

# Hi-Lites

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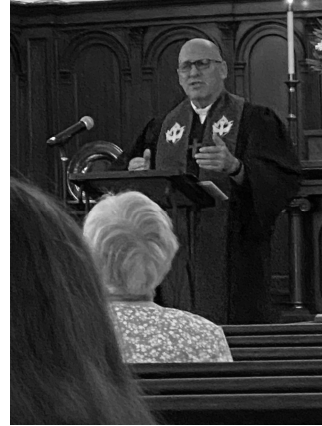
**Beginning Sunday September 12th**  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 am.

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**Notes from Pastor Tom for September  
2021 Hi Lites.**



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*Colossians 4:2-6 “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; **make the most of every opportunity.** Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”*

We have been given great opportunity to re-invent Zion church, to bring new life into God’s church. We have the spirit of Christ calling us to reach out to a starving world, to start many new worship experiences to the local community, to fund community service projects, and to share God’s word in many new and exciting ways. Rarely does a church as old as Zion, with people mostly in their golden years have such an opportunity. We can choose to hold on to all our old ways or we can choose to step out in faith and make the most of every opportunity God has given us. If we stay only in our old traditions we will survive, we will have funerals, weddings, and worship for many more years, but we will be without new life. Christ calls us not to live just in the old, but to be renewed with new life. **I pray we don’t survive but go forward with faith and thrive.**

Maybe you resist change. I get it! As I get older many things upset me when they change. It just feels like too much. We must remember we are called to renewal and new life in Christ. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthian's 5: 16-18 *"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

I pray this year through hard work and prayer we will have a full marketing campaign in place sharing the vision Christ creates, introduce new life and new ideas, continue to celebrate our old traditions and welcome others that haven't experienced them, and start many new community service projects. I pray you will resist your urges not to change and pray with me. We truly have an opportunity given by God to bring new life to Zion, Chambersburg, and beyond. Please pray for us, support us, and be there as members of Christ body to pick us up when we fall. We will fall, but we will rise-up with Christ to new life.

God be with us as we go forward  
Pastor Tom

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

Schedule of events will appear in the future bulletins.



### **United Churches of Chambersburg Area**

U.C.C.A., our local council of churches, meets on Monday, September 16, 7 p.m. This month the group will meet at Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, Laura Frey, and Candy Wagner, are our delegates.

**Consistory** meets on Wednesday, September 8, (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Don't forget the Food Pantry donations;** there are 2 boxes outside the elevator and at the bottom of the ramp in the social room.

### **Holy Communion**

Holy Communion will be celebrated:  
Sunday, September 5, 9 a.m. and  
October 3 at 10:45 in the sanctuary.



Anyone that is unable to make it on Sunday September 5 for communion and would like to partake, contact Zion Office. It can be delivered to your home while socially distancing.

## **Bakeless Bake Sale**

### **The Guild of Zion Reformed Church A Bakeless Bake Sale in Place of a Fall Sale**

A bit of news we have today  
A bakeless bake sale is on the way.  
In these busy days, now who can bake  
Pies or cookies or even a cake?



You'd be surprised if you counted the cost  
Of materials, heat, and the time you'd lost.  
Baking for sales is extra work,  
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really quite grand.  
And I'm sure you'll understand.  
In a little envelope, please put the price  
Of a pie or cake or something nice.

Without a fuss or bother, you've done your part,  
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.  
This is the end of our little tale.  
Wishing success for our Bakeless Bake Sale.

Please give donations to **Esther Wagner** or **Jean Gonder** or  
bring them to the Guild Meeting. Help them out with their many  
church projects by making a contribution.

## **Sunday Schedule**

Remember beginning on Sunday,  
September 12, worship returns to 10:45 a.m.  
and Sunday School at 9:30 am. Please mark  
your calendar today.



***Return  
to  
Regular  
Worship  
Hours***



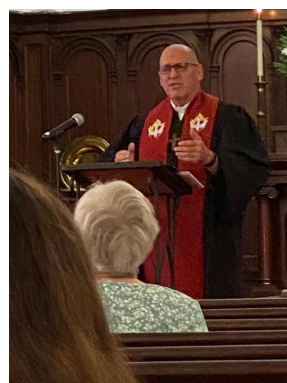
**Interim Pastor Bob Macfarlane**

**Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola—supply minister**



**Pastor Allyssa Boyer—supply minister**

**Pastor Tom Dunkle—our minister**





**Pastor Bob and his picture that looks from Zion church steeple to Downtown Chambersburg given by Zion for his retirement (?).**

**Sunday after Vacation Bible School finished. Each child spoke about the fun they had during the week. (left to right – Riley, Charlotte, Harper, Maddie, Jordyn and Sherri.)**



**This is a picture of Zion Church past and the sign will be updated with Pastor Tom's name and more pictures next issue.**



### **.Harvest Home is Sunday, September 12**

Celebrate God's abundant blessings on Harvest Home Sunday on September 12. Give God thanks for the harvest by sharing some of your bounty with others by bringing food items to church for an altar display.

The items will then be delivered to the Chambersburg Food Pantry for use by local residents. Items may be brought to the church on either September 5 or 12. The food will be displayed around the altar.

In addition to food items, you can contribute to a special offering for the support of our church's two nearby retirement centers, Thornwald Home and Homewood Home. Envelopes will be available in the vestibule and pew racks for your gift.

### **Need your help**

Lead usher, please complete the booklet with temperature, weather, and number of people each week, thank you.



### **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.





### **Advent devotional booklet**

For over a quarter century the members of Zion have written and produced our own Advent devotional guide for use during the days leading up to Christmas. This year Advent begins November 28, 2021

We have a handful of members who have written a devotional for every one of those years. Others have contributed off and on over the years. And others will just be giving it a try for the first time. Whether you are an old-timer or want to try being a first-timer, there is help to get you started.

By the middle of September, we will have suggested scripture readings, ideas to get started, and guidelines available. Participants are invited to write a 50-150 word devotion and a brief prayer for the day. Please contact Peggy Barnhart or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

**October Hi-Lites deadline** is September 19, 2021.

### **Make a Joyful Noise!**

The Zion Choir will be resuming rehearsals on Sept. 1. The choir's purpose is to worship God by presenting an anthem every Sunday from Sept through June, and by leading the congregation in singing the hymns and service music. We meet Wednesday nights at 7 for an hour and sometimes after church on Sunday for half an hour, except for Consistory nights then there is a change in time. New singers are always welcome!

JJ Johnson, organist & choir director

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **ARE YOU READY?**

Zion needs you to be an active part of the church community. Please check out the list of committees. Talk to the chair to see what is needed and how you can serve.

**Building and Grounds:** This Committee is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to Consistory of any repairs, projects needed to the Parish House and Church. It also includes meeting with companies, repair services, as needed. Supervision and evaluation of maintenance staff and businesses that provide cleaning, yard work and snow removal. Maintain security systems. Reports are given at monthly meetings and at the annual Congregational Meeting by Chair (Chair-Fritz Pogue)

**Constitution/By-Laws Revision:** This is a new Committee and will be short term. Duties will be to review the present Constitution and By-Laws and recommend changes to be presented at the Congregational Meeting in November. This date is tentative depending on the work necessary. (Chair-Candy Wagner)

**Finance and Budget Committee:** This Committee meets annually to prepare the budget to be presented to the Congregation at annual meeting. Works with Secretary and Bookkeeper to present monthly financial reports to Consistory. Present members are: Fritz Pogue, Treasurer; Jim English; Asst. Treasurer; Jack Arrison, Financial Secretary; Deanna Weller, Bookkeeper; Peggy Barnhart, Church Secretary; Ginny Stake, Jean Gonder, and Esther Wagner, Consistory.

**Historical Committee:** This Committee is responsible for the display cases and maintaining the Church Archives. They also help with requested research on members, cemetery, etc. Church tours and programs are also available when requested. New ideas for displays are always welcomed.

#### **2021 Meetings at 9 am:**

Sept. 16 Display;

Oct. 14 File/research;

Nov. 18 File;

Dec. 2 Display

**Membership Committee:** New committee. Contact and visit old and new members. (Chair-Sara Monn-Gilbert)

**Music Committee:** Responsible for choir, special musical services and events. Prepare sanctuary for worship. Committee members choir (chair—JJ Johnson)

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** New committee that will help support and maintain an open healthy relationship between the pastor and members of congregation. It is an advisory group to pastor and a support for the pastor's leadership. (Chair– Todd Willman)

**Publicity:** New committee. It will be responsible for helping with providing information for the website, Facebook, prepare the Newsletter, maintain bulletin boards, advertise church events. Prepare materials for guests. (Chair– Todd Willman)

**Sunday School Board:** The officers of this committee are elected each year from those attending or teaching Sunday School, but all members of the church benefit from the many activities planned and additional help is welcomed. Activities include: Rose Sunday breakfast and program, bowling, Christmas caroling and refreshments, Halloween Party games and refreshments, picnic refreshments and games, Easter program and egg hunt for the youth, Christmas decorating of sanctuary and outside, provide oranges and candy at Christmas, provide flowers at Easter, Mother's Day flowers, vacation Bible School-music, games, refreshments, crafts, lessons, Sunday School lessons and refreshments. (Sunday School Superintendent– Sherri Arrowood)

**Worship Committee–** prepares the sanctuary for services. Heating/air conditioning, paramounts, speakers, seasonal displays, candles, flower arrangements, chandelier and communion. (Chair– Laura Frey)

**Youth Group:** Youth from 3rd grade up participate in Bible study, crafts, games, refreshments. Assistance, donations and ideas are needed for this group to continue. (Leaders– Sherri Arrowood and Laura Frey)

**Women's Guild:** Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm. Officers are elected from those that attend. They have the following committees: Sunshine, Homewood, Hoffman Homes, Church Women United, Global Ministries. Fundraisers such as Bakeless Bake sale, Cash for Causes, Luncheon for Global Ministries to help support the various committees and church projects. They host the Christmas and May Family Night covered dish and the Annual Congregational Dinner. They also host funeral receptions when requested by families. Gifts and stockings are donated at Christmas for South Mountain and Meals on Wheels. Donations, set-up, clean-up are always needed for special events.

**2021 Meetings at 1:30 pm:**

Sept. 14,

Oct. 12,

Nov. 9 ,

Dec. 7 Family Night and

Jan. 11 plan 2022 (President– Esther Wagner)

**To our dear friends at Zion Church**

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that Diana and I send our heartfelt appreciation to each and every member and friend, as we concluded our Interim Ministry among you all, at the end of July.

We cherish your gifts of friendship, and your willingness to work hard during a trying time of pandemic. We especially were overwhelmed with your delightful concluding party—including a shower of cards with beautiful sentiments, a cake with the Rose Rent insignia, and a fantastic wall hanging of the historic lithograph of the City of Chambersburg taken from Zion's steeple!

God's blessings to each of you, as you now travel into your new future with Pastor Tom and Patty. They are fine people, and so are you!

**Pastor Bob & Diana Macfarlane**

## Family Page



The church office did receive a note from Joan Stunkard, thanking everyone for welcoming her back to church and welcoming her friend Mary Ann to church.

### Sunday School Picnic

Sept 12 at 4 pm. and Sunday School Board meeting at 3:30 pm. The picnic is at the Scotland Picnic Area along route 997 but you need to drive to the entrance in Scotland near the closed section due to construction. Pavilion #2 is our picnic area, please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Hot dogs, and drink will be provided by the Sunday School.

### Zion Reformed Annual Congregational Meeting

**Mark your** calendars for the Annual Zion Reformed Congregational meeting in November. See more in October Hi Lites.



Wilma Carbaugh left a message at the church office to thank everyone for their cards, messages, and prayers for her and Ron. Thank you for the food you brought to her, Joan Pogue and Candy Wagner, and especially thank you to Pastor Bob for all his help. Ron is still at Camp Hill and he is being taken off the ventilator slowly and now has a stomach infection which is being treated with antibiotics.

### September Birthdays

9/4 Joan Coldsmith  
9/14 Ida McClure  
9/16 Jim English  
9/25 Kathy Helman

9/8 Alex Johnson  
9/14 Kathy Culbertson  
9/20 Joan Pogue

Hoffman Homes News  
From Jane Johnson our representative

Remember to bring your Hoffman Academy back to school supplies to Zion by September 1st. Please place them in the Zion tote in the Sunday School Room. The tote is on the cemetery side. Refer to the list when making your purchase. If you are unable to bring the items to the church, contact Jane Johnson (717-860-5655).

We hope to have the fall "Friends" of Hoffman Homes meeting later in September. If you have an interest in learning more about the school and housing for the troubled youth of south central Pennsylvania, please contact Jane Johnson for additional details. You can find more information on Hoffman Homes website [www.hoffmanhomes.com](http://www.hoffmanhomes.com).

Black Tie and Blue Jeans Gala will be held in Gettysburg on November 5th. Please contact Alicia Stanley @hoffmanhomes.com or call 717-359-7148 ext. 4500 for sponsorship opportunities or to donate an auction item or you may want to attend this fundraiser. Questions contact Alicia or Jane.

Have you received too many 2022 calendars in the mail? If you have drop them in the tote. Also the children are encouraged to write notes and need note cards, so if you receive any in the mail or no longer need them place in the Hoffman tote. They are needed all year.

Hopefully we will be able to provide Christmas Holiday wishes through the gifts for the youth at Hoffman Homes again this year in December. Details will follow later this fall for gifts.

Thank you for your continued support to Hoffman Homes' children who struggle with various mental health issues.

## Hoffman Homes Academy

Hoffman Homes Academy is an on-site school and needs back to school supplies.

Non-spiral bound composition books

Pocket folders

Crayons

Washable markers

Colored pencils

Pencils

Cap erasers

Electric(only) pencil sharpeners

Paper clips

Poster board/bulletin board paper

Sticky tacky/fun-tak-mounting putty

Glue stick

Lined paper

Graph paper

Masking tape

Scotch tape

Expo markers and erasers

Post-it-note

Pencil pouches

High lighters

Tissues

Paper towels

Items can be purchased at a local Dollar Tree Store, \$5 Below and Staples or a place of your choice. Place your school supplies in the clear tote box in the Sunday School room on the cemetery side.

Hoffman Homes event for raising funds for the home.



### Sayings for the month

**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!**

**Everything happens for a reason  
You may not see it now, but sooner or later,  
God will reveal why He let things happen.  
Always remember that His way is better than our ways.  
His will is beyond our will.  
Put your trust in Him.  
Amen.**

**Dear God,  
I did not sleep well last night  
But I did wake up.  
My muscles are sore, but they work.  
My wallet is not full, but my belly is.  
I may not have all I want, but I have all I need.  
My life is not perfect, but my life is GOOD.  
Thank you God!**





Ice Cream Social top 4 pictures and youth Sunday, August 29 the Bottom 2 pictures.

