour Add \$400.00

Holidays: Jan 1st, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and
Christmas. If holiday falls on a Sunday-the vault company has a paid holiday the
following Monday. You must consider that a holiday. As many of you know, times/fees
in the industry are changing. There are many families that now want a weekend burial
so that people do not have to take off of work. When this occurs the vault company
charges us the above fees. These fees can really add up and the cemetery is unable to
absorb them. We must pass them on to you.

WORSHIP NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost
All Saint's Sunday

9:00am – Worship Service

w/Linnea Meiser leading Worship

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

Sunday, November 9, 2025 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

w/Linnea Meiser leading worship

Job 19:23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 16, 2025 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service

w/Linnea Meiser leading worship

Malachi 4:1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – Christ the King Sunday

9:00am – Worship Service

w/Linnea Meiser leading worship

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00am – Worship Service

w/Linnea Meiser leading worship

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

1 Meeting

Zion's Stone Church Board Meeting - Monday, September 8, 2025

X Sam Schaefer X Dan Metzger X Dean Meiser
X Darlene Gruver X L.C. Dean X Erin Ballister
X Brady Miller Stacey Cheese X Gene Schaeffer
(X)= Board Member Present

Congregation present: Charlotte Fritz, Linnea Meiser

Call to Order: President Sam Schaefer opened the meeting, reiterating his suggestions for proper protocol. Linnea Meiser offered the prayer.

Supply Pastor's Report: Per Linnea, new members, Jerry and Brenda Christensen will be joining our Church family. Also, Mark and Tammy Yura will be transferring to our Church. A meeting with UCC next Monday will determine Linnea's authorization to preside over baptisms, weddings, memorial services, funerals, and sacraments. Linnea states she will be making an announcement to resume "Sharing the Peace", being more open to physical contact,(shaking hands and saying good morning).

Secretary's Report: Last month's Board minutes were presented and reviewed. Motion to accept: Dan 2nd Erin

Treasurer's Report: Presented and reviewed. Motion to accept: Darlene, 2nd Dean

Committee Reports: (Board Representative in parentheses)

Finance (Erin Ballister, Charlotte Fritz, Dean Meiser)-Per Charlotte , the \$2,500 under Building & Grounds was the down payment requested for the Church's painting project. The Lombard Securities are steadily increasing.
Email to be set up for the budget meeting.

Personnel(Stacey Cheese, Erin Ballister, Brady Miller)-
Working on handbook. Kyle from Computer Pals is still working on quote and is also researching for a possible grant on Church's behalf. Kyle will need documentation as proof the Church is a non-profit organization.

Property(Dan Metzger, Dean Meiser)-Coordinate with Dave Snyder and Peters Painting Service to begin work. The floor tile in the auditorium has been replaced.
Dean purchased 4 LED light bulbs to replace the bulbs in the sign at the Church cemetery to increase the brightness. An estimate to replace a new sign face would be \$3,100.00. Suggestion for a more presentable container for donated food to be used.

CE/Sunday School(Darlene Gruver, Dean Meiser)-Per Eileen,

We are back in Sunday School....Installation of teachers and staff will be on September 14th during church. October 5th we are having a special offering to raise money for the Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center in support of Team Abigail's Adventures. October 12th, the adult class will meet in the sanctuary because of the Bingo event in the auditorium. The Christmas fellowship/program is being planned for Dec.21st following the church service that morning.

Worship and Music(Dean Meiser, Brady Miller)-No report.
Choirs began practices.

Outreach(L.C.Dean, Nancy Meiser)-Saturday is the food pantry in McKeesburg. Nancy is planning a meeting to discuss upcoming events.

Fundraising(Charlotte Fritz, Erin Ballister,Stacey Cheese)-
Profit of approximately \$3,800 was made from the Baskets & Berries Bonanza. Working on the Fall Festival to be held in the park October 25th. There will be food(pumpkin rolls, soup, drinks). Horses and wagon rides, weather permitting.
Trunk or Treat starts at 1:00pm. Games and prizes. Youth group involved in the event.
November 15th is the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner.

Youth Group(Charlotte Fritz, Gene Schaeffer)- Meets September 14th, hoping for new members. Planning upcoming events.

Safety/Security(Sam Schaefer,Gene Schaeffer, Blair Miller)-No report.
Schedule meeting with Linnea regarding safety per Sam and Blair.

Other Committees/Misc. nothing presented.

Old Business: Nothing to discuss.

New Business: Per Charlotte, the two copy machines under contract were serviced.

Next Church Board Meeting is Monday, Oct. 13, 2025 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Stacie 2nd by Dan.

Respectfully submitted by Board Secretary, Darlene Gruver



November Newsletter Sponsorship:

In thankful appreciation for

God's Grace & Mercy ~ Love of Jesus ~ Family ~ Friends ~ Being Blessed

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!*

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS... \$20.00 per month

If you are interested in sponsoring the newsletter, Email Charlotte, zscofc@ptd.net, your wording for the newsletter or place your envelope in your packet marked Newsletter Sponsor. The newsletter is printed one time per month except for the July/August newsletter which is a combined newsletter.

Do you have a new Address or Telephone &/or Cell Phone Number?

Please notify the office either through email (zscofc@ptd.net) or phone (570-386-5111) with your new information. This way we can keep in touch with you and provide you with important information regarding the church. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS... We are have a new Florist! Forget-Me-Not Florist in Orwigsburg. The new cost of Altar Flowers are \$55.00 & Rosebuds are \$13.00-\$28.00 (depends on if you order Altar Flowers with it) All Flower Orders must be received at least **1 week in advance**. If you are interest in sponsoring altar flowers please call the office at (570) 386-5111 prompt #3, **before 12 pm on Monday. Leave a message** with your telephone number and the exact wording you would like to see it printed on the slides.

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.

Auditorium Bookings:

The Auditorium is open for events. Please contact the church office use prompt #3 (Amy) or #4 (Charlotte) if you would like to book the Auditorium for your birthday parties, wedding rehearsal dinners, anniversary parties, etc. You will need to sign a contact and return it with the event rental fee 2 weeks prior your event date.

(All the clip art printed in this newsletter was taken from google clip art.)



Music Director/Organist:

Erin Zelinski: 570-205-3511

Anyone interested in joining any of the choirs, please see Erin Zelinski, Choir director & Organist.



*No experience necessary!
Come join the Fun! Learn something new!
Share your talents! Make new friends!*



Choir Rehearsal:



Handbell Practices
at 6:15pm
Thursday Nights.

Choir Practices
at 6:45pm
Thursday
Nights.



2025 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

September 7 - 97
September 14 - 90
September 21 - 104
September 28 - 106



October 5 - 127
October 12 - 102
October 19 - 105
October 26 - 104



Fall Back On
Saturday,
November
1st



FINANCIAL REPORT
2025 September



Current Giving:

Total Income Budgeted for 2024-----\$ 234,908.37

Total Benevolence income for 2024 -----\$ 11,500.00

Total Income plus Benevolence ----- \$ 246,408.37

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

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

Monthly
Income & Benevolence

\$ 12,543.42

Gain/ (-Loss)

\$ -7,032.28

Weekly Budgeted

Income & Benevolence

(\$ 4,517.46 - per week)

(\$19,575.70 - per month)

Our Deepest Sympathies go to...

Rev. Russell & Denise Campbell and Family
& Friends on the death of Pastor Russ's sister,

Julie Campbell,

who entered into eternal life on Friday,
October 24, 2025.

Thinking of you warmly

With love at this sad time. May
God's grace and love surround you
as you mourn your sister's
passing.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy



Card Care Coordinator:

LC Dean - 570-449-0677

If you know of someone who just recently went into the hospital,

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

SPECIAL THANK YOU...

Special Thanks to Pastor Linnea Meiser for filling in as our Supply minister for the month of November!

Special Thanks to everyone who came out to the Designer purse bingo on Oct. 12th and to everyone who sponsored a prize. Thank you to the wonderful kitchen helpers, clean up crew and set up crew! Thank you to everyone who donated chinese auction items. Thank you to everyone who made the food and desserts for the bingo too. Everyone one of you made the Bingo a success!

Special thanks to everyone who came out to the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26, 2025 at the West Penn Park. The weather was beautiful, the delicious food just about sold out, the cars were decorated amazingly, the kids came out in their halloween costumns and had a blast decorating pumpkins and cupcakes. There was guitar music and singing by Nancy's friend, Tom Flamini, there were candy guesses, make your own candy apple station and the Penn Mahoning Ambulance, West Penn police & Fire Department, & New Ringgold fire company were also in attendance handing out candy and items to the kids.

Thank you to everyone who decorated your cars so the kids could have a safe event. Car/Van/Truck themes were: "Follow Me and I will make Fisher's of Men", M&M's (Youth Group/Sun. Sch.) - "Life if better with friends and M&M's", St. Luke's Therapy, "Gillian's Island", A Farmer & Animals - "The Little Blue Truck & Good Friend Toad", Cat Lady - "God's Love is Purr-fect", Troxell's Auto Service, Scooby Doo, "Made to Glow in the Dark" "Glow for Jesus", & a Snack & Chips Car. Special thanks to the Fundraising & Outreach Committees for making this a wonderful event.

Specials thanks also to Shafer's farm for the many pumpkins, Ron Wehr, Daniel Troxell, Andrea, for your help with the pumpkins and hay bails, Audra Schlecht for letting West Penn School now about the event, everyone who hung a flyer or told a friend or family member, the fundraising Kitchen Crew & Cashier, Karen Wood for helping at the Candy apple station & Boyers for baking cupcakes.

Sunday School News...

The Sunday School kids will be making Veterans cards in November and Eileen will be sending them to all our Veterans. Next Meeting, Nov. 2nd

What is a Veteran?

Under Title 38 of the United States Code, a veteran is defined as:

"A person who served in the active military, naval, or air or space service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable."

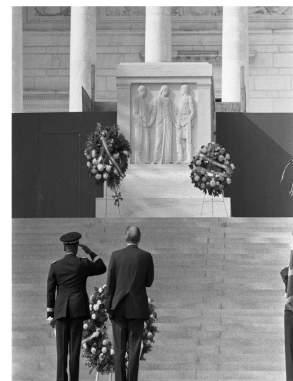


Why is it celebrated on Every November 11th?

On November 11, 1918, an **armistice** between Germany and the Allied nations effectively ended the Great War after millions of casualties. It signaled the first time in more than four years that guns and cannons on the Western Front fell quiet. The war officially ended less than a year later when the **Treaty of Versailles** was signed in June 1919. On the first anniversary of the armistice, **President Woodrow Wilson** declared that November 11 would be celebrated as Armistice Day with parades, public meetings and a two-minute pause of business at 11:00 a.m. **That same day**, the United Kingdom's Unknown Warrior was transported from France to London and buried in Westminster Abbey to commemorate those who lost their lives during World War I. **France's Unknown Soldier** was simultaneously buried in Paris at the base of the **Arc de Triomphe**.

A year later, the United States followed suit by burying four unidentified U.S. military personnel in Arlington National Cemetery's **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** to represent those who gave their lives during the war.

In 1926, the United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing the president to recognize and **honor the armistice on November 11**. An act approved by Congress in 1938 made **Armistice Day** a legal national holiday in recognition of World War I veterans.



President Gerald R. Ford and Major General Frederic Davison salute the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during a Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in 1974. | Photo credit National Archives and Records Administration

The Youth Group met on Sun., October 5, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Maddie Miller, Lillian Huegel,
& Destiny Steinmert

Advisors Present: Karen Wood, Dave & Adele Snyder,
Marianne Storch, Kyle Snyder & Darryl Fritz

Secretary

& Treasurer's Reports were read.

Bible Lesson: Given by Darryl

Show – N – Tell: Maddie Miller – Driver's License



Old Business:

- 1) Fall Bingo** – October 12th – 12:00pm – Doors & Kitchen Open – Youth Group members be in the Auditorium by 11:15ish.
- 2) Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat** – October 25th at West Penn Park 12:00pm – 5:00pm with Trunk or Treat starting at 1:00pm til 3:00pm- Car will be decorated/Themed as M&Ms. The Youth Group will have a Halloween party after the Fall Festival until 10:00pm
- 3) Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner** – November 15th – 4:00pm –7:00pm - will need some volunteers for this event. Don't forget that for all these events can be used for service hours if you need them for school.
- 4) Buddy Walk for Abigail's Adventure** –The \$150.00 donation for Abigail's Adventure was handed in.
- 5) Youth Group Gift Card** – order sheets were handed out. Orders due November 16th. All order forms and money must be in by November 16th!
(Orders can be picked up by Dec. 7 by 10:30am)
- 6) Show –N – Tell** for Nov.'s meeting will be Ella.

New Business:

Nothing at this time – will discuss Christmas caroling at next meeting

Upcoming Events: Movie Sleepover, Hockey Game, etc.

Next Meeting: November 9th at 7:00pm

Snacks: Maddy

Drinks: Destiny

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Wood, Advisor

“Encourage not Discourage.”

Zion's Stone Church Youth Group

Gift Card Fundraiser Order Form 2025

Seller's Name: _____

*Orders due Sunday Nov. 16 by 10:30 am
Pickup Sunday Dec. 7 by 10:30 am*

Customer's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

GIFT CARD	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Apparel & Accessories			
American Eagle	\$25		
Marshalls / T.J. Maxx	\$25		
Marshalls / T.J. Maxx	\$100		
Old Navy / Gap	\$25		
Under Armour	\$25		
Books & Entertainment			
Amazon	\$25		
Amazon	\$50		
Amazon	\$100		
AMC Theatres	\$25		
Apple Store / Apple.com	\$15		
Apple Store / Apple.com	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	\$25		
Best Buy	\$25		
Disney	\$25		
GameStop	\$25		
Regal Theatres	\$25		
Grocery			
Giant	\$25		
Giant	\$50		
Giant	\$100		
Weis Markets	\$25		
Weis Markets	\$100		

GIFT CARD	VALUE	QTY	TOTAL
Department Stores			
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	\$10		
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		
Cheesecake Factory	\$25		
Chili's Grill & Bar	\$25		
Cracker Barrel	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	\$25		
Logan's Roadhouse	\$25		
LongHorn Steakhouse	\$25		
Olive Garden	\$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		
Lowe's Home Impr.	\$25		
Lowe's Home Impr.	\$100		
Michaels	\$25		
Tractor Supply Co.	\$25		
Tractor Supply Co.	\$100		

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'	\$10		
Dunkin'	\$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		
ULTA	\$25		

Please Make Checks Payable To
Youth Together, Youth Forever

***Money must accompany order*

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 Youth Group



2025 - Youth Group Poinsettia Order Form

In Honor Of:

Color Choice: **1)** _____ **2)** _____ **3)** _____

1)

Name of Sponsors:

2)

Name of Sponsors:

3)

Name of Sponsors:

In Memory Of:

Color Choice: **1)** _____ **2)** _____ **3)** _____

1)

Name of Sponsors:

2)

Name of Sponsors:

3)

Name of Sponsors:

Cost per plant \$ **10.00** Make checks payable to **Youth Together, Youth Forever** or **YTYF**.

Color choices are: **White, Red, Pink (Marble)**. Please indicate the color of the plant that you want at the color choice spot: (1)=First plant; 2)=second plant; or 3)=third plant

Please put orders in a plain envelope & write "Poinsettia order" on it. Place it in the offering

on a Sunday morning or give to Charlotte Fritz . **Deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday,**

Nov. 30th...Money must accompany the order. Mail in Orders must be mailed no later then

Nov. 25th - Mail orders to Zion's Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Rd, New Ringgold, PA 17960

For Office Use: Amt pd \$ _____ Check # _____ or

Cash ☐ # of White _____ Red _____ Pink _____

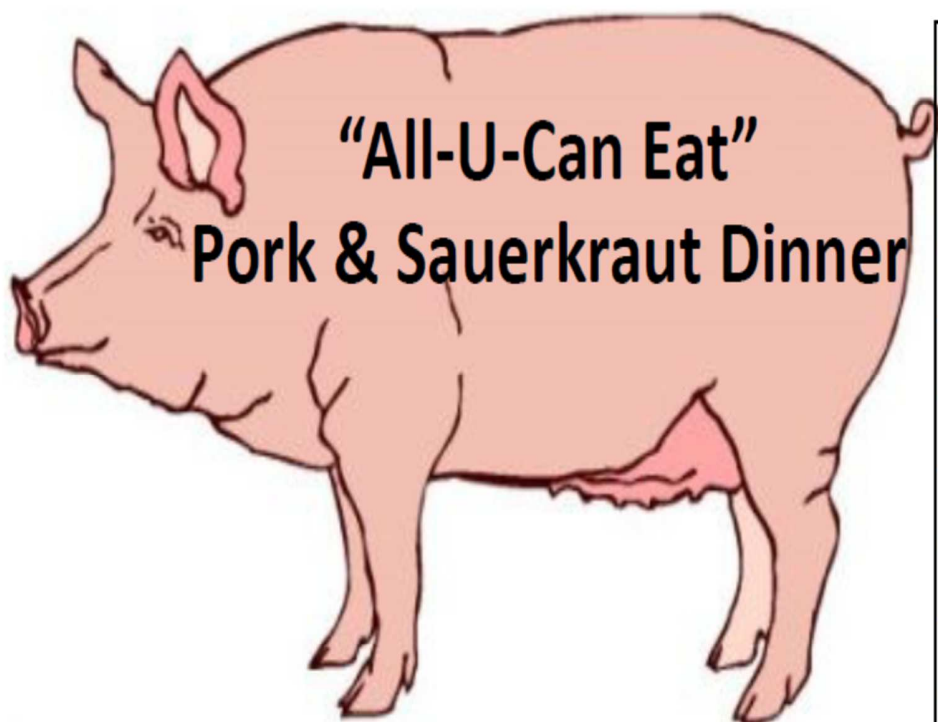
Thank You

for your orders!

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 15

4:00pm – 7:00pm

(This is a no pre ticket sale)

Adults \$13.00

Kids (5-12years): \$7.00

Kids under 5: Free



Outreach News...

Valor – Will resume in 2026

Food Pantry – Christ Church Mckensburg

Areas Served: New Ringgold, Mckensburg, Drehersville, Port Clinton, Snyders, Andreas, E. Brunswick, & West Penn Township

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway – November 22, 2025 at Ben Salem UCC - 1965 Church Hill Rd. Lehighton, PA. 18235

Five churches, Zion Stone West Penn, St Peter's West Penn, St John's Mahoning, Dinkey Memorial Ashfield and Ben Salem UCC Andreas are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 22nd 2025.

Volunteer helpers please by at Ben Salem by 8:00am to

Help. Must preregister with Nancy Meiser (570)205-9261 starting on November 3rd, Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4 pm until November 17th. If Nancy is unable to answer your call, please leave your name, phone number and number of meals you are requesting. Only 250 meals being prepared.

Drive through (only) Ben Salem from 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Giving Tree – Starts November 23, 2025

Please have your donated goody bags back by Dec. 5th
Christmas Gift Bags – 5 Nursing Homes

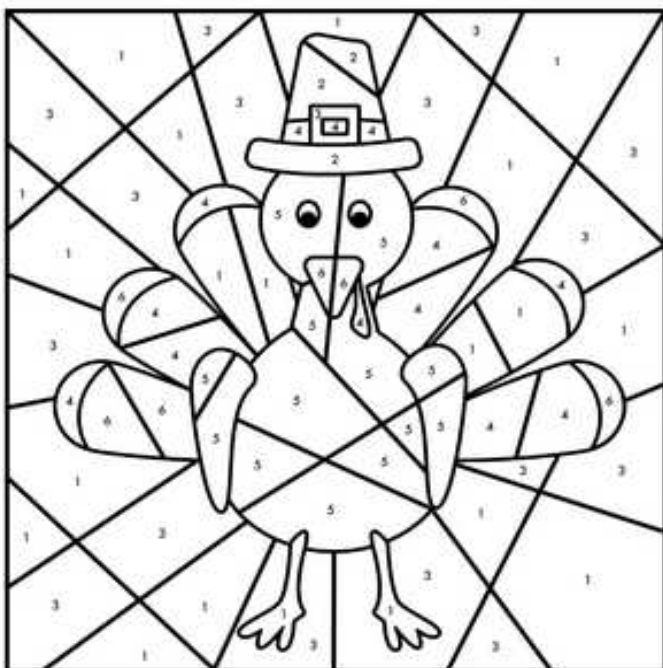
It's Time to Relax!

Gobble Gobble

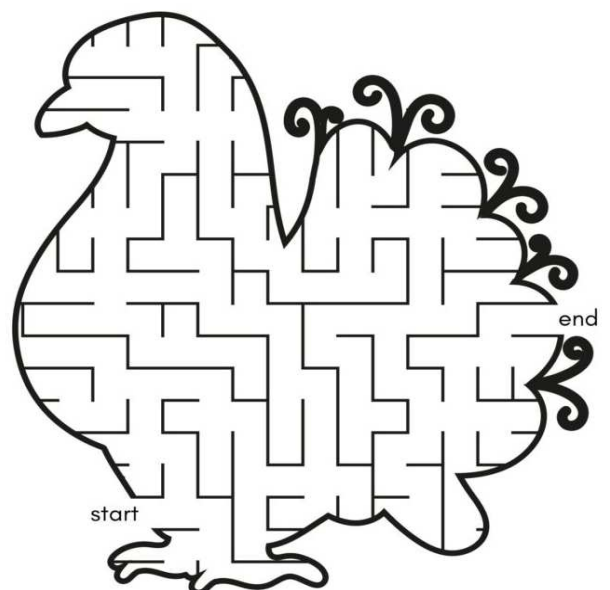


**THANKSGIVING
COLOR BY NUMBER**

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1 ORANGE | 4 RED |
| 2 BLACK | 5 BROWN |
| 3 GREEN | 6 YELLOW |



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING





PNEC Vision Statement:

"United in Faith...Committed to Love...Created to Serve"

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

www.pnec.org 610-826-3113

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

Patty Rehrig patty@pnec.org [SEND ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED TO](#) patty@pnec.org

Bonnie's Letter

Dear friends,

The world sure is chaotic and there are certainly reasons to be anxious when war is happening, crime continues, protests are met with violence, and divisions seem to be expanding. These words from the Apostle Paul remind us to give our anxiety over to God and offer thanksgiving for God's presence.

As I look at the calendar and realize there are a scant 2-1/2 months until the Penn Northeast Conference becomes the Mountain Valley Association, there seems so much to do, so many tasks left to accomplish, and so many office items to be disbursed (that's a hint that you should come and get something from the office space). It would be easy to get anxious, worried, and overwhelmed. For me, the additional tasks of moving, during this time, adds another layer of anxiety. And yet, all things will be completed, perhaps not as quickly or smoothly as we hope, but all things will be completed.

There is so much to be thankful for – so many people who have offered and will continue to offer their skills to the association as it is birthed and the Keystone Conference as it begins, funds allocated to support mission and ministries, strategies and structures to assure the skilled functioning of all our settings. We are so very blessed. As we share our worries, let us also share our hopes. As we wonder with some anxiety about the future, let us be grateful for the past and live joyously in the present.

There are opportunities to celebrate. There is our PNEC Fall and Final Conference Meeting on November 1. There is a celebration of my retirement on November 16. There is the first Keystone Meeting on November 22. There is Covenant Sunday on November 23. Advent brings with it anticipation and celebration. My friends, we can truly celebrate who we have been, who we are and who we will be. For that I will be truly thankful and lay all anxiety aside. ~Blessings, Bonnie

Keystone Conference logo selected

Earlier this year, even before the vote in July by the 35th General Synod to recognize the merger of the four Pennsylvania Conferences to create the Keystone Conference, the Keystone Working Group decided that we needed a logo that everyone would easily recognize. They gave members of all the UCC churches in Pennsylvania the opportunity to submit a design for a logo. Entries had to be submitted by May 15. The four Conference Ministers narrowed down the 24 designs that were submitted to four that were presented to the Transitional Board of Directors at their first meeting on August 1. They chose a keystone design divided into fourths with different colors representing the four existing Conferences that were coming together to form the new Conference. The Cross and Orb of the United Church of Christ is overlaid on the design. Some changes were suggested for the font, and the final logo was approved by the Board at its September meeting.



The colorful keystone design was submitted by **George Mamas**. George is originally from Philadelphia, the son of Greek immigrant parents. He graduated from the Art Institute of Philadelphia (1993), and has since worked in various advertising and marketing agencies in the area. He is the proud father of Caroline, Phoenix, and Persephone, and devoted husband of Rev. Leslie Mamas (pastor, Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC, Norristown). In his free time, you might find him playing hockey, practicing his martial arts or at a comic convention. Besides the letterhead shown here, there will be several variations: horizontal or vertical, with or without "United Church of Christ." There will be guidance on how each version is to be used. Also look for Keystone "swag" as we get closer to January 1 and the official launch of the Keystone Conference.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly: The Work of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

Written by: Pastor Mike Bennethum, LAMPa Policy Council Chair

In a well-known scripture, the prophet Micah proclaims, “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (NRSV Micah 6:8) It has been pointed out that we Lutherans often are more comfortable loving justice and doing kindness; that is, we find satisfaction in feeding hungry people but shy away from calling out and addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty. For the past 46 years, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) – funded in part by your mission support giving – has taken up the important, but daunting task of working to change systems that perpetuate inequity and injustice.

LAMPa’s staff – Tracey DePasquale, Director, and Pastor Erin Jones, Communications and Advocacy Engagement Manager, joined this year by Hunger Advocacy Fellow, Daniella Garber – work with a Policy Council composed of representatives of Pennsylvania’s seven synods, the United Lutheran Seminary, and a synod bishop to develop a biennial Policy Agenda that guides our church’s engagement with state legislators and departments in the governor’s office.



2025 Lutheran Day at the Capitol

The current Policy Agenda includes the following priorities:

- Hunger: improving access to healthy, affordable food;
- Creation Care: advocating for laws that protect clean air, water, and land;
- Poverty: addressing homelessness and housing insecurity;
- Education: working toward adequate and equitable school funding;
- Healthcare: working to ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to affordable care;
- Civil Rights: working to reduce hate crime and safeguard the right to vote;
- Immigration: standing for welcome to our newest neighbors; and
- Violence Reduction: addressing the root causes of violence, including trauma and extreme poverty.

The LAMPa staff and Policy Council pursue this ambitious agenda in several ways:

- By forming and participating in coalitions with leaders of other denominations, faith-based organizations, and community groups that are passionate about these same issues;
- By engaging with state legislators and those who work in the governor's office, regardless of party affiliation, to advance measures that benefit all Pennsylvanians;
- And, most important, by equipping and supporting the members of the 1,050 ELCA congregations in Pennsylvania so that each of us becomes more confident expressing our faith in the Good News of Jesus by becoming bold advocates for a just and compassionate society. The widely used Bonhoeffer curriculum is just one example of this.



Policy Council Chairs: NEPS Bishop Christopher deForest, Pastor Dillon Epler, and Pastor Mike Bennethum



LAMPa Council Policy Meeting

Each of you is an important partner in this ministry. Check out LAMPa's website, lutheranadvocacy.org. Sign up to receive helpful Action Alerts regarding pending legislation that addresses the issues above. Follow LAMPa on Facebook and Instagram. Sign up to join approximately 250 of your fellow Lutherans at the next Lutheran Day at the Capitol (tentatively Tuesday, April 21, 2026).

At the center of Lutheran ethics is God's command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Please join in this ministry of neighbor-love by supporting LAMPa's work. Thank you for your mission support giving that helps to make this possible!

DID YOU KNOW that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod and ELCA like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit godslove.org/missionsupport.



STAY INFORMED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

LAMPa's Action Alerts connect faith and public life by giving you quick, meaningful ways to advocate for justice and compassion in Pennsylvania. Each alert includes background and an easy way to contact legislators on issues like hunger, housing, and creation care.

SIGN UP
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ZION'S STONE CHURCH NOVEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

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

ZION'S STONE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
All Saint's Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00am-Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Pew) w/Linnea Meiser leading worship	Call Nancy Meiser 570-205-9267 9:00am - 4:00pm, Mon. - Fri. to order your Free Thanksgiving Meal pick up at Ben Salem Church on Nov. 22nd			Choir Rehearsals: 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Sr Choir	6:00pm - Finance Meeting	
10:15am - Sunday School 11:15am - Sunday School Mtg.						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00am - Wor. Service w/Linnea Meiser leading Wor. w/Young People's Time w/King's Kids Singing	6:30pm - Board Meeting			Choir Rehearsals: 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Sr Choir		
10:15am - Sunday School 7:00pm - Youth Group Mtg.						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00am - Worship Service w/Linnea Meiser leading Worship & Baptism	Deadline to Order Free Thanksgiving Meal at Ben Salem Dinners are limited!			Choir Rehearsals: 6:15pm - Handbell 6:45pm - Sr Choir		1:00pm - 3:00pm drive by pick up of your registered Turkey meal at Ben Salem Church
10:15am - Sunday School Deadline to return Christmas shoe boxes to Church Deadline to return Youth Group Gift card orders & Money						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00am - Worship Service w/Linnea Meiser leading worship				Office Closed No Choir Rehearsals		
10:15am - Sunday School				Happy Thanksgiving!		