

MARCH 2026

VOLUME 4 ISSUE 2

ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

PARSON TO PERSON

*Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.
~ Proverbs 4:23*

Recently, I saw a commercial featuring a person and their heart undergoing counseling over a disagreement about their heart health. One of the questions asked was "How is your heart?" The commercial was a little out there, but the question has been stuck in my head for some time. How is it with my heart? The easy answer is fine, but the truthful answer is burdened. There is a weight on my heart because I used to be able to carry everything on my own. The words "used to" are intentional. I am no longer able to carry the weight on my own. It crushes me if I try. You can probably relate to the crushing weight. What do we do? The easy answer is to push the weight aside and not think about it. It can be dealt with later, but later never comes, and the weight gets heavier as more hurt gets piled on. Many tend to shut down emotionally and mentally as the weight gets heavier, because we haven't learned how to talk about what is going on within us. A better answer is to share the weight, so our hearts have time to heal. It is okay to share with our spouse, friends, mentors, pastors, and other trusted people. They can help carry part of the weight, but they cannot carry it all because they have their own weight.

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus says to learn from him, and he will show us what to do with the weight. What did Jesus do with the weight? He prayed about it. He shared it with the Father. He asked his friends to pray with him and for him in the garden the night he was arrested. We can do the same thing. We can pray about the weight we are carrying. Jesus said his yoke is easy, meaning he is right beside us, bearing the weight with us. He wants to lead us and asks us to trust him as he leads. Jesus is the only one who can bear that crushing weight with us. He will not force us to share it with him. He is waiting for our invitation, which can come out as angry and harsh. When we invite him to join us, he provides the right people to help carry the weight. The right people who will pray with us and for us. The right people who want to guard our hearts, especially as we are weary.

I will ask the question once more, "How is it with your heart?" My heart is heavy, but I am not alone in caring for my heart. Jesus is with me and provides a good group of people to help with the burden. How is it with your heart?

With Christ's Love,

Pastor Seth



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

**Helen McCall
Bill Hancock
Jim Kelley
Bee Freehling
Jack McGee**

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
MARCH?**

DECORATIONS

LENT / PALM SUNDAY

THE COUNTING COMMITTEE

CHERYL PETERS, LORI SMIESKO,

AMY POTOCAK

MINISTRY TABLE

CAMP MINISTRIES

MOLLY DORAIN



03/02	<u>*Helen McCall*</u>	03/13	Linda Bubb
03/02	Scott McGee	03/15	Michelle Michaelis
03/03	Callan Kelley	03/16	Drew Ross
03/04	<u>*Bill Hancock*</u>		Sue Affrica
03/05	<u>*Jim Kelley*</u>	03/17	Quentin Blose
	Elijah Gehenio		Josephine Spehar
03/06	Tony Gehenio	03/18	Tyanne Saxman
	Carrie Peters		Evan Janoski
03/07	Austin Brezinski	03/19	Conor Weleski
	<u>*Bee Freehling*</u>	03/20	Ty Krautbauer
03/09	Bill Frye	03/21	Lyndsey Freehling
	Lochlan Kooser	03/23	Gary Risch Sr.
03/10	Gary Shick	03/24	Sue Swartz
03/12	Grant Alchier	03/27	<u>*Jack McGee*</u>
	Douwne Muller	03/31	Lenora Hancock



March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Both Services 9 am Donut Fellowship 9 am Kids Choir 9:30 am Easter Bible Study 9:30 am Confirmation Class 6 pm Jr & Sr High Youth Daylight Savings Time 9 am Kids Choir 9:30 am Easter Bible Study 9:30 am Confirmation Class 6 pm Jr & Sr High Youth	2 5 pm-8 pm SAGSA - FLC 5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH 7:30 am Meals On Wheels 10 am Staff Meeting 5 pm-8 pm SAGSA - FLC 6:30 pm Ministry Safe #8 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH 7 pm Admin Bd	3 9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2 9:30 am & 7 pm Walking 7 pm Trustees 9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2 9:30 am & 7 pm Walking 7 pm Meal in the Upper Room	4 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 6:30 pm Basketball 7:35 pm Zion Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 6:30 pm Basketball 7:35 pm Zion Choir	5 10 am Easter Bible Study 11 am Vitalent Set-Up 1 pm Blood Drive - FLC 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm Easter Bible Study 9:30 am & 7 pm Walking 10 am Easter Bible Study 4 pm Webelo Scouts - FLE 5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm Easter Bible Study	6 6 pm AOL Scouts -FLC 6:30 pm Ministry Safe #7 6 pm Comedian Don Kulp & Brian Smith Concert- FLC Classic Conversations - Home School Group Education Wing 2 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	7 Adult Pickleball - FLC 7 pm-9 pm
9 am Kids Choir 9:30 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Easter Bible Study 12:30 pm Kiaz Klub 6 pm Jr & Sr High Youth	15 6 pm Pk Mt- FLC -Cub Scout 6:30 pm VBS Meeting - LIB 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH	16 9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2 9:30 am & 7 pm Walking 9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2 10:30 am Newsletter Fd.	17 10 am Meal Prep- FLC 4:30 pm Community Meal 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 6:30 pm Basketball 7:35 pm Zion Choir	18 9:30 am & 7 pm Walking-FLC Last Day 10 am Easter Bible Study 4 pm Webelo Scouts -FLE 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 Ministry Safe #9 7 pm Easter Bible Study	19 6 pm Comedian Don Kulp & Brian Smith Concert- FLC Classic Conversations - Home School Group Education Wing 2 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	20 Adult Pickleball - FLC 7 pm-9 pm
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Confirmation Class	03/01/2026		9:30 am
The Easter Experience	03/01/2026	#12	9:30 am
Elementary Youth	03/01/2026		5:00 pm
Jr & Sr High Youth	03/01/2026		6:00 pm
Trustees	03/03/2026	#11	7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting	03/04/2026	Chapel	6:15 pm
Brotherhood	03/04/2026	#10	6:30 pm
Zion Choir	03/04/2026	#10	7:35 pm
The Easter Experience	03/05/2026	LIB	10:00 am
Viatalent Blood Drive	03/05/2026	FLC	11:00 am
Bible Study	03/05/2026	Library	6:30 pm
The Easter Experience	03/05/2026	Fox	7:00 pm
Confirmation Class	03/08/2025		9:30 am
The Easter Experience	03/08/2026	#12	9:30 am
Elementary Youth	03/08/2026		5:00 pm
Jr & Sr Youth	03/08/2026		6:00 pm
Meals On Wheels	03/09/2026	FUMC	7:30 am
Staff Meeting	03/09/2026	Library	10:00 am
Admin Bd	03/09/2026	Library	7:00 pm
Upper Room Meal	03/10/2026	Library	7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting	03/11/2026	Chapel	6:15 pm
Brotherhood	03/11/2026	#10	6:30 pm
Zion Choir	03/11/2026	#10	7:35 pm
The Easter Experience	03/12/2026	Library	10:00 am
Bible Study	03/12/2026	#11	6:30 pm
The Easter Experience	03/12/2026	Fox	7:00 pm
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!	OFFICE!	03/13/2026	
Kids Night	03/14/2026	FH	03/14/2026
Confirmation Class	03/15/2026		9:30 am
The Easter Experience	03/15/2026	#12	9:30 am
Kidz Klub	03/15/2026	Library	12:30 pm
Elementary Youth	03/15/2026		5:00 pm
Jr & Sr Youth	03/15/2026		6:00 pm
VBS Meeting	03/16/2026	Library	6:30 pm
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Last Day to Order Lillies for Easter	03/19/2026		
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Bible Study	03/19/2026	Library	6:30 pm
The Easter Experience	03/19/2026	Fox	7:00 pm
Confirmation CL	03/22/2026		9:30 am
The Easter Experience	03/22/2026	#12	9:30 am
Staff Meeting	03/23/2026	Library	10:00 am
Newsletter Fold	03/24/2026	Library	10:30 am
Prayer Meeting	03/25/2026	Chapel	6:15 pm
Herbal Thymes	03/25/2026	FH	6:30 pm
Brother Hood	03/25/2026	#10	6:30 pm
Zion Choir	03/25/2026	#10	7:35 pm
The Easter Experience	03/26/2026	Library	10:00 am
Bible Study	03/26/2026	Library	6:30 pm
The Easter Experience	03/26/2026	Fox	7:00 pm
Palm Sunday	03/29/2026		
The Easter Experience	03/29/2026	#12	9:30 am
Missions	03/31/2026	Library	6:00 pm

March

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

ACTIVITIES

(All FLC Activities NO Childcare Provided)

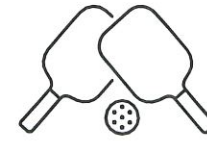


Zion Community Meal

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

Adult Pickleball

Saturday 7 pm
03/21
03/28



Zion Adult Basketball

6:30pm-8:30 pm
Wednesday
03/04
03/11
03/18 Last Day!



Winter Walking

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30am-11:30 am
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
03/03
03/10 03/12
03/17 03/19 Last Day!



Community Skate

Due to Low Attendance
Community Skate will be
postponed till further notice!



Cub Scouts

Monday 5:30 pm EDU-!
03/02
03/09
03/23
03/30
Pk Meeting 6:00 pm FLC
03/16

Boy Scouts

Monday 6:45 pm FH
03/02
03/09
03/16
03/23
03/30

AOL Scouts

Friday 6 pm -FLC
03/06

Webelo Scouts

Thursday 3:30 pm FLE
03/02
03/09
03/16
03/23
03/30





TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report as of 01/31/2026 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 12/31/2025	\$15,714.98	\$34,433.92	\$34,203.75	\$58,354.68	\$142,707.33
Deposits	24,971.82	\$1,956.00	\$470.00	\$6,678.08	\$34,075.90
Disbursements	-34,619.52	-\$13,145.46	\$0.00	-\$13,900.00	-\$61,664.98
Balance 01/31/2026	\$6,067.28	\$23,244.46	\$34,673.75	\$51,132.76	\$115,118.25
		<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

Jan-26

490.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
1,051.59	ANGEL TREE HOPE CENTER
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
1,285.52	BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
300.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
5,266.00	CHRISTMAS OFFERING (SAMARITANS PURSE)
190.55	COMMUNITY MEAL
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
250.00	FREEPORT FOOD BANK
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
331.00	MISSION AVIATION
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
330.00	PROMISE OF LIFE NETWORK
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
330.00	SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACH
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
<hr/> 11,024.66	TOTAL

33% of Zion's income for January





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

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

Check out Right Now Media for that Lenten Bible Study or an Easter Video for kids.

rightnow MEDIA



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.

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.



Zion Methodist Community Church presents

a Night of Comedy!

with Comedian

Dan Kulp!

seen on DryBar and Good Morning America

and special guest

Brian Smith!



Friday, March 27, 2026

Free Admission! Doors open at 6:00 pm; show starts at 6:30 pm



Zion Methodist Community Church

438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver, Pa 16055

For more info call (724) 353 1720 • www.zionsarver.com

ZION SUNSHINE BASKETS



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



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





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, ON THE 2ND MONDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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 ENJOY THE FREE MEAL AND THE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY.



Operation Christmas Child:

We are ramping up in 2026 to have a bigger year. We are going to collect each month this year. March collections are **small craft or art kits**. Please put any collections in the box under the cabinet in the narthex marked **OCC (Operation Christmas Child)**. Thank you for collecting year-round.



School Bags for Operation Christmas Child

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.**



Family Promise House

For the month of **March**, Zion is taking a break from collecting items for the Family Promise House. We are focusing on **Volunteers to fellowship and serve**. Contact AVAC by phone at (724)226-3197 or by email at avac@avac.org for times of Service and Fellowship for the Family Promise House.



Expressions of Our Faith meets in the library on March 31, 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.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?



On February 10, \$677.05 was used to purchase food items for weekend meals. At this time, only half the normal amount was requested. There is a sufficient supply of meals available to fill packs through the middle of March. Thank you!

A balance of only \$955.83 remains designated to this program. To date, Zion has graciously donated \$4,406.47 this school year, but many more weekends remain before us, and we have insufficient funds to provide meals. Please consider making a financial contribution to help us complete what we have started! Many have come to depend on this program, and your help is desperately needed!

Thank you, again. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated!

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. 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, as we are in the season of Lent, He led me to a song written by Randy Travis entitled "Raise Him Up." 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. Randy is a well-known country singer with a collection of Christian songs in his portfolio. This song may not be about prayer per se, but when we take time to think about the sacrifice of his earthly father and heavenly father, we cannot help but pray. Below is just a sample of the lyrics. I encourage you to search for it online and listen to it.

Y'all may have to look at Joseph, a couple of thousand years ago
When he held a newborn baby he named Jesus
He said, "He may not be blood of my blood
Still, I'm gonna raise Him up
I'll provide for Him, walk beside of Him
I am strong enough
I will show Him too what a Son can do
With a father's love and He will change the world"
Thirty-three years later when the Son was in his grave
Broken and abandoned by a world He came to save
His real Dad said, "He's mine, blood of my blood
An' I'm gonna raise Him up"
I'll provide for You, walk beside of You
I am strong enough
I've seen from You what a Son can do with a Father's love
One man changed the world, an' He can change your world
But you gotta raise Him up



Lent is an invitation to reflect on Christ's journey to the Cross. It is also an invitation to consider our own journeys to the Cross. Galatians 2:20 states, "I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." As you take time with our Savior in prayer, invite Jesus to walk beside you in your journey, He will raise you up...He is strong enough.

In His Service & Yours,
Cheryl Peters



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!



Gina Woods
Autumn Grove Care Center
555 South Main Street
Room #112
Harrisville, PA 16038

Joanne Allison
562 North Pike Road
Sarver, PA 16055-8636

Tony Burke
582 Sarver Road
Sarver, PA 16055-9213

Sherry Mosley
115 Coal Hollow Road
Sarver, PA 16055-9717

Jack Doverspike
429 Sarver Road
Sarver, PA 16055-9526

Bob Gealy
306 Cobham Woods
Cabot, PA 16023



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.

ZION RECIPES



Classic Corned Beef Sandwich

Ingredients:

3/4 cup mayonnaise
3 tablespoons chili sauce
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1 can (14 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
12 ounces sliced deli corned beef
20 slices of rye or marbled rye bread
1/2 cup butter, softened
Thousand Island salad dressing, optional
Serve with Crisps or Potato chips



Directions:

In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise and chili sauce until blended. Stir in cheese and sauerkraut. Spread about 2 tablespoons per slice over all 20 bread slices. Place corned beef on 10 bread slices; top with remaining bread, spread side down. Spread the outsides of sandwiches with butter.



Reuben Dip

Ingredients

4 packages (2 ounces each) thinly sliced deli corned beef, finely chopped
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed
1 can (8 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
1 cup sour cream
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup Thousand Island salad dressing, optional
Rye bread or cracker



Directions

In a 1-1/2-qt. slow cooker, combine the first 5 ingredients. If desired, stir in Thousand Island dressing. Cover and cook on low for 2 hours or until cheese is melted; stir until blended. Serve warm with bread or crackers.

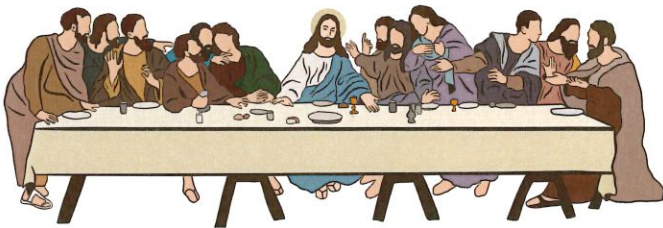




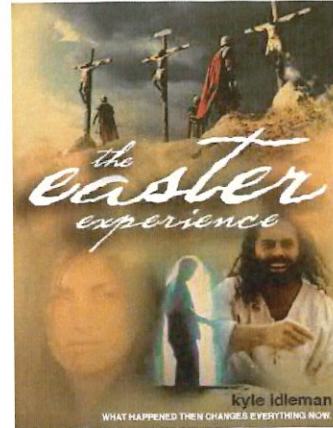
ETHEL WESTERMAN MORTIZ SCHOLARSHIP



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).



**MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
7:00 PM
LIBRARY/FELLOWSHIP HALL
LADIES, PLEASE SIGN UP ON
THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE
NARTHEX
BEFORE MARCH 3, 2026**



The Easter Experience
by KYLE IDLEMAN

The Easter Experience brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Through these in-depth teachings, your small group will grow spiritually, bonding with one another and with the eternal message of Easter.

Sign up in the narthex today!

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Thursday 10 am Host: Church Library

Leader: Pastor Seth

Thursday, 7 pm Host: Jeanne Fox

Leader: Bill Fischer

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Sunday 9:30 am Host: Room #12

Leader: Cheryl Peters

Starting the week after Ash Wednesday





ZION METHODIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Voice Mailboxes (messages only):

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Email: pastorseth@zionsarver.com

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

Director of Education and Children's Ministries

(Donna Scholl): 724-353-9530

Email: donna@zionsarver.com

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

music@zionsarver.com

Trustees: trustees@zionsarver.com



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: Ron & Clarissa (Boden) Hawk
02/14/2026

Deaths: Donald Edward (Don) (Pops) Bicker
02/03/2026

Births: None Reported

Baptisms: Emerson Ray Bajuszick 02/15/2026

Parents: Jason & Madison Bajuszik

Lydia Jane Heeter 02/22/2026

Parents: Joseph & Allison Heeter

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 \$3.98 per piece of mail 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."





Dear Zion,
Thank you so much for all the
Valentine cards and treats!! You
are all special!!

God Bless,
Sara Vassallo

Zion Methodist Community Church,
Thank you so much for all the Valentine's
Cards and Goodies.

I enjoyed them all,
God Bless,
Eileen Peters

Zion Church Members,
Thanks to all Zion Church
Members who provided me with a
beautiful Valentine's Day
gift bag full of cards and Goodies.
Made my day!

God Bless,
Betty Smith

Dear Zion Church
Thank you to the person who
delivered my Valentine's gift bag.
I wanted to thank all of you for the
surprise bag full of Goodies.
Thank you so very much.

God Bless,
Dorothy Bowser

Dear Mission Committee,
Thank you, Dear Zion, for your
excellent and faithful support!
We are deeply grateful to you!

Blessings,
Donn D. Ed
Founder & Ex. Dir.
Hosanna Ind. Inc.

Hosanna Industries

Dear Zion Methodist Community Church,
Looking ahead to 2026, our goal is to serve
even more families more efficiently, while
remaining fully committed to our mission.
Your continued financial support will help
make this possible. We'd like to invite you to
reach out to become more engaged with our
ministry.

Thank you again for your
kindness and generosity!
Rich Garland
Exe. Dir.



Dear Zion Methodist Church,
As we step into a new year. I want you to
know how deeply grateful I am for your
generous year-end gift. That means more
families across Appalachia will have warm,
safe, dry homes in the year ahead. Your
generosity and faith make this vital work
possible.

In Service,
Melisa Winburn
Pres. CEO



Dear ZMCC,
Greetings! As we find ourselves in the heart
of winter. I am grateful for the generosity you
have shown AT The Lake Ministries
throughout 2025! Thank you so much for
your faithful support and investment in a
ministry that seeks to serve those with
disabilities and Special needs!

In Christ's Service
Rev. Rob Wilson
Exe Director

AT THE LAKE
MINISTRIES

Dear Christian Friend,
The Chaplains who serve the campground ministry
want to thank you for your kind contribution to
Chaplains in the Park Ministry.
I appreciate your support, and may God bless you for
caring!

Sincerely
Chaplain Timothy A Bremmer Sr
Prim Coordinator



Dear Friends,
We're so grateful for your partnership - and excited for
what's ahead! Your generosity not only sustains
workers in the field but also strengthens the mission.
Thank you for standing with Frontiers in 2025. Let's
keep pressing toward our goal in 2026- making Jesus
known and worshiped among all peoples.
New Year's Blessings,

Dawn Heitger
Dir of Development



Dear Friends,
On behalf of everyone at the Center of Hope
thank you for your generous donation towards
community support.
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, Dir.
Rev. Dr. Dereck Davenport



Brother & Sisters of ZMCC,
Thank you so much for your donation to
MAF Where Most Needed Fund! We
are grateful for your generous gift! We
truly appreciate ZMCC and it's an honor
to be your Great Commission partner in
reaching isolated people with the love of
Jesus.



Serving Together
Keith Van Order



March 15, 2026
12:30pm-2:30 pm
Library

kidz club

Meet when leaders can meet
Contact: Becky Ross, Donna Riemer, or Bill Fisher for Dates
5:00 pm-7:00pm
Library

Elementary Youth

MARCH 1, 2026
MARCH 8, 2026
MARCH 15, 2026
6:00 PM-9:00 PM
YOUTH ROOM

Jr & Sr High Youth



CONFIRMATION CLASSES
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SUNDAY 9:30 AM

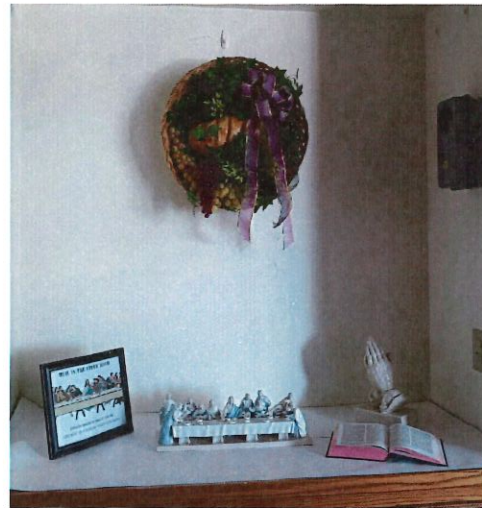
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MAY 10, 2026



MINISTRY TABLE



Women In Faith
The ministry table looks excellent and we are getting ready for the Upper Room Meal, which is returning Tuesday, March 10, 2026. This special program is one of the many things Women In Faith does throughout the year! Well done ladies!



HERBAL THYMES



MARCH 25, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Garden Journaling
Planning your Spring Garden
Herb Companions: Which fruits and vegetables get along in the garden with which herbs?



Dear Zion Methodist Community Church, I want to express my deep gratitude for the recent gifts totaling \$10,412.16 sent to Samaritan's Purse from Zion

Methodist Community Church for Operation Christmas Child. Your investment in what God is doing through this project is a blessing and means so much.

We thank God for the more than 12 million gift-filled shoeboxes that were collected this season. As we continue to ship these around the world, please pray with us for the children who receive them. We want them to know that God loves them and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins.

May God bless you, Sincerely,
Franklin Graham



Ministry News from Children, Youth, & Family

March 2026

The season of Lent has started in the church. You will see changes in decorations, you will see several symbols displayed, and you will start to hear of special services and events

to be held here at Zion. Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter...the time to prepare for the Crucifixion (death) and Resurrection (rising from the dead) of Jesus Christ. Be a part of this story. Listen, learn, and participate in what is taking place. Individually or as a family, this time should be a sharing of Jesus' ministry and life for us. Start a family tradition. Donna does have books for family devotions, for Lenten activities,

and for learning about Lent. See her to obtain one for your family.

MINISTRY SAFE UPDATE...



We are coming close to the designated deadline for ALL volunteers to complete their Ministry Safe materials.

The Volunteers needing these pieces are Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, Vacation Bible School Station Leaders, Crew Leaders (Over 15 yrs old), and anyone leading or working with our Special Needs ministries. The next meeting dates are as follows... *Saturday, February 28th at 10:00am (Library); Saturday, March 7th at 10:30am (Library), Monday, March 9th at 6:30pm (before the Administrative Board meeting (Library), and Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm (Room # 11) SIGN UP NOW for your training information!*

2026 Vacation Bible School

"RAINFOREST FALLS"

Exploring the Nature of God

July 13 through 17, 2026

8:45am - 12:15pm

It's VBS time of year! Planning will soon be underway to gather in the Rainforest!

Will you join us as STAFF and LEADERS this year? We need Station Leaders, Crew Leaders,

Music Leaders, Snack Leaders, and Games Folks!

MEETING is scheduled for March 16 at 6:30 pm to get our "Staff" in place! Let friends know and come be a part of the "TEAM"!

You can change the life of a child by sharing God's love with them.

Come see what we're planning to do!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!!!





Parents' Night Out.... Coming Soon to Zion!!!!

We'd love to offer a chance for our parents to be able to enjoy a peaceful evening out or at home while the children are being cared for and enjoying organized activities, games, and supper in a loving, fun-filled place!

Cheryl Peters and her crew (she needs at least 2-3 helpers each month) will work to offer this to our parents once a month. Plans are to do the 2nd Saturday of each month from 4 pm to 9 pm. There will be flexible hours for pickup (and drop-off if necessary).

Watch for more details. Reservations WILL be required 1 week in advance so ratio and care can be safe and in line with our Ministry Safe guidelines. Watch the website and future fliers for more information! Hoping to start this on March 14, 2026



Sunday Morning Changes

With the beginning of the 2026 Confirmation Class, we're making a few changes in classrooms used during Sunday morning.

Beginning on February 22nd, we re-assigned the students in Grades 3, 4, & 5 to Room # 8 in the former Weekday Ministries Wing. This will allow us room enough for this group. The Confirmation Class will be meeting in Room # 2 next to the Youth Room in the lower Education Wing.

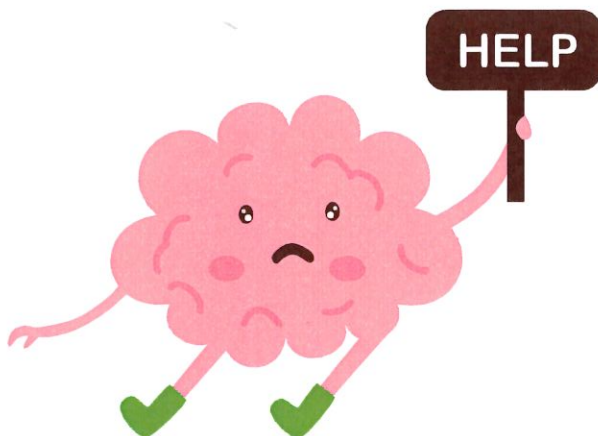
Embrace the change... let's make it FUN!

See you in our new space!!!

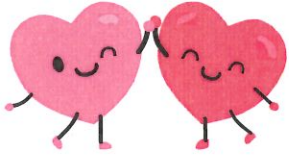


Lost Decorating Supplies.... Have you seen them???

The tablecloths used as a base on the narthex and lobby tables have been misplaced. We cannot locate them within the decorating materials. Have you seen them? They are beige or white and fit the small tables. Let Colleen Johnson or the Church Office know if you can help to locate them! Thank you!



Valentine's Ball welcomes those with special needs



Article by Matthew Glover
Eagle Staff Writer
Butler Eagle Monday 02/09/2026 Edition



Guest Patrick provided some live music for the other attendees Saturday, Feb. 7, at Zion Methodist Community Church. Eddie Clancy/Butler EagleEddie Clancy

About 200 people danced the night away at the Valentine's Snow Ball, for youth and adults with special needs on Saturday at Zion Methodist Community Church in Buffalo Township. Church member and dance organizer Becky Ross said 210 people registered for the ball including 118 people with special needs. The night included a pre-session in which volunteers did hair, makeup, and nails for guests and served a dinner buffet before the semiformal dance, which was from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

"It is so nice watching people have fun smile and get up and dance," said Tim Saxman another organizer of the dance. "It's a great time." He said volunteering at the ball is "very rewarding" for him as a father of two sons with special needs.

The dance was for youth and adults ages 14 and older. The ball also featured a DJ and a photographer was able to print photos at the ball and put them in small frames for guests to take home. A church member also created silk centerpieces to raffle off to caregivers. "It's really neat to see everybody work together," Ross said. According to Ross, it took a group of at least 50 volunteers to put the event together. Among the volunteers were 20 students from the Freeport Area Senior High Key Club who set up the event and later danced with the guests. Members from Boy Scout Troop #557 also volunteered. The Dinner featured donations of mac and cheese from Smokin' Toad's, BBQ, chicken

from Sprankle's Neighborhood Market, rolls from Texas Roadhouse, cookies from Eat N' Park, and coffee from Starbucks. The menu also included 100 pounds of mashed potatoes, applesauce, and other foods for those with restricted diets.



Dance attendees enjoyed live music while waiting to eat on Saturday at Zion Methodist Community Church. PHOTOGRAPHY BY EDDIE CLANCY/BUTLER EAGLE



Order Easter Lillies

The price is \$11.50 for a 6" pot with one branched plant.

White Easter Lillies

Put your order slips and money marked

"Easter Lillies" in the offering plate or in the Office.



Orders must be turned in by Thursday March 19, 2026

Total Ordered _____ Total Paid _____

Flowers may be picked up after the Easter Services.

Please be sure to check your name on the clipboard, when

you pick up your flowers.

PLEASE KEEP THIS TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

DETACH AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT.



Given in Memory :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Given in Honor:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Given to the Glory of God

Total Ordered _____

Total Paid at \$11.00 each = _____

Easter Lillies given by: _____

Phone # _____

Will pick up after Easter Services _____ 8:00 am _____ 10:45 am

Will leave Lillies to be delivered to a shut in _____ (how many)

Thank you for providing the Easter Lillies to beautify our church during this most Blessed Easter Season.

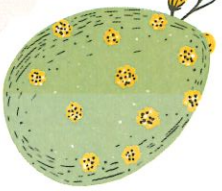
Easter Brunch

Please know you are welcome to come for a joyful morning of Easter surprises and springtime cheer - fun for the whole family, followed by a delightful brunch!

APRIL 5, 2026

Easter Morning 9:45 am
Zion Family Life Center

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





Lent & Holy Week

Sunday,	February 22, 2026	1 st Sunday of Lent	
Sunday,	March 01, 2026	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Communion
Sunday,	March 08, 2026	3 rd Sunday of Lent	
Tuesday,	March 10, 2026,	Meal in the Upper Room	7 pm
Sunday,	March 15, 2026	4 th Sunday of Lent	
Sunday,	March 22, 2026	5 th Sunday of Lent	
Sunday,	March 29, 2026,	Palm Sunday	
Wednesday,	April 1, 2026,	Passover	
Thursday,	April 2, 2026,	Maundy Thursday Service	7 pm
Friday,	April 3, 2026,	Teen Brunch 11 am-1 pm	- FLC
Friday,	April 3, 2026,	Good Friday Service	7 pm
Sunday,	April 5, 2026,	Sunrise Service at Cemetery,	6 am
		Donuts & Coffee Hour-FLC,	7 am
	8 am	Easter Worship Service,	8 am
		Easter Brunch - FLC ,	9 am
		Egg Hunt- Outside,	9:30 am
	10:45 am	Easter Worship Service,	10:45 am

Zion Methodist Community Church presents

2 Nights of GOIN' EDY!

with Comedian

DAN RYDPI!

seen on DryBar
and Good Morning America

and special guest

Brian Smith!



Friday, March 27, 2026

Free Admission! Doors open at 6:00 pm; show starts at 6:30 pm

Zion Methodist Community Church

438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver, Pa 16055

For more info cal (724) 353 1720 • www.zionsarver.com





EASTER EGG HUNT is coming soon!

When we gather to celebrate Easter Sunday Brunch together, we will also have an EASTER EGG

HUNT for our "young" guests!

It is time to get our eggs ready to go! Donna will have empty plastic eggs in a box outside her office. They are in plastic bags and ready for you to take a bag or two to fill. Small toys or candy can be used to fill each egg. When they are filled, please return them to the GREEN DECORATED BOX (tall one with a Bunny) also outside Donna's office. The more you fill, the more the kids get to find! We appreciate your help. If you would like to donate candy, some others can fill your eggs. Place the candy inside Donna's office so it can be kept for filling eggs.

THANK YOU! Any questions, see Donna



Just like the leaves on the shamrock I see, there are three parts to the Holy Trinity! First is God the Father, then Jesus, His only Son, and the Holy Spirit together as One!



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Word search Word Bank!

- Father Son Holy
- One Three God
- Clover Saint Patrick
- Mystery Faith Spirit
- Parts

Teaching Hearts

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Be Someone's Lucky Charm and You Could Win BIG!

Donate March 1-April 5 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card.* Your donation is a lucky charm for patients in need. Schedule today.

[Make an appointment at vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: UC664

SARVER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY MARCH 5, 2026
1:00PM - 7:00PM

ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

438 BEAR CREEK RD SARVER, PA
To schedule an appointment to donate:
-Go to www.vitalant.org and search blood drive code UC664
-Call 1-877-25VITAL or Scan the code to see available times



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