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ZION NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

PASTOR TO PARSONS

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.
~ Proverbs 14:30

In seminary, I took a class on healing that explored scripture, medicine, and mental health. We studied healing services and read a few books on healing by people inside and outside the church. It was a very informative and interesting class that solidified my belief in healing.

When I read Proverbs 14:30, it took me back to that healing class. One item we explored dealt with psychosomatic issues. We might need a refresher on the term psychosomatic. If we take the word apart, psycho means mind or thought, and somatic deals with our bodies. So, the idea is that our mind, body, and soul interact. If the interactions are healthy, we are healthy; if there is friction or stress, there is potential for health issues. An example of this comes from a past belief: that stress would cause stomach ulcers. Over time, studies show that there are many causes of stomach ulcers, and stress can exacerbate them, which is an example of a psychosomatic issue. The Cleveland Clinic website has a good article on psychosomatic concerns.

How does Proverbs 14:30 relate? "A heart at peace gives life to the body" is the first part of that verse. Our experiences help us understand that when we are at peace, our lives go smoothly and our bodies work as they were designed to. The way that we can walk in peace is to pray. When we pray, we feel God's peace covering us, as the Spirit of God ushers us into God's presence.

The second part of Proverbs 14:30 says, "envy rots the bones." We can see this when our lives are filled to the max with time demands from our families and careers; it is hard to pray and meditate on the Bible. We can feel our stress levels rise and feel that our time is not our own. Peace seems to be so far away that we cannot envision it in our lives. We feel run down and on the verge of being sick, or we become ill.

What do we do? We need to stick with our spiritual disciplines: praying, reading the Bible, gathering with other Christians to worship and share life, and other spiritual practices. When life is full, we are tempted to skip those activities, but doing so leads us further away from God and leaves us with no more time than we have when we do them.

If you find yourself in a stressful moment, remember Jesus continues to meet us where we are and gives us life. We might need to reprioritize our time to see God's peace- bringing life to us.

With Christ's Love,

Pastor Seth

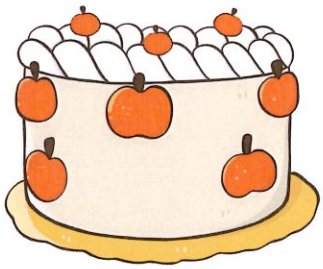
"Special" October Birthdays!

Arlene Johnson
John Jorstad
Freda Wilkewitz
John Woitas

To Our Over 80's Club!

God's best blessings to you! Please remember our over-80s club by sending them a card on their special Day!!

Congratulations!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY October

10/02	Lori Smiesko	0/18	Pam Brestensky
	Patrick Bundy	10/19	Garrett Ben
	Emelyn Schnur	10/20	Max Cieply
	Ian Janoski	10/21	Gabriel Colangeli
10/03	Arlene Johnson	10/22	Gloria Gross
	Rob Gealy		Robert Smiesko
10/06	Sheree Shick	10/25	Kurt Hicks
10/09	John Jorstad		Becky Janoski
10/10	Mike Paholich		Harry Schwarz
	Laura Freehling	10/26	Wyatt Bandi
10/11	Chuck Borromeo	10/27	Karen Krautbauer
10/12	Dillion Holben		Cindy Shick
10/13	Olive Holben	10/28	Elizabeth Deacon
10/14	Haley Welsh	10/30	Freda Wilkewitz
10/17	Michael Shick	10/31	John Woitas
	Renee Chrimbchin		
	Heath Wagner		

WHO'S WHO IN OCTOBER?

Decoration
Autumn/Fall
Sara Vassallo

Counting Committee
Cindy Shick, Sally Acre, Cayce Johnson

Ministry Table
Operation Christmas Child



Blood Drive Results from August 27, 2026

Sarver Community Blood Drive at Zion Methodist Community Church.

Vitalant was able to collect 26 units of blood products. That will help up to 78 area patients. Blood is such a vital resource for the community. Zion's next Blood Drive is coming up on October 22, 2026.

Thank you to all who were able to donate!

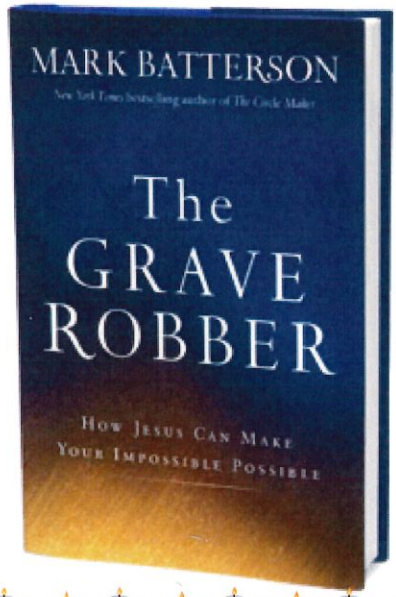
Dena Gribble
Vitalent Account Manager
412-418-3288 or Dgribble@vitalent.org



ZION'S FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped make the community meal a success! We served 165 meals on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Thank you to the people who made the cakes for dessert. We are looking forward to October's Community Meal on October 21.





Starting the 1st Week of October:
Small Group Bible Studies! " THE GRAVE ROBBER"
Bible Study by Mark Batterson
SIGN-UP! On the Counter in the Narthex!

Group #1
Thursday, October 08, 2026 ******** Time: 10:00 am**
Location: Church Library *******Leader: Pastor Seth

Group #2
Thursday, October 08, 2026 *********Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Jeanne Fox House *****Leader: Bill Fischer

Group #3
Sunday, October 11, 2026 ***** Time: 9:30 am**
Location: Cheryl's Classroom ** Leader: Cheryl Peters**



Harvest Hop: October 10th, 2026, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Special Needs Dance at Zion Family Life Center

We will be decorating at 10:00 am. Please let me know if you can help. We need pumpkins. Gourds or any fall decorations to decorate for fall. No Halloween! Also, we need ice cream toppings if you would like to donate.

God Bless, Becky Ross



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report as of 08/31/2026 - Nextier Checking Account					
	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 07/31/2026	$29,468.57	$24,244.25	$40,315.77	$49,102.35	$143,130.94
Deposits	$36,663.92	$2,901.82	$800.00	$12,080.63	$52,446.37
Disbursements	-$39,941.32	-$1,910.00	$0.00	-$13,900.00	-$55,751.32
Balance 08/31/2026	$26,191.17	$25,236.07	$41,115.77	$47,282.98	$139,825.99
		Lisa McClelland, Treasurer			

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
Aug-26

360.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
300.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
150.00	COMMUNITY MEAL
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
250.00	MEALS ON WHEELS
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
291.00	HOSANNA INDUSTRIES
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
600.00	SAMARITAN'S PURSE FLOOD RELIEF
100.00	THE PROMISE HOUSE
3,151.00	TOTAL

8% of Zion's income for August





Sweet Hour of Prayer

Every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 pm, we dedicate time to 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 Jason Gray and featuring Blanca entitled "New Song." 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. Jason Gray is not just a singer/songwriter; he is a gifted storyteller, singing from his heart. Below is just a sample of the lyrics. I encourage you to search for it on the internet and listen.

I waited patiently
You turned and heard my cry
From the pit You lifted me
Out of the mud and mire
You set my feet on rock
Gave me a place to stand
Put a new song in my mouth
And took me by the hand
And I am not alone
You've not forsaken me
You're doing something new
And I can hear the birds sing



Life is hard. We aren't promised as Christians that our lives will be spared the pain and muck in this world, but God does promise to be with us when we call on Him. Psalm 40:2 states, *"He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."(NIV)*

Nothing in this world lasts forever, but the relationship we have with Jesus does. Pray, read the Bible, strive to really know Jesus more and more. Be faithful in trusting Him, and you will get to experience the joy that only He can provide to help us through those times. Don't let the Devil rob you and your family of that joy. Pray together, stay together! Amen!!

In His Service & Yours,
Cheryl Peter

ZION RECIPE

High Protein Carrot Muffins With Greek Yogurt Icing



1 ½ cups oat flour
1 cup grated carrot
2 eggs
½ cup plain Greek yogurt
¼ cup maple syrup
½ tsp cinnamon
1tsp baking powder
¼ cup raisins
¼ cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp vanilla extract



1. **Preheat the oven to 350°F and use a muffin tin with paper liners or grease lightly.**
2. **Mix wet ingredients. In a large bowl, combine the grated carrots, Greek yogurt, honey, eggs, and vanilla, and mix until well combined.**
3. **Combine dry ingredients in another bowl; whisk together oat flour, cinnamon, and baking powder.**
4. **Combine & bake. Gradually add dry ingredients into wet ingredients. Stirring until just combined; fold in walnuts and raisins if using. Divide batter evenly among the muffin cups and bake for 18 - 20 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool.**

1 ½ cups Greek yogurt
2 TBSP maple syrup
½ tsp vanilla extract

Place Greek yogurt, maple syrup, and vanilla in a medium-sized bowl and whisk to combine. Adjust to taste.

Chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes to thicken before icing muffins.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
Who will feed the kids this weekend?

Dear Zion Methodist Community Church,

Thank you very much for your kind gift of food items delivered to Michael Frazetta's office by volunteers to benefit the Buffalo Elementary Program of Blessings in a Backpack.

Today, food insecurity impacts children in every corner of the United States. An astounding 100% of U.S. counties currently have food-insecure residents. That's why your support makes such an enormous difference.

Because of YOU, more children in our Buffalo Elementary program will know where their next meal will come from when they leave school on Friday afternoon. We are so grateful for the impact you make on kids each weekend.

Thank you for letting kids be kids - without the worry of being hungry. If you have questions about Blessings in a Backpack or your gift, please contact Sydney DeLong at (312)366-2749 or sydneyd@blessingsinabackpack.org.

Sincerely, Erin Kerr, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone at the Center of Hope for your generous donations towards Community Support. This Support directly strengthens our ability to address our mission.

to empower individuals and families in their community by providing food, clothing, school supplies, and other resources to help them break free from poverty and step into lives of independence.

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

Sue Otto
Director

Center for Hope

Dear Friends,

The Allegheny Valley Association of Churches thanks you for your gift to the AVAC Family Promise House. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. The Association is using its mandate, the saying of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew:'.....*As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Association of Churches is trying to help the poor, hungry, and homeless in our community.*

Thank you again for helping us do just that and for your continued support.

Yours in Christ
Karen Snair, Exe. Dir.

Allegheny Valley Association of Churches

Dear Zion Congregation,

Thank you for your recent donation. We truly appreciate your generosity. We prepare and deliver 50+ meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our administrators, cooks, clerks, and drivers are all volunteers, so your donation goes directly to those who need our help most. We are pleased to be able to offer this service to the community, and support is critical. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Freeport Meals on Wheels
Thank you all for your continued generosity!

Meals on Wheels

Dear Zion Methodist Community Church,

Thank you for your generous gift. Because of you, families in our community will experience real hope-- through God's love, a welcoming home, and the comfort of furniture and medical equipment they could not otherwise afford. Your support truly means the world to us. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and faithfulness. Every gift you give us transforms lives, restores dignity, and reminds our neighbors that they are not alone.

With heartfelt gratitude,
All of us at The Blessing Board

The Blessing Board

Dear Mission Committee,

It is with very grateful hearts that we send this letter of thanks to you! Your support for the mission has brought hope and healing to those in need whom we serve on a daily basis. Your donation has a direct effect on making the world a better place in which we live - thank you! We are grateful for your support!

Blessings with great gratitude,
Donn D. Ed
Founder & Exe. Dir.
Hosanna Industries, Inc

Hosanna Industries





WE ARE IN NEED OF TRUNK SIGN-UPS & CANDY DONATIONS



Due by October 24, 2025
for the
TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM







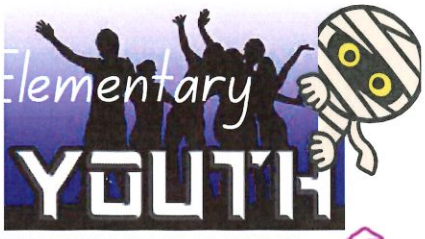


ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
438 BEAR CREEK, SARVER, PA

Kidz Klub

Sunday, October 18th
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Library

10/04
10/18
Sunday
5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Library





TRUNK OR TREAT 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
KIDS AGES PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE





10/04
10/11
10/18
Sunday
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Teen Room



Parents Night Out

October's PNO is Cancelled!
November 21st, 9:00 am-3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Young Parents enjoy a few hours to shop for presents, as you leave your toddlers through 11-year-olds in capable hands. We will have pizza, healthy snacks, games, and crafts to entertain your little ones.

Sign up at church, email: pleasegod@zoominternet.net, or text me at 724-822-3608, and return a completed registration form. Drop-off and pickup are anytime during the designated timeframe. The deadline to sign up will be Sunday, November 8th

Attention: Volunteers willing to help out that Day, please contact me the same way asap.

Looking forward to serving our young families! ~ Cheryl Peters



October Children & Family News 2026

Fall has "officially" arrived!

The weather is turning cooler, the leaves are changing colors, and our world is making the change of the season a beautiful sight to see. God's handiwork is visible!

With the change of the season, our church schedule changes too. Sunday School classes are back to meeting individually. We've added a new "Toddler" Class being led by Cindy Shick. Bring your little ones (up to 3 years) and meet her in Room # 7. They will hear the stories of Jesus, learn to play and share with friends, and begin to see that Sunday School is fun!

Sunday at 9:30 am. Come join the fun!

Thank you!

We'd like to thank our classes who helped us celebrate the importance of Church family in encouraging them to be Disciples by being present and leading our youngsters. We joined for breakfast and family time as we blessed backpacks, presented Bibles, and "kicked off" our new year in Sunday School. Thank you to Connie, Carol, Tim, and Cindy for their prep work to have breakfast ready! Thank you to Jean for helping organize the Family Activities for each table. Thank you to Pastor Seth for blessing the backpacks of our kids as they head to school as well as Sunday School! Also, thank you to the folks who stayed to help clean up after the time together! Let's commit to inviting a friend or 2 to Sunday School and encourage growth!



October Events...

We've got some special events happening at Zion.

There is something for everyone!

Mark your calendars... invite a friend!

Youth Groups: Check the Bulletin Board for meeting schedules

KidZ Klub: October 11th at 12:30 pm

Harvest Hop Dance for Special Needs Community: October 10th, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Community Meal: October 21st, 4:00 pm

TRUNK OR TREAT: October 25th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Decorate a family trunk and join the fun!

The community is invited to ALL events. Bring a new friend and guide them to a relationship with Jesus. Questions? Contact Zion!

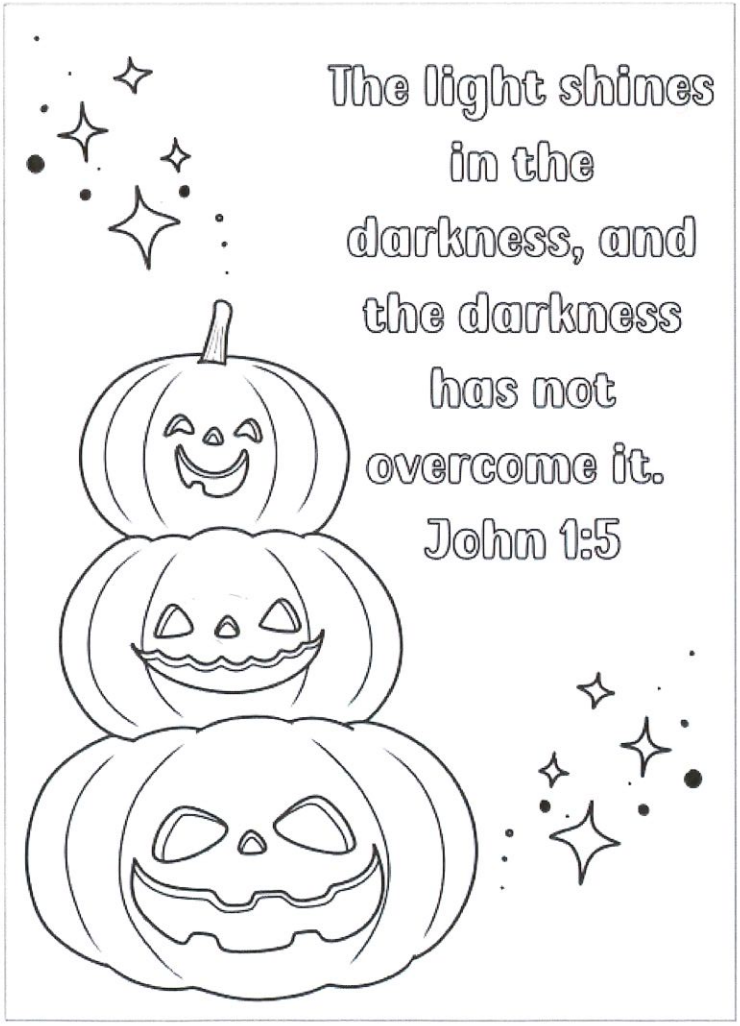
Kidz Singing For Jesus!



9:00 am : Room #4
October 11th
October 18th
October 25th

Kidz Singing For Jesus! That sounds like a ministry that needs revival, and I feel God calling me to start a Kids' Choir. **October 11th, starting at 9:00 am until 9:30 am downstairs in room #4.** We will take a few minutes to warm up our voices and make funny sounds. We will then practice songs that are sung during the church service. Then learn and listen to some fun songs to praise Jesus. Kidz of all ages who want to sing and praise the Lord are invited. This will not be playtime. This is God's time to praise and learn his songs. Parents may go ahead to their classes, and I will dismiss the kids and make sure they go to their Sunday School Classrooms no later than 9:30 am. Our Goal is to sing at the church service once a month in the new year. Looking forward to praising God with the Kidz Choir! Hope Albaugh







Free Community Meal

October 21st
from 4:30 to 6:00
438 Bear Creek Rd Sarver

Zion Methodist Community Church

Meal Includes:
Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Peas and a Roll



50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

thank you Volunteers!

Please join the Freeport Area Meals on Wheels 50th Anniversary Celebration!! We wish to honor ALL of the volunteers who have helped us reach this 50 year milestone!

What?	FREE Luncheon catered by Lefevere's Catering
When?	October 29, 2026
Time?	12:00 pm
Where?	St. Mary Mother of God Church in Freeport

Please sign up by October 16th at the Methodist Church when you are working or by calling the desk (724-295-2760).

You can also email Barb Goodman at bgoodman7@me.com or use the Meals on Wheels email: famow16229@gmail.com.

If you know of anyone who has volunteered for Freeport Meals on Wheels in the past, please let them know about the luncheon.

WALK THRU THE BIBLE®

TAKE A WALK. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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Experience the story of redemption like never before as this unforgettable event brings the New Testament to life.

Saturday, October 10
9:00 am to Noon
Butler Global Methodist Church
200 E North St | Butler, PA



Winter Walking in the FLC

We are in search of a person to host the morning Winter Walking group coming this fall! The person will be responsible for making sure walkers sign in and that the gym is put back as it was found.
The time for morning walking is from 9:00 am to 10:00 am or the Host choosing. Please contact the office if interested. The deadline is Sunday, October 25, 2026, so we can have everything ready to go for this Winter Walking Season to start.

GOD LOVES YOU & SO DOES ZION!
Visitation and Card Shower Section

Freda Wilkewitz
148 Marwood Road
Cabot, PA 16023-2237

Howard & Janet Sell
531 Bicker Road
Cabot, PA 16023-9512

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

Jane Sell
236 Winfield Road
Sarver, PA 16055

Vincent Sell
1165 Cornplanter Road
Cabot, PA 16023-9535

Neal McGee
121 Stobert Lane
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Art Borland
431 Shuster Drive
Freeport, Pa 16229

Eunice Kenton
154 Keck Road
Sarver, PA 16055

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!

Committee Members:

All 2027 budget requests must be submitted to the Finance Committee before October 14, 2026

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. There is a kids' puzzle cart in the lower elevator kids' library Questions: see Bill Fischer.

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.

ZION'S MEETINGS IN *OCTOBER*

10/01	Evangelism/Revival	7:00 pm
10/06	Trustees	7:00 pm
10/12	Staff Meeting	10:00 am
10/12	Administrative Bd	7:00 pm
10/13	Women In Faith	7:00 pm
10/26	Staff Meeting	10:00 am
10/27	Missions	6:00 pm
10/29	Newsletter Folding	12:30 pm

Bulletin Prayer List



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



rightnowMEDIA

A good bible study for this fall season: "The Grave Digger" by Mark Batterson. At Right Now media now!
https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/zionsarver



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

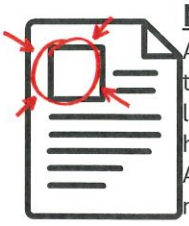


Weekly Bulletin Board Articles



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.

ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Church Office Hope Albaugh: 724-353-9520
Director of Education & Children's Ministries and Facilities Coordinator
(Donna Scholl) 724-353-9530
Email:donna@zionsarver.com
Music Office: 724-353-9540
Email: music @zionsarver.com
Trustees: trustees@zionsarver.com

VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: ***Payton Westendorf & Loralei Buterbaugh***
September 13, 2026
Alex Kladny & Jess Kibler
September 19, 2026

Deaths: ***Wilda DeBerry***
September 6, 2026
Hobe Kenton
September 27,2026

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: aemcc11@gmail.com
Allison's Phone: 724-822-5330

ZION'S MISSION STATEMENT

Invite people to know 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 tradtional Methodist beliefs."

Address and Email Changes

Please NOTIFY the office if your address, phone number, or email changes. You can notify us by email, mail, phone, 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 the point: please notify us promptly if your address changes. Every piece of bulk mail(newsletters, holiday letters) sent to the wrong address *costs $4.98 per piece of mail returned to Zion*. Let's be good stewards!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party - When: Sunday, November 5th, 12 - ?

Please help us pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We will have pizza right after the second service and then start packing. Stop in later if that's better for you... Pack one box or pack 25... we will be there until all the stuff is gone. That is the total of what we pack at the packing party and what you pack on your own or online. Each box is an excellent evangelism tool to reach not only children, but also their families! If you can't make it to the packing party, please feel free to pack as many of your own boxes as you can. The display will be up on October 4th, so grab a box or two to fill. We are still taking supplies or cash donations, so please continue to donate. We can't do this without your help! Thank you for all the donations you've given so far! Let's get packing!

Scott and Lisa McClelland

Samaritan's Purse — The Operation Christmas Child



Join Us!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

PACKING PARTY

PASTOR & STAFF APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Please come and join us along with the Staff for a luncheon after the 10:45 a.m. service in The Zion Fellowship Hall

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES



BLOOD DRIVE

SARVER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2026
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER 438 BEAR CREEK RD

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

For more information visit us at vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825. **Because of you, life doesn't stop.**

vitalant

Zion's Free Community Meal

Community Meals are on the third **Wednesday** of every month **from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm** in the **Family Life Center**. Our Next meal will be on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026.** ***Volunteers are needed for food preparation, greeting, serving, and cleanup.***

If you would like to help or have questions, contact the Office at 724-353-1720 or office@zionsarver.com

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a free meal and community fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child:

October's Collection consists of **school supplies, Full-size coloring books, toys, and clothing for ages 2-4 and 5-9.**

Please put any collections in the box under the cabinet in the narthex marked **OCC(Operation Christmas Child). Thank you for collecting year-round.**

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 vivited me."

(Matthew 25:35-36

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

Distribution of weekend meals has begun. On September 9, Zion provided enough food items to fill 361 packs for $1,318.88. Thank you!

At the time of this writing, we had not finalized the number of students enrolled in this program. If the number of current students remains close to last year's total of 58, we will have enough food packs for six weekends!

Thank you again for your continued financial support!! Your generosity provides nutritious food for their body and minds, gives them hope for their anxious hearts, and shows them that they are remembered and loved!

Meals On Wheels:

The 2nd Monday of every month, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am at Freeport United Methodist Church. Our next MOW will be on **October 12, 2026. We need more Volunteers to prepare and serve a meal.** If you have any questions or would like to help, please don't hesitate. Get **in touch with the coordinator:**

Becky Ross (724) 467-2045 or ross4him@hotmail.com.

The Family Promise House

A huge thank you for all your August donations to the Promise House!

The following were donated and delivered:

Multiple packs of socks, underwear, and T-shirts
12 towels, 25 washcloths, 7 hand towels,1 bath set
1 bathmat, and 29 gift cards.
New and gently used clothing and shoes.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The families are so appreciative and grateful. Thank you again for your generous support.

Sue Miller

ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE SUPPORT AS A PART OF OUR MISSION.

cabot church Food Bank · MAF Mission Aviation Fe · At the Lake Ministries · Mercy Ships · The Blessing Board · The House of the Carpenter · The Salvation Army · St. Vincent de Paul Society USA · Chaplains in the Parks · Samaritan's Purse International Relief · Allegheny Valley Association of Churches · CWS Church World Service

Expressions of Our Faith meets in the library next October 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm, and new members are welcome. Please join us if you want to serve on our Mission Encounter Team.

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAYS: 8:00am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School All Ages 10:45 am -Worship	Coming in October! Small Group Bible Studies! " THE GRAVE ROBBER" Bible Study 7 Week Study Look for the Sign-Up Sheets in Mid September			1 6 pm Cub Scouts Den - EDU Wing 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm Evangelism/Revival	2	3
4 World Communion Sunday 9 am Donut Fellowship 5:00 pm Elementary Youth 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth	5 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH	6 9 am-12 pm CC-HSG-EDU2 6 pm HH-Decorations - Libary 7 pm Trustees	7 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	8 10 am "Grave Robber - LIB 6 pm Cub Scouts Den - EDU Wing 6:30 pm Bible Study - #11 7 pm "Grave Robber" - FOX	9 10 am - 1 pm Bundle Up Butler - Butler City Farmers' Market	10 9 am Walk Thru the Bible - Butler Global 10 am Decorating-FLC Harvest Hop Dance For Special Needs 5 pm-8 pm - FLC
11 9:00 am Kidz Choir Rm#4 5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth	12 7:30 am Meals on Wheels 10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Admin Bd 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH	13 9 am-12 pm CC-HSG-EDU2 7 pm Women In Faith	14 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	15 10 am "Grave Robber - LIB 6 pm Cub Scouts Den - EDU Wing 6:30 pm Bible Study- #11 7 pm "Grave Robber" - FOX	16 Newsletter Articles Due!	17
18 9:00 am Kidz Choir Rm#4 9:30 am "Grave Robber"#12 12:30 pm Kids Klub 1 pm 4 pm FH - In Use 5:00 pm Elementary Youth 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth	19 6 pm Pack Meeting - Team Building - FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH	20 9 am-12 pm CC-HSG-EDU2	21 10 am Food Prep 4 pm Community Meal 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	10 am "Grave Robber - LIB 11 am Vitalent Set Up 22 1 pm Blood Drive - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts Den - EDU Wing 6:30 pm Bible Study - #11 7 pm "Grave Robber" - FOX	23 5 pm Cub Scout Halloween Sleepover 8 am	24
25 9:00 am Kidz Choir Rm#4 9:30 am "Grave Robber" #12 12:30 pm Pastor & Staff Appreciation Luncheon -FH 5 pm- 7 pm Trunk of Treats	26 10 am Staff Meeting 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH	27 6 pm Missions	28 6:30 pm Herbal Thymes 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	29 10 am "Grave Robber - LIB 12:30 pm Newsletter Fld 6 pm Cub Scouts Den - EDU Wing 6:30 pm Bible Study - #11 7 pm "Grave Robber" - FOX	30	31

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