

# Hi-Lites

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### **Looking back as we look forward to the Future**

On October 31 we have our annual Halloween Party but we also celebrate the 504 anniversary of the Reformation. Luther was looking to make changes in the Catholic Church, and as a result he changed the course of history. With this anniversary comes an

opportunity to look at the past, the present, and the future. There is a great and rich history in Christianity. There is a great and rich history at Zion. It permeates our world's history, our nation's past, and has been the foundation for Zion as a worshipping community since 1778. There is much good in the past. When we look to the past we have men and women, children and adults-who created and maintained traditions of the church, who taught and passed on the faith that has been handed down through the ages, and proclaimed boldly God's loving and saving presence in the world. But, we are amid the unfolding of a new era for the church in the West and especially in the US. This is also true for us at ZionU.C.C.

No longer can we expect people to just start walking through the door looking for a church home. No longer can we rely on what worked in the past as if times haven't changed. Unlike previous eras in the church, this is a new era with an unmarked path. But the Good News is that we are not alone and the "success" of the church isn't based on our efforts. Our community of faith is founded on a promise from God. We worship a crucified Savior who emptied himself to the point of death. We are marked by the Holy Spirit who empowers us to carry our God's mission to the ends of the earth. This is our call and our mission-A response to what God has started in us. **We proclaim boldly God's loving and saving presence in the world and that's what we'll continue to do in the future.**

Many people in our society prefer to focus on the downfall of the church—the decline in membership. It's easy to look at the current trends and feel down and hopeless. It's easy to see fewer people in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and talk about the “Glory” days of the church and why can't it be like it was back then. Our God is a God of hope, a God who has a future, not just a past. Jesus brought the past and present into the future—a future full of hope and promise. A future of Good News. A future where God's reign will unfold fully. A future where all of creation will be renewed and restored and God will dwell with us. I'm bold enough to say that our future is bright. But it's not going to look like it did in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century or any other time in the past. We aren't going back—we're headed forward. That's what reformation is all about. Reformation is about uncluttering the church, and reclaiming its core so that the church can move forward to carry out its mission to the world. **We aren't going back—we're headed forward.** That's what resurrection is all about. Resurrection is about Jesus taking what is dead and giving it new life. What we do and how we do it will change. Jesus will continue to reform us. Jesus will continue to renew us. And Jesus will continue to bring what we thought was dead and bring it back to life—all for the sake of proclaim boldly God's Good News.

I look forward to proclaiming the Good News in new and inventive ways with you as we reach out to the Chambersburg Community. As we seek and find ways to connect with the people in the streets around us, with the local community. Community, Community, Community is our battle cry. Community in Christ! Community of Love! Only then will be faithful servants. Please feel free to call me with any ways God has moved you to serve and any concerns. We can do this! All things through Christ! All things!

Amen, Pastor Tom



**ANNUAL MEETING is November 7**

Our annual congregational meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 7. It will be a sit down dinner catered by Smith's Barbeque. The meal sponsored by the Women's Guild will consist of baked ham, beef brisket, baked potatoes, green beans, broccoli salad, pies, rolls and drinks. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Vestibule. **Please RSVP by October 24th.**

**Consistory** meets on Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm. in the Fellowship Room around the table.

October 24 is November Hi-Lites deadline.

**Holy Communion**

Holy Communion will be celebrated:  
Sunday, October 3, at 10:45 and on November 7,  
at 10:45 in the sanctuary.

**Historical Committee** Christmas Memories

The Historical Committee is planning a special Christmas Season windows display and we need your help. We are looking for old photos of Christmas events at ZION or Christmas at your home. Please submit photo copies to the church or give to Candy, Esther, or Jane by Sunday, November 21. Please include names and date to the best of your knowledge and if photos need to be returned. Any questions give Candy or Jane a call.

**Women's Guild** will meet October 12th at 1:30 pm in the Parish House.

**Cash for Causes** program continues. The Women's Guild benefits from the sale of Giant's gift cards at face value and the Guild receives 5% profit. The Giants/Martin's Foods cards may be used to purchase your groceries, gas, prescriptions or given as gifts. See Jane Johnson for your Giant's/Martin's Food Store cards. Cards are available for \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00 and do not expire. You do not need to spend the value of the card on one visit.

There is a need for cash for causes gift cards from-Giants for Pastor Tom to use for the needy when they stop at the Parish House.

## **YOZ (Youth of Zion)**

Join us on Saturday, October 23 for the church hayride.

On Sunday, October 24, it will be the church's Annual Halloween Party. Come dressed in your favorite costume. Will we see Venom, any witches or clowns holding a red balloon? Please bring a friend or Zombie to either gathering.

**Help Decorate** for the Halloween Party following worship on Sunday October 24. All are welcome to lend a hand.



### **Halloween Party October 24**

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Sunday, October 24

6-8 p.m.

Costume contest

Games

Food

Fellowship

All ages welcome. You are encouraged to wear a costume but it is not required.

Just come and behold all the wonderful ideas folks of all ages come up with.

Friends are welcome.

**I believe in *Amazing Grace*; that there is *Power* in the *Blood*  
that *He walks* with me and *He talks* with me that because  
*He lives* I can face tomorrow. All because of *The Old Rugged*  
*Cross*.**

***I have a choice each and every day of my life.  
I choose to feel blessed  
I choose to feel grateful  
I choose to be thankful  
I choose to be happy.  
I choose to Thank God for this beautiful blessing called  
LIFE!!***

***Wishing You  
A great start on Monday,  
No obstacle for Tuesday  
No stress on Wednesday  
Many smiles on Friday  
A relaxing Saturday  
And a beautiful Sunday,***

***Have a blessed Week!!***





**Sheldon Pefley for 9/11**



**Pastor Tom in Sheldon's Fireman outfit.**

**Mum sale**



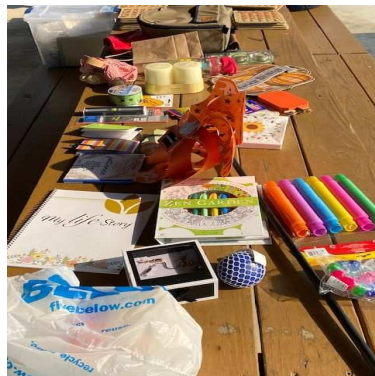
**My visitor on a Thursday morn-**







**Zion's picnic  
at Scotland  
Park on  
Sept 12**



## **Family Page**

**Sympathies** from the church are extended to the family Ken Hockenberry.

**Thank you** again from Wilma Carbaugh for all your help.

### **October Birthday Days**

**October 13—Trista Arrowood  
October 18— Jordyn Wagner  
October 26— Holly Wible**

### **Anniversary**

**October 10 -  
Barb & Denny  
Metcalf**

**Thank you letter from Fred Gosart**

**Good morning church family.. Thank you so very much for the get well cards and for all of your prayers. I surely have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during the past week. I am progressing from my right hip replacement surgery and getting stronger day by day. My left hip replacement surgery remains scheduled for September 30. (It was rescheduled to Sept. 27) So I would not anticipate being back in church on a regular basis for at least another month. I am so very blessed to have been led to you by God. I continue to keep you uplifted in my daily prayers and look forward to the day when we can worship our Lord together**

**May the peace of our Lord Jesus abide with you.**

**Fred Gosart**



### **Neighbors in Need Special Offering**

Our Neighbors in Need special Offering on October 3, World Wide Communion Sunday, supports the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The offering is used by our UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. In addition the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

Our gifts to Neighbors in Need are focused on ministries within our own country. It needs your support. **A special envelope is included with your Hi-Lites.** Be sure to include your name or envelope number if you wish your gift recorded on your financial statement. Please give generously.

**Bible Study** begins Wednesday October 6 from 10-11 am in the Parish House. Join us each Wednesday you are able and coffee following at Denim's downtown.

### **Healing Service**

Our monthly service of anointing and healing will follow worship on Sunday, October 17th. This is an opportunity to seek prayer for yourself, for a loved one or friend, or a community or world concern. Simply join us at the front of the sanctuary as the postlude concludes.

## **UP COMING EVENTS AT ZION**

### **HOFFMAN HOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS PROGRAM**

From Jane Johnson our representative to Hoffman Homes

It's not too early to think about Christmas. We will be providing Christmas "Holiday" gifts to the teenage girls of ZION residence at Hoffman Homes. With Covid still active I'm asking for gift cards only again this year. Gift Cards that are preferred AMAZON, TARGET, WALL-MART and \$5 BELOW. It is requested that the value be at least \$40.00 each or more. All gift cards need to be given to Jane Johnson by November 14, 2021. Which will give the staff time to order items. Any questions contact Jane Johnson at 717-263-1416. Thanks for helping to give the young ladies of ZION a joyous Christmas

### **Something New for Zion Save the date—Saturday, October 23 !!**

Jane Johnson has made arrangements for an old fashioned hay ride on Saturday, October 23, starting at 4:00 pm. until ???  
Parking is available—details later. We will be sitting on hay bales to enjoy the ride. Upon returning to the parking area we will continue the fun with a camp fire and hot dog roast and smores at Jane & Gene Johnson's place, 1882 Orchard Road, Chambersburg; with camp fire sing along, guitar and banjo music. Please bring a desert (cookies, brownies etc.) to share, lawn chairs and your guitar. Don't forget a jacket and blanket. Sign up at ZION or call Jane at 717-263-1416 by October 20. Bring family and friends.

## **Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild would like to thank everyone for their help in having a successful Ice Cream Social. A special thanks to Millie and Todd Willman for donating the ice cream from the Igloo. Thanks to Jane Johnson, Jean Gonder, Esther Wagner, Joan Pogue and Candy Wagner for the toppings and the drinks. The cakes for the cake walk were donated by Jean Gonder, Jen Barnhart and Marlene Arrison. Sara Monn-Gilbert provided activities for the youth and Jane Johnson provided games for everyone. A special thank to our dippers...Dan Smith, Jim English and Sean Arrowood! See you all next year!

The Women's Guild met on September 14th after a long time of no meetings due to COVID. Although not meeting they were still active with Cash for Causes, Global Ministries and Hoffman Homes. They also hosted events to welcome Pastor Tom and Patti and to thank Pastor Bob. New business included planning for the Congregational Meeting/Meal, gifts for The United Churches Home residents and the Church Women United gifts for South Mountain. **Our next meeting will be held on October 12th at 1:30.** We will be making prizes for the Sunday School Halloween Party. Bring a bag of candy or just come and help us fill the plastic gloves!

Our Sunday Church is back to normal time. Esther, Barb and Peggy are waiting to have their classrooms filled so they can teach the little ones about Jesus.

Our adult class is working on a book entitled "Older and Wiser". It is looking at ways to become wiser in our living for God. Does wisdom come from being older? Look at James 1:1-8. All are welcome to attend.

Sherri Arrowood, Sunday School Superintendant

*Sometimes we need someone to simply be there...  
Not to fix anything or do anything in particular, but to just let  
Us feel we are supported and cared about.*

*When an adult child hugs their mum,  
Its so much more to her,  
It opens up a memory box,  
To times of yesteryear,  
It takes her back to your childhood,  
When you sat upon her lap,  
When she'd settle you after the scariest dream,  
Or put you down for a nap,  
If she holds you a little tighter,  
She's keeping those days alive,  
Remembering how she hugged you,  
When you were only four or five,  
So when you hug your mother,  
Don't be quick to break her embrace,  
Let her hold you a little longer,  
And live those days she'll never replace.*

