

Hi-Lites

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PASTOR BOB'S PAGE



Dear Members & Friends of Zion:

This is my final note to you all, as I write during this last week in the Zion Parish House office - assisting Peggy with the August Hi-Lites, and preparing for your August Sundays with guest Worship Leaders, which Candy has secured for you. And of course, squeezing in a few final home visits as I am able.

Diana and I were so pleased to have a very full sanctuary on our Farewell Sunday with you. Lots of stories and reminiscing, much laughter, lots of gift-giving all around, and what a cake with a ROSE to top it off! Finally, we have so enjoyed your "Card Shower." Reading each card, and absorbing your kind sentiments, has been a joyful reminder to us both, that church families are the best!

Thank you, dear ones, for the hard work you have done over these Interim months, to create your new future. And thank you for allowing me to be your "Gentle Shepherd" during these precarious pandemic times. We helped each other to be as safe and healthy and positive as we could possibly expect – all the while finding and welcoming your new Settled Pastor.

You will be in very good hands with Pastor Tom & Patty. Remember that they are showing up for you and caring for you. Do likewise and show up for them and care for them. And all will be well!

I have enclosed my final sermon in this Hi-Lites, so that you can remember my favorite quote of Thomas Jefferson:

“I steer my bark (my sailing vessel) with hope ahead, and fear astern.”

**Fondly, with God’s blessing,
Pastor Bob Madfarlane**

AUGUST WORSHIP

Sunday, August 1 Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola

Lay Leader— Jim English

She will lead Worship, Preach and Serve Communion.

Marisa is the Penn Central Conference Associate Minister who has helped to guide our Zion Church, and our Search Committee so well.

Sun, Aug 8 Rev. Karen Stork-Whitson

Lay Leader—Sara Monn-Gilbert

Sun, Aug 15 Alyssa Boyer

Lay Leader— Diana Johnson

Sun, Aug 22 Rev Richard Gordon

Lay Leader— Mara Smith

Sun, Aug 29 Sherri Arrowood, Laura Frey &
YOUTH

Sun, Aug. 29 ICE CREAM SOCIAL on the
Church lawn, 4-6 pm.

A great time to invite neighbors and
friends! WEAR NAME TAGS

ARE YOU READY?

Over the last few weeks, Pastor Bob has encouraged us to adopt the idea that, as a Church Congregation, we are READY to move into our new future. Reprinted below is the Responsive Call to Worship he led us in:

Are you ready to be the extravagant welcomers you are asked to be?

If so, say, **“YES, WE ARE READY!”**

Are you ready to become the deeply imbedded care-givers you have been practicing to be?

If so, say, **“YES, WE ARE READY!”**

Are you ready to err on the side of generosity, with your time and your talent and your treasure?

If so, say, **“YES, WE ARE READY!”**

Are you ready to be co-pastors with your new Minister, Pastor Tom, to walk with him in loving kindness, as you welcome him into the ministries and missions of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ?

If so, say, **“YES, WE ARE READY!”**

And finally, are you, like those early disciples, ready to walk through that magnificent Gate of the Holy City, prepared and ready for discipleship into the new future which awaits you?

If so, say, **“YES, WE ARE READY!”**



Quarterly Improvement Fund time

It's time for the third quarter Improvement Fund special offering. These gifts support the maintenance and improvement of our building and grounds. Please use the special envelope included with your Hi Lites. Include your name or envelope number if you wish your gift recorded on your financial statement.



Chocolate, vanilla or raspberry?

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 29th, 4-6 p.m. for our Ice Cream Social in the parish house yard. There will be music, fellowship, and ice cream with lots of toppings. We can use your help on the day of the event.

Here is how you can help:

- be a sponsor. Make a donation to the Women's Guild.
- help on the day of the event.

We will need help beginning about 2:30 p.m. to set up.

We need help serving the ice cream.

We need help cleaning up

- come and invite a friend or neighbor

Holy Communion schedule

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, August 1; and September 5, at 9 a.m.

Healing service

Our monthly service of anointing and healing will follow worship on Sunday, September 19. 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.





**A GREAT TIME AT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Zion's Vacation Bible School
Creatures Great and Small
By Sherri Arrowood

The weather was perfect for VBS this year. 6 of Zion's youth and 3 friends enjoyed learning about God's great creatures.

Thank you to the parents for being willing to travel to all our destinations this year. We held VBS differently. Instead of staying at Zion, We visited The Family Cow, Caledonia State Park, Forrester's Fishing Pond and two homes. Thank you to Kevin and Jen Barnhart for welcoming us to your house and letting the kids create those amazing cups. Megan and Nick Duke – Fishing and the Zip Line were a hit plus your chickens. Joan and Fritz Pogue – your gazebo was a beautiful area to work on the plants and for providing the snacks each night. LeAnne Clopper- you made and awesome crabby snack. Barb Metcalfe, Candy Wagner, Laura Frey, Danielle Rhinehart, Baillie Barnhart and Peggy Barnhart – thank you for always being there to assist and make sure everyone was safe.

Several things we all learned – Signs saying 'Caution Electric Fence' means Don't Touch and Acorns are not found on the ground during the summer. We also learned that adults are kids at heart.

Donations each night were collected to go to Franklin County TherapicCenter. Including a few donations from Zion Members \$236 will be donated to the organization.



Food Pantry Collection

Don't forget to continue donating food items for the local pantry during these summer months. Collection boxes are located outside the elevator and at the bottom of the ramp in the social room. You may donate anytime. But we encourage you to think of the first Sunday of the month as food pantry Sunday as a reminder to donate each month. Mara and Dan Smith are in charge.

SEPTEMBER

Sun, Sept 5, 9:00 am **Final Summer Worship & Communion.** Labor Day Weekend

FIRST SUNDAY with Pastor Tom & Patty

Welcoming fellowship following worship

Sun, Sept 12 **FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS**

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship

4 pm - Possible family picnic is in the planning stages.

PASTOR EMERITUS designation for Pastor Jeff Diller

Save the date of Sunday afternoon, November 14, when Zion Church, along with Mercersburg Association of the UCC, will officially confer upon our former Pastor, Rev. Jeff Diller, the designation of "Pastor Emeritus," recognizing his 30 years of Ministry among us. The Consistory was pleased that Mara Smith has volunteered to help with gathering a small Committee to work through the details with the Church & Ministry Committee of Mercersburg Association, and to plan an appropriate celebration, to which local clergy, churches and friends would be invited. So save that date – Nov. 14.

Hoffman Homes

By Jane Johnson, Zion representative

It's soon back to school time for the children at Hoffman Homes and they are in the need of school supplies. Please use the information below when purchasing these items. One or many items are most welcomed and a **BIG THANK YOU**.

LIST OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Non-spiral bound composition books	crayons
Pocket folders	pencils
Washable markers	paper clips
Colored pencils	glue stick
Poster board/bulletin board paper	tissues
Electric (only) pencil sharpeners	cap erasers
Lined paper	graph paper
Masking tape	scotch tape
Expo markers and erasers	stick pens
Post-it-notes	pencil pouches
High lighters	paper towels
Sticky tacky/fun-tak/mounting putty	

Cash for Causes is an ongoing fund raiser for the Women's Guild, see Jane Johnson for details. Cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 may be purchased. The Zion Women's Guild receives 5% from the sale and no expiration date and the cards may be used at Giants or Martins Foods.

Make a Joyful Noise!

The Zion choir will be resuming rehearsals on Wed., Sept. 1. The Choir's purpose is to worship God by presenting an anthem every Sunday from Sept. thru June, and by leading the congregation in singing the hymns at service music. We meet Wed. nights at 7 for an hour, and sometimes after church on Sunday for half an hour. New singers are always welcome!
JJ Johnson, organist & choir director



**Farewell to
Pastor Bob
And Diana**



ZION FAMILY PAGE

Hello Pastor Bob

Thank you so much for all the visits, flowers and especially for the Warm Welcome at church, on Sunday, July 11.

Mary Ann & I really enjoyed our visit to your lovely home.

Love & Friendship

God Bless

Joan Stunkard from Homewood Homes

August Birthdays

August 4	Louise Humelsine
5	Wilma Carbaugh
12	Brent Ditzler
16	Don McClure
23	Candy Wagner
30	Rachel (Sleighter) Little

August Anniversary

Todd & Millie Willman

Additions to July Birthdays: July 11, Ginny Stake and
July 12, Sean Arrowood.

September HiLites deadline is August 16.

Consistory will meet, Wednesday, August 11 at 7 pm. in the Church around the table.