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ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE PASTOR TO PARSONS

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

~ Proverbs 12:19

Proverbs give us a map of what we should be doing. Solomon, the king whom God blessed with wisdom, wrote most of the Proverbs. In Proverbs, Solomon shared that the fear of, or reverence for, God is the beginning of wisdom. He shared how God leads people. He shared how to handle our finances. He shared that we should choose our friends carefully. Today, we dig into Proverbs 12:19, which says we should speak the truth. Have you ever told a lie? How did you keep the lie straight? When we tell a lie, we think we are avoiding trouble by telling people what we think they want to hear. We may even get away with telling lies, but most of the time we get caught, especially if you are as bad at it as I am. Solomon told his listeners that truthful lips endure forever. Why would Solomon tell them to be truthful?

He might have told them to be truthful because, as king, people would tell him what he wanted to hear all the time. He was filled with wisdom and could see through the lies, but that probably didn't deter people from lying. Lying seems to be a part of who we are as humans. We can trace it back to Adam and Eve as they listened to the serpent lie to them about the fruit in the center of the garden. The serpent said that they would be like God. When they ate, their eyes were open, and they saw their own nakedness. They then hid from God because they knew they were wrong. They didn't become like God. Lies would continue as Cain lied about where Abel was, and Jacob lied to Isaac to receive an inheritance. In those moments, their lies undid all the good that they had going for them.

The ugly truth about lying is that it catches up to us, and we lose the trust of those who know us. The promises that we make aren't fulfilled, and people stop counting on us. We damage our reputation, relationships, and image. The lie we told to get us out of trouble ends up damaging our relationships and causing more trouble for us. When we tell the truth, we may need to overcome our fear of letting others down. The truth may hurt when we say it, but it builds relationships and reputations over the long term. People will begin to see you differently and want to know your opinions. People may disagree with the truth, but will respect you for telling it.

Over the past twenty years or so, telling the truth has come to be met with skepticism. People have been taught that truth depends on one's viewpoint; in other words, truth is relevant to each person. We are reaping the fruit of relevant truth. People are doing what they want without consequences, or so they think. There are consequences, such as a lack of trust and generations who don't believe what they are told. But when these generations find truth, they hold on to it passionately and proclaim it widely. Truth endures forever.

With Christ's Love,



Pastor Seth

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

07/01 Buzz (Harry) Hoover
Neal Pilston

07/02 Maxine Riemer

07/03 Rob Peters
Kristen Maguire

07/04 Jenna Gehenio
Brian Manzi

07/05 Cory Fox
Corey Payne II
Jaxon Lassinger

07/06 Steve Hanz

07/07 Wilda DeBerry
Diana Risch

07/09 Tracy Lassinger
Owen Westendorf

07/10 Javan Kalmar
Beth McClymonds

07/11 Eileen Peters
Jayda Ben
Melayna Michaelis

07/12 Mason Stepp
Kayla Maguire

07/13 Amy Boltz
Hannah Benzinger
Henry Shick

07/14 Mark Rovin

07/15 Shelby Mitchell
Timmy Saxman

07/16 Chad Alchier

07/18 Sharon Goepfert
Elizabeth Freehling
Josh McClymonds

07/19 Sally Fox

07/20 Zachary Kladny

07/21 Sherry Gealy

07/22 Carol Zang
Jason Bubb
Jaden Gaillot

07/24 John Albaugh
Roxanne Freehling
Andy Ross
Stella Welsh

07/25 Bryan Bender

07/26 Nikita Spithaler

07/27 Carol Peters
Trent Fox
Scott Sukoskey

07/28 Scott Rudish
Michael Woods
Joe Zagst

07/29 Monroe Bandi

07/31 Andie Holben

"Special"

July

Birthdays

Buzz (Harry) Hoover

Wilda DeBerry

Eileen Peters

Sharon Goepfert

Carol Peters

Joe Zagst

TO OUR OVER 80'S CLUB!

God's best Blessing to you!

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

*** Congratulations! ***

WHO'S WHO IN

JULY?

DECORATION

INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUMMER

DECORATING COMMITTEE

THE COUNTING COMMITTEE

AMY POTOCAK

LORI SMIESKO

MINISTRY TABLE

VBS/DAY CAMP



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'd like to be removed, please let us know. Please forgive us if we missed you on your special day!



ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Director of Education & Children's Ministries
and Facilities Coordinator

(Donna Scholl): 724-353-9530

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Music Office: 724-353-9540

music@zionsarver.com

Trustees: trustees@zionsarver.com



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."

VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: None Reported

Deaths: None Reported

Births: Riley Lynn Kelley 05/22/2026
8 lbs. 7 oz 23 in

Parents: Cameron & Rebecca Kelley

Brother: Callan

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

The cost is \$3.98 per piece of mail if returned to
Zion. Let's be good stewards!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report as of 05/31/2026 - Nextier Checking Account

Building Fund—This fund is for the Faith We Build Campaign, which pays the mortgage for the Family Life Center.

MISSIONS

May-26

9% of Zion's income for May





BUFFALO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

— IN CONJUNCTION WITH —

THE PENNSYLVANIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE



AUGUST 15, 2026

10:00 AM

— WILL HOLD A —

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:



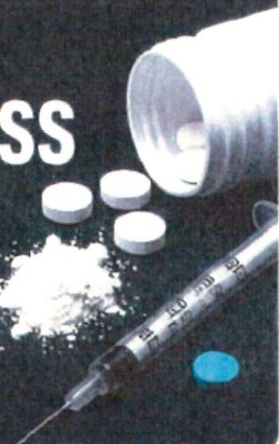
SCAMMING



Learn how to recognize scams, protect your personal information, and avoid becoming a victim.

DRUG AWARENESS

Learn about the risks of drug use, signs to watch for, and resources available to our community.



THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

ZION METHODIST CHURCH

438 BEAR CREEK ROAD
SARVER, PA 16055



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY.
WE ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO ATTEND!



Summer Camp!!!



Pray for Zion's Camping Crews!

July 5 th - 10 th	Kaleb Dorian	Camp Allegheny - Elementary H2O
July 12 th - 17 th	Willow Adler	Camp Allegheny - Allegheny Experience
July 12 th - 17 th	Wren Adler	Camp Allegheny - Allegheny Experience
July 12 th - 17 th	Pastor Seth	Wesley Woods - Camp Counselor
July 12 th - 17 th	Josh McClymonds	Wesley Woods - Astronomy, Rocket, and Computer



***Scholarships are still available for all three camps,
Plus Wesley Woods Day Camp at Zion***



PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

~ Saturday, July 25th, 2026, 4-8 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, or text me at 724-822-3608.

The DEADLINE to sign up will be Sunday, July 12th, 2026.

Looking forward to serving our young families!

~ Cheryl Peters



College Addresses & Recent Graduates

Please call the office at 724-353-1720 or email office@zionsarver.com with your student's new or updated college address as soon as they receive it.

This will ensure they receive a newsletter and future mail from the church. The deadline for 2026-2027 addresses is September 13, 2026. We appreciate the Help.



ARTICLE



Weekly Bulletin Board Articles

All articles or blurbs for the Bulletin Board have a **deadline of noon on Thursday of each week** so that articles can be proofread and printed for Sunday's Bulletin.

Newsletter Articles

All articles for the upcoming newsletter have a **deadline of the second Friday of each month**. If the articles are not in by the deadline, they **will not be placed in the newsletter**. If an ongoing mission is taking **time off or changing a date**, please let us know so we can post it correctly. We try to make the newsletter as informative as possible. Please remember we have people who receive the newsletter who do not attend church but have been helped through our Community Activities. If misinformation goes out, we do not have a way to contact them. We do the necessary updates on social media. But not everybody uses the internet.



July Education / Children's Ministries News



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER BIBLE SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP?
let's go to the movies...

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
1:00 to 4:00pm



*We'll watch a movie
We'll have some Popcorn
We'll enjoy our friends*



*Bring a comfortable seat and wear comfortable clothes!
Anyone under Age 6 should be accompanied by an adult.*



Gym Time

for Zion and the Community...

Activity: Soccer Skills

TUESDAY August 18, 2026

6 to 7:30pm

Sign up in Narthex on Counter Area



2026 Zion's Vacation Bible School

Date: July 13th - 17th, 2026

Time: 8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Location: Check-In in the Church Library
Opening in Church Sanctuary

Students in Preschool - Age 4 & Potty Trained
Through Completion of GRADE 5

Registration starts NOW - July 5, 2026
Call Donna Scholt: 724-353-1720 or
Email: donna@zionsarver.com



*Are invited to come and join the fun as we
explore the nature of God.*



**We need volunteers to help with the kids
in the day camp. Sign-Up! In the narthex.**



**\$80/ PER
CAMPER**

OUT OF THE WOODS!

DAY CAMP

Ages 5-12

Activities:

Games
Water Day
Crafts
Bible
Studies
and MORE!

Dates:
MONDAY - FRIDAY July 27 - July 31
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



***Scholarships are still available for Wesley Woods Day Camp
here at Zion Methodist Community Church!!!***



CONGRATS!!

Graduate Sunday, June 14, 2026

Congratulations, Class of 2026!!!

8:00 am service, Rachel Blose and Payton Bundy

10:45 am service, Jacob McClymonds, Lochlan

Kooser, and Dean Besterman

We wish them well and are happy to see their smiling faces as God goes with them on the next step of their future.



**ZION MINISTRY TABLE
FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY**

VBS "RAINFOREST FALLS"

JULY 13TH - 17TH

REGISTER NOW!!!

WESLEY WOODS "DAY CAMP"

AT

ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY

CHURCH

JULY 27TH - 31ST

REGISTER NOW!!!



**Sunday Morning Children's
Moment**

**Bill Fischer is delivering the message,
as a large group of children listen
intently and answer his questions.**



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

ZION SUNSHINE BASKETS



Jack Doverspike
429 Sarver Road
Sarver, PA 16055-9526

Dick & Bee Freehling
141 Hindman Road
Butler, PA 16001

Ginger Miller
1027 Winfield Road
Cabot, PA 16023

Art Borland
431 Shuster Drive
Freeport, Pa 16229



GOD LOVES YOU! SO DOES ZION!



Visitation and Card Shower Section

Jane Sell
236 Winfield Road
Sarver, PA 16055

Freda Wilkewitz
148 Marwood Road
Cabot, PA 16023-2237

Harry Hoover
Oertel Building Room 205
615 N Pike Road
Cabot, PA 16023

Wilda DeBerry
111 Edgewood Drive
Sarver, PA 16055



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.



Needed for Bags for Zion's New Babies:

Baby Wipes
Baby Toiletries
Baby Books
Religious Baby Cards
Blankets (Quilts)



Baby Toys
Bibs

Please leave in the marked box in the narthex. Thank You!



Good Stewards:



We need to be good stewards of the church. Please remember before you leave an area of the church or a meeting, Pick Up After Yourself, Clean and Put Away Dishes, and Turn Off All Lights. Thank you.

Sweets

For The

Sweet!!!



Donations of individually wrapped candy for the candy dish may be dropped off at the church office. Our candy supply is starting to get low



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.

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

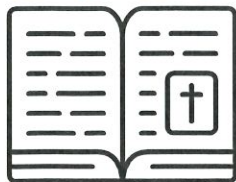
Who in the Bible are you looking to study? Jonah? Elijah? Moses? Jesus? Right Now Media has them all!



rightNOW MEDIA

Bulletin Prayer List

The prayer list on the back of the bulletin will be cleared every four weeks. Should you want a request to remain, please update the office..



BIBLE STUDY For Anyone! THURSDAY 6:30 PM ROOM #11

Greetings, dear friends,
Thank you for your prayers for our precious Christian family members who suffer terribly when attacked by persecutors. Through the Holy Spirit who dwells in the hearts of every Christian, we are made members of one body of our Lord. Christ is the head. Thank you for your generous donation.

All my love, in Christ Jesus our Lord

Cole Richards,  President

Zion Methodist Community Church,
Thank you so much for your generous donation to Jumonville. We simply could not do this work without the incredible support of donors like you! Thank you for your help to have more kids experience God's love!

Sincere Appreciation,
Donna Graham
Finance Chairperson



Zion Methodist Community Church

Dear friends

Thank you for your donation to the House of the Carpenter! Through your partnership with us in our work, our community is made better. For this, we are very grateful! Your donation allows us to continue meeting the needs of today while building hope for tomorrow.

God Bless,
Dr. William Wendell
Executive Director



Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone at the Center of Hope, thank you for your generous donation towards Community Support. This support directly strengthened our ability to address our mission. You are helping us not only to meet urgent needs, but also to build a community where no one has to face hunger alone.



Sue Otto,
Director



Dear Zion MCC,
Thank you for your outstanding support of CWS Blankets. Because of your generosity, our neighbors in need will feel loved and supported when they need it most!

Thank you,
David Costellow



Dear Pastor Seth and Church,
Greetings. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. The Mission Continues to support the people and their children in LaCroix with your help. Thank you very much.

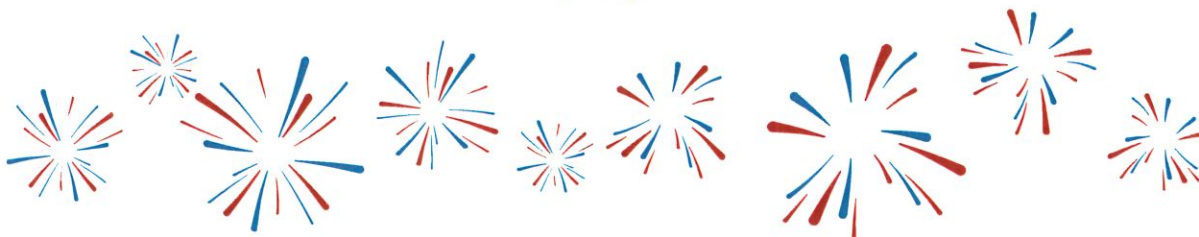


Many Blessings,
Ermithe & Pierre

Dear Zion Methodist Community Church,
We are excited to share that, through your incredible generosity, we have successfully met our goal for the Spring Mountain Match Campaign! Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your unwavering support of this ministry. We celebrate this milestone together and look forward with anticipation to all that God will continue to do through Camp Allegheny because of your partnership.



Peace and Joy,
Dennis D. Tawney CCD



Sweet Hour of Prayer

Every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, we dedicate a time of prayer, lifting 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 Josiah Queen entitled "Demons." 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. Josiah is a young man who gets right to the point in his songs. Below is just a sample of the lyrics. I encourage you to search for it on the internet and listen to it.

***He heard my heart and heard my cry
Even heard my whisper in the night
And as I prayed, I heard my Father say
"Tell those demons, 'Run and hide'"***

***They tremble at the name of Jesus every time
Fear ain't got a home here up inside my mind
Darkness has to leave up in this light, oh-oh
You're always near***

***Just a mention of Your name, and You're right here
You wipe my tears***

You're delivering me out from all my fears



Just because we are Christians doesn't mean that Satan won't be trying to trip us up and try to rob us of our joy.

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Luke 10:17-20

The name of Jesus is pretty powerful, but what is more amazing is that He gave us that same power. We can rejoice, knowing that as we pray and call on Him, He is listening and empowering us to overcome whatever the Enemy throws at us. Take heart and pray!

In His Service & Yours,

Cheryl Peters

"Fire & Ice"



As you know, Fire & Ice is a night of hot music and varied talents presented by Members and friends of the Zion's Congregation. Approximately 40 folks are



Gathering to continue this tradition of celebrating Pentecost. Bill Fischer volunteered to organize the evening filled with fellowship and entertainment. To begin the evening, the congregation sang together "This Is My Father's World". The shared entertainment started the night with Quentin Blose playing 'Prelude and Fugues in F' by Bach. 2nd on the organ. Joe & Donna Zagst joined together in singing "I Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "The 12th of Never". Next, Skadi Phillips (after a little stage fright) sang "Father Abraham" (the whole song) with the help of her Ms. Hope. Next up was Zion's Brotherhood as they sang "Old Time Rock & Roll" and "First Day in Heaven", two of Zion's favorites! Jeremy Peters played a classic electric guitar solo, that was an amazing piece. Hope Albaugh shared a few old-time songs singing "Lipstick on Your Collar" and "Teen Angel." Rachel Blose followed with singing "Fly Me to the Moon." The Zion's Adult Choir sang "Proud Mary" to end the singing section of the evening. Olive Holben wanted to share her dancing talent with the church, but stage fright took over. As cute as a button, she tried her best to share with everyone.. Clarissa Hawk finished the evening with her organ rendition of "The Entertainer." As we readied for the ice part of the celebrations, the congregation joined in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness. Before prayer was offered, an invitation was made to enjoy ice cream Sundaes. Zach and Robby Kladny served up the ice cream while everyone joined together for fun and friends. This evening was a great time for all who came out to celebrate.

Meals On Wheels:

**Monthly on the 2nd Monday, July 13, 2026,
7:30 am to 11:00 am at Freeport UMC,**

Prepare and serve a meal. We need more
Volunteers. If you have any questions
or would like to help, do not hesitate. 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. **July's collection items are children's clothing (All
sizes for boys and girls, ages 2-14.)** 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.

Each kit contains directions
and a finished sample. When
completed, they may be
place in the OCC cabinet on
the left side.



AT THE LAKE
ministries



Hosanna Industries

**Expressions of Our Faith meets in the library on August 25, 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.**

★  **Family Promise** House

- ★ For the Month of May, Zion collected: 6 pks
of paper plates, 4 pks of paper bowls, 4 lg
★ pks of plastic ware, 4 dish soaps, 2 Clorox
wipes, 6 toilet bowl cleaners, 11 all-purpose
★ cleaners, 6 shower cleaners, and 1 Comet
Powder. Thank you, Zion, for supporting
★ The Family Promise House. We will not be
collecting in July. Please look for
announcements for the next collection in
August.



Off for the summer.
Back for a Picnic Meal!
August 19, 2026
4:30 pm-6:00 pm

ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE SUPPORT AS A PART OF OUR MISSION.



Allegheny Valley
Association of Churches



Food Bank

The Lighthouse
FOUNDATION

July

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAYS: 8:00am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School All Ages 10:45 am -Worship						
5 9 am Donut Fellowship	6	7	8 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	9 6:30 pm Bible Study	10 6:30 pm Bible Study	11
12 PNOI Deadline!	13 *** 7:30 am Meals On Wheels	14 ***	15 *** 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	16 *** 6:30 pm Bible Study	17 *** Newsletter Articles Due!	18
19	20 11 am Staff Meeting	21	22 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	23 6:30 pm Bible Study	24	25 
26	27 ***	28 *** 10:30 am Newsletter Ed.	29 *** 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	30 *** 6:30 pm Bible Study	31 ***	

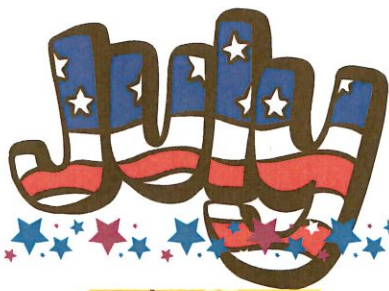
*** June 13th - 17th VBS "Rain Forest Falls" 8:45 am - 12:15 pm
 *** June 27th - 31st Wesley Woods Day Camp 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (with Lunch provided)

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2026

We need volunteers to help with the kids in the day camp.
Sign-Up! In the narthex.

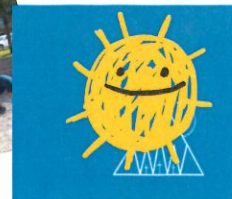


WESLEY WOODS &
ZION METHODIST CHURCH PRESENT

\$80/ PER
CAMPER

OUT OF THE WOODS! DAY CAMP

Ages 5-12
Activities: Games
Water Day
Crafts
Bible
Studies
and MORE!
Dates: MONDAY - FRIDAY July 27 - July 31
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Lunch Provided
Register now at:
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