

Hi-Lites

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1 Thessalonians 5:18 *“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

As our church family moves forward with the family nights, hayrides, and new worship experiences, we pause to give thanks. The continued percentages of support in terms of monetary and human resources is excellent. The friendship of members is noted and appreciated. The joy we celebrate as we greet each other on Sunday morning is something to be thankful for. We continue to care for our beautiful building and grounds and we seek to accept a degree of mission to neighbors outside of our immediate church family. Continued efforts of the Elders, Deacons, and Consistory, as well as the choir, Sunday School, and adult education and youth teachers give us reasons to feel good. All of the previously mentioned groups and individuals encourage us to be thankful and most represent a very visible evidence of faith in action.

Pause for a moment and ask if others have been neglected in our listing of reasons for thankfulness. Yes! I have neglected to mention very important and often less noted actions of faith. For instance, who visits the sick and shut-ins besides the Pastors? Who schedules flowers and bulletins? Who provides publicity? Who manages the website? Who arranges the communion elements? Who changes the alter? There are so many little faith filled actions that often we forget to thank. If you know of one of these dedicated workers of faith please take a moment to thank and encourage them.

After giving thanks please pray for our church for more members, more ideas, more gifts of human resources and more mission, and God’s guidance as we give thanks for the past and hold to hope for the future. God Bless, Pastor Tom



ANNUAL MEETING is November 6

Our annual congregational meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 6. It will be a sit down dinner catered by Smith's Barbeque. The meal sponsored by the Women's Guild. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Vestibule. **Please RSVP by October 18th.**

Consistory meets on Wednesday, October 12th at 7pm. in the Fellowship Room around the table.

October 23 is November Hi-Lites deadline.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated:

Sunday, October 2, at 10:45 and on November 6,
at 10:45 in the sanctuary.

The Consistory is recommending two changes to The CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of ZION REFORMED CHURCH.

1ST is in ARTICLE V-Officers (a change would be made reducing the Elders from 5 to 4 and reducing the Deacons from 9 to 6. We just don't have the membership to support this large of consistory.

ARTICLE V-Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of the association shall consist of a Pastor, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, one or more Financial Secretaries, a Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, five (**reduce to 4**), nine Deacons (**reduce to 6**), which Elders and Deacons shall also be a Board of Trustees, and such other officers as the Consistory may appoint.

The second is an addition of a Bookkeeper listed under 18c. We have had one for years but never put it in the BY-LAWS

18 c Bookkeeper

The Consistory shall approve a professional Bookkeeper and review funding for the position annually. The Consistory will have the total charge of hiring and firing the person or agency used.

The Bookkeeper's duties will include:

Reviewing and calculating the church secretary's timesheet, printing out all bank statements, reviewing calculations and entering deposits from weekly deposit report sheets into QuickBooks for General Checking, Improvement checking, and Improvement Checking from check register spreadsheets provided by the church secretary.

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They will also reconcile all bank statements including entering monthly interest received for all savings accounts, prepare payroll for all church staff, and make monthly electronic payment for PA State employee withholding.

Creating account reports for the monthly Consistory meeting.

Updating the Budget Report for the monthly Consistory meeting.

Completing the Year End Audit for the Harford Insurance.

Preparing and submit Quarterly Payroll Taxes. (Federal , State and Local)

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Prepare and submit 1099s for contract work completed by vendors and worship substitutes.

Read and review all payroll updates in QuickBooks for any impacts to church employees.

YOZ (Youth of Zion)

On Sunday, October 30, 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 the party.

Help Decorate for the Halloween Party following worship on Sunday October 30. All are welcome to lend a hand.



Halloween Party October 30

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Sunday, October 30

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.



2021 Hay Ride







The picnic on Sept 18
at Greene Township-
Park—fun
for young and older.



Family Page

October Birthday Days

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

Anniversary

October 10 -
Barb & Denny
Metcalf

Prayers from the church for:

Jean Gonder
Joan Coldsmith
Wilma Carbaugh
Bill & Sue McMorris
Fritz Pogue

Church Picnic

It was a beautiful afternoon at Greene Township Park for the annual picnic. 27 members were there to enjoy the wonderful food and games. Thanks to Diana Johnson and Candy Wagner for the water balloon games. Thanks to Laura Frey for contacting the park to reserve the pavilion. Thank you to Esther Wagner for bringing the Bingo Game.

Sherri Arrowood, Sunday School Superintendent



Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Our Neighbors in Need special Offering on October 2, 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 - Wednesdays 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 16th. 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 13, 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

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.

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. A special thank to our dipper...Jim English! See you all next year!

The Women's Guild met on September 13th after a long time of no meetings. Although not meeting they were still active with Cash for Causes, Global Ministries and Hoffman Homes. 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 11th 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!

Women's Guild Hi-Lites

Esther Wagner - President
Mara Smith - Vice-President
Candy Wagner—Secretary
Millie Willman and Pat Hileman - Co-Treasurers

Thank you to all who donated to our Bakeless Bake Sale this past month. The support you give the Guild in our fundraising helps us to provide such things as a catered Congregational Dinner, Family nights and community donations.

Guild will be selling Butcher Shoppe Coupons for a 16" (large) One topping take and bake pizza for \$11.00 through October 16th. See Candy Wagner to purchase the coupons.

Cash for Causes cards for the Giant continues. See Jane Johnson to purchase cards.

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am. For Sunday School for all ages. Our teachers await you and the friends you will bring.



YOZ (youth at Zion)

Come October 30 to the Halloween Party. Bring a friend.

Stay tuned for additional activities that are being planned.

Sherri Arrowood, Sunday School Superintendant



Sunday, October 16 from 1—registration at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren at 260 South Fourth St. Chambersburg. The route is 2 1/2 miles that will circle the downtown Chambersburg area. We invite walkers to bring non-perishable food items that will be distributed to Chambersburg Area Food Pantry.

1:30 start the walk

Paint night with Patti is Monday, October 17 at 7 in the Sunday School room.

