

The Zion Newsletter
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February

2025

Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday, February 14, 2025

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

\$30 / couple \$15 / individual

Menu: Apricot Chicken, baked potato, vegetable, tossed salad, and Valentines Day cake for dessert.

Childcare will be provided for children up to Grade 5. They will have pizza and a movie while their parents dine.

Sign up in the Narthex today!

Deadline is Tuesday, February 11th.

FEBRAURY 2025

VOLUME 3 ISSUE 2

ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. ~ Proverbs 1:10

Proverbs is a book of the Bible filled with words of wisdom and guidance. Some devotional plans are built around reading one chapter of Proverbs a day. Remembering which chapter, you read is easy because it coincides with the date. So, if it's the first of February, you read chapter one. If it's the sixth of February, you will read chapter six. I have a hard time moving beyond chapters one, two, and three most times. There is so much in there that it is hard to keep moving.

Sometimes, the proverb is challenging to figure out, but other times, it seems easy to follow until you try to do it. For instance, verse ten is one of those verses. It simply says not to give in to temptation, but have you ever tried not to give in to temptation? When you resist temptation, it pops up everywhere and is in your face so much that you succumb to it.

Solomon, the author of most of Proverbs, gives examples from verses eleven through nineteen. His examples are easier to move away from. One of his examples is lying in wait for someone to come by and then robbing them. It's easy to avoid that temptation, but what about waiting for someone who makes a mistake and unloading on them verbally? The temptation to wound them verbally is more challenging to avoid, especially if they have hurt us with their words.

Verse ten says if sinful men entice you, you should avoid them. It says we should be careful about who is speaking into our lives. In the paragraph above this one, we would not be around those who are lying in wait to harm someone physically. Are we just as careful to surround ourselves with people who aren't lying in wait to harm someone verbally?

The people around us impact our lives. We may not realize the depth of that impact until we realize the words or actions we use are just like the words and actions they use. Solomon's advice was not to be around them. It is excellent advice filled with wisdom. Hopefully, we can live out his words. It will be challenging to unwind some relationships because those relationships encourage us to sin. Still, with the Holy Spirit's help, we can see those words and actions and find a different way to live instead of giving in to temptations. It might mean that we need to limit our interactions with people. It might mean we need to make new friends. It might mean that we need to say something and stand up for those who are being hurt. The Holy Spirit will lead us in the direction we need to go. We will need to be obedient and follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

With Christ's Love,

Pastor Seth



02/01 Jodi Grafton
02/02 John Freehling
Pernell Shaw
02/03 Ashley Nines
02/04 Bill Janoski
Molly Dorian
Karter Bundy
02/05 Matthew Michaelis
02/06 Donna Scholl
02/08 *Jeanne Fox*
02/10 Ken Dorian
Evan Schnur

02/11 Aimee Panach
02/14 Bill Fischer
02/15 Bailey Ross
02/16 *Sara Vassallo*
02/17 *Don Bicker*
02/19 Tony Burke
02/21 Kim Ross
02/23 Lori Hewitt
02/24 Scotlyn Besterman
02/26 Davlin Smith

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
FEBRAURY?**

DECORATIONS

Allison Shaw

OFFERING COUNTING

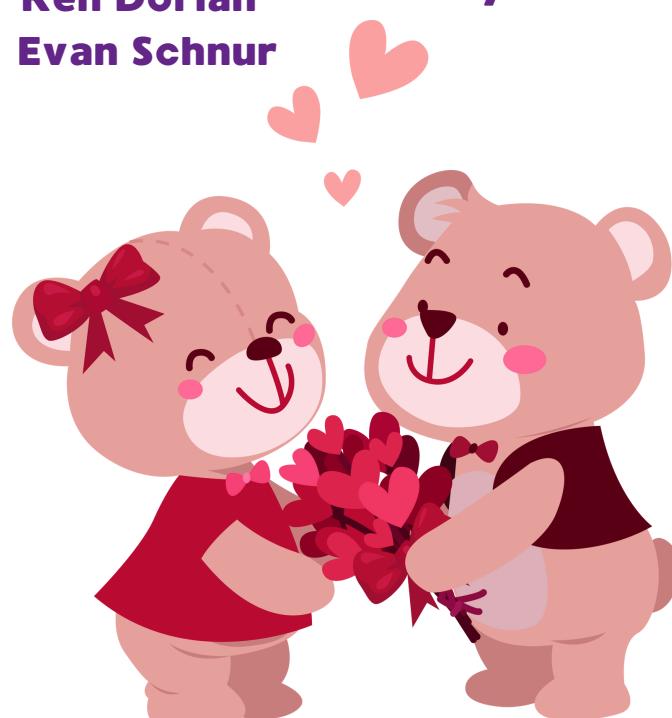
COMMITTEE

Cindy Shick, Sally Acre,
Cayce Johnson

MINISTRY TABLE

Kids Klub

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!



ZION'S COMMUNITY MEAL

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

4:30 TO 6:30 PM

AT ZION FAMILY LIFE CENTER
COME AND ENJOY THE MEAL
WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS



COMMUNITY SKATE

Friday February 7, 2025

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

ZION METHODIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Friday February 28, 2025

6:00 pm TO 8:00 pm

Bring your skates and skate to that
funky music!

The Girl Scout Troop in our
area has provided Zion with a
Flag Box (white box with
red/white/and blue colors of the
flag on it.) It is stationed in lower
parking lot against the Zion
Family Life Center.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER ACTIVITIES

(All FLC Activities NO Childcare Provided)

Winter Walking

11:30 am - 12:30 am

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

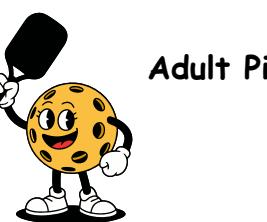
February

02/04 02/06

02/11 02/13

02/18 02/20

02/25

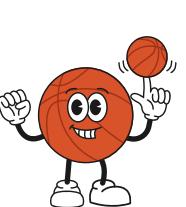


Adult Pickleball 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

February

02/01

02/15



Adult Basketball 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

February

02/05

02/12

02/19

02/26



FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Trustees	7:00 pm	02/04/2025	Room #11
Evangelism/Revival	7:00 pm	02/06/2025	Library
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	02/10/2025	Library
Administrative Bd	7:00 pm	02/10/2025	Library
Women of Faith	7:00 pm	02/11/2025	Library
Newsletter Articles Due!!!		02/14/2025	Office
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	02/24/2025	Library
Newsletter Folding	10:30 am	02/25/2025	Library
Missions	6:00 pm	02/25/2025	Library

ASK

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Pastor

COME TO A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PASTORS FROM DIFFERENT CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS FOLLOWED BY A TIME FOR YOUR QUESTIONS. BRING A FRIEND WHO HAS NEVER ATTENDED CHURCH OR HAS BEEN INACTIVE FOR SOME TIME.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPONSORED BY LOCAL PASTORS OF THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP NETWORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ABBA'S HOUSE

DATE & TIME

JANUARY 31ST 7PM TO 9PM
FEBRUARY 7TH 7PM TO 9PM
FEBRUARY 21ST 7PM TO 9PM
FEBRUARY 28TH 7PM TO 9PM

LOCATION:

ABBA'S HOUSE
320 WEST MAIN ST.
SAXONBURG, PA
16056

Pianist Needed

BE PART OF A NEW AND EXCITING ADVENTURE
as Summit Church takes on the mission of God's work
through the sound of children's praises.

Start with us on the ground floor of building an amazing
Children's Christian Community Choir
to serve the Butler/Saxonburg area.

Share your musical talents and help develop a
children's choir that can inspire young and old.
If interested or questions,

please text or call Jennifer at 724-290-0944



Mark the date!!!

February 9, 2025

Our First Meeting in the Library

after church until 2:00 pm

Pre-K to Grade 2

this group is for you.

Lunch will be provided, games, story, crafts
and fun! fun! fun!

ZION JR & SR YOUTH

MEETINGS SUNDAY 6:00-8:00 PM

02/02/2025

02/16/2025

03/02/2025

03/09/2025

03/16/2025

ZION ELEMENTARY YOUTH

MEETINGS SUNDAY 5:00-7:00 PM

02/02/2025

02/16/2025

03/09/2025

03/16/2025

ZION KIDZ KLUB

PRE-K TO 2ND GRADE

MEETING SUNDAY 12:00-2:00PM

02/09/2025

03/09/2025

Sweets for the Sweet!



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





ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO ZION!

FEBRUARY 9, 2025
AT BOTH SERVICES

NEW MEMBERS ARE:
BECCA KELLEY
CLARISSA BODEN
RON HAWK
HOPE ALBAUGH

Old Prescription

Glasses: The Lady 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.



 **Family Promise®**

HOUSE
Collection Items for February!

Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Dish Soap
Wash Cloths
Heavy Shower Liners
New Bed Pillows

Looking for a good used Vacuum Cleaner
for a Small Fee. Please Contact
Sue Miller



Sarver Community Blood Drive

Thursday, February 27, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Zion Methodist Community Church
Family Life Center
438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver, PA

To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to vitalant.org and search with Account Code **UC664**
- Call 1-877-25VITAL
- Or scan code for a list of all available times



Be Good. Give Blood.

Who's a good human? [Donate Feb. 15-28](#), and you'll get a **\$10 Rewards gift card** for having a PAWS-itive impact on patients in need! Schedule today. *Donor Rewards program opt-in required.*

Details at vitalant.org/LoveDonorGift | Schedule at vitalant.org

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

vitalant



**Looking for a good
Bible Study ??**

rightnowMEDIA

Check out Right Now Media!

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2024 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 11/30/2024	(\$1,139.62)	\$23,581.94	\$26,323.00	\$41,834.38	\$90,599.70
Deposits	\$46,207.21	\$9,717.02	\$400.00	\$10,656.20	\$66,980.43
Disbursements	(\$27,150.07)	(\$7,875.15)	\$0.00	(\$10,465.00)	(\$45,490.22)
Balance 12/31/2024	\$17,917.52	\$25,423.81	\$26,723.00	\$42,025.58	\$112,089.91
		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

Dec-25	
801.03	ANGEL TREE
455.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
722.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
2,179.00	CHRISTMAS OFFERING (SAMARITAN'S PURSE)
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
458.00	DISCRETIONARY FUND
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
527.51	LIVE NATIVITY
250.00	MEALS ON WHEELS
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
458.00	SALVATION ARMY
25.00	THANKSGIVING OFFERING (POSTAGE FOR OCC)
200.00	TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
7,175.54	TOTAL
12% of Zion's income for December	



THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Mission Encounter Projects for February

MISSION ENCOUNTER PROJECTS --- PLEASE NOTE — ALL MISSION ENCOUNTER SIGN-UPS ARE NOW ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR TO SIGN UP (NAMES AND NUMBERS ARE PROVIDED BELOW).



MEALS ON WHEELS —MONTHLY, 2ND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 7:30 AM - 11 AM AT FREEPORT UMC, PREPARE AND SERVE A MEAL EACH MONTH. WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATOR: BECKY ROSS (724)467 2048 OR (724)295 - 3229 ROSS4HIM@HOTMAIL.COM



Free Community Meals. The 3rd Wednesday of every month from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the Family Life Center, in partnership with local home school families and Cabot Food Bank. Our next meal will be on, **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, greeting, serving, and cleanup. If you would like to help, please sign up. beside the time slot you are available, and what job you want to do, on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Questions??? Contact Ginger Miller (724)352-9018. All are invited to come enjoy the meal and community fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child

We are ramping up in 2025 to have a bigger year. We are going to collect **Each month** this year. **February collection is fashion accessories, shades, hair clips, jewelry, wallet, and etc.** Please put any collections in the box under the cabinet in the narthex marked **OCC**(Operation Christmas Child) **Thank you collecting year round.**

School Bags For Operation Christmas Child—It is not too early to start sewing school bags for OCC. Kits of 8-12 pre-cut bags are now available in the top 2 drawers of marked cabinet, in narthex closest to the sanctuary under the windows on the right). Each kit also contains directions and a finished sample. When Completed, they may be returned to marked OCC cabinet on the left side.



The Blessing Board is a non-profit organization existing to provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost in response to what God has done for us.



Family Promise House

For the month of **February** the Family Promise House is in need several things. We are collecting **canned fruit, canned vegetables, dish soap, wash cloths, heavy shower liners, and new bed pillows.** There will be boxes in the entrance of the church to place these items in. **They also in need of a good working used vacuum cleaner.** Please get ahold of Sue Miller if you have one for a small fee.



Mission Encounter team meeting New members on this team are welcome. Please join us if you are interested on serving on our Mission Encounter Team.



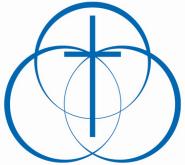
ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phone: 724-353-1720

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E-mail: office@zionsarver.com

Voice Mailboxes (messages only):



Pastor Seth McClymonds: 724-353-9510

Email: pastorseth@zionsarver.com

Church Office (Hope Albaugh): 724-353-9520

Director of Education and Children's Ministries

(Donna Scholl): 724-353-9530

Email: donna@zionsarver.com

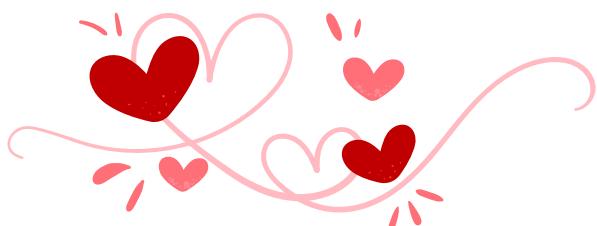
Director of Weekday Ministries:

Email: weekdayministries@zionsarver.com

Music Office (Davlin Smith): 724-353-9540

music@zionsarver.com

Trustees: trustees@zionsarver.com



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: Jerry Rudish 01/08/2025

Ron Gross 01/14/2025

Helen Martin 01/15/2025

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, you might have. If we have omitted your special date or event, or if we have printed incorrect information, please notify the Office Manager, and a correction will be made.



PRAYER WARRIORS 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

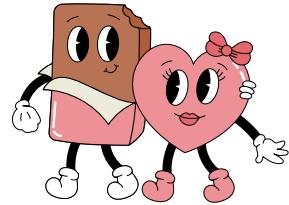
Please NOTIFY the office if your address and email changes. You can notify us by phone, mail, e-mail, or a note on the attendance pad.

Over the past few weeks, we have paid a lot of postage because people didn't give us their new address, 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.





Image via [Pexels](#)



Mastering Excellence: Seven Unique Strategies Practiced by Highly Accomplished Individuals

We all have different goals we want to achieve in life. Whether it's starting a successful business, buying a house, or losing weight, it takes effort, commitment, and planning to achieve them. However, with so much going on in our lives, it can be challenging to focus on our goals. Here are some things you can do right now to help you achieve your goals and live your best life.

Improve Your Mental Health

It's amazing how much your environment can affect your mental health. Studies have shown that living in a cluttered space can increase stress levels and anxiety. Take some time to clean your home, [declutter](#), and organize your belongings. Explore some helpful cleaning hacks and tips online. This will not only make your home a more pleasant place to be, but it will also reduce your stress levels, help you focus on your goals, and improve your mental health.

Self-Care Routine

Self-care is critical to achieving your goals and [living your best life](#). It's essential to take care of your physical, emotional, and mental health. Create a self-care routine that includes things like exercise, meditation, reading, or anything that helps you relax and recharge. When you take care of yourself, you're better equipped to handle the challenges that come with pursuing your goals.

Prevent Burnout

Burnout is a real thing, and it can happen when you're working hard to achieve your goals. Recognize the signs of burnout like fatigue, lack of motivation, and emotional exhaustion. If you begin to observe these signs, [take charge of your thoughts](#) and exude confidence. Anticipate burnout by taking breaks, delegating tasks, and taking care of yourself. When you avoid burnout, you're more productive, happier, and more motivated to achieve your goals.

Set SMART Objectives

Setting goals is essential, but it's critical to set SMART goals. Smartsheet explains that SMART goals are [Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound](#). When you set SMART goals, you have a clear direction, and you can measure your progress. This will help you stay focused, motivated, and accountable.

Find a More Fulfilling Job

If your current job is not fulfilling, it's [essential to consider a change](#). A job that aligns with your values and passions can make a massive difference to your overall happiness and fulfillment. Take the time to explore your career options, update your resume, and network with people in your industry. Finding a more fulfilling job can help you achieve your goals and live your best life.

Get Enough Sleep

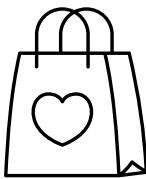
The Sleep Foundation points out that sleep is [essential for your physical and mental health](#). It's critical to get at least seven to eight hours of sleep every night to feel rested, energized, and ready to tackle your goals. Prioritize sleep by creating a sleep-friendly environment, avoiding caffeine and alcohol before bed, and creating a bedtime routine. When you get plenty of sleep, you're more productive, focused, and happier.

Find the Right Living Space

If you're a renter, it's worth your time and effort to ensure that your living space meets your needs. It's wise to regularly [check your rental options online](#) to see if a better opportunity is available. Online search tools make it easy to find and filter options by location, size, price, and amenities. Finding a more affordable place or one with more room can reduce your stress, enabling you to more capably pursue your goals.

Achieving your goals and living your best life is feasible, but it necessitates effort, perseverance, and careful planning. The seven things covered in this article serve as a starting point to assist you in getting started. With the appropriate mindset, routines, and behaviors, you can accomplish your aspirations and live the life you want.

Discover tailored financial solutions to meet your goals at [Zion Methodist Community Church](#).



Church and Society are collecting Valentines (and Valentine treats!) for our special over-80 members starting January 19th through February 9th. The Valentine bags, and a list of Zion's "sweethearts," will be available on the table in the narthex. Thank you for spreading the love!

~ Church and Society Committee



SCHOLARSHIP ETHEL WESTERMAN MORTIZ SCHOLARSHIP



Time to apply for the Ethel Westerman Mortiz Scholarship. This scholarship fund has been established in memory of a faithful generous member of Zion Methodist Community Church who passed away on July 13, 1997. Because of her generosity, the recipients of these scholarships, over the years, can continue their education and bring honor to her memory. Any member of Zion Methodist Community Church attending a post high school institution, university, college, nursing, trade, or vocational school may apply. You may **apply twice**.

Forms are available in the plastic hanging wall file outside the church office.

If you would like to request a form emailed or mailed to you, please contact Zion office at Office@zionsarver.com or Rob Peters at pleasegod@zoominternet.net

or 724-352-4608. Please return completed form to **church office** **by April 16, 2025**. If you should have any questions, contact Rob Peters by email or Phone, see above.



**BLESSINGS IN A
BACKPACK**

Blessings in a Backpack

What a wonderful way to start the new year! Dr. Frazetta, our local coordinator for the Blessings in a Backpack program, reached out to Zion asking "if" and "when" it would be possible to purchase food items for weekend meals. Because of your great outpouring of Christian love and compassion, the family of Zion was prepared to respond positively and immediately! On January 13, \$1,175.74 was used to provide enough food to sufficiently fill the backpacks of all 65 students for five weeks! A balance of \$727.36 remains, ready to answer the next call for assistance. To date, Zion has contributed \$3,878.64 in the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you!

The whole world has been made aware of the devastating fires in California and the terrible loss of life and property. It is overwhelming, mind-blowing and incredibly tragic! It is causing unimaginable stress, anxiety and fear of an uncertain and unknown future. The need is enormous and we, as Christians, should assist our brothers and sisters by whatever method and means we are able, but we must not forget those who are close to us who also are in need. Their voice and cries for help may not be as loud, but the burdens and fears of insufficient food felt by hungry children in our community are just as real and their hope and expectation of help is just as valid. Please continue to remember our neighbors in your thoughts and prayers and in your giving.

Thank you to all who so graciously offer financial support and to the Man to Man Class for your generous donation! Just a few dollars can make a huge difference in a child's life.

Thank you and may God bless you



Valentines Day Dinner

February 14, 2025



The family team will once again be bringing a little joy to others this February as we again host the annual **Valentine's Day Dinner is on Friday February 14th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

This year's menu will feature Apricot Chicken, baked potato, vegetable, tossed salad, and Valentine's Day Dessert. **The cost will be \$30/couple or \$15/person if you want to come with friends.** Please consider joining us this year and sharing your love and friendship with others. You do not have to be a couple to attend! As in the past, there will be childcare provided by responsible adults and the kids will have pizza for their dinner. Money for the dinner will be collected at the door; however, reservations are necessary and there is a sign-up sheet on the wall across from the library. **The deadline for sign-up is Tuesday February 11th.** There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers who are willing to help serve and take care of children. Please plan to join us. It is always a wonderful evening of food, music, fun, and fellowship.



Thank You

Mission Team,
We are so grateful for your
faithfulness and your generosity!
We are proud to include you as
our sponsor church. Your gifts
enable 30 families a year to get a
household of furniture.

Thank you!

Love,
 Rich



Dear Pastor Seth and Church:
 We want to thank you for helping us make this holiday season shine bright for our fellow Haitians. Food will and always bring a big smile on people faces when they get it knowing that they get something to eat. Thank you very much for your generous contribution. We pray that the situation is changed this year for the best.

God Bless,
 Ermithe and Pierre



Zion Methodist Community Church
 Thank you very much for your recent donation. Freeport Area Meals on Wheels
 We are pleased to be able to offer service to the community and your support is critical.
 Thanks!

Sincerely,
 Freeport Area
 Meals on Wheels



Zion Methodist Community Church would like to thank Karen Snair, Executive Director of AVAC for sharing details of our newest mission, The Promise House. It is a homeless shelter for 27 people. We donate monthly needs, meals and volunteer help at the house.. Thank you all for the things you do to help those the less fortunate to give a hand up in life.

God Bless You All!



Zion MCC

Dear Members:

It gives me great joy to express my appreciation to you for your support. Your gift assures that we will continue Doing the Most Good With skill and compassion all year long.

God Bless You!
 Darlene Means
 Major Corps C.O>



Zion Family,

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards. Thank you for the Sunshine Basket was so thoughtful. I am feeling Much better and doing fine now!

I really would like to thank everyone.

God Bless
 Carol Peters



Dear Zion Methodist

Community Church

Thank you for your support in 2024! You have been a blessing to this ministry.

Camp Allegheny



Zion Family,

My Family and I appreciate your thoughtful Christmas gifts, cards, and notes. Your generosity and encouragement mean a great deal to us.
Thank you!

With Christ's Love,
 Pastor Seth



February Newsletter by Steve Kladny

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, and the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation.'" Luke 3:4-6

- What's the difference between a snail and a Porsche stuck in traffic? Eventually, the snail gets to where it's going.
- Two lanes of traffic merge into one... Proof that some people are absolutely terrible at math.
- I saw a sign that said, "Road Closed Ahead," but I didn't believe it. I mean, where else would a road be closed? In my living room
- I don't need a therapist, I just need to merge onto the freeway during rush hour. That'll bring out all my emotions!
- Used to be, road rage was honking your horn. Now it's writing a strongly worded Yelp review about the highway.

To end the Christmas season this past year, my family went to New York City to see a Broadway show. My son Rob was getting ready to start the spring semester that Monday, so we followed him to State College and then drove together to New York. I have made that drive to Happy Valley too many times to count over the past thirty-seven years. I went to Penn State and now Rob is in his junior year there at main campus. The drive is a wonderfully scenic view heading up routes 422, 22 and I99. Went I was enrolled, the trip took about three hours in total to get from Sarver to State College. There were four lane highways, or more accurately portions of them that enabled you to pass the slow-moving truck or sight seer, but there were long stretches of road that were single lane, winding, meandering paths that stretched from small town to small town along the way. In those many years between my education and my sons, those single lanes have been upgraded to multi-lane highways and new Interstates have come into existence (such as the previously mentioned I99. It did not exist during my schooling). The trip from Sarver to State College now takes 2 hours and 15 minutes, quite an improvement! They have certainly made the paths straight. Filled in the valleys. And just recently on route 422 they have made one section straight that was a very crooked bend that caused far too many accidents. The path has certainly gotten easier. When we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, we often think of preparations we need to make. Often those preparations are for Christmas, but they don't have to be.

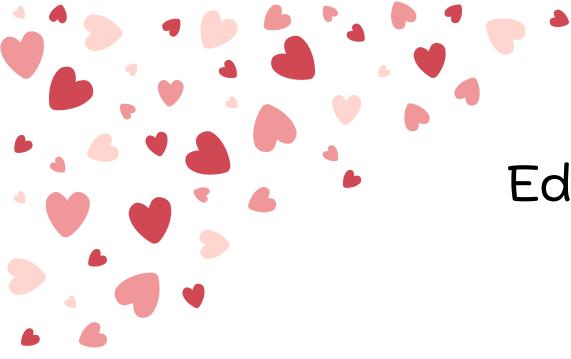
When we hear this Gospel passage, we focus on the work we need to do to straighten our paths. I personally focus on myself and my short comings that keep me on that winding, meandering single lane road between Altoona and State College. But are we missing something? We don't need to stay on that slow moving road. God has given us a highway. A direct path to fulfillment. His son Jesus. Give Jesus your faults, your weakness, your shortcomings. He knows the way to peace, joy and eternal life, because he is the way!

The Souper Bowl:

A canned soup food drive for Cabot Food Bank will be on **Super Bowl Sunday**, which is **February 9, 2024**. We are asking for canned or boxed soups or monetary donations. There will be people stationed at both services to collect any soup or money you wish to donate. Thank you for helping keep the food bank stocked!

Church and Society Committee





February 2025 Education/Children/Family Ministries Newsletter

Exciting 2025 News....

2025 is going to be a year of reaching out, inviting, encouraging, and providing for our kids, our youth, and our adults in the community to become unified in sharing the love, the news, and the blessing of a relationship with Jesus. A group of folks from the area churches began meeting in January to share, to dream, and to discern God's plan! We're excited to share what has transpired so far.

1. We know we need to work together
2. We want to offer ministries for ALL
3. We want to encourage, to support, and to cheer on each other in winning folks for Christ. In this world today, our kids need a solid foundation. If you would like to join this group, see Donna.

We currently offer Skating, Community Meal, Lenten Services (CLN). With Lent near, the Men's Breakfast and the Women's Breakfast will be held. This year, we are working to bring back a Youth Breakfast that will be shared with the churches in our community. Mark Good Friday morning on your calendar and invite a friend or two to come along. Zion will be the host church for this event.

There will be many things planned and a great time of inspiration and even entertainment!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME AS THE TIME COMES NEAR AND THE PLANS ARE FINALIZED!

KIDZ KLUB' COMING...

Mark your calendar...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th 12:15pm to 2:00pm

We'll start with lunch and then move on to fun, crafts, learning, and fellowship. Pick up is at 2pm.

Preschool - Grade 2 is welcome.

Potty training is a must.

We'll meet in the Library (Room #15-16)

Hope yo see you there!!!!



WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Donut Fellowship 2-2-2025 9:00am Fellowship Hall

KIDZ KLUB & Youth Sundays 12noon 5pm or 6pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Children, Youth, Adults) 9:30am

WE'd LOVE to have you join us!