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August

2025

ZION'S COMMUNITY MEAL



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025
4:30 TO 6:30 PM
AT ZION FAMILY LIFE CENTER
COME AND ENJOY THE MEAL
WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS,
AND NEIGHBORS





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ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

~ Proverbs 3:9-10

Who is the wisest person you know? Is it an older person? Someone with more experience? Now that you have this person in mind, how did they get their wisdom? Did they learn from other people's mistakes? Did it come from their mistakes? There is something about wisdom that we are drawn to. The wise person seems to have all the answers. We want to live our lives without issues, but that is not always the case for the wise person in our lives. They have problems and concerns that we may not see or even realize.

Solomon, considered the author of Proverbs, is the wisest person who ever lived. Proverbs is a collection of the wisdom he gave his son to follow. In Proverbs 3:9-10, Solomon shares his insight on honoring God with his resources. It feels transactional, meaning I will receive more if I give more. In 1 Kings 3:1-15, God comes to Solomon in a vision to give him what he needs. Solomon asks for wisdom so he can rule well. God gives him not only wisdom, but also honor and wealth. We are tempted to think Solomon had no problem honoring God with His wealth, but he is human and tempted to do other things with his wealth. He would eventually succumb to temptation in different areas, leading him away from God. So, the transactional feel of this proverb may come from Solomon's viewpoint at this time in his life.

Let's return to the proverb; the principle is true. We are to honor God with our resources, specifically our financial resources. Moses said to give God a tithe, which is a tenth, of their first fruits, the first harvest. The first harvest would be where they would get the seeds for the next planting season. This means they would give God their best and trust Him to provide for their needs. So, Solomon tells his son to honor God with his giving and see what God will do. Solomon's experience is that God provides more than what is needed. This is seen in his prayer from 1 Kings 1, and God continues to provide throughout Solomon's reign. What does he mean by honoring God? Our English word honor means to respect, but the Hebrew word has a connotation of being heavy, weighty, and glorified. The context helps us to see that Solomon tells his son to worship God with his financial resources.

What about us? How do we put this proverb into practice? Are we honoring God with our finances? Would God be pleased with what we are doing financially? What can we do to trust God with our finances? Changing our habits and thoughts may take some time, but we can take small steps to trust God with more of our finances and see what God does with us and through us.



With Christ's Love,


Pastor Seth

August



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
				3	4	5
9 am Donut Fellowship 12 pm-6 pm FH/Kitchen In Use		6:45 pm Prayer Meeting	7pm EVANGELISM/REVIVAL	7pm EVANGELISM/REVIVAL	7pm EVANGELISM/REVIVAL	7pm EVANGELISM/REVIVAL
10 7:30 am Meals on Wheels - FUMC	12	13	14	15	16	
10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Admid Bd - Lib	7pm WOMEN OF FAITH	6:45 pm Prayer Meeting	No Community Skate			
→ Day Camp 08/11/2025-08/15/2025	Wesley Woods	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Newsletter Articles Due!	12 pm-4 pm FH/K In-Use		
17 3 pm-7 pm FH/K In-Use 10:45 am Zion Choir	18	19	20 11 am Meal Prep - FLC 4:30 pm Community Meal - FLC 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting	21	22	23
			5 pm-7 pm Pavilion In Use	OCC picnic - FH 10:00 am - 3:00 pm		
			****Camp Allegheny Women's Retreat****			
24 10 am Staff Meeting	25 10:30 am Newsletter Folding	26 6:30 pm Herbal Thymes 6 pm Missions - LIB	27 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting	28 11 am Vitalent Set-Up FLC	29 1 pm-7 pm Blood Drive	30
CA Women's Retreat						
31	SUNDAYS: 8:00am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School All Ages 10:45 am -Worship					

HAPPY

Birthday

AUGUST

08/01	Liam Benzinger	08/17	Tim Zang
	Spencer Riemer	08/18	Mia Spehar
08/04	Bob Gross	08/19	Dan Harbison
	Peter Kalmer	08/20	Janet Frye
08/07	*Gerry Hughes*	08/25	Ken Wagner
	Donna Beer		Matt Deacon
08/09	*Nancy Glunt*	08/28	*Eunice Kenton*
08/11	Amy Potocnak	08/29	*Ruth Gross*
	Tim Saxman		*Henry (Sonny) Goepfert*
	Allison Shaw		Becca Kelley
08/13	Lori Gehenio		
08/16	Bob Gealy		



SPECIAL

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

TO OUR OVER 80'S CLUB!

Gerry Hughes

Nancy Glunt

Eunice Kenton

Ruth Gross

Henry (Sonny) Goepfert

God's best Blessing to you!

*Please Remember our over 80
by sending them a card on
their special Day!*

*** Congratulations! ***

**WHO'S WHO IN
AUGUST?**

DECORATIONS

HARVEST

HEATHER RICHTER

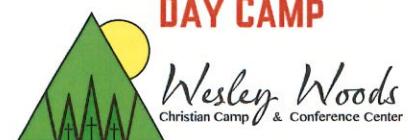
**OFFERING THE COUNTING
COMMITTEE**

**COLLEEN JOHNSON &
BOB GLUNT**

MINISTRY TABLE

"OUT OF THE WOODS"

DAY CAMP



We are updating the List of Birthdays for
Zion Methodist Community Church
If we did not include your birthday,
it is probably because we do not have the
date on file. If you want your birthday
published, be sure the office has your
birthdate. If you want to be removed, let
us know. Please forgive us if we missed you
on your special day!

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

ACTIVITIES



Zion Community Meal
Family Life Center
4:30 pm-6:30 pm
08/20/2025
Volunteers Needed!

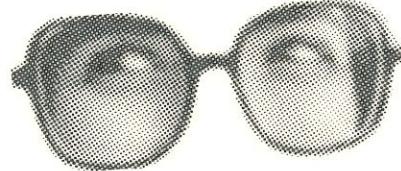
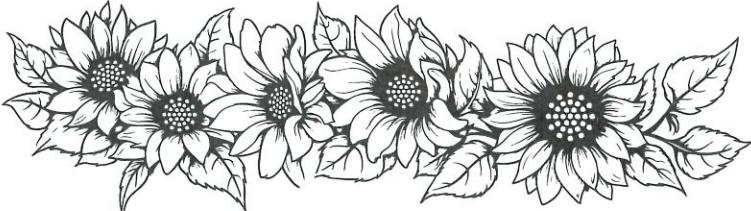
(All FLC Activities **NO** Childcare Provided)



Ministries

AUGUST MEETINGS

“Out of the Woods” Day Camp 08/11 - 08/15 9 am-3 pm			
Trustees	7:00 pm	08/05/2025	Room #12
Prayer Meeting	6:45 pm	08/06/2025	Chapel
Evangelism/Revival	7:00 pm	08/07/2025	Library
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	08/11/2025	Library
Administrative Bd	7:00 pm	08/11/2025	Library
Women of Faith	7:00 pm	08/12/2025	Library
Prayer Meeting	6:45 pm	08/13/2025	Chapel
Newsletter Articles Due!		08/15/2025	Office
Community Meal	4:30 pm	08/20/2025	FLC
Prayer Meeting	6:45 pm	08/20/2025	Chapel
Women’s Retreat		08/22-24/2025	
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	08/25/2025	Library
Newsletter Folding	10:30 am	08/26/2025	Library
Missions	6:00 pm	08/26/2025	Library
Prayer Meeting	6:45 pm	08/27/2025	Chapel



OLD PRESCRIPTION GLASSES:

The Ladies and Gents of Concordia are collecting old used prescription eyeglasses, to go to those in need in other countries. There is a basket in the narthex. Questions see Pat Gray



**Looking for a good
Bible Study ?
Pick a study that has
been harvested for you>**



<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/zionsarver>

**SWEET
FOR THE
SWEET!!**

Donations of individually wrapped candy for the candy dish may be dropped off at the church office anytime. Our current candy supply is running low.



GOD LOVES YOU! SO DOES ZION!!!

We have several members of our congregation who are home bound due to age, illness, or life in general. They have been on the prayer list for months, but what they really could use, and need is a friend to stop by and say hello, or a card to say we are thinking of you. With Covid and Flu those people are getting forgotten. I would like to use this section as a possible Visitation and Card Shower For those Members of Zion!



Wilda DeBerry
111 Edgewood Drive
Sarver, PA 16055-9529

Neal McGee
121 Stobert Lane
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Harry Hoover
Oertel Building Room 205
615 N Pike Road
Cabot, PA 16023

Jerry & Donna Beer
216 Widmer Avenue
Lower Burrell, PA 15068-
2513

Gary & Diane Risch
596 Parker Road
Sarver, PA 16055

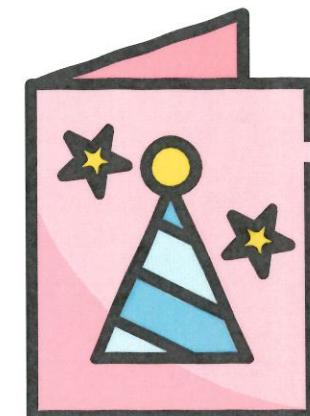
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ZION SUNSHINE BASKETS

Do you have a friend who is homebound or bedridden due to illness or injury?

They may need a hug or a bit of get-well-soon to let them know someone cares. God loves them! A Zion Sunshine Basket is a perfect reminder! Let Ginger Miller or Sarah Blose know, and a Sunshine Gift Basket or mug will be ready when you visit your friend next.



Used Card for gifts, holidays, thank you, & etc. The Ladies and Gents of Concordia are still collecting used cards. Please remember they need the cards whole. Names may be scribbled or scratched out. Questions see Pat Gray

ZION RECIPE



Easy Dessert for any Occasion

CHEESECAKE STUFFED BANANA BREAD BUNDT

Ingredients :

- 2 rolls of Pillsbury Banana Bread
- 1 Container Philadelphia cream no-bake cheesecake
- 1/2 Cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)
- 1 Container of white or cream cheese Icing
- Grease a bundt pan with PAM spray. Cut the top off one tub of Banana bread and squeeze it into the bottom of the bundt pan.
- Then, take a spoon and make a canal in the circle of the bundt.
- Then, place the cheesecake in a Ziploc bag, squeeze to one side, cut the tip off the bag, and fill the canal with the cheesecake— even out the cheesecake with a spatula. Place the nuts (If desired) on the cheesecake. Then, put the second roll on top of the mixture, and even it out with a spatula.
- Put in the oven to bake at 350 degrees for 1 Hour
- Let it sit for 15 to 20 minutes, then place a plate over the bundt and flip the cake onto the plate. It should be completely cool.
- Heat the container of icing in the microwave for 1 minute and drizzle it over the cake. You can add nuts, sprinkles, or candy curls to decorate. It is ready to serve. Yum!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report as of 06/30/2025 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 05/31/2025	(\$14,827.78)	\$28,064.15	\$29,663.75	\$72,333.84	\$115,233.96
Deposits	\$34,801.40	\$4,653.50	\$695.00	\$13,319.70	\$53,469.60
Disbursements	(\$25,437.71)	(\$1,800.34)		(\$13,900.00)	(\$41,138.05)
Balance 06/30/2025	(\$5,464.09)	\$30,917.31	\$30,358.75	\$71,753.54	\$127,565.51

*Lisa
McClelland,
Treasurer*

GENERAL FUND – THIS IS THE OPERATING FUND WHERE A LOT OF OUR EXPENSES ARE PAID LIKE PAYROLL, UTILITIES, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, GENERAL MAINTENANCE, MISSION MONEY ABOVE THE DESIGNATED GIVING, AND OTHER ITEMS.

DESIGNATED FUND – THIS FUND RECEIVES MONIES THAT ARE DESIGNATED TO GO TO SPECIFIC MINISTRIES LIKE MISSIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER SPECIFIC DESIGNATIONS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – THIS FUND IS USED FOR EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT ROUTINE AND ARE USUALLY LARGER LIKE APPLIANCES FOR THE PARSONAGE, ROOF REPAIRS, AND OTHER LONG-TERM ISSUES.

BUILDING FUND – THIS FUND IS FOR THE BY FAITH WE BUILD CAMPAIGN, WHICH PAYS THE MORTGAGE FOR THE Family Life Center.

MISSIONS

MOMENTS WITH MISSIONS

Jun-25

290.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
300.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
250.00	MEALS ON WHEELS
300.00	MERCY SHIP
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
300.00	NEW CHURCH KITTANNING
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
240.00	UNIQUENESS CLASS HAITI CHILD
416.00	WESLEY WOODS DAY CAMP
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
3,296.00	TOTAL

7% of Zion's income for June



EXPRESSIONS OF OUR FAITH

"I was hungry, and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you received me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.

(Matthew 25: 35-36)



Zion Free Community Meals

The community meals are on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Zion Family Life Center, in partnership with local homeschool families and Cabot Food Bank. Our next meal will be on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, greeting, serving, and cleanup. If you would like to help, please sign up for the available time slot and the job you want to do on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Questions ?> Contact the Office (7270353-1720. All are invited to come enjoy the meal and community fellowship.



MEALS ON WHEELS –MONTHLY, 2ND MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 7:30 AM - 11 AM AT FREEPORT UMC, PREPARE AND SERVE A MEAL EACH MONTH. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP, DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE COORDINATOR: BECKY ROSS (724)467 2048 OR (724)295 - 3229 ROSS4HIM@HOTMAIL.COM



Family Promise House

For August, Zion is taking a break from collecting items for the Family Promise House. They are always looking for **volunteers** to fellowship and serve. Contact for times: AVAC Phone:(724)226-3197 or Email: avac@avaoc.org.



Operation Christmas Child

We are ramping up in 2025 to have a bigger year. We are going to collect **each month** this year. **August's Collection** consists of **school supplies** (such as **crayons, kids' scissors, colored pencils, notebooks, etc.**). Please put any collections in the box under the cabinet in the narthex marked **OCC(Operation Christmas Child)**.

Thank you collecting year round.

Attention All Sewers:

Precut school bags to sew for OCC are now available in the cabinet drawer or on display in the box by the Ministry Table. Each kit contains directions and a finished sample. When completed, they may be returned to the lower cabinet on the left, marked OCC, and will be used in shoe boxes for school-age children. Thank you for helping in making these bags



Expressions of our Faith meets on August 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome. Please join us if you are interested in serving on our Mission Encounter Team.

Dear Pastor Seth and Church:

We greet you in Jesus' name. We will never cease to thank you for your prayers and financial support, which help sustain the ministry that the Lord has entrusted to us. All goes well at the mission. The primary school children have completed their exams for the fiscal year, and the secondary students will finish this week.

God is good, God bless.
Ermithe and Pierre



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation on behalf of everyone at the Center of Hope. Our Mission: to empower individuals and families in their community by providing food, clothing, school supplies, and other resources to help them break free from poverty and step into lives of independence.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

Sue Otto
Director



Dear Zion Congregation,
Thank you for your recent donation. We are pleased to be able to offer this service to the community, and support is critical. Thank you! God Bless!

Sincerely,
Freeport Area
Meals on Wheels



Dear Friends,
Thank you for the recent donations to the Warren Gives event, which will help serve the needs of the youth and vulnerable adults with the diagnosis of Mental Illness or Intellectual Disabilities.

Your caring and thoughtfulness for the Ruth M. Smith Center residents are greatly appreciated.



My best to all,
Kimberly G. Adams
Executive Director

Dear Friends in Christ,
the Cabot Church Food Bank would like to thank ZMCC for the very generous donations in May and June. The caring hand of God reaches out to others through your continued support. We remain, in yours in Christ's love.

Cabot Food Bank



Dear Friends,
The AVAC wishes to thank you for your gifts for May and June to the Promise House.
We are very grateful for your generosity and support
Thank you again for helping us do that and for your continued support.

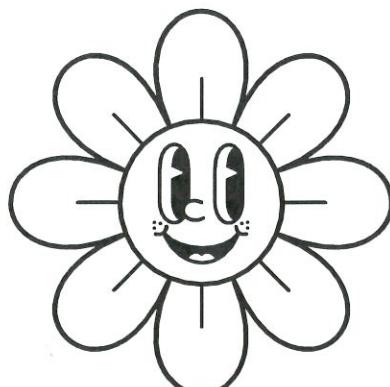
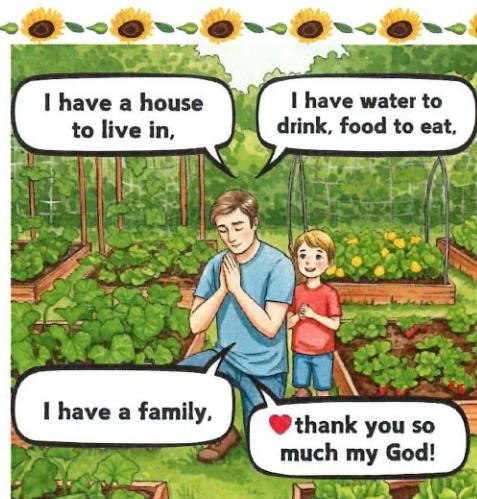
Yours in Christ,
Karen Snair
Executive Director



Dear ZMCC,

Thank you for supporting The Blessing Board with your gift, which will make a difference in the lives of scores of people. As of April 2025 and June 2025, we served 1227 families, representing 2935 people, including 1282 children under 18. Our vision is that everyone who comes to us gets the help they need.

Thank you for showing you care
Through your donation!
All of us at The Blessing Board



10 BLESSINGS OF GOD:

1. I have a home.
2. I ate today.
3. I have a kind heart.
4. I have good wishes for others.
5. I have water to drink.
6. I am content.
7. I am trying to become better.
8. I have a dream.
9. I have clean clothes.
10. I am breathing.



If you are thankful to God for all things, Amen!



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 (Donna Scholl): 724-353-9530
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Zion's Mission Statement

Invite people to know Jesus Christ.
Grow those who respond into
 disciples.
Serve all people in the name of
 Christ.



Zion's Faith Statement

"Zion Methodist Community Church is Jesus-centered, believing in the inspired authority of scripture, the lordship of Jesus Christ, and the maintaining of traditional Methodist beliefs."



VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: None Reported
Deaths: None Reported
Births: None Reported
Baptisms: None Reported
New Members: None Reported

Welcome to the Zion Family!

If you are considering joining Zion, Pastor Seth would be pleased to speak with you and answer any questions. If we have omitted your special date or event or printed incorrect information, please let the Office Manager know, and a correction will be made.



PRAYER WARRIOR LEADER

Prayer Warriors are standing by to pray for you. Allison Shaw is serving as the point person for our prayer chain ministry!

Allison can be reached by email, text, or phone.

Her email is aemcc11@gmail.com

Allison's Phone is 724-822-5339



ADDRESS and EMAIL CHANGES

Please NOTIFY the office if your address and email change. You can notify us by phone, mail, e-mail, or a note on the attendance pad. Over the past few weeks, we have paid a lot of postage because people didn't give us their new addresses, so I can't stress enough: Please inform us when your address changes. Every piece of bulk mail (newsletters, holiday letters) sent to the wrong address costs around \$2.05 per piece of mail.





July 11, 2025

Zion United Methodist Church
438 Bear Creek Road
Sarver, PA 16055-9221

Dear Zion United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for your incredibly generous in-kind donations of food in 2025 benefitting the Buffalo Elementary program of Blessings in a Backpack.

Today, food insecurity impacts children in every corner of the United States. An astounding 100% of U.S. counties currently have food insecure residents. That's why your support makes such an enormous difference.

Because of YOU, more children in Buffalo Elementary Fund will know where their next meal will come from when they leave school on Friday afternoon. We are so grateful for the impact you make on kids each weekend.

Thank you for letting kids be kids – without the worry of being hungry.

If you have questions about Blessings in a Backpack or your gift, please contact Sydney DeLong at 312-366-2749 or sydneyd@blessingsinabackpack.org.

Sincerely,

Erin Kerr
Erin Kerr
Chief Executive Officer

*Please use this document as a tax receipt for the donation listed above. The Federal Tax ID number for Blessings in a Backpack is 26-1964620. Blessings in a Backpack is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.



Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings in a Backpack Program prepares weekend meals for Freeport Area School District students enrolled in the new school year's free or reduced lunch program. The cost to replenish and maintain the necessary food items throughout the school year is great!

Please consider making a financial contribution to this vital program. Every penny of your donation is used solely to purchase food items that go directly into the backpacks of children within our community.

If you wish to help, please mark your offering envelope "Blessings in a Backpack". Your prayers and contributions are greatly needed and appreciated!

If you have questions, please see Jean Walker or Lori Smiesko.

Thank you!



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6100 Dutchmans Ln., Ste 630
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blessingsinabackpack.org

Chicago Office
303 E Wacker Dr., Ste. 103
Chicago, IL 60601



DONATE BLOOD
Blood donation is an **ESSENTIAL** health care activity.
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Zion Community Blood Drive August 28, 2025 1 pm - 7 pm



Zion Family Life Center
438 Bear Creek Road
Sarver, PA 16055
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Make an appointment to donate blood

412-209-7000 Vitalant.org

Download the App



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Five Parkway Center
875 Greentree Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

vitalant.org

Tracy Ben
Zion Methodist Community Church
438 Bear Creek Road
Sarver, PA 16055

Hello Tracy,

Thank you again for having us onsite **Thursday, June 26, 2025** for the blood drive. Here are the results from this lifesaving event: there were **30** donors, giving **27** units of blood, bringing us close to our blood drive goal of **33** units. Please accept my thanks on behalf of the patients that you and your **Sarver Community** donors will impact. I'm sure you know that every unit of blood is a precious gift to a patient in need, and it is received with much joy and gratitude.

Along with saving lives and inspiring blood donors, each drive is an opportunity to learn and fine-tune our strategies for future drives. As someone who cares about this vital community service as much as you do, I have some ideas to help continue to grow the blood drive program, and I look forward to sharing them with you prior to the next drive.

Please share your feedback and any ideas for next time with me at your earliest opportunity. On behalf of the hospitals and patients we serve, we are sincerely grateful for your partnership! Your role as a blood drive coordinator is key to building and maintaining a safe and available community blood supply. The story below is just one example of why we're both committed to this partnership. Please pass on our thanks to all your donors and we look forward to seeing you again.

The blood collected during your blood drive will have an immediate impact on patients right here in our community. Patients like 7-year-old Marquan, who has sickle cell disease and needs frequent blood transfusions to manage his pain. Or Cheron, who had an amniotic fluid embolism while in labor, and required 50+ units of blood and blood products to survive.

Sincerely,

Dena Gribble

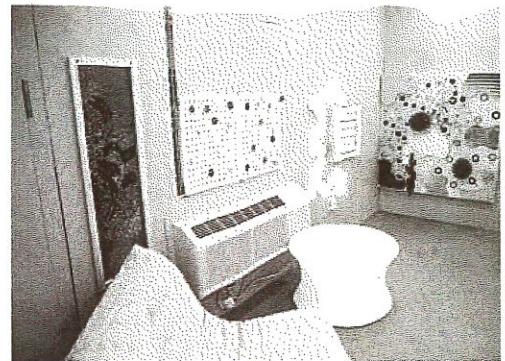
Dena Gribble
Account Manager
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*Because of you, life doesn't stop.
Donate blood.*



A Calming Space for All: Jumonville's New Sensory Room



07/07/2025

By Rev. Bev Roscoe



This year, Jumonville Camp and Retreat Center took another meaningful step toward making camp a place where everyone feels welcome and valued. Thanks to a generous grant from Go Laurel Highlands Tourism, a brand-new sensory room was created, just in time for the summer season!

This space was officially dedicated at the Spring Dinner, where Rev. Dr. Ed Saxman, Director of the Autism Initiative, CAT Camp Autism, and the Autism Family Retreat, offered a heartfelt prayer of blessing. Rev. Saxman's connection to this ministry is deeply personal - his nephews, Timmy and Tommy, are longtime campers whose joyful presence helped inspire his passion for inclusion. Maria Roscoe shared the ribbon-cutting moment, who is the daughter of Rev. Bev Roscoe, who founded JAM Camp and has been a tireless advocate for creating inclusive spaces at Jumonville and in our churches for many years. Together, their involvement represents a beautiful legacy of love, leadership, and belonging. The sensory room is designed to offer a safe, soothing space for campers (and maybe even a counselor or two!) who need a break from the busyness of camp life. With features like a cozy swing, comfy chairs, a calming water bubble tower, and various tactile and interactive items, the room helps campers reset, recharge, and feel at peace.

And it's already making a difference. During JAM Camp, one camper who had been coming to Jumonville for years used the room when he started feeling overwhelmed. After unwinding in the sensory space, he rejoined his group with renewed energy and focus.

Later that same week, he gently encouraged another camper to try it. That's the kind of care, compassion, and connection we love to see at Jumonville. Heather Withrow, president of Jumonville, summed it beautifully: "At Jumonville, we are deeply committed to creating spaces where every camper and guest feels safe, seen, and loved. Our new sensory room integration room reflects that commitment, offering campers a calming environment where they can regulate, recharge, and experience the love of Jesus in a way that meets their individual needs."

We're so grateful for the ongoing support that makes this ministry possible, and we can't wait to see how this new space continues to bless all who enter in, -Timmy Saxman, Ed Saxman, Tommy Saxman, Maria Roscoe, Bev Roscoe, and Heather Withrow



College Addresses:

Please call the church office at 724-353-1720 or email office@zionsarver.com with your student's new or updated college address to ensure they receive a newsletter and college gift card (in October). Even if the address is the same, please let the office know. The deadline for 2025 - 2026 addresses is October 5, 2025. We appreciate your help..



Sweet Hour of Prayer

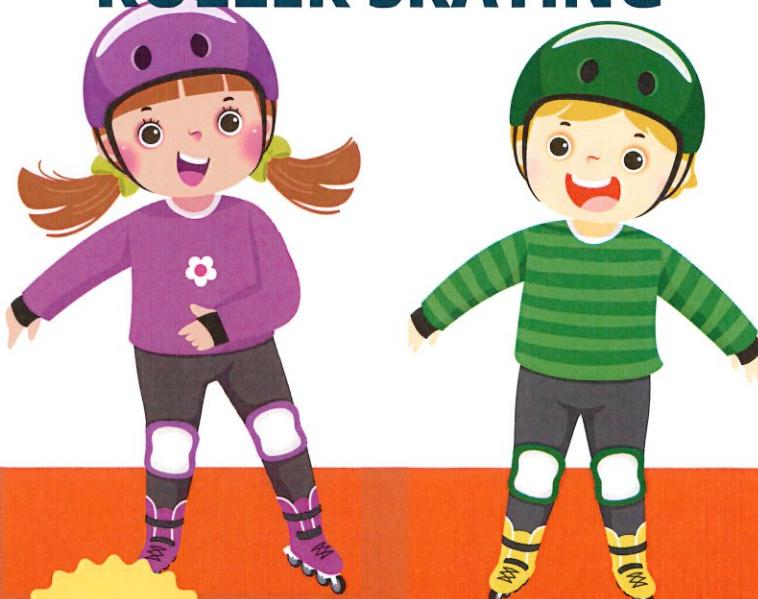
Praise God! Every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:00 pm, we have been making a dedicated prayer time lifting up our church, its needs, its vision, and the community of believers, seekers, and the lost, among other areas the Holy Spirit directs us to pray for. We meet at 6:45 pm to prepare our hearts with prayer and scripture, then set out to do one thing...PRAY! Speaking to God and being still for God to talk to us. Roaming inside, outside, or just being in the presence of Jesus in the sanctuary with nothing but the glow of the cross.

If you have a faith grounded in prayer, our church family needs you to prepare your heart, wearing your armor, to help us fight against the forces of darkness that try to keep us from being the beacon that God knows we can be in this community. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this dedicated time of prayer. It is grounded in scripture that we must be with one another in worship and prayer. If you cannot physically join us at our church home, please dedicate that one hour time slot at the same time and pray with us at your own home. We welcome you to spend that time with our Creator and Savior in one sweet hour of prayer. Amen!!!

In His Service & Yours,
Cheryl Peters



ZION COMMUNITY ROLLER SKATING



Free Entry

3rd Friday Each Month
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
09/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19

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Carol Kent is a best-selling author and a popular international public speaker best known for being dynamic, humorous, encouraging, and biblical. She is a former radio show co-host and her messages have been featured on Focus on the Family. She has been a keynote speaker at Women of Faith, Time Out for Women, and Heritage Keepers arena events; she has also spoken at The Praise Gathering for Believers and at Vision New England's Congress. She has also been a featured speaker at many of the Extraordinary Women and Women of Joy arena events.

She and her husband, Gene, have founded the nonprofit organization, Speak Up for Hope, which benefits inmates and their families. They have also co-authored, with Cindy & Dave Lambert, *Staying Power: Building Your Marriage When Life Sends Its Worst* (Revell)

Please join us for a weekend with Carol!

Your stay includes 2 nights, five meals, speaker sessions, praise, worship, camp activities, and free time for \$125. Saturday only options include lunch and dinner, without lodging for \$55.00

SUMMER

Ministry News for
Children & Families
August 2025

Last Page for Summer

Family Skate

Family skate is taking a break for August. WE WILL NOT SKATE on Friday on August 15th but we will be back for September's date.



Not TOO Late... Look for the Q code in this newsletter and register for "OUT OF THE WOODS" A day camp being hosted by Zion and organized and done by Wesley Woods!

A week of FUN! Ages 5-12 \$80.00 per student. Scholarships available. Contact Pastor Seth at Zion.

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Watch for some upcoming News about our FALL FESTIVAL – a celebration of a new year in Sunday School / Education September



In reading some recommended articles for church growth and ministry, one article really peaked my interest because in some ways, Zion is already actively offering this...but we could do better.

Reaching our visitors should begin in the parking lot. As you come in each Sunday, make an extra effort and speak to someone you don't know while walking in the parking lot.

Once inside, is the visitor being recognized and greeted by others? Do we have persons strictly being on alert to make these folks welcome?

Greet our visitors and make sure they receive a Visitor Pack from the welcome table.

Encourage them to read at their leisure. Guide them to any area they need.

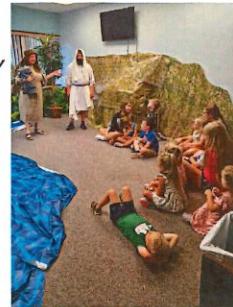
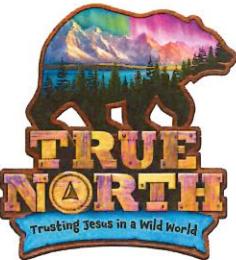
If each member becomes a part of this "team", we could encourage many to have a relationship with God right here with our Zion Family.

Welcome

Others to Zion Be an intentional "Greeter"



Substitute Sunday School Teachers Needed...
WE need people willing to step up in our Sunday School classes when someone is absent or away. With our current limited teachers, it isn't easy when someone needs to be out of the classroom.
The Safe Sanctuaries policy is still valid until we have our new policy, so we need the additional persons.
Let Donna know if we can add you to the list. She'll also answer any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for considering serving the church in this capacity.



THANK YOU!

Offering Vacation Bible School has many components, and without the help and commitment of our Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, Decorators, and kids, this ministry could not exist. When you see the following folks, please send your gratitude, thanks, and prayers for a "job well done!"

Station Leaders:

Sing & Play Peak: Zack Kladny and Caty Deacon

Wild Bible Adventures: Becky Ross, Matthew Neff, and Sue Affrica

Imagination Station: Clarissa Boden and Kayla Hawk

Glacier Games: Bill Fischer and Dean Besterman

Tundra Snacks: Cindy Shick, Lori Gehonio, and JoAnn Culp

Sticky Scripture: Hope Albaugh

Floater / Photographer: Angel Claypoole and Traci Myers

Juneau's Puppy Playhouse (Preschool): Donna Riemer

(Station Leader), Aspen and Skyler Thompson, Aubrey and Avelyn Hess

Organization Assistant: Ginny Besterman

Crew Leaders:

GROUP B: Lochlan Kooser and Lexie Hardt

GROUP C: Riddock Kooser, Payden McDermont, Adult Floater

GROUP D: Riley Ross, Emma Kobik, Ella May

GROUP E: Kale Myers, Brooks May, and Ben Russell

Decorating:

Zack Kladny, Lochlan Kooser, Riddock Kooser, Declan Kooser
Shannon Kooser, Bill Fischer, Brian Colangeli, Bill Ross, John & Jane Woitas, Skadi Mae Phillips

Station Leaders (each designed and decorated their stations)

Mission Project: Operation Christmas Child PENNY WARS

Help us work toward shipping 70 shoe boxes. Donations

accepted.