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ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

PARSON TO PERSON

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. ~ Proverbs 4:7-8

This might be a personal question, but it is worth thinking about: what do you spend your money on? If you had unlimited money, what would you purchase?

The author of Proverbs continues to implore the reader, his son, to seek wisdom with all that he has, including his money. Wisdom is still needed in our day as well. Many people lack wisdom or even know where to seek it. It seems that Proverbs is missing in the world around us. We have forgotten Proverbs 4:7-8.

The first part of verse seven may seem strange: "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom." Our journey to be wise starts with getting wisdom. Where can we find wisdom? This answer goes back to chapter one, verse seven, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." If we put these two themes together. To gain wisdom, we start by fearing the Lord. We begin by thinking about how great, awesome, and powerful God is. The One who created the world takes time to know you and listens to your heart. As we start our journey, we should seek out God. He wants to give us wisdom, but it means we will need to seek Him out. We will have to follow Him wherever He goes, near or far. We will need to obey His voice, which means recognizing it. The only way to recognize his voice is to be connected to Him through prayer, Bible reading, fasting, worshipping, and other spiritual disciplines.

"Though it cost all you have, get understanding." What does it cost us to listen to God's voice? Time and commitment are the highest costs. Listening for God's voice takes time to understand that it is His voice we are hearing. How do we know? We know because God is the same yesterday, as He is today, as He will be tomorrow. God will not go against what He has already done throughout the Bible. God showed mercy and compassion. God forgave over and over again. God provided what His people needed. God spoke through the prophets. God sent His Son, Jesus, who taught us how to follow God, if we model our lives after Jesus', we will know God's voice.

What does it cost us to get understanding? Time is one cost, and obedience is another. Will we obey? Will we obey when the choices get difficult? Will we obey when we have to choose between God's will and the popular thing to do? Many choose to do the popular thing because they don't want to look foolish in front of others or be ostracized by their friends. There are times when we don't hear God clearly and end up looking foolish in front of others. Does that mean we should stop doing what God has called us to do? I hope not, because we will miss out on God's blessings.

What will you do? Seek wisdom at all costs?

With Christ's Love,

Pastor Seth





"SPECIAL"
FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS
TO OUR OVER 80'S CLUB!

Jeanne Fox
Sara Vassallo
Don Bicker

God's best Blessing to you!

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

**** Congratulations! ****



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!

WHO'S WHO IN
FEBRUARY
DECORATIONS

Decorating Committee

THE COUNTING COMMITTEE

CINDY SHICK, CAYCE JOHNSON,

SALLY ACRE

MINISTRY TABLE

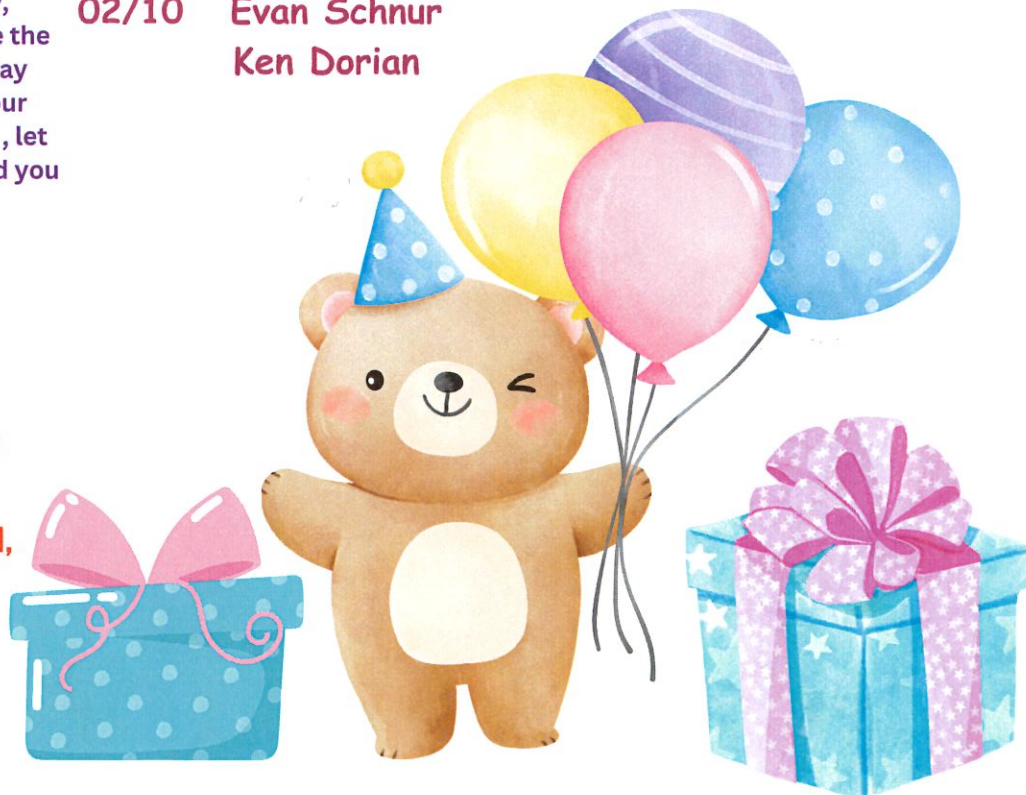
WOMEN IN FAITH

Happy Birthday



February

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|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 02/01 | Jodi Grafton | 02/11 | Aimee Panach |
| 02/02 | John Freehling | 02/14 | Bill Fischer |
| | Pernell Shaw | 02/15 | Bailey Ross |
| 02/03 | Ashley Nines | 02/16 | *Sara Vassallo* |
| 02/04 | Bill Janoski | 02/17 | *Don Bicker* |
| | Molly Dorian | 02/19 | Tony Burke |
| | Karter Bundy | 02/21 | Kim Ross |
| 02/05 | Matthew Michaelis | 02/23 | Lori Hewitt |
| 02/06 | Donna Scholl | 02/24 | Scotlyn Besterman |
| 02/08 | *Jeanne Fox* | 02/26 | Davlin Smith |
| 02/10 | Evan Schnur | | |
| | Ken Dorian | | |



February 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9 am Donut Fellowship</p> <p>9 am Kids Choir</p> <p>5 pm Elementary Youth</p> <p>6 pm Jr & Sr Youth</p> <p>Scout Sunday</p> <p>9 am Kids Choir</p> <p>12:15pm-2:20 pm Kidz Klub</p> <p>Souper Bowl Collection</p> <p>15</p>	<p>5 pm-8 pm SAGSA - FLC</p> <p>6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p> <p>7:30 am Meals On Wheels</p> <p>10 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7 pm Admin Bd</p> <p>5 pm-8 pm SAGSA - FLC</p> <p>5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED</p> <p>6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2</p> <p>9:30 am & 7 pm Walking</p> <p>5 pm-6 pm U 10 - FLC</p> <p>7 pm Women In Faith</p> <p>9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2</p> <p>9:30 am & 7 pm Walking</p> <p>5 pm-6 pm U 10 - FLC</p> <p>6:30 pm Global Meeting #5</p> <p>16</p>	<p>6:15 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Brotherhood</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball</p> <p>7:35 pm Zion Choir</p> <p>9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2</p> <p>9:30 am & 7 pm Walking</p> <p>10:30 am Newsletter Fd.</p> <p>5 pm-6 pm U 10 - FLC</p> <p>6 pm Missions</p> <p>17</p>	<p>6:15 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Brotherhood</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball</p> <p>7:35 pm Zion Choir</p> <p>10 am Meal Prep - FLC</p> <p>4:30 pm Community Meal</p> <p>7 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>18</p>	<p>9:30 am & 7 pm Walking</p> <p>4 pm Webelo Scouts -FLB</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Evangelism/Revival</p> <p>9:30 am & 7 pm Walking</p> <p>4 pm Webelo Scouts -FLB</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Evangelism/Revival</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Valentines Dance for Special Needs - FLC</p> <p>5 pm - 8 pm</p> <p>Newsletters Articles Due!</p> <p>5 pm Rehearsal /Dinner FH</p> <p>Ron & Clarissa Wedding Sanctuary/Library</p> <p>14</p>
<p>9:30 am Confirmation Class</p> <p>22</p>	<p>5 pm-8 pm SAGSA - FLC</p> <p>5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED</p> <p>6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p> <p>10 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>23</p>	<p>9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2</p> <p>9:30 am & 7 pm Walking</p> <p>10:30 am Newsletter Fd.</p> <p>5 pm-6 pm U 10 - FLC</p> <p>6 pm Missions</p> <p>24</p>	<p>6:30 pm Herbal Thymes</p> <p>6:15 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Brotherhood</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball</p> <p>7:35 pm Zion Choir</p> <p>25</p>	<p>9:30 am & 7 pm Walking</p> <p>4 pm Webelo Scouts -FLB</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p> <p>26</p>	<p>6 pm-8 pm Community Skate - FLC</p> <p>Set up 6 pm Pinewood</p> <p>27</p>	<p>9 am-12 pm Freeport Baseball - FLC</p> <p>28</p>



Ministries

Elementary Youth	02/01/2026		5:00 pm
Jr & Sr High Youth	02/01/2026		6:00 pm
Trustees	02/03/2026	Room #11	7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting	02/04/2026	Chapel	6:15 pm
Brotherhood	02/04/2026	Room #10	6:30 pm
Zion Choir	02/04/2026	Room #10	7:35 pm
Bible Study	02/05/2026	Library	6:30 pm
Evangelism	02/05/2026	Room #11	7:00 pm
Val Dance Spec	02/07/2026	FLC	5:00 pm
Kidz Klub	02/08/2026	Library	12:30 pm
Staff Meeting	02/09/2026	Library	10:00 pm
Admin Bd	02/09/2026	Library	7:00 pm
CC-HSG	02/10/2026	EDU 2	9:00 am
Women In Faith	02/10/2026	Library	7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting	02/11/2026	Chapel	6:15 pm
Brotherhood	02/11/2026	Room #10	6:30 pm
Zion Choir	02/11/2026	Room #10	7:35 pm
Global Meet #4	02/12/2026	Library	6:30 pm
Bible Study	02/12/2026	Room #11	6:30 pm
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE! OFFICE! 02/13/2026			
Rehearsal/Dine	02/13/2026	FH	5:00 pm
Wedding	02/14/2026	Sanc/Library	
Confirm Mt Pt & St	02/15/2026	Room	9:30 am
Elementary Youth	02/15/2026		5:00 pm
Jr & Sr High Youth	02/15/2026		6:00 pm
Global Meet # 5	02/17/2026	Library	6:30 pm
Ash Wed Service	02/18/2026	Sanctuary	7:00 pm
Bible Study	02/19/2026	Library	6:30 pm
Pinewood Derby	02/21/2026	FLC	9:00 am
Confirmation CL	02/22/2026		9:30 am
Staff Meeting	02/23/2026	Library	10:00 am
Newsletter Fold	02/24/2026	Library	10:30 am
Missions	02/24/2026	Library	6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting	02/25/2026	Chapel	6:15 pm
Herbal Thymes	02/25/2026	FH	6:30 pm
Brother Hood	02/25/2026	Room #10	6:30 pm
Zion Choir	02/25/2026	Room #10	7:35 pm
Bible Study	02/26/2026	Library	6:30 pm
Global Meeting #6	02/28/2026	Library	10:00 am



Zion Adult Pickleball
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday
TBD!

February



FAMILY LIFE CENTER

ACTIVITIES

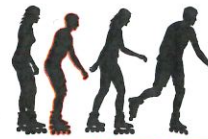
(All FLC Activities NO Childcare Provided)



Zion Community Meal

Family Life Center
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
February 18, 2026

Zion Community Skate



Friday
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
February 20, 2026

Zion Adult Basketball



6:30pm-8:30 pm
Wednesday
02/04
02/11
02/18
02/25

Winter Walking



Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30am-11:30 am
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
02/03 02/05
02/10 02/12
02/17 02/19
02/24 02/26

Facilities Rentals

SAGSA- FLC
Monday 5pm-8pm

U 10 - FLC
Tuesday 5 pm-6 pm

02/02

02/03

02/09

02/10

02/16

02/17

02/23

02/24

Freeport Baseball - FLC

CC-HSG - EDU-2

Saturday 9 am-12 pm

02/03

02/28

02/10

02/24

Dear Zion Methodist Community Church Family,



It is with a full heart and deep emotion that I share this news with you: after much prayer and reflection, I will be stepping away from my role at Zion as I prepare to move south, closer to my parents.

This church has been far more than a job or a place of worship to me. You have been my family. For nearly twenty years, you have entrusted me with the sacred gift of music as the Director of the Zion Choir, Brotherhood Choir, and Kids' Choir—and that trust has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

To stand before you week after week, lifting our voices together in worship has been a true privilege. Music has always been my language of praise and prayer, and You welcomed it with open hearts. Together, we laughed, learned, rehearsed, struggled through tricky rhythms, and rejoiced in moments when heaven felt very near. I have witnessed God move through harmony, through voices finding confidence, and through congregational song that wrapped us all in grace.

One of my greatest joys has been watching our children grow. To see Kids' Choir members mature into adults—some now with families of their own—has been a living testimony to God's faithfulness across generations. Thank you for trusting me with your children and for allowing music to be a place where they could belong, grow, and praise God freely.

This decision did not come easily. Leaving Zion is deeply bittersweet. But I believe God calls us into different seasons, and right now He is calling me to be closer to my parents—to honor them, love them, and walk beside them in this next chapter. I step forward in faith, trusting that the same God who planted me here is guiding my steps now.

Please know that I carry Zion with me—in my prayers, in my memories, and in every song that rises from my heart. I am forever grateful for your encouragement, your love, and the countless ways you have supported me over the years. You have shaped me more than you know.

My prayer is that Zion Methodist Community Church thrives and continues to be filled with joyful song, open hearts, and the unmistakable presence of God. Know that God's LOVE is what brings us all together! Thank you for everything! I will miss you dearly—but I know our bonds in Christ are never broken.

With love, gratitude, and abiding faith,

Davlin

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

Looking for a Bible Study God's Love and Love around the World! Just look it up at Right Now Media



OLD PRESCRIPTION GLASSES:

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



Do to scheduling conflicts and low Attendance in the past few years There will be No Valentine's Dinner this year! Ideas and suggestions to redesign this event are welcome!

Bring your old, tired American flags to Zion for proper disposal.

The Girl Scouts in our area have provided Zion with a Flag Box.

(white box with red/white/ and blue colors of the flag on it.)

It is located in the lower parking lot, adjacent to the Zion Family Life Center.



Used Greetings Cards

Used Cards for gifts, holidays, thank you, etc. The Ladies and Gentlemen of Concordia are still collecting used cards. Please remember that they need the cards whole. Names may be scribbled or scratched out.

Questions see Pat Gray

PUZZLE EXCHANGE



We have a jigsaw puzzle cart set up in the library for all ages. You can bring in your slightly used jigsaw puzzles, place them on the cart, and take a new puzzle to try.

Questions: see Bill Fischer.



Congregation of Zion Community Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for your support through our loss of my husband Seth and our children's father.

The flowers were beautiful.

Blessings,

The McClymonds
Family



Dear Friend of Zion MCC,
Just a quick note of thanks for your generous support of Camp Allegheny in 2025. Your gifts helps make this ministry possible. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing here.

Dennis Tawney
President/CEO



Dear Friends of Zion,
I wanted to thank you for your recent Holiday gift. As the needs in our community grew over the past year, so did the generous gifts we received to help meet those needs.

Best Wishes for 2026!
Erin Cioffi
Development Director



Dear Friends,
We are deeply grateful for your partnership. You are helping us not only to meet urgent needs, but also to build a community where no one has to face hunger alone.

Sue Otto
Director



Rev. Dr. Derek
Davenport, Chairman

Zion Methodist Community Church,
Thank you for your recent donation. Your donation goes directly to those who most need our help. We are pleased to be able to offer this service to the community and your support is critical. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Freeport Area Meals
on Wheels



Dear Education Team,
Thank you so much for my Christmas bag, Enjoying all the information on Isaiah 117. Thankful we support this organization. Love being grateful for all of you. May Jesus' Birthday be special to all of you. Merry Christmas!

God Bless Each And every one of you.

Jo-Ann Culp



Dear Friends,
The AVAC wishes to thank you for your gift to the Family Promise House. we are grateful for your generosity and support. We apologize for our delay in sending this note of gratitude, the holidays are especially busy here and we appreciate your understanding. thank you again, for helping us help the poor. hungry, and homeless in our community.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Snair



Dear friends in Christ,
The Cabot Food Bank would like to thank Zion Methodist Community Church for its generous donations in 2025. We are thankful that you are our partner in the work of our food pantry. We appreciate the work you perform in hosting the monthly Community Meal. The caring hand of God reaches out to others through your continued support.

We remain yours in Christ,
The Cabot Church Food Bsnk



Dear Pastor Seth and Zion Church,
Greetings in the most precious name of Jesus. We thank you for your faithfulness in your prayers and financial support; it is a great blessing for the ministry. We had a good 2025 year and look forward to having a good 2026.

God Bless, Ermithe and Pierre



We greet you in the most precious name of Jesus. We thank you for the privilege of greeting you for the first time this year and for the opportunity to express our gratitude. Thank you for the gift that will help the sponsored children take home food. What a blessing! The parents will be happy. The children are back to school and enjoying their hot meals.

God Bless, Ermithe and Pierre

Dear Zion Methodist Community Church,
Thank you for your generous gift. Because of you families in our community will experience real hope-through God's love a Welcoming home, and the comfort of furniture and medical equipment they could not otherwise afford. Your support truly means the world to us.

With heartfelt gratitude,
All of us at
The Blessing Board





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COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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.



VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: None Reported
Deaths: None Reported
Births: Charlotte Lea Shick 12/30/2025
6Lbs, 11oz, 19.5 in
Parents: Brian & Samantha Shick
Siblings: Harper & Olivia
Grandparents: Gary & Cindy Shick
Great Grandma : JoAnn Culp
Baptisms:
New Members:

Welcome to the Zion Family!

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



ADDRESS and EMAIL CHANGES

Please NOTIFY the office if your address or email changes. You can notify us by phone, mail, email, or by leaving a note on the attendance pad.
Over the past few weeks, we have incurred significant postage costs because people didn't provide us with their new addresses. I want to emphasize this point: please notify us promptly if your address changes. Every piece of bulk mail (newsletters, holiday letters) sent to the wrong address
Now, the cost is around \$3.98 per piece of mail to be returned to Zion. Let's be good stewards!



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."





TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2025 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 11/30/2025	-\$316.97	\$37,062.89	\$33,403.75	\$57,273.52	\$127,423.19
Deposits	\$45,691.64	\$11,041.50	\$800.00	\$54,981.16	\$112,514.30
Disbursements	-\$29,659.69	-\$13,670.47	\$0.00	-\$53,900.00	-\$97,230.16
Balance 12/31/2025	\$15,714.98	\$34,433.92	\$34,203.75	\$58,354.68	\$142,707.33
		<i>Lisa McClelland, Treasurer</i>			

General Fund - This is the operating fund where many 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 designated for specific ministries, such as Missions, Memorials, and other particular 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 Faith We Build Campaign, which pays the mortgage for the Family Life Center.



MISSIONS

MOMENTS WITH MISSIONS Dec-25



400.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
415.00	APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
333.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
129.65	COMMUNITY MEAL
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
411.00	DISCRETIONARY FUND
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
350.00	MEALS ON WHEELS
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
2,968.08	OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
415.00	TEEN QUEST
2,238.00	THANKSGIVING OFFERING (OCC POSTAGE)
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
<u>8,859.73</u>	TOTAL



Do you have a friend who is homebound or bedridden due to illness or injury? They may need a hug or a bit of get-well-soon to let them know someone cares. God loves them!

ZION SUNSHINE BASKETS



Over 80s Valentine's Bags



Church and Society are collecting Valentines (and Valentine treats!) for our special over-80 members starting January 18th through February 8th. 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



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

Blessings in a Backpack continues to serve approximately 60 students in our area.

Thanks to your recent donation of \$1,285.52, weekend meals are now available for distribution over the next several weeks.

As of January 6, Zion has contributed \$3,729.42 towards this vital and necessary outreach during the current school year.

Thank you again for your generous financial support! Please remember this program and those it serves in your thoughts and prayers

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 pm, we set aside time for prayer, lifting up our church, its needs, its vision, and the community of believers, seekers, and the lost, among other areas the Holy Spirit directs us to pray for. We meet at 6:15 pm to get our hearts ready with prayer and scripture, then set out to do one thing...PRAY! Speaking to God and being still for God to speak to us. Roaming inside, outside, or just being in the presence of Jesus in the sanctuary with nothing but the glow of the cross. Come and join us! We would love to have you pray with us! I have been praying for the Holy Spirit to guide me in these invitations to prayer. This month

He led me to a song written by Jamie McDonald entitled "Left It in the River." If you haven't listened to Christian music outside of the hymns at church, I encourage you to tune in...whatever genre you like, I am sure there is a Christian artist that fits the bill...just listen and let the lyrics speak to you. I am certain God will touch you with that special song that you need to hear. Jamie is a very talented young lady with a powerful vocal ability. God gave her a grit that she lays out in her music. Below is just a sample of the lyrics. I encourage you to search for it on the internet and listen.

*I said a prayer from the banks of a river
 God met me there, showing me something better
 I left my wrongs at the bottom of the river
 I said so long, said goodbye forever
 My life was changed
 When I stepped into the water
 Ain't seen my chains
 Since I gave 'em to the Father
 Hallelujah, I've been delivered
 Where is my guilt?
 Where is my shame?
 I left it in the river*



As in all relationships, if communication is lacking, it is easy to become distant. Keep talking to God with your words and your heart. Jesus has his nail-scarred hand reaching out to you...All you have to do is reach out to Him. Let His Holy Spirit fill your soul. Psalms 34:17 states: "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles."

In His Service & Yours, Cheryl Peters



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)



MEALS ON WHEELS :

MONTHLY, ON THE 2ND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026, 7:30 AM - 11 AM AT FREEPORT UMC, PREPARE AND SERVE A MEAL. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP, DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE COORDINATOR: BECKY ROSS (724)467 2048 OR (724)295 - 3229 ROSS4HIM@HOTMAIL.COM



COMMUNITY MEAL-

THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 4:30 PM-630 PM IN ZION FAMILY LIFE CENTER. OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026. A SPAGHETTI MEAL WITH SALAD, BREAD, AND DESSERT IS PLANNED. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO GREET, SERVE, AND CLEAN UP. PLEASE SIGN UP BESIDE THE TIME SLOT YOU ARE AVAILABLE. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME ENJOY THE FREE MEAL AND THE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY.



Operation Christmas Child:

We are ramping up in 2026 to have an even bigger year. We will collect **each month** this year. The February collection is **fashion accessories..** We need **shades, hair clips, jewelry, wallets, scarves, etc.** Please place any collections in the box located under the cabinet in the narthex, marked **OCC (Operation Christmas Child)**. Thank you for collecting year-round,



Attention all Sewers:

There are precut school bags to sew for OCC. They are now available in the designated drawer in the cabinet. Each kit contains directions and a finished sample. When completed, they may be returned to the lower cabinet on the left, marked OCC. Thank you for helping make these bags for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.



For the month of February, the Family Promise House needs several items. We are collecting **bed pillows, paper plates and bowls, silverware and plasticware, baby wipes, and cleaning products of all kinds.** There will be boxes in the entrance way of the church to place these items in.



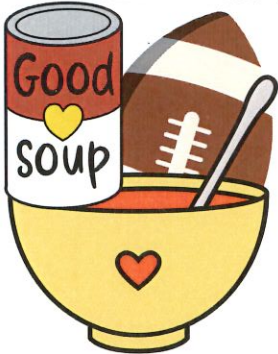
Expressions of Our Faith meets in the library on February 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., so you know that new members are welcome. Please join us if you want to serve on our Mission Encounter Team.



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 their generosity, the recipients of these scholarships can, over the years, 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 can apply twice if you like. 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 get in touch with the Zion office at 724-353-1720 or office@zionsarver.com, or with Rob Peters at pleasegod@zoominternet.net or 724-352-4608. Please return the completed form to the church office by April 25, 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rob Peters by email or phone (see above).



THE SOUPER BOWL:

A canned soup food drive for Cabot Food Bank will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 8, 2026**. We are asking for **canned or boxed soup, broth, 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



Good Stewards:

We need to be good stewards of the church. Please remember before you leave an area of the church or a meeting, Please **Pick up after yourselves, Clean and put away dishes, and shut off all lights**. Thank you.



Family Promise® House

Collection Items for February.



Bed Pillows

Paper Plates

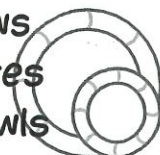
Paper Bowls

Silverware

Plasticware

Baby Wipes

Cleaning Products of all Kinds



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. Let's use this section as Visitation and Card Shower For those Members of Zion!



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Art Borland
218 Prairie CT
Freeport, Pa 16229-2420

Harry Hoover
Oertel Building Room 205
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Cabot, PA 16023

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Sarver, PA 16055

Jane Sell
236 Winfield Road
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Sherry Mosley
115 Coal Hollow Road
Sarver, PA 16055-9717



VALENTINES SNOWBALL

**SATURDAY |
FEBRUARY 7TH |
5:00 - 8:00 PM**

Come enjoy a night of friendship,
food, and fun! Buffet Dinner
Dancing with our DJ
Lots of smiles and memories

A semi formal evening for our Special
Needs Guest & Support Person (ages 14
and above)

**ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH 438 BEAR CREEK RD.
SARVER, PA 16055**

ZION RECIPES

Easy Lasagna for Two

Ingredients:

- 9x5 pan (Meatloaf Pan)
- 24 oz Prego Pasta Sauce of your choice
- 4 sheets Oven-Ready Lasagna (No Boiling Required)
- 4 Cups Mozzarella Cheese
- 1/3 Cup Parmesan Cheese
- 8 oz Ricotta Cheese
- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 2 links of Italian sausage
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Foil

Instructions:

Preheat Oven to 375°F.

In a large skillet, brown ground beef and Italian sausage links.

Combine 2 cups of Mozzarella, Ricotta, and Parmesan cheese into one bowl and mix well. Gather Your Ingredients. Place browned ground beef into a bowl. Slice the Italian sausage and place it into a bowl. Place the Mozzarella cheese into a bowl. Pour pasta sauce into a bowl. Ricotta cheese mixture. Lasagna sheets.

Build The Lasagna:

Pour 1/2 cup of pasta sauce on the bottom of the pan and spread evenly. Add 1 sheet of pasta to the sauce. Place enough pasta sauce on top to cover the pasta sheet. Generously sprinkle with Ricotta mixture on top of the pasta.

Add enough ground beef and Italian sausage to the pasta layer. Sprinkle with Mozzarella. Pour a little sauce over the top of all ingredients. Place a new sheet of lasagna on top. Gently press down to set. Repeat steps 2 - 9 for two more layers. For the final layer, top with the fourth pasta sheet. Pour the remaining pasta sauce and ricotta mixture on top. Tent with foil. Bake for 25 minutes. Remove foil and add remaining mozzarella and cook for an additional 5 minutes or until cheese browns. Remove from oven and let cool for 15 minutes before cutting.

5 things you should tell yourself every morning:

1. God is with me

2. God has a good plan for me.

3. God will guide my steps.

4. God gives me comfort.

5. God carries my burdens.

Lord, I love You, and I promise to share this prayer with others. Even if you are busy, if you love God, put **Amen!**





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**MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM
TUESDAY**

MARCH 10, 2026

7:00 PM

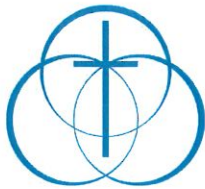
**LADIES, PLEASE SIGN UP ON
THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE
NARTHEX MARCH 1, 2026**

Sarver Blood Drive

March 5, 2026

1 pm-7 pm

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



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

PARENT & STUDENT MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

9:30 AM

(IN FELLOWSHIP HALL)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

BEGIN

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

9:30 AM



February 8, 2026

Library

12:30 pm-2:30 pm



February 1, 2026

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February 15, 2026

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

February 1, 2026

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February 15, 2026

6:00 pm-8:00 pm



**MINISTRY
TABLE**



Special Needs Ministry: January's topic for the Ministry Table. Becky Ross and Heather Vaughan did an excellent job of decorating and giving information about the work they do to keep the special needs ministries going. They have special events and things which we advertise throughout the year. Thank you, Ladies. God has blessed you with a wonderful gift.





February 2026

News for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

CODE of CONDUCT TRAINING / VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

This is now required for each volunteer who will be with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in Zion Church. This program is taking the place of the “Safe Sanctuaries” that was a part of the UMC.

We have held the first 3 of 5 meetings being offered. You will receive a folder with the papers and instructions. ALL volunteer folders **MUST BE COMPLETED** and **RETURNED BY APRIL 15th**. We are completing new sets of clearances and also requiring an online training and some additional paperwork. If you are currently a SS Teacher, Youth Leader, VBS Station Leader, or Crew Member, you should complete this training.

See Donna for details and to sign up for one of the next few classes.

CLASS SCHEDULE...

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 @ 6:30pm in Room # 11

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 @ 6:30 pm in the Library

***New addition... SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 @ 10:00 am in the Library**

February Events for our Children & Youth



2/1/26 & 2/15/26: **Youth**

Elementary: 5-7pm

Jr-Sr High: 6-8pm

2/7/26: **Special Needs Valentine Dance**

2/8/26: **KIDZ Klub**

2/15/26: **Confirmation Meeting**

Parents/ Students - (6th - 8th grade)

9:30am Fellowship Hall

2/20/26 **SKATE Night**

6 to 8pm

Watch for other listings as they may be scheduled throughout the month! Check the weekly Bulletin Board in the Sunday Bulletin!

SKATING

February 20, 2026

6 to 8pm

Zion's Family Life Center

We need folks to help us out!

Sign up to be the

Greeter/Host for one of the evenings. Share the duty and get to know the families!

See Donna for details!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are feeling led to offer our families an opportunity to build relationships with each other within the church, to encourage each other, to pray for each other, and to be involved in the life of the church. It is our hope and our prayer to begin a “family ministry” simply named TEAM FAMILY. In order to be able to offer this, we will need a “task team” to get started. This team will need to meet to learn more about the ministry, discern God’s plan for us, and organize the ministry details to share with you, the congregation. It is a vital, relationship-building ministry to grow our faith, our journey with Christ, and our church family. Please pray to see where God wants you to serve. This could be a place where you will “fit” in and grow as well! See Donna to hear more. Our goal is to begin the planning by the end of February and introduce the ministry as soon it is ready. Donna is ready to form the “Task Team”.

See her to become a part of the ministry-building and development!





CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We have been so truly blessed by God to be able to offer so many special ministries to the members and the community surrounding Zion Methodist Community Church.

We talk in Administrative Board and many Team meetings about the many ideas, dreams, and needs for bringing folks to a special relationship with God and with other believers in Christ.

To bring these ministries to life, we need to have more than one person on a team! The initial idea, the details for planning, the encouragement to share within the community, DOES NOT happen by itself. With our world today, we have to make the invitation appealing, encouraging, and ready to answer the needs!

When we take our membership vow, there is a piece where we are asked if we will uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. This means being an active part of ministry. This means fulfilling the command to be witnesses in this world. This means to give of our time to encourage relationships with God and others. Our MISSION statement is ...

INVITE, GROW, and SERVE!

Are you ready to step up?

Those who have served for extended periods need to rest, recharge, and be able to relax as they look for a new way to serve. The more on God's "team", the more we can accomplish! Sign up to serve without being asked. Pray for guidance and let us know you're ready to serve!!

Many opportunities await!!!

Be active, be open, be encouraging!

W E L C O M E

TO OUR TEAM

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SERVICE 7:00 PM

FREE COMMUNITY
MEAL
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
4:30 TO 6:30 PM
AT ZION FAMILY
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THE MEAL
WITH YOUR
FAMILY, FRIENDS,
AND NEIGHBORS
VOLUNTEERS ARE
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