



The Zion Newsletter
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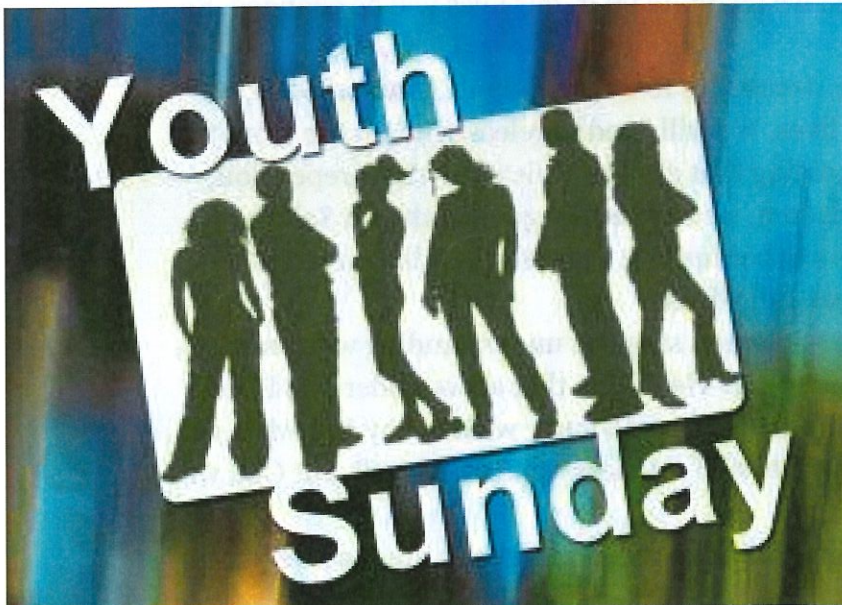
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May

2025



Love. Grow. Serve.



COME AND JOIN OUR
JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH YOUTH !!!
AS THEY SHARE
THEIR FAITH THROUGH
WORSHIP !!



SUNDAY, MAY 11,
2025
10:45 AM
SERVICE ONLY!!!



MAY 2025

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ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. ~ Proverbs 2:9-11

What does wisdom look like? I heard one definition of wisdom as applying knowledge in our lives. Another way of understanding wisdom is putting into practice the knowledge that we have.

The start of chapter two of Proverbs helps us understand this definition a little better. Solomon speaks to his son about the words he is sharing and tells him not only to listen but also to store these words in his heart. He then takes it one step further by telling him to apply these lessons to his life. When the son does this, he will understand what is right, just, and fair.

The same holds true for us today. If we want wisdom, we must pursue it and apply it to our lives. We cannot just read about it and let it sit there. We need to apply it. How do we apply it?

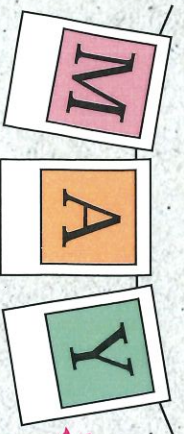
First, let us be sure that we are looking for wisdom. Proverbs is a good place to start. The Gospels are another good place to find wisdom. In Psalm 119, David says the word of God is the place to find the truth, and when we meditate on it, our lives will be changed. So, the first step is to seek out wisdom.

The next step is to put it into practice. Jesus says to forgive others. If we are wise, we will need to apply forgiveness in our daily lives. We will need to release the person from the sin they committed against us instead of holding that grudge. This takes time, repetition, and humility on our part. As we grow in wisdom, we can see the good path that Solomon shows his son. We know the right words to say because we share the words we read in the Word of God and live out those words in our daily lives.

What happens when we gain wisdom? Solomon says our understanding will guard us, and discretion will protect us. What does he mean? He means that as we understand God's words, we will know what to do and what not to do. We will know what to say and what not to say because we put God's words into practice. Will we mess up? Yes, we will, but God will correct us and lead us to be better.

I hope and pray that we can be wise like Solomon and forgive each other as we put into practice what we learn.

With Christ's Love,
Pastor Seth



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Christian Learning Center WDM Wing

SUNDAYS: 8:00am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School All Ages 10:45 am - Worship		Before & After School 6:30 am - 6:00pm School Age Room Childcare: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm	Rooms 4,5,6,7,8, & 9 Monday - Friday Infant Room Toddler Room Preschool Room	6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing 7pm EVANGELISM/REVIVAL	1:00 pm-3:00pm Community Skate FLC	
4 9 am Donut Fellowship 9 am Kids Choir 5 pm Elementary Youth 6 pm Jr & Sr Youth	5 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing Kono Ice Truck	6 6:45 pm Boy Scouts FH Mulch Sale 7pm TRUSTEES	7 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir	8 6 pm Cub Scouts EDU Wing	9 5 pm B/G Cub Scout Banquet Set-up - FLC	10 Blue & Gold Cub Scout Banquet - FLC
11 Mother's Day Youth Sunday 9 am Kids Choir	12 10am STAFF MEETING 6 pm Cub Scouts EDU Wing 7 PM ADMID BD -LIB	13 6:45 pm Boy Scouts- FH 7pm WOMEN OF FAITH	14 6 pm WDM Graduation 6:30 Brotherhood 7:00 Zion Choir	15 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	16 Newsletter Articles Due! 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Community Skate FLC	17 THE BLESSING BOARD EVENT - ZION PARKING LOT
18 9 am Kids Choir 12:15 pm - 2:30 pm KIDZ KLUB THE BLESSING BOARD EVENT -PARKING LOT VBS Registration Starts	19 ELECTION SET-UP - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	20 PRIMARY ELECTIONS- FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts FH	21 10am Food Prep FLC 4:00 pm Community Meal FLC 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir	22 6 pm Cub Scouts- Edu Wing	23	24 Cub Scout Hike & Reward - FH
25 Cub Scout Hike & Reward - FH	26 10 am Staff Meeting	27 10:30 am Newsletter Folding 6 pm Missions - LIB 6:45 pm Boy Scouts FH	28 6:30 pm Brotherhood #10 6:30 pm Herbal Thymes- Flowers -Pavilion 7:35 pm Zion Choir	29	30 WDM Last Day :(31



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

**JANET BLOSE
SANDI STIVENSON**

*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 APRIL?

DECORATIONS

MOTHER'S DAY

Decorating Committee

OFFERING COUNTING

COMMITTEE

Gary Risch, Scott Sukosky,
Kevin Ben

MINISTRY TABLE

Blessings in a Backpack

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!

05/03 Blaise Buckham

05/04 Dianne Wagner

**05/05 Bill Benzinger III
Diane Leskovic**

**05/06 Roger Sell
Skyler Thompson**

05/07 Roman Claypoole

**05/11 Robert Foster
Donna Zagst**

**05/13 Steve Kladny
Angelique Claypoole
Riddock Kooser**

**05/14 Jeanne Bender
Beau Edwards**

05/16 Jennifer Albaugh

**05/17 Vincent Sell
Leah Freehling**

05/18 Jerry Albaugh

05/19 Ray Welsh

05/20 *Janet Blose*

John Peters
Robby Kladny

05/21 Paige Wilson

**05/22 Charlie Borromeo III
Payton Bundy
Kale Meyers**

Debra Manzi

**05/23 *Sandi Stivenson*
Carter McGee**

**05/25 Brock Villella
Jayvan Schnur
Ali Brestensky**

05/26 Jon Doerr

05/27 Shannon Sefton

05/28 Shawn Smiesko

05/30 Scott McClelland

Ryan Smith
Kathy Kemp
Natalie Manzi
Harper Shick
Cindy Yarris

05/31 Jim Leslie





Summer Camp Registration is Open!!!



Spring is a great time to look ahead with hope for warmer days (and a summer filled with fun for our youth.) Are you going to camp this summer?!

Funds are available to help defray the cost of camp. Full time campers will receive \$300 towards the cost of their camp!!! Mini campers will receive \$200 towards the cost of camp!!! There are opportunities to apply for additional assistance through the individual camps. All Applications are available online.

Scan the QR codes to learn

s'more about each church camp!

Camp Allegheny:



Jumonville:



Wesley Woods:



Camp Allegheny

**Tyler Deacon -
Kenny Dorian -
Kaleb Dorian -
Michael Laster-**

**July 13-18 Pioneer Adventure
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July 13-18 Elementary H2O
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Take a look at the camp web pages:

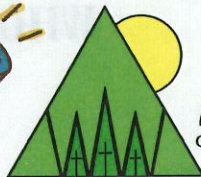
www.campallegheny.org

www.jumonville.org

www.wesleywoods.com



JUMONVILLE
Camp & Retreat Center



Wesley Woods
Christian Camp & Conference Center

Josh McClymonds -

July 13-18 ARC



There are several youth who are already registered for camp !



Zion would love to support more children in the opportunity to attend church camp! Please check out the 3 camps (Camp Allegheny, Jumonville, and Wesley Woods) and find the camp that's right for you! Zion is committed to the camping program and assisting all children and youth who are active in ministries of Zion.



Please do not hesitate to call, email, or ask me in person about any of the camping programs. I have attended Camp Allegheny and Camp Jumonville, and my kids have attended Camp Allegheny and Wesley Woods. I know the most about Camp Allegheny. Pastor Seth and his family would be a great resource for questions about Wesley Woods.

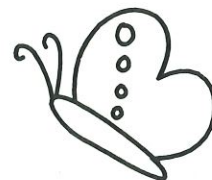
**There are lots of choices of different camps!
Verification of registration must be emailed to me
in order to request financial assistance from Zion.
Thanks, and I look forward to talking to you!
Molly Dorian, Camp Steward
724-681-2619
molly_ot@yahoo.com**





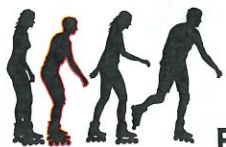
FAMILY LIFE CENTER ACTIVITIES

(All FLC Activities NO Childcare Provided)



Zion Community

COMMUNITY SKATE



Skate

Friday MAY 2, 2025

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

ZION METHODIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Friday MAY 16, 2025

6:00 pm TO 8:00 pm

Bring your skates and skate to
the beat.



ZION'S COMMUNITY MEAL

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

WEDNESDAY,

MAY 21, 2025

4:30 TO 6:30 PM

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



Ministries

MAY MEETINGS

Evangelism/Revival	7:00 pm	05/01/2025	Library
Trustees	7:00 pm	05/06/2025	Room #11
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	05/12/2025	Library
Administrative Bd	7:00 pm	05/12/2025	Library
Women of Faith	7:00 pm	05/13/2025	Library
WDM Graduation	6:00 pm	05/14/2025	Sanctuary
Newsletter Articles Due!!!		05/16/2025	Office
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	05/26/2025	Library
Newsletter Folding	10:30 am	05/27/2025	Library
Missions	6:00 pm	05/27/2025	Library



Last Meeting before the
Summer

May 18, 2025

Meets in the Library
after church until 2:30

We will be having a picnic
and playing games at the
playground.
We will back in Fall!



Kono Ice is coming to Zion Pavillon

May 5, 2025

6:00 pm

CUB SCOUT

Pack #557



ZION RECIPE

This month's recipe came from the Easter Breakfast !!

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE BAKED OATMEAL

Prep Time: 25 mins Cook Time: 35 mins Total Time 1 Hr.



INGREDIENTS:

- 2¼ cups quick oats
- ⅔ cup brown sugar
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 lg egg, lightly beaten
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 cup milk, (any variety works)
- ⅓ cup canola oil (or melted butter or coconut oil)
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 8 ounces cream cheese (or mascarpone cheese)
- 1 TBSP maple syrup
- ⅔ cup toasted pecans, coarsely chopped
- heavy cream, for serving (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees f. Spray a 9X9 inch baking dish with nonstick spray.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the oats, sugar, baking powder, pumpkin spice, and salt. In a smaller bowl, whisk together the eggs, pumpkin, milk, oil, and vanilla extract. Add the wet ingredients to the dry and stir until combined. Pour the mixture in the dish..
3. In a small bowl, stir together the cream cheese and maple syrup until combined. Don't worry it gets thicker. Dollop the cheese all over the top of the oatmeal. Use a spatula to gently press it in and swirl it around a bit.
4. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and set. Remove the dish from the oven and let cool for a few minutes. Top with the toasted pecans. Scoop or slice and serve. Drizzle with cream if desired.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CINDY SHICK FOR SHARING THIS YUMMY RECIPE!!!



ZION RECIPE BUZZ!!!



If you want to share a favorite or new recipe with the members of Zion.

Email: office@zionsarver.com

or drop a note into the office mailbox.

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!

Jerry & Donna Beer
216 Widmer Ave
Lower Burrell, PA
15065-2513

Gerry Hughes
134 Marwood Rd
Cabot, PA
16023

Bernie Fox
Concordia of Cranberry
10 Adams Ridge
Mars, PA 16046

Don Bicker
602 Sherrett Rd
Cowansville, PA
16218

Gina Woods
Fawn Personal Care Home
282 Shawnderosa Drive
Tarentum, PA 15084

Margie Freehling
203 Hepler Road
Sarver, PA
16055-9591

you are
so
LOVED



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you have or will graduate from college, trade school, or high school in 2025, email the office: office@zionsarver.com or call: 724-353-1720 between 10:00 am-4:00 pm to inform us. Include your name, your degree, graduation date, and school of graduation, photo, and any future plans.

All graduates will be honored on Graduate Sunday June 1, 2025 at both services and during donut fellowship at 9:00 am.

Information gathered will be included in June's Newsletter. Thank you, in advance, for your help.



FIRE & ICE **A Night of Hot Music & Cool Sweets**

June 8, 2025

7:00 pm

Zion Methodist Community Church

Join us for a night of fun, music, talent, and fellowship.
Plus **ICE CREAM!!!**

Share your talent and sign up to perform!

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or email:

davlinsmith26@gmail.com or text

Davlin 724-816-5268



THE BLESSING BOARD

EVENT

ZION'S PARKING LOT

MAY 17 & 18



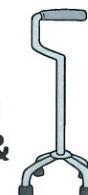
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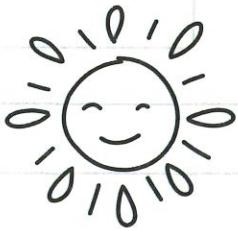
dishes,
linens(no king size),
towels,
pots & pans
silverware/utensils
toasters, coffee pots
blenders,
microwaves,
vacuum cleaners,
lamps, & clock radios



Medical Supplies:

wheelchairs (manual)
walkers, knee scooters,
rollators, shower chairs,
crutches,
unopened adult briefs,
unopened adult pullups,
unopened bed pads,
bathtub handrails,
new bedside commodes,
and canes (single-point &
four-point)





Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report as of 03/31/2025 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 02/28/2025	\$3,904.30	\$23,541.52	\$27,973.25	\$38,809.20	\$94,228.27
Deposits	\$38,836.07	\$6,237.80	\$645.50	\$10,494.70	\$56,214.07
Disbursements	(\$46,087.03)	(\$4,652.76)	\$0.00	(\$10,465.00)	(\$61,204.79)
Balance 03/31/2025	(\$3,346.66)	\$25,126.56	\$28,618.75	\$38,838.89	\$89,237.54
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.



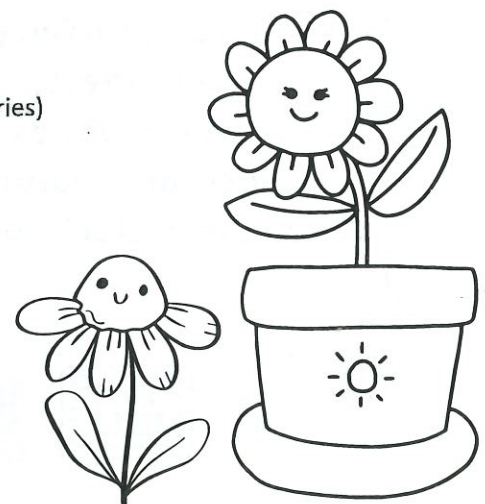
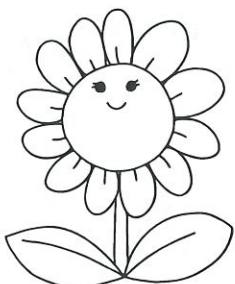
MISSIONS

MOMENTS WITH MISSIONS

Mar-25

286.00	AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
380.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
1,193.26	BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
300.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
250.00	FREEPORT FOOD BANK
286.00	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
500.00	HOSANNA INDUSTRIES
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
200.00	TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
<u>4,595.26</u>	TOTAL

12% of Zion's income for March





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)



Horanna Industries



MEALS ON WHEELS—MONTHLY, 2ND MONDAY MAY 12, 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, May 21, 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, May 21, 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. **May's collection is Hygiene items, such as combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, wash clothes, adhesive bandages(non-medicated), small packs of wet wipes, or plain alcohol wipes, non-medicated lip balm, solid stick deodorant, small reusable containers such as cup, small water bottles, small plate. (~We CANNOT accept toothpaste, any liquid or lotions, medications, or vitamins.)** Please put any collections in the box under the cabinet in the narthex marked OCC(Operation Christmas Child).

Thank you collecting year round.



Family Promise House

For the month of **May**, Zion is collecting items for Family Promise House. **Look in the Bulletin or call the office after May 6th** for the list of items we are collecting in May.

There are boxes in the entrance way to put all donations for the Family Promise House.



The Blessing Board - May 17th - 18th 2025 - Zion's Parking Lot

On the third weekend of May, we have an opportunity to help our neighbors. The Blessing Board is bringing a box truck for us to fill with household items and medical supplies. Household items include dishes, linens (no king-size), towels, pots and pans, silverware/utensils, toasters, coffee pots, blenders, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, lamps, and clock radios. Medical supplies include wheelchairs (manual), walkers, knee scooters, rollators, shower chairs, crutches, unopened adult briefs, unopened adult pull-ups, unopened bed pads, bathtub handrails, new bedside commodes, and canes (single point and four-point). More details to come.

Expressions of our Faith meets May 27, 2025 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.



March 12, 2025

Zion United Methodist Church
438 Bear Creek Rd.
Sarver, PA 16055

Dear Zion UMC,

Thank you for your incredibly generous in-kind food donations from Sam's Club and Walmart in February 2025 for the Buffalo Elementary School Blessings program.

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 the Buffalo Elementary Schools program 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.

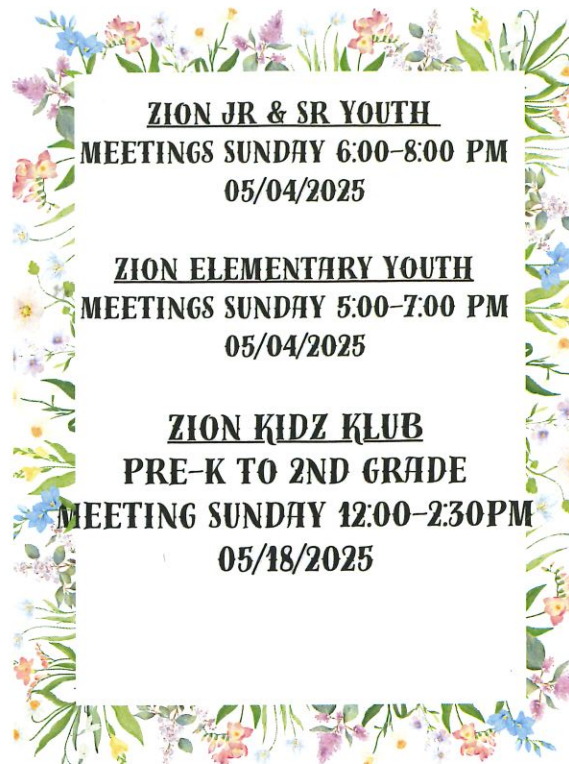
If you have any questions about Blessings in a Backpack or your gift, please contact Sydney DeLong at (312) 366-2749 or sydneyd@blessingsinabackpack.org.

Sincerely,

Erin Kerr

Erin Kerr
Chief Executive Officer

*Keep this letter in your documents for tax purposes. The Federal Tax ID 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.



ZION JR & SR YOUTH

**MEETINGS SUNDAY 6:00-8:00 PM
05/04/2025**

ZION ELEMENTARY YOUTH

**MEETINGS SUNDAY 5:00-7:00 PM
05/04/2025**

ZION KIDZ KLUB

PRE-K TO 2ND GRADE

**MEETING SUNDAY 12:00-2:30PM
05/18/2025**



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

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



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Blessing in a Backpack

God's timing is always perfect!

Following Zion's February donation, funds designated for the Blessings in a Backpack program were exhausted. The probability of Zion being able to provide weekend meals for the remainder of the school year (approximately eight weeks) was extremely low. But, thanks to those who faithfully support this program and to the Man to Man Class for their amazing gift of \$1500, what seemed improbable suddenly became a reality!! Thank you so very much!!

Your financial support guaranteed that each of the 65 students enrolled in the program would receive a pack of weekend meals for another five weeks. On April 7, \$1,153.60 was spent on food items leaving a balance of \$985.75 (as of the writing of this article). This amount will be sufficient to purchase any items needed to complete the school year! Any funds remaining will be reserved for the 2025-2026 school year.

Thank you again and may God bless you for your generosity and outpouring of Christian love!

ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Director of Education and Children's Ministries

(Donna Scholl): 724-353-9530

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Director of Weekday Ministries:

Email: weekdayministries@zionsarver.com

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

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VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: None Reported

Deaths: None Reported

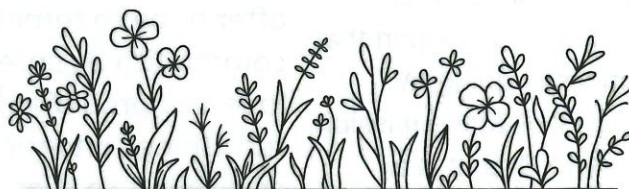
Births: None Reported

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, 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



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."



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.



Dear Friends,
The AVAC wishes to thank you for your donation to the Family Promise House. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. Your donations will aid and help many people.

Thank you again, for helping us to do just that and for continued support.



Yours in Christ,
Karen Snair
Executive Director

**Zion,
Thank you so much for the beautiful sheaf of wheat, all of the prayers and phone calls. We are so appreciative of your love and kindness.**

**Love
The Fox Family**



Dear Pastor Seth and Church:
Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support that keeps the ministry going. All continue to go well at the mission. We give glory to God. It is a miracle that we can still buy and get food at the mission to feed the school children and for general distribution.



God Bless
Ermithe & Pierre

Dear ZMCC,
Your generous gift enables us to offer hope to families in our community by spreading God's love and providing free home furnishings and medical equipment to them during times of need.

Thank you so much,
All of us at The Blessing Board



Dear Friends,
On behalf of everyone at The Center of Hope we want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous financial donation. Your support means so much to us and is instrumental in helping continue our mission to serve the broader Ambridge community.

With sincere appreciation,
Sue Otto
Director



Zion,
Please let us extend our heart felt gratitude to everyone involved in making the 02/27/2025 blood drive a success for the community blood supply!

In all 35 people attempted to participate, resulting in 36 successful donations. These precious donations will save approximately 80 lives. Thank you to your dedication and efforts, the blood drive exceeded the goal of 29 successful donations!

With appreciation,
Dena Gribble
Account Manager



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

CABOT FOOD BANK IS HURTING FOR FOOD!!!

It has been brought to our attention that Cabot Food Bank shelves are getting low and empty trying to keep up with the demand of the people of the community in need. Zion has a donation bin in the narthex. They need more family meal items like Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta, Rice & Beans, Soups. They are no longer getting assistance from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. As you are buying for home, please consider buying Family Meal items for the Cabot Food Bank.





Additions to the Children's Library:

(PS) Star Bright, Christmas Night - by Hannah C. Hall. From angels to sheep to swooping sparrows, the whole earth sings the news of Jesus' birth. ~ July 2023 Donation.

(PS) One-Dog Canoe - by Mary Casanova. A girl and her dog set out in their canoe one morning, only to be insistently joined by a series of animals, large and small. ~ October 2024 Donation by Jo Ann Culp In Memory of Donald Culp.

Additions to the main library:

(18) Focus on the Family Guide To Talking With Your Kids About Sex - edited by J. Thomas Fitch, MD and David Davis. This candid resource is full of the latest information, practical insights, and age-appropriate answers to the questions kids ask about sex. ~ Sept. 2023 Donation.

(F) Orphan Train - by Christina Baker Kline. Moving between contemporary Main and Depression-era Minnesota, Orphan Train is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship. ~ 2023 Donation.

(F) The Doctor's Christmas Dilemma - by Danielle Thorne. Once upon a time, Ben Cooper left his hometown to follow his dreams of becoming a big-city doctor. Now he's back to run his father's clinic and spend Christmas with his daughter, not to fall for McKenzie Price, the woman who broke his heart. But when McKenzie steps in to help Ben reconnect with his little girl, and old sparks begin to ignite, will Ben give up city life for a second chance at love? ~ 2024 Donation.

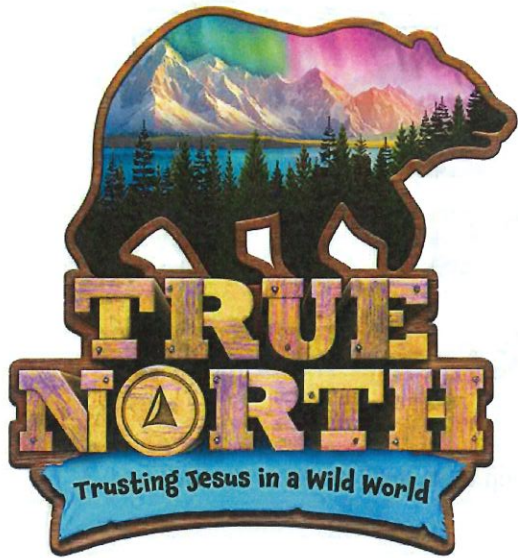
(19) Have A New Teenager By Friday - by Dr. Kevin Leman. With Dr. Leman's instinct and insight, plus an index with gutsy advice on 75 hot button issues that keep parents up at night, this book will help you get real results real fast; from mouthy and moody to respectful and responsible in five days. ~ 2024 Donation by Laura and John Freehling.

(15) Have A Happy Family By Friday - by Dr. Kevin Leman. Dr. Leman gives advice on how to improve communication, respect, and teamwork in just five days. ~ 2024 Donation by Laura and John Freehling.

(F) Priscilla's Reveille - by Erica Vetsch. In 1874, when eastern fashion artist, Priscilla Hutchens swoops down on Fort Bliss, Texas to gain custody of her twin niece and nephew she is met with resistance by their uncle, post surgeon Major Elliot Ryder, who thinks he knows what is best for them. Who will win the battle? Or will a truce be called for the sake of love and family? ~ 2024 Donation.

(13) The Circle Maker - by Mark Batterson. Praying circles around your biggest dreams and greatest fears. ~ 2024 Donation.

(14) Jesus : The God Who Knows Your Name - by Max Lucado. Explores the life and character of Jesus, offering readers a chance to become more familiar with the man at the center of the greatest story ever told. ~ 2022 Donation.



2025 Zion's Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

DATE: July 7 - 11, 2025

TIME: 8:45am to 12:15pm

LOCATION: Check-in in Church Entrance
Opening in Church Sanctuary

**Students in Preschool (age 4-Potty Trained)
thru**

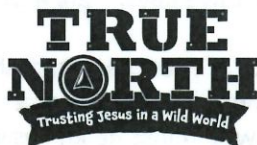
Students just completing Grade 5

are invited to come and join the fun as we explore the stations of
Sing & Play Peak & Compass Closing
Wild Bible Adventures
Sticky Scriptures
Imagination Station
Glacier Games
Mission Central



Registrations will begin May 11, 2025. All former students should receive a form via email.
Be sure to complete and return it to be included with your friends in an "Exploration Crew" as you learn
to trust Jesus in a Wild World!

****We are still in need of Youth Crew Leaders and Adult Helpers****
See Donna for details and to volunteer to help us!
donna@zionsarver.com



Spring

Education - Children - Family
Ministries
May 2025

Summer Fun Days..

Watch our calendar and the weekly Church bulletin. We are hoping to plan some "fun" summer days for gathering our kiddos and sharing God's love and beautiful world together! Plans are to have a monthly gathering with a special THEME for the time together. We'll meet for some fun activities, a short lesson, lunch, and maybe even a surprise visitor for the day! Open to students who have just completed Kindergarten through Grade 4!

Watch for more details!!

Sunday School

Classes will
Continue...

The regular Sunday
School hour will
continue for ALL ages
during the summer
months.

9:30 to 10:30am
each Sunday
morning!



CABOT BIBLE SCHOOL

"MAGNIFY"

June 23 -27

from 9:30 to 12noon

Ages Preschool (3) - Grade 5

Watch for registration information
soon.

We'll post it for all interested!

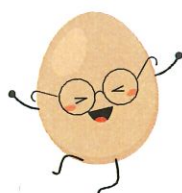


SKATING....

We will be skating throughout the summer months. There will be NO daytime skates but we will be holding our evening schedule. Watch for details and schedules.

Invite some friends to join you for a time of fun! 6 to 8pm!

May's date is May 20, 2025!



A special thank you to the bunnies who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt "Eggceptional".

Sale! Clearance! Look for these items when your Shopping this Spring!!!



Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

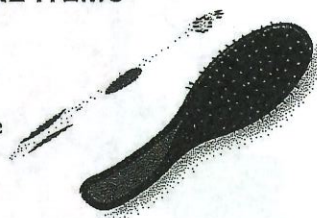
A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



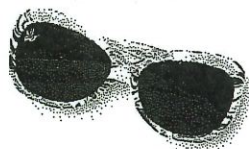
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



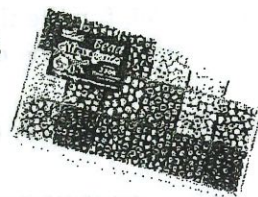
CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches
Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

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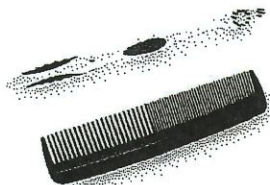
A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

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- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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