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# ZON NEWSLETTER

## INVITE...GROW...SERVE PASTOR TO PARSONS

*Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fool will destroy them, but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease without fear harm.”*

*~ Proverbs 1:30-33*

There are many times when we forget about the consequences of our actions. We speed without thinking, and then we get a speeding ticket or get in an accident. We are in a hurry, and the slow drivers in front of us are causing us to be late even though we left 10 minutes later than we should have. We will blame other people instead of accepting the consequences of our actions.

At the end of the first chapter of Proverbs, Solomon states that wisdom will be hard to find when we are in trouble and looking for answers because we didn't take the time to seek wisdom first. We understand we wouldn't have to speed if we left on time.

A part of us wants to believe our complex lives do not align with Solomon's warnings. We can use the internet to find the answers to get out of trouble. The issue is that we could have avoided the problem in the first place if we had sought wisdom first. Our common excuse is that we didn't have time to seek wisdom first. Let's go back to the first part of Chapter 1. The “fear” of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The word fear, in this instance, means reverence or awe. If we take the time to seek God first, then we will begin to understand wisdom. The more we seek God, the more wisdom we gain.

In a recent conversation, I half-jokingly said that my discernment gauge was broken. It seems that half the time, I am sensing God's voice. I think it is because I am a little slow in understanding, but the reality is that I am not seeking God first in some of those decisions. I am not diligently taking the time to pray for God's will in those moments. I am trying to do it on my own instead of taking the extra few minutes to ask God for his direction and input.

The consequences have not been the most pleasant, but they are lessons that need to be learned. Solomon taught this thousands of years ago: seek wisdom while it can be found. So, take the time to seek God and His wisdom in all circumstances. You seek God through prayer, study, and talking with believers.

With Christ's Love,

*Pastor Seth*

Pastor Seth



# 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER WDM WING	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUNDAYS:</b> 8:00am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School All Ages 10:45 am -Worship	<b>C.C. GROUP</b> 9 am-12 pm TUESDAYS ROOMS #11, #12, LIBRARY, FAMILY ROOM			<u>Before &amp; After School</u> Rooms 4,5,6,7,8, & 9 6:30 am - 6:00pm School Age Room Childcare : 6:30 am - 6:00 pm	<u>Rooms 4,5,6,7,8, &amp; 9</u> Monday - Friday Infant Room Toddler Room Preschool Room		
9 am Donut Fellowship 9 am Kids Choir 5 pm Elementary Group 6 pm Jr & Sr Group	3 9 am C. C. Group 11 :30 am Walking - FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Bible Study - Peters 7 pm TRUSTEES 7 pm Walking - FLC	2 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	4 9 am C. C. Group 11 :30 am Walking - FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Bible Study - Peters 7 pm TRUSTEES 7 pm Walking - FLC	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 5 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	10 am Bible Study-Library 6 11:30 am Walking - FLC 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing 7 pm Bible Study-Geheno 7 pm Walking - FLC	7 1 pm - 3pm - FLC Community Skate	
Holy Communion 9 am Kids Choir - #10 12:30 pm-2:30 pm Kidz Klub - Library 6 pm Jr & Sr Group Daylight Savings Time	9 7:30 am Meals on Wheels - FUMC 10am STAFF MEETING LIB 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing 7 PM Administrative Bd- LIB	10 7:30 am Walking - FUMC 10am STAFF MEETING LIB 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing 7 PM WOMEN OF FAITH 7 pm Walking - FLC	11 9 am C. C. Group 11:30 am Walking - FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Bible Study - Peters 7 pm WOMEN OF FAITH 7 pm Walking - FLC	12 9 am C. C. Group 11:30 pm Brotherhood - #10 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Bible Study - Peters 7 pm Zion Choir - #10	10 am Bible Study-Library 13 11:30 am Walking-FLC 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing 7 pm Bible Study-Geheno 7 pm Walking - FLC	14 1 pm - 3pm - FLC Community Skate	
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# HAPPY Birthday March

03/02 **\*Helen McCall\***  
 Scott McGee  
 03/04 **\*Bill Hancock\***  
 03/05 **\*Jim Kelley\***  
 Elijah Gehenio  
 03/06 Tony Gehenio  
 Carrie Peters  
 03/07 Austin Brezinski  
 03/09 **\*Bee Freehling\***  
 Bill Frye  
 Lochlan Kooser  
 03/10 Gary Shick  
 03/12 Grant Alchier  
 Douwne` Muller  
 03/13 Linda Bubb  
 03/15 Michelle Michaelis  
 03/16 Drew Ross  
 03/17 Quentin Blose  
 Josephine Spehar

03/18 Tyanne Saxman  
 Evan Janoski  
 03/20 Ty Krautbauer  
**\*John Booher\***  
 Kathy Stephen  
 03/21 Lyndsey Freehling  
 03/23 Gary Risch Sr.  
 03/24 Tracy Ben  
 Sue Swartz  
 03/27 **\*Jack McGee\***  
 03/28 Jacob McClymonds  
 03/29 Allison Heeter  
 03/31 Scott Hanz  
 Shawn Hanz  
 Angelo Gehenio  
 Lenora Hancock



**SPECIAL  
MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**  
 TO OUR OVER 80'S CLUB !

HELEN MCCALL  
 BILL HANCOCK  
 JIM KELLEY  
 BEE FREEHLING  
 JOHN BOOHER  
 JACK McGEE

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  
MARCH?**

**DECORATIONS**

TBD

**OFFERING COUNTING**

**COMMITTEE**

Cheryl Peters, Lori Smiesko,  
 Amy Potocnak

**MINISTRY TABLE**

Church Camps

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,

MARCH 19, 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 March 7, 2025

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

ZION METHODIST  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Friday March 21, 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

March

03/04 03/06

03/11 03/13

03/18 03/20

Last day!

### Adult Pickleball 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

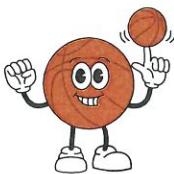


March

03/08

03/15

### Adult Basketball 7:00 pm-9:00 pm



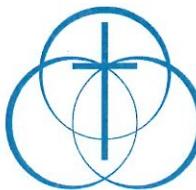
March

03/12

03/19

03/26

Last day!



## Zion Ministries

### MARCH MEETINGS

Trustees	7:00 pm	03/04/2025	Room #11
Ash Wednesday	7:00 pm	03/05/2025	Sanctuary
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	03/10/2025	Library
Administrative Bd	7:00 pm	03/10/2025	Library
Women of Faith	7:00 pm	03/11/2025	Library
Newsletter Articles Due!!!		03/14/2025	Office
VBS Meeting	6:30 pm	03/17/2025	Room #11
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	03/24/2025	Library
Newsletter Folding	10:30 am	03/25/2025	Library
Missions	6:00 pm	03/25/2025	Library

# Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of 01/31/2025 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 12/31/2024	\$17,917.52	\$25,423.81	\$26,723.00	\$42,025.58	\$112,089.91
Deposits	\$27,335.70	\$6,913.50	\$650.25	\$7,579.41	\$42,478.86
Disbursements	(\$31,506.67)	(\$9,942.27)	\$0.00	(\$10,465.00)	(\$51,913.94)
Balance 01/31/2025	\$13,746.55	\$22,395.04	\$27,373.25	\$39,139.99	\$102,654.83
		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	
Jan-25	
1,403.05	ANGEL TREE
415.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
1,175.74	BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
440.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
1,420.00	CHRISTMAS OFFERING (SAMARITAN'S PURSE)
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
250.00	FREEPORT FOOD BANK
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
300.00	MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
241.25	PROMISE OF LIFE NETWORK
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
100.00	SAMARITAN'S PURSE
300.00	SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
200.00	TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
7,445.04	TOTAL
23% of Zion's income for January	





Next Meeting

March 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!



Green  
Eggs  
and  
Ham!

## 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.

Looking for a good  
Bible Study ??

**rightnowMEDIA**

Check out Right Now Media!

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

**ZION JR & SR YOUTH**

MEETINGS SUNDAY 6:00-8:00 PM

03/02/2025

03/09/2025

03/16/2025

03/23/2025

**ZION ELEMENTARY YOUTH**

MEETINGS SUNDAY 5:00-7:00 PM

03/02/2025

03/16/2025

03/23/2025

**ZION KIDZ KLUB**

PRE-K TO 2ND GRADE

MEETING SUNDAY 12:00-2:00PM

03/09/2025

### 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.



On February 2, 2025 at the 10:45 am service the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts participated in Scout Sunday. They were greeters and ushers as you came into the church. Pastor Seth started the service and then turned it over to the Scouts, who taught us how they start every meeting. During the rest of the service, they were reverent and respectful. They took up the offering. I believe everyone would like to thank them for coming and welcome them to come again.





## 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, MARCH 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, March 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, March 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. **March collection is Small Craft Kits**. 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.



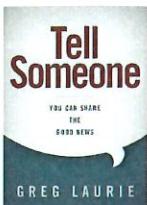
Sunday February 16, 2025, "Rich Garland, executive director" of "The Blessing Board" Came and spoke at the Sunday Service telling our members about how they serve families who are facing life crisis by providing them not only with furniture but also hope, dignity, respect, compassion, and faith in restoring their lives. They receive over 400 requests a month and are able to serve 150 with "The Blessing Board" help. They do not just give furniture they also are now giving medical supplies, the first thing they want people to know is that God Loves You!

#### Family Promise House

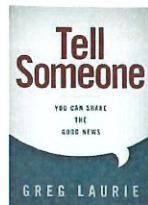


For the month of **March** Zion is taking a break from collecting items for Family Promise House. They are always looking for volunteers to fellowship and serve. Contact for times AVAC Phone:(724)226-3197 or email [avac@avaoc.org](mailto:avac@avaoc.org).

**Mission Encounter team meets March 25th at 6:00 pm in the library. New members on this team are welcome.**  
Please join us if you are interested on serving on our Mission Encounter Team.



**"TELL SOMEONE"**  
**"YOU CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS"**  
**BY GREG LAURIE**  
**STARTING FIRST WEEK IN MARCH**  
**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**



Tuesday 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday 7:00 pm  
 Thursday 10:00 am  
 Thursday 7:00 pm

Host/Leader: Cheryl & Rob Peters  
 Host: Sukosky's Leader: Bill Fischer  
 Leader: Pastor Seth - Church Library  
 Host: Gehenio's Leader: Bill Fischer

**Sign-Up in the narthex to pick which study to attend.**



At the end of the Book of Matthew, Jesus gives us the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20)

*"All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them observe all that I have commanded you."*

In other words, tell someone, everyone, about the gospel.

Evangelism Committee  
 Bill Fischer



**February 14, 2025 Valentines Day Diner Zion Fellowship Hall**

Valentines Day Dinner started at 6:00 pm. There was a good turn out even in the cold weather. Steve and the Kladny Family did an excellent job of serving and the food tasted great. Davlin Smith entertained us with love songs and I believe everyone had a good time. Good Food! Good Fun! Good Christian Fellowship! Thank you Steve, Beth , & Zach , and the Kladny Family for a wonderful evening.

**SOURDOUGH BREAD  
 AND  
 ITS BENEFITS**  
 BY RACHEL AUSTIN  
 OF "FARMHOUSE FANCIES"

Rachel will explain the health benefits, start, care, and feeding of a sourdough, and will provide a sourdough starter for those interested. There will be samples, and perhaps herb dipping oils to pair with the sourdough samples.

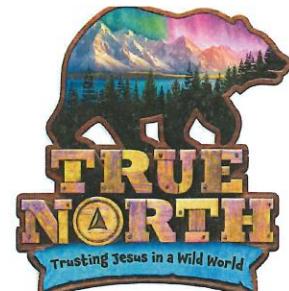


**HERBAL THYMES**

**MARCH 26, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
 FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 438 BEAR CREEK ROAD  
 SARVER, PA 16055



**VBS Meeting: "True North"**

It is that time a year to start getting ready . Find out what "True North" is all about at the VBS meeting :

**VBS Meeting:  
 Monday, March 17, 2025,  
 6:30 pm in Room #11**

Bring your Ideas and think about what you would like to do this year.

# An Operation Christian Child Update

We want to thank Lisa and Scott McClelland and all our brothers and sisters in Christ at Zion for your participation in Operation Christmas Child. We are pleased to report all the following shoebox numbers for the 2024 OCC collection;

Zion Methodist Community Church	-	1,066
Butler/Armstrong Area	-	11,665 (includes 254 packed online)
Mid-Atlantic North Region (PA & NJ)	-	668,933*
United States total	-	10,574,805*
Worldwide total	-	11,927,439*

(\*These numbers represent *ALL TIME* highs!). Praise God for His faithfulness to His program!

We praise God that since OCC started in 1993 over **232** million children in over 170 countries and territories have received shoebox gifts and have had *The Greatest Gift*, Jesus, presented to them. Since 2009, **40.5 million** have gone on to enroll in *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program with **20.3 million** making decisions for Christ. It is estimated that for every child who accepts Christ through OCC, **7 to 9** family members and friends also accept Christ! What an eternal impact for our investment! It's also encouraging to see how this shoebox program gets our local kids excited about missions and evangelism. If you participated in our packing party you saw this firsthand!

As Area Coordinators for Butler and Armstrong counties, we invite anyone who loves OCC to prayerfully consider becoming a part of our team to reach more children with the Gospel. We are always available to meet with anyone or conduct a program for any group. What a great way to help fulfill our Savior's command in The Great Commission of Matthew 28:19,20 to "make disciples of all nations..." For more information on The Greatest Journey, additional shoebox stories, becoming more involved with Operation Christmas Child in our two-county area, or getting someone else more involved with Operation Christmas Child, please visit the website [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) or contact us directly.

We also have a Facebook page just for those of us in the Butler/Armstrong Area. Check it out just by typing "Butler/Armstrong OCC Shoeboxes" in your search bar. It's a great place to share all kinds of local information (ideas, info, shopping bargains, etc). We'd love to have you in the group.

Once again thank you for your participation in the world's largest child evangelism program. Let us know how we can better serve you in your service to God's children. God's blessings on your efforts this past year and for this fall's collection. National Collection Week for 2025 will be **November 17-24**.

John & Jane Woitas  
Butler/Armstrong Counties  
Volunteer Area Coordinators  
Operation Christmas Child  
724-352-9005  
[jjwoitas@consolidated.net](mailto:jjwoitas@consolidated.net)





Scott and I would like to thank everyone that participated in our packing party for Operation Christmas Child. As a church, we were able to pack 1,066 shoeboxes! Also, a big thank you to all of you that donated items or money to make this possible. We could not pack that many boxes without your generosity! Keep up the good work! Christmas will be here again before you know it!



God Bless You!  
Scott & Lisa McClelland

vitalant



Vitalant would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved making the **January 2, 2025** blood drive a success for the community blood supply!

In all, **38 people** attempted to participate, resulting in **40 successful donations**.

Because each donation can be separated into components to benefit multiple patients, these precious donations will extend, enhance, and save the lives of approximately **102 patients** over the next several weeks.

Thanks to your dedication and efforts, the blood drive exceeded the goal of **33 successful donations**! Thanks to all the generous donors, blood drive supporters (and you), patients in need will receive something wonderous- *the gift of hope for better tomorrow*.

## 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 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](mailto:office@zionsarver.com) or Rob Peters at [pleasegod@zoominternet.net](mailto:pleasegod@zoominternet.net) or 724-352-4608. Please return completed form to **church office by April 27, 2024**. If you have any questions, contact Rob Peters by email or phone, see above.



Dear Zion Methodist Community Church,

Greetings! I hope the congregation of ZMCC is doing well throughout these winter months! I just wanted to send a note to thank you so much for the ongoing, faithful support you have offered At The Lake Ministries and those we serve with disabilities and special needs throughout 2024! As you may suspect, Jo-Ann M is firmly surrounded by ice as we have certainly had winter conditions in Erie throughout January-burr!

AT THE LAKE  
ministries



In Christ's Service,  
Rev. Robert H. Wilson

## ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Trustees: [trustees@zionsarver.com](mailto:trustees@zionsarver.com)



## VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: None Reported

Deaths: None Reported

Births: Izabella May Ozer (Izzy) 12/19/2024

6lbs. 14 oz. 19 inches

Parents: Dave & Missy (Leslie) Ozer

Grand Parents: Jim & Jackie (Doerr) Leslie

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.



## 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."



## 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](mailto: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.





ZMCC,  
Thank you so much for sponsoring  
the Valentines Snowball Dinner  
Dance on Saturday 02/08/2024. We  
are grateful for all the time and effort  
your volunteers spent on such an  
awesome event. It looked beautiful.  
Steven had a wonderful time- he loves  
the opportunity to dance.

Our Sincere Appreciation  
Steven Keck & (Mom) Carole

Dear Zion  
Thank you for the Sunshine Mug,  
that was filled with goodies. It was  
very Much appreciated.

Thank You,  
Keli Albertson



Dears  
You are wonderfully kind, loving  
family. Thank you, each for the  
special expressions of love and  
caring that you put in my Valentines  
Bag. I am so blessed, and you are  
the blessings as we rejoice in Jesus'  
love. I'm so glad to be apart of the  
family of God, born in his spirit and  
washed by his blood...

Pat Gray

Ps. I especially appreciate your time  
and creativity in choosing and/or  
creating your gifts!



Dear Zion Family,  
Thank you for the cards and treats  
we received in our Valentines Bag.  
We enjoyed the Love you poured  
out on us.

God Bless,  
Bob & Sandi  
Stivenson



ZMCC

Thank you to all who filled my  
Valentine Bag. Nice to know I  
have so many friends who are  
also Valentines!!

Thanks so much,  
Wilda DeBerry



Zion

Thank you for the wonderful  
Valentines Bag. I enjoyed every  
minute of it.

Dorthy Bowser



Zion Family

To the wonderful family of Zion.  
Thank you all who helped me and my  
family in the passing of my husband,  
Ron Gross, Dad, Pops,  
and Great Pops. Pastor Seth for his  
comforting words and prayers. The  
church for the beautiful sheaf of  
wheat. Those of you who brought  
food, flowers, memorial trees, sent  
cards, and came to visit. Last but not  
least the kitchen workers who gave  
up their Sunday afternoon to prepare  
a meal for our family and friends. Zion  
has always been a caring, loving,  
congregation, we are so blessed.  
Most important I thank you for your  
prayers.

Ruth Gross and family

Dear Zion Friends,

I am deeply grateful for your  
generous gift to Samaritan's  
Purse. Your support-and  
especially your prayers-are a  
tremendous blessing as we help  
relieve suffering in Jesus'  
Name.

Sincerely,  
Franklin Graham



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Dear Pastor Seth and Zion Church:

Greetings in the most precious name of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus. We want to thank you  
for allowing us the privilege to thank and  
glorify God for the provisions, He makes for our  
school children through you. Thank you very  
much for making us worry free. What a  
blessing! Thank you for your prayers. All is  
going well at the mission, children in school are  
fed. It is a miracle of God that we can still buy  
and get food safely at the mission.  
We can never thank God enough for his  
protection.

God Bless,  
ERNILTHE AND PIERRE



# ZION FAMILY RECIPES



## Eagle Brand Bread Pudding

### Ingredients

6 cup French bread cubes or any bread you like.  
6 large eggs  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 cup milk  
2(14 ounce) can Eagle Brand® Sweetened Condensed Milk  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Optional: 4 cups if fresh or frozen fruit

### Instructions

HEAT oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 X 13-inch baking pan with no-stick spray. Place bread cubes into prepared baking pan. Mix well.

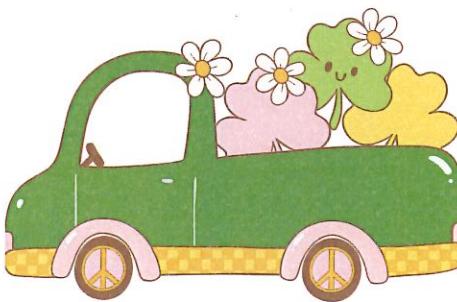
BEAT eggs in large mixing bowl; stir in remaining ingredients. Pour evenly over bread cubes, completely moistening bread. I left in fridge overnight for the bread to really soak up the goodness

BAKE 45 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool slightly and serve warm.

## Eagle Brand Sauce

### Ingredients

2 can sweetened condensed milk  
1/2 cup butter (salted or unsalted)  
1/2 cup water  
2 tsp vanilla extract or vanilla bean paste



### Instructions

Cook sauce. Add the sweetened condensed milk, butter, and hot water to a medium-sized, heavy-bottom saucepan. Cook over medium heat until the butter has melted and everything is well combined. This step will take 4 to 6 minutes.

Add vanilla. Take the saucepan off the heat and stir in the vanilla bean paste or vanilla extract.

Adjust consistency (optional). If you'd like to thin the sauce out, stir hot water into the sauce, 1 tablespoon at a time, until the texture is to your liking.

Serve. Enjoy the sauce warm and pour it over bread pudding, pancakes, waffles, French toast, ice cream, and any desserts your heart desires.

## New Newsletter Zion Family Recipes:

On the lookout for recipes for the newsletter. If you want to share a good recipe with everyone, drop a copy of the recipe in the office mailbox, please be sure to include your name and a phone number or email it to [office@zionsarver.com](mailto:office@zionsarver.com).

The recipe above is my bread pudding I made and served at a Bible Study Group. They have been asking for the recipe since. If you have a good memory or story to go along with it, share the fellowship of Gods goodness with each other.





# March News 2025

## Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

I don't know about most of you, but I am certainly ready for some sunshine and spring-like weather. I love living in Pennsylvania and experiencing the seasons but we have been spoiled with mild winters and this one isn't one of them!

If you are looking for some children, youth, or family activities, we're offering a few! Read the schedule and choose some fun. Invite a few friends, make a few friends, and become a friend to someone who needs one!

On March 2nd...

Join us for **DONUTS & FRIENDS** in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am. A great start to the day and a chance to visit with friends and families of Zion!

### REMINDER...

Daylight Savings starts March 9th, Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!!!

### *Skating (blades or skates)*

Friday, Mar. 7th 1 - 3pm      Friday, Mar. 21 6 - 8pm

### *Adult Pickle Ball*

Saturday, Mar. 8th 7pm      Saturday, Mar. 15th 7pm

### *KIDZ KLUB (pre-school-gr.2)*

Sunday, Mar. 9th 12:15 to 2:30pm

### *YOUTH GROUPS (grade 3-5; Grade 6-12)*

*Grade 3-5:* Sundays 5-7pm

*Grades 6-12:* Sundays 6-8pm

### *WINTER WALKING*

*Tuesdays and Thursdays*

*Morning Session* 11:30am - 12:30pm

*Evening Session* 7:00 to 8:00pm

Youth, Young Adults, and Adults Welcome

### *COMMUNITY MEAL*

Wednesday, March 19th 4:30 - 6:30pm

### *Zion's Family Life Center*

Bring a friend or two and come meet others to enjoy a meal and visiting!

### *FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT*

Saturday, March 22nd 6:30pm

### *Zion's FLC*

Bring your seats (chairs, blankets, etc.) and join the fun! We'll watch "INSIDE OUT 2 "



### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**March 5, 2025**

7:00 pm

Join us as we begin the Season of Lent

\*\*Lenten Small Group studies will begin during this week as well.

Sign on one of the posted Clip Boards in the Narthex to join a group.

Group study title is **TELL SOMEONE**.

### **KIDS, YOUTH & FAMILY FUN**

#### **Calendar of Events...**





## LENTIN SERVICES IN MARCH

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 PM

03/12 ST PAUL'S

03/19 SUMMIT

03/26

04/02

04/09 ZION

THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS WATCH FOR FLYERS AND BULLETINS  
WITH LOCATIONS AND SPEAKERS INFORMATION.



# ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

## VALENTINES SNOW-BALL DANCE

### FOR SPECIAL NEEDS



ARTICLE FROM : THE VALLEY TRIBUNE REVIEW

MICHAEL DIVITTORIO | SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 2025 12:01 A.M.



Buffalo Township's John Hughes, clad in a red-and-white, heart-covered Hawaiian shirt, went to Zion Methodist Church with a mission Saturday night. "I'm just here to dance and have fun and hang out with my friends," said Hughes, 25, a native of the township's Saver neighborhood and a Freeport Area High School grad. Mission accomplished as Hughes and about 100 others took to the dance floor to celebrate the church's inaugural Valentine Snowball, a semiformal dance for young people 14 and up with special needs and their care providers. Hughes has autism and an intellectual disability. Nothing hindered him from mingling and getting into the groove "A lot of these wonderful kids don't have anywhere to go that is kind of fancy like this," said Hughes' mother, Bobbie Hughes. Many attendees were seeing the world through rose-colored glasses as organizers handed out heart-shaped sunglasses with red lenses. Rachel Bricker, 23, of Freeport was dressed for the occasion with a red sequin dress, red heart earrings and purple and red bracelets. Her mother, Lindi Bricker, styled her

hair. Rachel has a genetic disorder that causes multiple involuntary movements. Lindi Bricker said the family loved the dance and the food provided. "It's just awesome," she said. "It's wonderful for everybody to get together. Rachel was really looking forward to coming and seeing everybody." Rachel Bricker is a former student of Becky Ross, a retired Freeport Area elementary special education teacher and Valentine Snowball coordinator. Ross said it was great to see a lot of familiar

faces brave Saturday evening's inclement weather to attend the event. "It's neat for me because a lot of these young adults that are coming, I had in kindergarten. It's so cool to see them and get to dance with them and have fun," Ross said.



At least 60 volunteers, including some attendees, helped with setup and decorations for the event. Ross' husband, Bill Ross, and his friend Jeff Cox greeted attendees in the church parking lot while holding umbrellas. Some Freeport Area High School Key Club members distributed food and drinks while others set up a salon at the church to do hair, makeup and nails. Freeport Area freshmen Emma Charlton and Ava Abbott helped in the salon. "The salon was a really good environment for all of our special-needs and life-skills community, and I think that everyone here is just really sweet," Charlton said. "Doing this is an amazing way to give back to our community and really show how much we care about everybody." About 20 attendees came to the salon. "We don't have experience, but we figured it out," Charlton said. "It's a very rewarding feeling," Abbott added. "It's a very helpful way to help others and a very good way to give back. It's very fun





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To Our Generous Sponsors**

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On February 9, 2025. We had our first Kids Klub Meeting in the library. We had 2 kids attend Monroe Bandi and Skadi Phillips. A lot of families are sick with the flu that is going around. After lunch we went on a Scavenger Hunt looking for hearts, then JoAnn Culp and Cindy Shick read “Because I Love You” by Max Lucado. Afterwards we made a heart Wreath to help decorate at home for Valentines Day. Then they worked on an activity book for here and to take home and finish and played teacher on the dry erase board. I appreciate Cindy and JoAnn coming to help and we all enjoyed Kidz Klub. Our next meeting will be on March 9, 2025, from after church or 12:30pm to 2:30 pm just to make it a bit easier. The Menu for lunch is green eggs and Ham, french toast sticks, and tater tots with a fruit salad of kiwi, green grapes, and green apples. This meeting’s theme is St. Patrick’s Day and Dr Seuss’ Birthday. Storytime will be “Green Eggs and Ham” By Dr Seuss. We will have Fun! Fun! Fun!

God Bless,  
Ms. Hope

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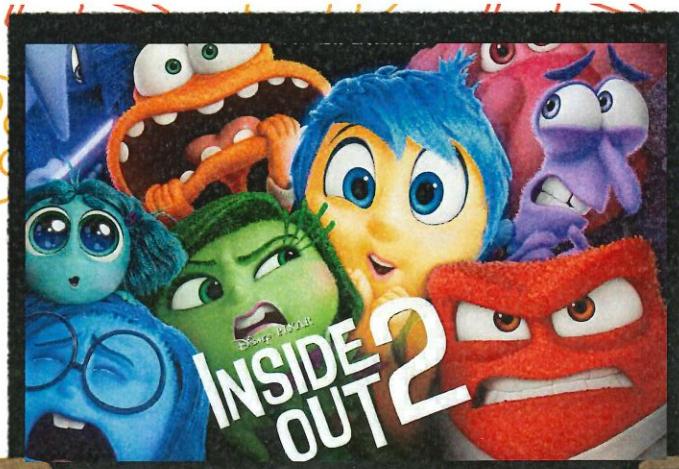
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# March



# 2025



**Community Movie Night**  
**March 22, 2025**  
**6:00 pm**

**Zion Family Life Center**  
**438 Bear Creek Road**  
**Sarver, PA 16055**

**Now Showing:**  
**“Inside Out 2”**