

MAY 2026

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# ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

PASTOR TO PARSONS

*Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? ~ Proverbs 8:1*

What does wisdom sound like? Many of us know wise people and take their advice, but what does their advice sound like? Does wisdom hit you between the eyes? Does it strike your heart? Does it point out your wrongs and make you wince? Does it build you up?

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wisdom from Solomon and some of his friends. The wisdom collected speaks volumes to how we live. If we were to read a chapter a day each month, then we would go through almost all of them 12 times. We would definitely hear wisdom's voice and recognize it in others. There would be a distinct tone and underlying strength that would penetrate our hearts and minds.

I dwell on my mistakes, sometimes a little too long. Upon reflection, I begin to understand where I went wrong. I begin to hear the voices of mentors and trusted friends who say it is okay to make the mistake once and learn from it so it doesn't happen a second time. A real example of this happened a few years ago, when I was in a meeting concerning a ministry program that was dear to my heart. An authority figure asked a simple question that showed I was not prepared for the meeting. Since I was not prepared for the meeting, it would be another month before the program would be funded at the necessary level for the ministry to do well. In the back of my head, I heard my mentor say, "Be prepared in season and out of season." Paul gave a similar teaching to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2, focusing on preaching, teaching, and how God's word would be useful in all situations.

Proverbs 1:7 says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The word fear means to be in awe and reverent. Wisdom begins with being in awe of who God is and what God is doing. Wisdom flows from God's word, which shows us God's interaction with people. What does wisdom sound like? It sounds like God's word being applied to our lives. It might sound convicting and harsh. It might sound loving and comforting. It might sound encouraging and empowering. It sounds like God speaking to those who came before us because God is the same yesterday, as He is today, as He will be tomorrow.

On our journey, let's listen for wisdom and seek it out. If we can't find any, then let's follow James 1:5 and ask God for it.

With Christ's Love,



Pastor Seth

*May*

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>8 am Trustees Spring Cleanup Day! OCC - Training - Library 10 am-?</p>
<p>9 am Donut Fellowship 9 am Kids Choir 9:30 am Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH</p>	<p>5:30 pm Cub Scouts - ED 7 pm Trustees</p>	<p>6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>7 pm Evangelism/Revival 3:30 pm Weblo Scouts -FLC 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>		<p>Blue / Gold Banquet - FLC</p>
<p>Mother's Day Youth Sunday 9:30 am Confirmation Class</p>	<p>7:30 am Meals On Wheels 10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Admin Bd 5:30 pm- 8:45 Boy Scout -FLC CPR Training</p>	<p>7 pm Women In Faith</p>	<p>6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>3:30 pm Weblo Scouts -FLC 6:30 pm Bible Study-Lib 6:30 pm VBS - Adult Leaders - Room #11 9 am -6 pm Pavilion In Use</p>	<p>Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	
<p>Confirmation Both Services 12:30 pm Kidz Klub PNOI Deadline!</p>	<p>5:30 pm- 8:45 Boy Scout -FLC CPR Training</p>	<p>Elections - FLC All Day!</p>	<p>10 am Meal Prep - FLC 4:30 pm Community Meeting 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>3:30 pm Weblo Scouts -FLC 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5:00 pm Cub Scouts Overnight 8:00 am</p>	<p>4:00 pm-9:00 pm FLC <b>Parents Night Out</b></p>
<p>Pentecost</p>	<p><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Office Closed!</p>	<p>10:30 am Newsletter Fd. 6 pm Missions</p>	<p>6:30 pm Herbal Thymes 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood 7:35 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>3:30 pm Weblo Scouts -FLC 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>		



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## May

**"SPECIAL"**

**MAY**

**BIRTHDAYS**

\*Ocksoon (Pega) Chrimbchin

\*Donna Zagst

\*Jeanne Bender

\*Janet Blose

\*Sandi Stivenson

**TO OUR OVER 80'S CLUB!**

05/01 Jesse Bandi  
 05/03 Blaise Buckham  
 Patrick Ewing  
 05/04 Diane Wagner  
 05/05 Bill Benzinger  
 Diane Leskovic  
 05/06 Roger Sell  
 Skyler Thompson  
 05/07 Roman Claypoole  
 05/08 Andrew Ewing  
 05/10 \*Ocksoon (Pega)  
 Chrimbchin  
 05/11 \*Donna Zagst  
 05/13 Steve Kladny  
 Angelique Claypoole  
 05/14 \*Jeanne Bender  
 Beau Edwards  
 05/16 Jennifer Albaugh  
 05/17 Leah Freehling  
 05/19 Vincent Sell  
 Ray Welsh

05/20 \*Janet Blose  
 05/20 John Peters  
 Robby Kladny  
 05/22 Charlie Borromeo III  
 Payton Bundy  
 Kale Meyers  
 Debra Manzi  
 05/23 \*Sandi Stivenson  
 Carter McGee  
 05/25 Brock Vilella  
 Jayvan Schnur  
 05/28 Shawn Smiesko  
 05/30 Scott McClelland  
 Ryan Smith  
 Kathy Kemp  
 Natalie Manzi  
 Harper Shick  
 Cindy Yarris  
 05/31 Jim Leslie

*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

### MAY?

#### DECORATIONS

**MOTHER'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY,  
& PENTECOST**

**SARA VASSALLO**

**THE COUNTING COMMITTEE**

**GARY RISCH, SCOTT SUKOSKY,**

**KEVIN BEN**

**MINISTRY TABLE**

**YOUTH SUNDAY & GRADUATION**



## Meals On Wheels:

Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, May 11, 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.



### 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. **May's collection items are hygiene items, such as combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, wash clothes, adhesive bandages(non-medicated), small packs of wet wipes, or plain alcohol wipes, non-medicated lip balm, solid stick deodorant, small reusable containers, such as a cup, small water bottles, and a small plate. (We CANNOT accept toothpaste, any liquid, lotions, or bar & bath soap medications, or vitamins.)** 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:

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.

## Community Meal:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Zion Family Life Center. Our next meal will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The menu is planned to include spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert.

Volunteers are needed to Greet, Serve, and Clean-Up. See Lori or Toni Gehenio times and questions..

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



### Family Promise House

For the month of MAY, Zion is collecting **Cleaning Supplies and Paper products.** Cleaning supplies they need are **Bathroom cleaners (toilet bowl cleaner, shower cleaner, basin and tub cleaner).** Disinfectant cleaner for the tables and dish soap. Paper Products: **Plastic Ware (forks, spoons, and knives), paper plates, bowls, and cups.** There are boxes in the entrance of the church to put all donations for the Family Promise House.

### ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE SUPPORT AS A PART OF OUR MISSION.



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.



# TREASURER'S REPORT



## Treasurer's Report as of 03/31/2026 - Nextier Checking Account

	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 02/28/2026	-\$6,286.06	\$23,482.14	\$36,374.76	\$51,633.94	\$105,204.78
Deposits	\$39,694.41	\$4,582.00	\$840.00	\$25,502.18	\$70,618.59
Disbursements	-\$35,551.70	-\$2,218.42	\$0.00	-\$23,335.26	-\$61,105.38
Balance 03/31/2026	-\$2,143.35	\$25,845.72	\$37,214.76	\$53,800.86	\$114,717.99
		<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

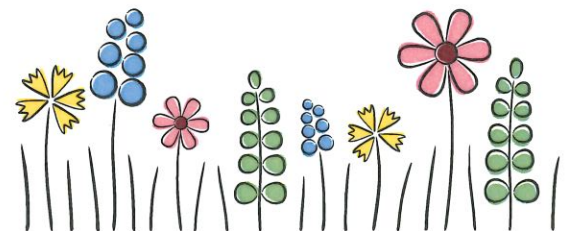
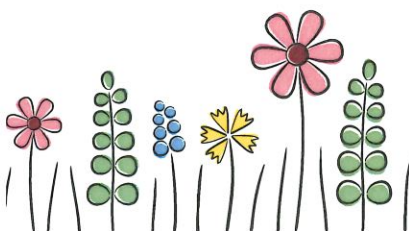
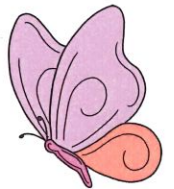
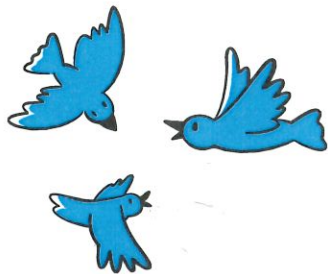
### MOMENTS WITH MISSIONS

Mar-26



475.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
400.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
348.00	CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP NETWORK
1,200.00	COMEDY NIGHT - DAN KULP
275.35	COMMUNITY MEAL
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
250.00	FREEPORT FOOD BANK
370.00	HEIFER FAITH
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
348.00	SALVATION ARMY
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
<hr/> 4,866.35	TOTAL

7% of Zion's income for March



# 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, He led me to a song sung by Emerson Day and Zach Williams entitled "Get Behind Me." 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 who fits the bill... listen and let the lyrics speak to you. I'm certain God will touch you with that special song that you need to hear. Emerson Day has a powerful southern country feel, and paired with Zach Williams, this song packs a powerful Holy Ghost punch. Below is just a sample of the lyrics. I encourage you to search for it online and listen to it.

When fear like a viper strikes and worry starts to creep  
I know that ain't my Father's voice  
It could only be  
That liar in my ear trying to make me believe  
So, I'm calling him out in the name of the Lord  
Listen when I speak

Devil, get behind me, run on home  
Back to the grave where you belong  
In case you forgot, let me tell you the truth  
You're stuck under my blood-bought boots  
Devil, get behind me, you got no hold  
I've been changed by the Holy Ghost  
Try all you want but it ain't no use  
You're stuck under my blood-bought boots



Satan is the great deceiver and lies (John 8:44). **Jesus is Truth.** James 4:7 states, "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." 1 Peter 5:8-9 states, "Be alert and sober-minded. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings." One thing we learn from scripture is that Jesus will not abandon you. Call on Him, rely on Him, and do not let that Devil have any hold on your life or that of your family. There is power in that mighty, wonderful, precious name of **Jesus.**

I can be contacted at [pleasegod@zoominternet.net](mailto:pleasegod@zoominternet.net) or call/text 724-822-3608

In His Service & Yours, Cheryl Peters

Zion Methodist Community Church presents

## a night of comedy!

with Comedian **Dan Kulp!**

based on *Dry Bar* and *Good Morning America*

and special guest **Brian Smith!**

Friday, March 27, 2026

Free Admission! Doors open at 6:00 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm

Zion Methodist Community Church  
438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver, Pa 16050  
Phone: 724-822-3608 | [www.zionmethodist.org](http://www.zionmethodist.org)

## EVENING WITH DAN KULP

Thank you goes out to the folks who worked to invite, organize, and bless us with an evening enjoying Comedian Dan Kulp on Friday, March 27, 2026.

Those attending this community event of laughter and fun as Dan shared his family's journey, faith, and story through comedy and stories. He introduced the crowd to God's unforeseen events in comic banter and introduced us to family who came with him. Dan is a man who has followed God's lead, has adopted children, has shared his family's faith and has made audiences laugh as they relate to life instances. He is truly a blessing and a joy to be around.



### 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.



## 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.

## ZION'S COMMUNITY MEAL FREE COMMUNITY MEAL WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 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



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.



Check out RightNowMedia for those Springtime Bible Studies!

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

### 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

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



### ZION SUNSHINE BASKETS



Thank you, Zion, for being a faithful and generous supporter of the Blessings in a Backpack program. This year, you were the sole provider of weekend meals for the 58 students enrolled in the "reduced lunch" or "free lunch" programs at South Buffalo Elementary and Buffalo Elementary schools.

On April 2, \$1,286.21 was used to purchase food items, which should be sufficient to fill packs for the remainder of the school year. This year, the total amount spent was an amazing \$5,691.68. As you can see, the amount needed to fill weekend packs is substantial. A balance of \$1,160.45 remains designated for next year. Please remember this program in your prayers and with your financial support during the summer months so that we might continue to be of service to the children in our community.

*Thank you again for spreading God's love to others! God bless you!*

**Mother's Day Blanket Donor Form**

*In celebration of Mother's Day, we are asking for blanket donations through **CWS: Church World Service**. The simple gesture of giving a blanket to someone in need is an act of compassion with great significance. Blankets create a sense of warmth, safety, and love.*

Please fill in the information below and return in this form along with your offering of **\$10.00 for each blanket** you wish to donate. **Forms and donations should be turned in to the office or placed in the offering plate by May 3rd, 2026.**



**SPRING  
CLEAN-UP DAY**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026  
8:00 am - ?**

**Trustee Spring  
Cleanup Day!**

We will start at 8 am cleaning around the church property. Those who would like to come join in the fun of making God's area beautiful for all to see are **Welcome!** Look forward to seeing all of you there!

\_\_\_\_\_ *given in honor of*  
(number of blankets)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *given in memory of*  
(number of blankets)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for honoring our mothers and for blessing those who will know the warmth of God's love through the blankets.*

Zion Family,  
Thank you for thinking of me for Valentine's Day! The bag you sent was filled with love and hugs. I enjoyed the treats and reading the cards. Thank you for making me feel Special to Be Over 80.



Love & God Bless  
Carol Peters

Dear Zion Family,  
Thank you for the Valentine's Bag. It was amazing. One of the many ways we see the Holy Spirit at work is in building up faith and sharing God's loving care with others. It is a privilege and a joy to be a part of this fellowship. Thank you, thank you.

Blessings in Jesus,  
Pat Gray



Dear Friend of the Isaiah 117 House,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation! We are incredibly grateful for the support of people like you in our community. Your care and generosity allow the Isaigh 117 House to do what it was built to do- reduce trauma for children entering foster care, lighten the load for caseworkers, and ease the transition for foster families. Thank you for helping us change the way foster care begins in our community and beyond!

Isaiah 117 House  
Brother Lawrence Co.



Pastor Seth & Zion Church Family,

I wanted to thank you all for your thoughts, cards, and prayers for the loss of my daughter, Kelli. Those first few days were the darkest I'd ever experienced. I knew I needed help, so I reached out to Pastor Seth with a prayer request, knowing that so many people were praying for us. I came upon the "Peace of God that surpasses all understanding."

Phil 4:7

I was amazed by the comfort I felt at the worst time in my life. It took a village of prayers to bring me out of that darkness. Please don't ever underestimate the power of prayer. Its the best tool the Lord could have given us. I know Kelli is in the Lord's hands now.

May God Bless You All,  
Diane McMonough



Dear Friends in Christ,  
The Cabot Church Food Bank would like to thank ZMCC for the very generous donation.

The caring hand of God reaches out to others through your continued support. We remain, yours in Christ's love,

Cabot Food Bank



cabot church

DEAR FRIENDS,  
THE AVAC WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT TO THE AVAC FAMILY PROMISE HOUSE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND CONTINUED SUPPORT.

YOURS IN CHRIST  
KAREN SNAIR



Brothers & Sisters of Zion MCC,  
Thank you for your prayers and support of Mission Aviation Fellowship for 31 years! We Truly appreciate Zion Methodist Church.

Keith Van Order  
Church Relations Director



Dear Pastor Seth and Church,  
Greetings, Thank you for keeping our ministry going with daily prayers and financial support. Thank you for sponsoring our children to go to school and thanks for the gift of food. All is going well.

God Bless,  
Ermithe and Pierre



Pastor Seth with the kids for the Children's Moment



**ZION METHODIST**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**



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**VITAL STATISTICS**

Weddings: None Reported

Deaths: None Reported

Births: None Reported

Baptisms: None Reported

New Members: None Reported



**Welcome to the Zion Family!**

If you are considering joining Zion, Pastor Seth would be pleased to speak with you and 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**



**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 Mission Statement**

*Invite people to know Jesus Christ.*

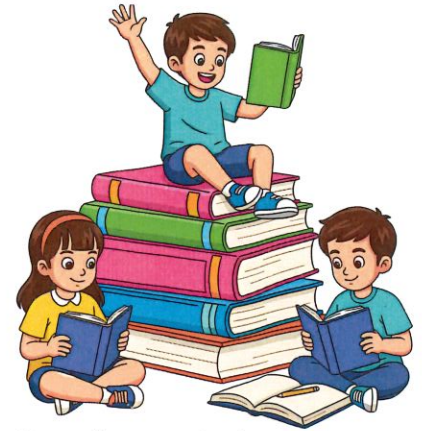
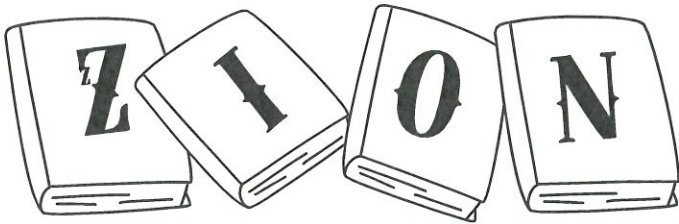
*Grow those who respond into disciples.*

*Serve all people in the name of Christ.*

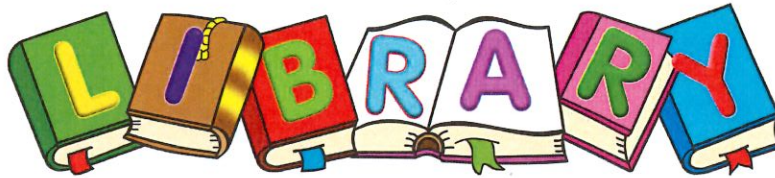
**Zion's Faith Statement**

*"Zion Methodist Community Church is Jesus-centered, believing in the inspired authority of scripture, the lordship of Jesus Christ, and the maintaining of traditional Methodist beliefs."*





**NEW**



(12) **Change My Heart Oh God** - by Carol Chaffee Fielding. Daily devotionals from the greatest praise and worship songs of all time. 2025 Donation.

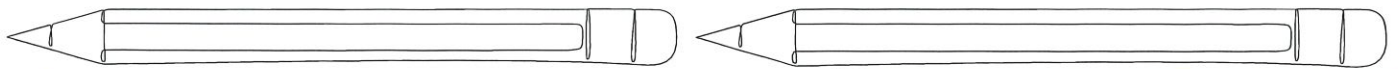
(14) **Aging Faithfully** - by Alice Fryling. The author leads us through the ups and downs, the losses and the treasures we experience in the interior chambers of our soul throughout our aging. ~ 2025 Donation.

(8) **The Life of Christ** - by American Bible Society. Rediscovering how his life, death, and resurrection changed the world. ~ Given in Memory of J. Robert Miller by Ginger Miller in January 2026.

(F) **Unshaken** - by Francine Rivers. Fictionalized account of the story of Ruth, where you'll learn the truth that God will faithfully provide for his children, even when all hope seems lost. Includes a six-part Bible study on the life of Ruth, suitable for individual use or group discussion. ~ March 2026 Donation.

(F) **Unveiled** - by Francine Rivers. Fictionalized account of the story of Tamar, who risked her life to be the woman she was called to be. Learn along with Tamar that God uses our circumstances and our steps toward him, however faltering, to fulfill his plan. Includes a six-part Bible study on the life of Tamar, suitable for individual use or group discussion—March 2026 Donation.

(F) **Unashamed** - by Francine Rivers. Fictionalized account of the story of Rahab, who was exploited by men who saw only her beauty. Learn along with Rahab that God seeks and finds those whose hearts are tender toward him, no matter how far away they are. Includes a six-part Bible study on the life of Rahab, suitable for individual use or group discussion—March 2026 Donation.



**Family Promise House**

**Collection items for MAY**



**Cleaning Supplies:**  
**Bathroom Cleaners**

(toilet bowl cleaner, shower cleaner, basin and tub cleaner)

**Disinfectant cleaner**  
**(For tables)**

**Dish Soap**



**Paper Products:**

**Plastic Ware**

(Forks, spoons, knives)

**Paper Plates**

**Paper Bowls**

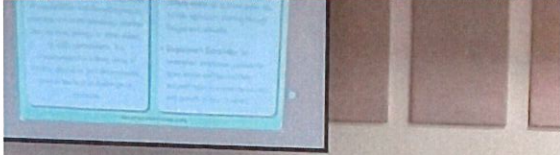
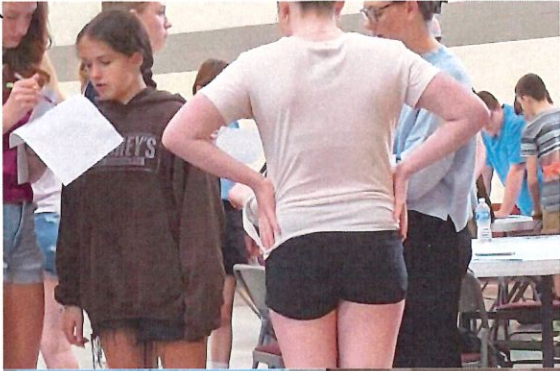


**SAVE THE DATE**

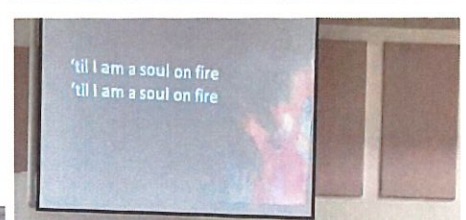
**"Fire & Ice"**  
June 7, 2026  
7:00 pm

# TEEN GOOD FRIDAY HOSTED AT ZION

## APRIL 3, 2026



The **Good Friday Teen Lunch** started out with get to know each other games. There was close to 25 teens from the area in attendance. After games they had lunch, every teen's favorite pizza and ice cream sundaes. Then they heard the message by Pastor Seth. They sung some newer worship music and there was a live band from Saxonburg Memorial under the direction of Dan Bylerly.



A day of worship, fun and learning about God's Son and the reason he died on the cross for our sins.



**GOD LOVES YOU!  
SO DOES ZION!**



**ATTENTION GRADUATES!!!**

*All Graduates will be honored on Graduate Sunday, June 14, 2026, at both services. This is the only time scholarships, awards and gifts are presented to graduates.*

*If you will graduate from college, trade school, or High school in 2026. Email the office: office@zionsarver.com or call 724-353-1720 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to inform us. include your name, your degree, and your school of graduation, photo, and future plans.*

### Visitation and Card Shower Section

**Hobe & Eunice Kenton**  
154 Keck Road  
Sarver, PA 16055

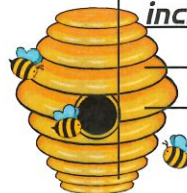
**Glenn & Mary Freehling**  
240 Thelma Drive  
Saxonburg, PA 1605

**Margie Freehling**  
203 Hepler Road  
Sarver, PA 16055

**Joanne Allison**  
562 North Pike Road  
Sarver, PA 16055

**Roxanne Freehling**  
106 Scott Lane  
Sarver, PA 16055

**Tony Burke**  
582 Sarver Road  
Sarver, PA 16055





May 17, 2026  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Library



May  
5/03  
5/10  
5/17  
6 pm-8 pm



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



**CONFIRMATION  
CLASSES**  
**ROOM #2**  
MAY 3, 2026  
MAY 10, 2026



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
**MAY 17, 2026**  
**WELCOME OUR NEW  
MEMBERS TO ZION!**



## 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.



Take a look at the camp web pages:

[www.campallegheny.org](http://www.campallegheny.org)  
[www.jumonville.org](http://www.jumonville.org)  
[www.wesleywood.org](http://www.wesleywood.org)



Scan the QR codes to learn

s'more about each church camp!

Camp Allegheny:



Jumonville:



Wesley Woods:



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 mu 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](mailto:molly_ot@yahoo.com)





# PARENTS NIGHT OUT!



– Saturday, May 30th, 2026, 4-9 pm: Young Parents can enjoy a few hours to reconnect as they leave their children in capable hands. We will have a healthy meal, healthy snacks, games, and crafts to entertain your little ones . Sign up at church in the narthex or email me at [pleasegod@zoominternet.net](mailto:pleasegod@zoominternet.net), or text me at 724-822-3608 The **DEADLINE** to sign up will be Sunday, May 17th, 2026. Looking forward to serving our young families!  
~ Cheryl Peters



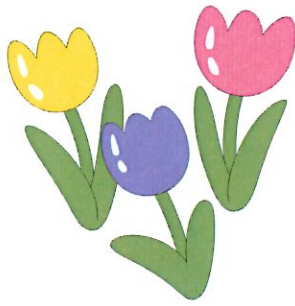
**OUT OF THE WOODS IS BACK SOON!!**  
**WE INVITED THEM BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF FUN!**  
**SEE FLYER BELOW!**



## 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](http://wesleywoods.com/outofthewoods)  
**Address:** Zion Methodist Community Church, 438 Bear Creek Rd, Sarver, PA 16055





# Education, Children's , & Family Ministries News – May 2026

Spring is officially on the calendar and we are quickly moving in to our Summer ministries and events! Get the calendar out and ready to add some important dates. May is looking to become a "BUSY" month for our kid, youth and families of Zion. Read below for details!

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## **Youth Sunday Celebration** **SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8 am & 10:45 am Worship Services.** You are invited to join us for this special Sunday as our group finishes its year of meetings, fellowship, and fun! They will share their talents, abilities, and service with you, the congregation. Mark your calendar and come support this group.

### **VBS Rainforest. Save the Date!**

**May 14, 2026. 6:30 pm**

**Attention:** Station Leaders, Leader Assistant, Supervisor.

### **Save the Date- and Plan to Attend!**

**June 10, 2026 5:00 pm**

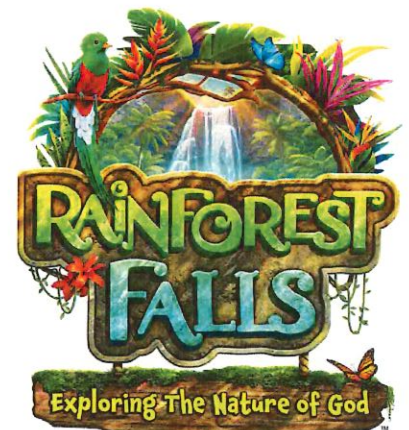
**Attention: All Youth Volunteers!**

**Must have completed 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**to be a part of this year's VBS Crew. You Must Attend!**

*Dinner will be provided, and you will register for VBS and choose the area in which you would like to help. Plus, we have some new child-safety training we must complete, so all volunteers must take it.*

**Save the Date and Plan to Attend!**



## *Graduation Day*

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 am & 10:45 am services.** We invite you to join us as the Confirmands take their vows to become full members of Zion Methodist Community Church. They have been meeting with Pastor Seth to become ready to make their decision to join Zion. They and their families will be present during the service to follow the ceremony and to share their choice with you, the congregation—a special time for our young folks. Your support, your prayers, and your presence are appreciated.

**We want to congratulate our upcoming graduates from Freeport Area and Knoch School Districts, as well as Highlands, and any others we are given. You will receive the list of those we know in the June newsletter.**

**(Remember to contact the church with your information)**

**FREEPORT GRADUATION: Friday, May 29, 2026**

**HIGHLANDS GRADUATION: Friday, June 5, 2026**

**KNOCH GRADUATION: Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

**Keep our graduates & families in your prayers!**



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**YOUTH SUNDAY!**

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Overcoming  
Leading  
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COME WORSHIP WITH OUR  
JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH  
AS THEY SHARE THEIR FAITH THROUGH  
WORSHIP!!!

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026  
Both Services 8:00 am & 10:45 am

2026

Love. Grow. Serve.

Jr & Sr High  
Youth

serve

Being God's hands and feet