

APRIL 2026

VOLUME 4 ISSUE 3

ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 3:46

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:19-20

April Fools' Day pranks from History

1. Spaghetti harvest: In 1957, the BBC broadcast a film on Panorama showing Swiss farmers picking freshly grown spaghetti, calling it the Swiss Spaghetti Harvest. The broadcaster was flooded with requests about the plant.
2. Fools' Day Parade: Since 1986, press releases for the New York City April Fools' Day Parade - which doesn't exist - have been issued every year
3. Left-handed burger: In 1998, Burger King reeled in customers with a full-page advert in the USA Today, for its 'left-handed Whopper' - with all the condiments rotated 180 degrees especially for left-handed diners. The fast-food chain later announced 'Everyone knows that it takes two hands to hold a Whopper!'
4. Flying penguins: In 2008 the BBC caught viewers out by running a video clip of flying penguins, claiming the birds were flying to tropical rainforests in South American to escape the harsh Antarctic weather
5. Doggy high chair: Ikea made a fool out of its furniture fans by producing and releasing a high chair for dogs in 2011

April Article by Steve Kladny

I would bet that almost everyone has either been the target of an April Fools prank, or been able to put one over on somebody else. April 1st is the one time you can use the 'get out of jail' free card when playing a practical joke on someone else. My mother especially liked to torment my father. Perhaps because he always fell for it. Several of her successful pranks are as follows: - replacing a hard-boiled egg in the lunch pail for a raw one. - placing a slice of Kraft cheese on a sandwich without removing it from the plastic. - and placing plastic wrap over the toilet before Dad went in to use it. (not sure how that last one was a win for my Mom, considering she's the one who had to clean the bathroom.) The main point of the prank is to surprise someone you care about. Perhaps even love. There is little joy in hollering out to a complete stranger, "I fooled you!" But surprising someone you care about and are familiar with is priceless. And depending on the prank, there can be an overwhelming sense of relief when the person being fooled realizes the situation is not real. There is genuine excitement in a child when they find out they don't have school (because it's Saturday and their parents fooled them) or they don't have to write a 1000-word essay (because their teacher fooled them).

It is that sense of great joy, that sense of great relief I correlate to Easter, this year especially because it comes after April Fool's Day on April 1st. The followers of Jesus had been devastated 3 days prior. Their spirits and their heads were hung low. They were trying to come to terms with the fact that

their teacher, their leader, was taken from them and killed. In their minds, they had great plans for how he was going to rise to power and rule over them with love. Being flogged and executed on a cross certainly was not the plan. But then Jesus comes and stands among them in their grief and fear. And when the disciples realize it is truly him, they are overjoyed, as John writes in chapter 20. That joy probably could not be quantified. Certainly not by comparing to an April Fool's prank, even one done completely out of love and caring. For Jesus's followers, there was a complete reversal from the depths of despair to the heights of rejoicing. And the only ones fooled were the forces of sin and death, who thought for a brief period that they had prevailed, only to find out that it was Jesus who was victorious. And we share in that victory even today. Happy Easter!

April Article by Steve Kladny

A promotional graphic for a Good Friday Men's Breakfast. It features a dark background with a wooden texture. On the left, there is a black plate with scrambled eggs. The text is in large, bold, yellow and white letters. A small logo for Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church is on the right.

GOOD FRIDAY
MEN'S
BREAKFAST
FAST
FRI, APR 3 AT 6 AM
100 WEST MAIN STREET, SAXONBURG (LOWER LEVEL)

SAXONBURG MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WWW.SAXONBURG.ORG

A promotional graphic for a Good Friday Teen Lunch. The background is a sunset over a landscape. A large wooden cross is visible on the right side. The text is in large, bold, black letters.

GOOD FRIDAY
TEEN LUNCH

April 3rd
11am-1pm

Zion Methodist Community Church
in the Family Life Center
438 Bear Creek Rd, Sarver

Questions? Contact youth@cabotchurch.net

Churches, please RSVP with your total number of teens attending if possible.

A promotional graphic for a Good Friday event at Cabot Church. The background is a sunset over a landscape. A large wooden cross is visible at the bottom. The text is in bold black letters.

Community Good Friday
Women's and Children's Breakfast
April 3rd at 9:30am
Guest Speaker: Becky Callender
"The Curtain"

 **cabot church**
707 Winfield Rd.
Cabot, PA 16023
724-352-2074
www.cabotchurch.net

April

2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SUNDAYS: 8:00am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School All Ages 10:45 am - Worship</p>						
<p>6 am Sunrise Service 5 7 am Coffee & Donuts FLC 8 am Easter Service 9 am Easter Breakfast FLC 9:30 am Egg Hunt Outside 10:45 Easter Service</p>	<p>6 5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p>	<p>7 9 am CC-HSG- EDU 2 6 pm - 8 pm CC Group Showcase - FH 7 pm Trustees</p>	<p>1 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:00 pm Easter Bible Study - Fox 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Easter Bible Study -Library Maundy Thursday 7 pm Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 6 am Men's Breakfast- Saxonburg Memorial 9:30 am Women & Children -Cabot 11 am - 1 pm Teen Lunch- FLC 7 pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>9 am Kids Choir 12 12:30 pm Kidz Klub 6 pm Jr & Sr Youth 9:30 am Confirmation Class Deadline for Parents Night Out</p>	<p>13 7:30 am Meals On Wheels 10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Admin Bd 5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p>	<p>14 10 am Meal Prep- FLC 4:30 pm Community Meal 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>15 10 am Meal Prep- FLC 4:30 pm Community Meal 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>16 3:30 pm Weblo Scouts -FLE 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>17 Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>9 am Kids Choir 6 pm Jr & Sr Youth 9:30 am Confirmation Class</p>	<p>19 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p>		<p>21 Earth Day 6:30 pm Herbal Thymes 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>22 3:30 pm Weblo Scouts -FLE 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Parents Night Out! 4 pm-9 pm- FLC</p>
<p>9:30 am Confirmation Class</p>	<p>26 10 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27 10:30 am Newsletter Fd. 6 pm Missions</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 11 am Vitalent Set-Up 1 pm Blood Drive - FLC 3:30 pm Weblo Scouts -FH 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>		
<p>Deadline For Graduate Photos & Info</p>	<p>5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p>					

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

**Jerry Beer
Dorothy Bowser
Neal McGee
Ottalee Hanz**

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
APRIL?**

DECORATIONS

Easter/Spring

THE COUNTING COMMITTEE

Colleen Johnson, Cheryl Peters

MINISTRY TABLE

Church & Society

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

APRIL

04/01	Rebecca Buckham	04/10	Aspen Thompson
04/02	Shawn Peters	04/13	Wren Alder
04/03	Kyr Sotos	04/14	Eli Hassler
04/04	*Jerry Beer*	04/17	Daniel Sterner
04/05	Brian Sterner	04/19	Maverick Harbison
	Courtney Shrewsberry		*Neal McGee*
	Lacey Beattie		*Ottalee Hanz*
04/06	Lincoln Claypoole		Carla Fritch
	Isabella Shaw		Sue Miller
04/07	*Dorothy Bowser*	04/21	Chris Gross
04/08	Karen Sterner		Tyler Ben
04/09	Sharon Graham	04/22	Dean Besterman
	Sally Acre		Jonathon Johnson
04/10	Sara Schwarz		





Giving to God

by Ginger Millert

“We give Thee but Thine own,
Whatever the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone-
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.”



Tithing is giving back to God one-tenth of all He has given me, which is everything.

Tithing has been a part of my commitment to God and the starting point of my giving to God for most of my life. I am blessed with parents who always tithed and taught me to do so as a young child. From my first allowance (25 cents), a tenth was put into my “tithe box” and given weekly (in my church Sunday School offering envelope) to my church. As allowance increased, and later earnings through babysitting and summer jobs in high school and college increased, so did my giving through tithing.

Bob’s family also tithed; without question, so it was a part of our marriage from the beginning. Through the years, mostly on a pastor’s minimum salary, our tithe always went to the church we were serving at the time. Since coming to Zion over 30 years ago, it has been my joy to continue tithing, and beyond, for the Lord.

We can never outgive the Lord. God’s math is not the same as our math. Give Him 10% and what’s left goes farther and does more, as does what we give. Go beyond the tithe and God multiplies all even more.

God has given me so much. It is, with thanksgiving for His Blessings, that my joy is to share the “time, talents, and treasures” He gives as part of my commitment to Him.

~ Ginger Miller

GOD LOVES YOU! SO DOES ZION!

Visitation and Card Shower Section



Gary & Judy Barbiaux
148 Marwood Rd Apt 1211
Cabot, PA 16023

A. Scott Baily
1321 Princeton Avenue
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Wilda DeBerry
111 Edgewood Drive
Sarver, PA 16055

Darlene Cornman
148 Marwood Road
Apt 1020
Cabot, PA 16023

Geneva Queen
6039 Elmhurst Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34653

Linda Benzinger
134 Marwood Road
Lund Care Center #2207
Cabot, PA 16023



Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: UC664

SARVER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 30, 2026
1:00 pm -7:00 pm

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

*Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/About-Us

Find us @vitalant:

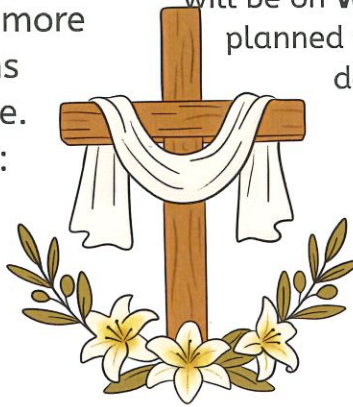


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Meals On Wheels:

Monthly on the 2nd Monday, April 13, 2026, 7:30 am to 11:00 am at Freepot UMC, Prepare and serve a meal. We need more Volunteers. If you have any questions or would like to help, do not hesitate. To get in touch with the Coordinator: Becky Ross (724) 467-2045 or ross4him@hotmail.com.



Community Meal:

The 3rd Wednesday of every month from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Zion Family Life Center. Our next meal will be on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. The menu is planned to include spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Volunteers are needed to Greet, Serve, and Clean-Up. Please sign up beside the time slot you are available.

All are welcome and invited to enjoy a free meal and fellowship with the Community.



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)*



Operation Christmas Child:

WE are ramping up in 2026 to have a bigger year. We are going to **collect each month** this year. **April's** collection items are **Small Stuffed Animals**. Please put any collections in the box under the cabinet in the narthex marked **OCC** (Operation Christmas Child. **Thank you for collecting year-round.**



Family Promise House

For the month of **April**, 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 atavac@avac.org for times of Service and Fellowship for the Family Promise House.

School Bags for Operation Christmas Child:

It is not too early to start sewing school bags for OCC. Kits of 8-12 pre-cut bags are now available in the top 2 drawers of the marked cabinet. in the narthex closest to the sanctuary under the window on the right. Each kit contains directions and a finished sample. When completed, they may be returned to the marked OCC tabinet on the left side.



Allegheny Valley Association of Churches



cabot church



Expressions of Our Faith meets in the library on April 28, 2026, at 6:00 pm, so you know that new members are welcome. Please join us if you want to serve on our Mission Encounter Team.



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 Yourself, Clean and Put Away Dishes, and Shut Off Lights. Thank you.



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

Check out RightNowMedia for those Easter Videos for Kids.



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.

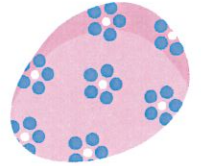
The Girl Scouts in our area have provided Zion with a Flag Box. (white box with red/white/ and blue colors of the flag on it.) It is located in the lower parking lot, adjacent to the Zion Family Life Center.



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



EASTER BRUNCH AND CHILDREN' EGG HUNT

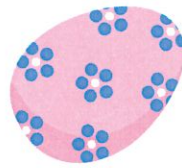


SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
9:00AM

Join us for a very special Easter here at Zion Methodist Community Church. Bring the Family and a dish to share for our EASTER BRUNCH beginning at 9:00AM in the Family Life Center. Brunch item sign up is posted in the Narthex. Let us know what your —bringing!

A children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the brunch! Brunch begins at 9:00AM.

PLAN TO WORSHIP WITH US BEFORE OR AFTER THE BRUNCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN AT 8:00AM AND AT 10:45AM! MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY AS WE CELEBRATE OUR RISEN LORD!!!



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

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





ZION METHODIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phone: 724-353-1720

Fax: 724-353-1721

E-mail: office@zionsarver.com

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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

VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: None Reported

Deaths: None Reported

Births: Maverick David Johnson

February 24, 2026

Parents: Jonathan & Cayce Johnson

Siblings: Mia, Maggie, Matthew

Grandparents: Cory & Sally Fox

Great Gramma: Jeanne Fox

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 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



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

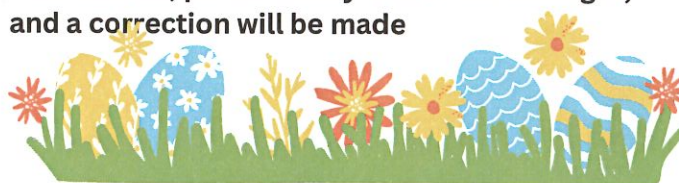


Zion's Mission Statement

Invite people to know Jesus Christ.

*Grow those who respond into
disciples.*

*Serve all people in the name of
Christ.*



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."*



kidzclub

April 12, 2026
12:30pm-2:30 pm
Library



Contact: Becky Ross, Donna Riemer, or Bill Fisher for Dates
5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Library

APRIL 12, 2026
APRIL 19, 2026
6:00 PM-9:00 PM
YOUTH ROOM

**Jr & Sr High
Youth**



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

APRIL 12, 2026
APRIL 19, 2026
APRIL 26, 2026
MAY 3, 2026
MAY 10, 2026

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

BOTH SERVICES
MAY 17, 2026

**OUT OF THE WOODS IS BACK SOON!! WE INVITED THEM
BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF FUN! SEE FLYER BELOW!**



**WESLEY WOODS &
ZION METHODIST CHURCH PRESENT**

**\$80/ PER
CAMPER**

**OUT OF THE WOODS!
DAY CAMP**

Ages 5-12
Dates: MONDAY - FRIDAY July 27 - July 31

Activities: Games
Water Day
Crafts
Bible
Studies
and MORE!

9:00 am -3:00 pm
Lunch Provided
Register now at:
wesleywoods.com/outofthewoods

Address:
Zion Methodist Community
Church
438 Bear Creek Rd
Sarver, PA 16055



April 2026

Children & Family News

We are in need of teachers and assistants for our Children & Youth Sunday School Ministry. We should have 2 teachers in each class and currently we are not up to date. Some classes are using the "team" teaching method. others just have folks willing to be assistants. Please see Donna if you would like to try being a part of the Education opportunities we offer our youngsters and youth. Prayerfully consider joining the TEAM for September's new year!



A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES...

Beginning this month (April) we are offering our families a chance to take a break and enjoy some "adult" time while your kids come to a safe, fun, environment to be taken care of!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT will hold the first event on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 4:00 to 9:00pm. You can utilize this program at any time during the posted hours. There is a reservation required so plans can be made accordingly. The REGISTRATION deadline for the April Night is SUNDAY, APRIL 12th. This will be led by Cheryl Peters and her Team of Volunteers. See Cheryl for more information!!!



JOIN US IN

Rainforest Falls...

Exploring the Nature of God

July 13-17, 2026, from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm

Come with us as we visit Sing & Play Tune

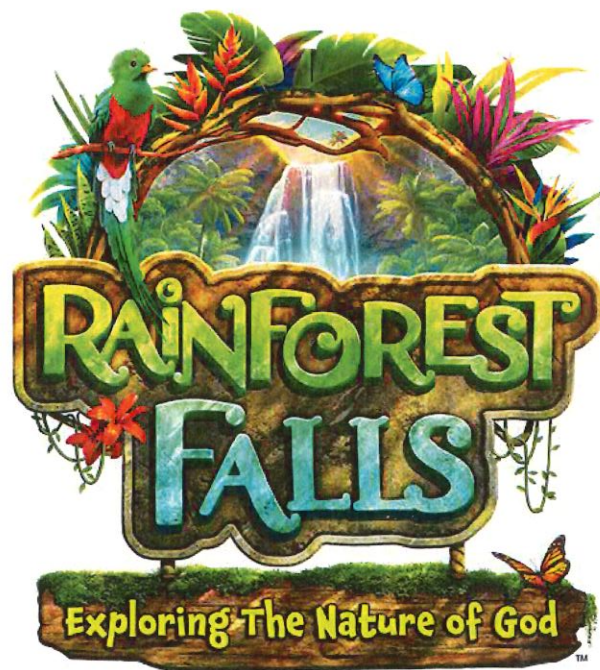
Lagoon, Sticky Scripture, Rooted Bible

Adventure, Imagination Station, Wild Games, and Tree Top Treats. Registration begins on the first of May. We are still recruiting Youth for Crew Leaders, Adults for Station Leaders, and a few other positions. Watch the bulletin for meeting information.

Contact Donna if you are interested in being on our Staff. Must have completed Grade 6 in June to be a "Leader".

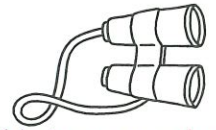
Share the news...Invite some friends...Let's fill the Church as we travel through the Bible and learn!

JULY 13-17, 2026
8:45 am - 12:15 pm





Summer Camp Registration is Open!!!



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

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

See below for scholarship information.



Camp Allegheny offers:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| For Ages 11 and Under: | For 12 and Older: |
| • Pony Camps | Wrangler Camp |
| • Xperience Camps | Xtreme Xperience |
| • H2O Camps | H2O Camos |
| | Specialty Camps |



Scan the QR codes to learn

s'more about each church camp!

Camp Allegheny:



Jumonville:



Wesley Woods:



Jumonville offers:

- Ages 8 & Under, up to 19 different summer camps
- Ages 8--10, up to 15 different summer camps
- Ages 11- 13, up to 19 different summer camps
- Ages 14-18, up to 17 different summer camps



Wesley Woods offers:

- Ages 4-6 ABC Camp
- Ages 6-8 Elementary Camps
- Ages 8-11 Junior Camp
- Ages 12-17 Senior Camp
- 18 + Exceptional Persons
- 15+ Algonquin Canoe Trip



Wesley Woods
Christian Camp & Conference Center



Take a look at the camp web pages:

- www.campallegheny.org
- www.jumonville.org
- www.wesleywood.org



Check out Camping on this months:

MINISTRY
TABLE



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 a camp that's right for you! Zion is committed to the camping program and assisting all children, 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 great resources 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 Dorain, Camp Steward

724-681-2619

molly_ot@yahoo.com





ATTENTION GRADUATES AND PARENTS!

If you have or will graduate from College, Trade School, or High School in 2026, email the office: office@zionsarver.com.

Or call: 724-353-1720 between 10 am and 4 pm to let us know.

We wish to recognize our graduates for the month of May.

We need your name, your degree, your graduation date, your school of graduation, a photo, and any future plans . We need this information by April 26, 2026.

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, coming out of the Easter season, He led me to a song written by Katy Nichole entitled "In Jesus Name (God of Possible)." 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. Katy is a young artist with a raw sense when she writes her songs. She has a powerful voice that God blessed her with to deliver them, as well. Below is just a sample of the lyrics. I encourage you to search for it on the internet and listen to it.

I speak the name of all authority

Declaring blessings, every promise

He is faithful to keep

I speak the name no grave could ever hold

He is greater, He is stronger

He's the God of possible

I pray for your healing, that circumstances would change

I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus' name

I pray that a breakthrough would happen today

I pray miracles over your life in Jesus' name

In Jesus' name



We serve an awesome God who deserves all our praise and adoration. Jesus died for you and me. Approaching the throne of God at the feet of Jesus is a divine privilege. Hebrews 4:16 states, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Take time out of your day and spend it at the feet of Jesus. Let His peace strangely warm your heart and spirit. He is waiting.

In His Service & Yours,
Cheryl Peters

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report as of 02/28/2026 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 01/31/2026	\$6,067.28	\$23,244.46	\$34,673.75	\$51,132.76	\$115,118.25
Deposits	36,163.08	\$2,379.61	\$1,701.01	\$14,401.18	\$54,644.88
Disbursements	-48,516.42	-\$2,141.93	\$0.00	-\$13,900.00	-\$64,558.35
Balance 02/28/2026	-\$6,286.06	\$23,482.14	\$36,374.76	\$51,633.94	\$105,204.78
		<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.



MOMENTS WITH MISSIONS Feb-26



372.00	AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
160.91	ANGEL TREE HOPE CENTER
372.00	APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT
395.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
677.05	BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
460.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
322.00	CITY RESCUE MISSION
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
250.00	MEALS ON WHEELS
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
263.00	SOUPER BOWL CABOT FOOD BANK
43.36	SPECIAL DANCE
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
4,515.32	TOTAL



9% of Zion's income for February



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).



COME TO A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PASTORS FROM DIFFERENT CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS, FOLLOWED BY A TIME FOR YOUR QUESTIONS. BRING A FRIEND WHO HAS NEVER ATTENDED CHURCH OR HAS NOT BEEN IN CHURCH FOR SOME TIME.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- APRIL 9, 2026, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
- 1. ALEX DEROSA - NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
- 2. DAVID SCHMIDT - HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH
- APRIL 16, 2026, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
- 1. CHRIS MARSHALL - FOUNDING PASTOR OF NEW LIFE
- APRIL 23, 2026, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
- 1. BRIAN BOCIAN - ST LUKE LUTHERAN HANNAHSTOWN
- 2. SHAWN SMITH - ST PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
- APRIL 30, 2026, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
- 1. JONATHAN FEHL - CABOT GLOBAL METHODIST
- 2. MARK LUTZ - LUX DIGITAL CHURCH

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ABBA'S HOUSE
320 WEST MAIN STREET
SAXONBURG, PA 16056



ZION'S COMMUNITY MEAL

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

4:30 to 6:30 pm

Zion Family Life Center

Come and enjoy the meal

with your family, friends, and neighbors

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Dinner Bread, Dessert, & Beverage





Zion Church,
Thank you for the
Valentine's Bag full of
cards and goodies.
That was so thoughtful
and made my day
brighter!

God Bless,
Betty Smith

Dear Zion Church,
Bob and I appreciate your
kindness on Valentine's
Day. for all the cards and
treats.
Thank you for thinking of
us over 80 members.

God Bless you all,
Bob & Sandi Stivenson

Zion Church,
I just wanted to thank
you for the Valentine's
Bag. I enjoyed looking
through them and eating
the treats.

Wilda DeBerry

Dear Zion,
Thank you so much for all the
Valentine cards & yummy
treats. Special thank you to
Harper Shick fo the beautiful
Valentines Picture.

God Bless
Steve & Ottalee Hanz

ZMCC,
Thank you so much for all of
the love that went into the
Valentines Bags. It is a blessing
to know that so many care! We
miss being in church, but we
are at the online service every
Sunday.

Love,
Ron & Kay Covone

Zion Friends,
Thank you so much for my Valentine's Bag. As
I do with my Christmas cards. I look through
them over & over. I so enjoyed the Valentine's
special treats. You not only remember the
young ones but also us over-the-hill ones. God
Bless and thanks for remembering all those in
Gods Care!

God Bless,
JoAnn Culp

Dear Pastor Seth & Church:
Greetings in the precious name of our
Lord Jesus. Each time you give us the
great privilege of writing a thank-you
note. We give thanks and praise God,
without him you could do nothing. Thanks
for your prayers and financial aid that
keep the ministry going. We give credit
and glory to God. All continues to go well
at the mission. Children continue to enjoy
their hot meals at school. God is good.

Many Blessings
Ermithe & Pierre

Zion Church,
Many thanks to all who
planned, prepared, filled, and
delivered my Valentine's Bag
to us who are over 80. The
special notes and treats are
much appreciated, enjoyed
and made the day special.
Thank you.

God Bless You,
Ginger Miller

Dear Friends in Christ,
The Cabot Food Bank would
like to thank Zion Methodist
Community Church for the
very generous donation . The
caring hand of God reaches
out to others through your
continued support.

Yours in Christ's love
Cabot Food Bank



Dear Zion Methodist Community Church,
Thank you very much for your kind donation of
food from Walmart and Sam's Club to support
our Buffalo Elementary program, Blessings in a
Backpack. Because of YOU, more children at
Buffalo Elementary will know their next meal
will come when they leave school in the
afternoon. We are so grateful for the impact you
make on kids each weekend.

Sincerely,
Erin Kerr
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for another great
blood drive at the church!
We collected 33 units of
blood products which will
help up to 99 area patients!
Our goal was to collect 26
units, so we certainly
exceeded our goal!

Thank you,
Dena Gribble
Account Manager



Herbal Thymes

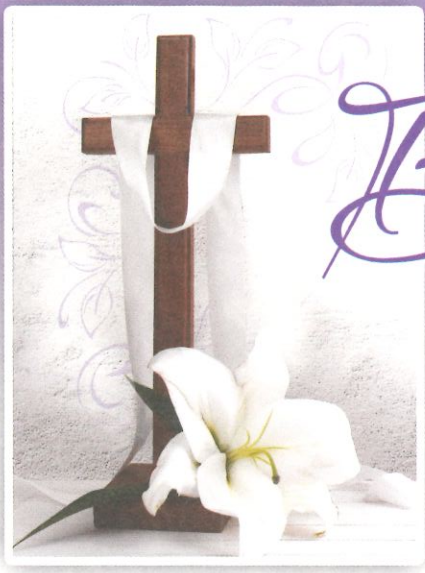
April 22, 2026

6:30 pm

Zion Fellowship Hall
438 Bear Creek Road

Sarver, PA 16055
Speaker: Susan Selby
Garden Journaling &
Using Herbs for health
benefits.





Because I live, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO.

JOHN 14:19

My earliest memories of Easter come from a time when my parents were building their house, and we lived with my maternal grandparents. I was three years old, my brother was one, and my sister hadn't been born yet. I remember Grandma hiding these plastic eggs throughout her house and in the yard. I remember being excited to find so many eggs, then disappointed that I had to share them with my brother. What are your earliest memories of Easter?

I wonder about the first Easter. I think Jesus' family and friends are struggling with what just happened. It was so fast, one minute they are eating a meal together, and the next, Jesus is being arrested. One moment, Jesus is praying, and blood is dripping from his forehead, and the next, Jesus is being beaten and scourged and bleeding from everywhere. One minute, the table is filled with laughter, and the next, everyone is weeping because Jesus was killed. The sadness pervades their thoughts and actions.

A change occurs, reports of the tomb being empty and of people seeing Jesus are circulating. The disciples do not understand what is happening and are doing their best to ignore the reports. Then, Jesus shows up, eats with them, and speaks to them. He has some exciting things to share with them. As if rising from the dead is not exciting enough, they are to go and share Jesus' message with the world, which opens the door for people to become Jesus' disciples. Life is turned upside down for the disciples and the world.

Hearts are changed. Forgiveness is given and received. This change becomes contagious, and soon it won't be contained in Jerusalem. It will spill into the world. It will impact the future. We are still living out the excitement of that Easter. I pray that the excitement of Easter continues to make a difference in your life and the lives of those around you.

With Christ's Love,


Pastor Seth

*The Easter offering will be split between Camp Allegheny, Jumonville, Wesley Woods,
and the Ethel Westerman Moritz Scholarship Fund*

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APRIL

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Holy Week

Thursday,	April 2, 2026,	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm
Friday,	April 3, 2026,	Men's Breakfast -Saxonburg,	6:00 am
Friday,	April 3, 2026,	Women & Children Breakfast - Cabot	9:30 am
Friday,	April 3, 2026,	Teen Brunch 11 am-1 pm - FLC	11:00 am
Friday,	April 3, 2026,	Good Friday Service	7:00 pm
Sunday,	April 5, 2026,	Sunrise Service at Cemetery,	6:00 am
		Donuts & Coffee Hour-FLC,	7:00 am
		Easter Worship Service,	8:00 am
		Easter Brunch - FLC ,	9:15 am
		Egg Hunt- Outside,	9:30 am
		Easter Worship Service,	10:45 am