

# Hi-Lites

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Jeremiah 33:14-16 New International Version (NIV)

14 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’”

In these verses I was reminded of how God makes promises to us and no matter how hard it is He always keeps them. For the Israelites during times of evil rulers, He promised to provide a fair and righteous ruler in David. God kept His promise. During other times in history when there were evil rulers, such as Hitler, God has helped the righteous people win against the evil ruler. So we can always trust in God to keep promises and guide us to righteousness, if we obey Him. Trust and Obey as the song says is often easier sung than lived. Last year we had a great year and did so many wonderful things as we trusted and obeyed. I really hated to see the year end, and the slate cleared. Another year started and I wondered, “With the economy down will anyone still give?” “After all the excitement about the bells last year will the people have anything emotionally left to give?” and finally, “what if there is less money, less resources, less people. What will I do?” Then I’m quickly reminded of those wonderful words: Trust and Obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. So in closing I pray you continue to pray, to give faithfully, and to trust and obey.

God Bless, Pastor Tom

**Our next meeting will be held on October 8th 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

### Women’s Guild

**Ice Cream Social** was held in August and it was once again a success with ice cream, music, fellowship and games. Thank you to all who donated toppings, cakes for the cake walk and raffle baskets. Special thanks to JJ Johnson for providing the music and Jane Johnson for providing the games. Congratulations to Joan Pogue, Diana and JJ Johnson who won the Basket Raffle and to all who won cakes on the cake walk!

### Special Events Coming Up-

The **Congregational Dinner** will be held following worship on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Guild provides the meal catered by Smith’s Barbecue. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the vestibule so we can place our dinner order.

**Family Night** will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Guild will provide the chicken, rolls and beverage and we ask that you bring hot dish, salad or dessert to share. More info in November Hi-Lites.

**Paint Night-** October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

**Fundraising-** The Guild supports and hosts many of the church activities and in order to do so we ask that you support our upcoming fundraisers.

**Holiday Raffle-** Items to be raffled will be on display and tickets available from the Congregation Dinner until the drawing at the Family Night Dinner. At the ice cream social we had baskets with a Fall, Coffee and Wine themes donated by members. **We are asking if you would like to donate an item please contact Patty Dunkle so we can plan for the raffle.**

**Gardner Candy Bars-** we will once again be selling candy bars as an ongoing fundraiser. More information to follow as to flavors and cost.

**Butcher Shoppe Subs-** Starting on October 8<sup>th</sup> we will have sub coupons on sale. Perfect for the football season and after school practices. Update on prices will be announced.

### Some suggestions for the Blessing Box

1. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.
2. Cake Mix & frosting
3. Sugar & flour
4. Eggs are a real commodity
5. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch
6. Sandwich bread
7. Butter or margarine is nice too.
8. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal
9. Oil is a luxury
10. Spices or salt and pepper
11. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care
12. Fresh produce



### **ANNUAL MEETING is November 3**

Our annual congregational meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 3. 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 13th.**

*Thank You!*

## Hoffman Homes news from Jane Johnon

**The unveiling of Hoffman Homes new logo by Rebecca “Becky” Van Der Groef CEO of Hoffman Homes.**

Lee Powell from St. Johns, Chambg  
Gayle King from Hanover  
Jane Johnson from Zion UCC, Chambg  
Gayle and Jane were past president of Hoffman Homes Auxiliary/  
Friends of Hoffman homes years ago.

New logo captures Hoffman Homes mission, Spirit and bright future  
for those they serve.

Reminder Hoffman Homes is a psychiatric residential treatment  
program fro children which our church helps to support.

You’re invited to ...  
Hoffman Homes Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala on November 1st. For  
more information contact our representative Jane Johnson.  
The Women’s Guild has in the past and will again this year donate a  
Giant’s Gift Cash Card.

Your support has always been a positive impact on the more than 100  
youth and adults at Hoffman as we once again can continue to  
provide holiday wishes and gifts with your donated gift cards  
fom Walmart, Target, or Amazon, any amount will be greatly  
appreciated. If you prefer you may give cash or check made  
out to Hoffman Homes, Inc and given to Jane or place in the  
container that will be on the table in back of the church later  
this fall. These donations are due at family night.

I’m planning on taking a group of friends to Hoffman for gift wrapping  
for a few hours, December 11-13, details later for which day  
or time. We always have a great time then stop for lunch and  
some shopping at the outlets in Gettysburg as time permits.  
Let Jane know if you are available.



## Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Our Neighbors in Need special Offering on October 6, 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 or other coffee shops downtown.**



## Family Page

### October Birthday Days

October 13—Trista Arrowood  
October 16 —Pastor Tom  
October 18— Jordyn Wagner  
October 21— Ileana Bosenbark  
October 26— Holly Wible

### Anniversary

October 20 -  
Barb & Denny  
Metcalf

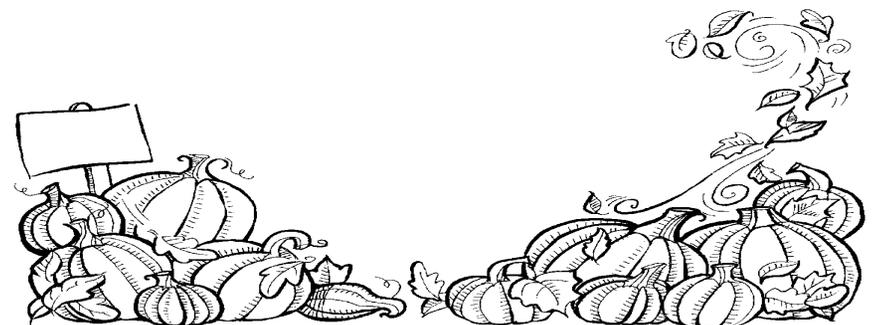
Prayers from the church for:

Wilma Carbaugh  
Sheldon Pefley  
Don & Ida McClure  
(Don is at Paramont and Ida is at home)  
Mara & Dan Smith  
Esther Wagner

### Bus Travel Opportunities

Travel opportunities provided by the Chambersburg Mallwalker are available to members and friends of Zion. This year there are 2 trips still available: American Music Theater's Christmas show—"Joy to The World" on November 14 & the Dutch Apple Dinner Show—"White Christmas on Dec 19. Should You be interested in either of these trips call Pat Hileman at 717-263-0967.

Bookings have been made already for "Noah" at Sight & Sound for August 14, 2025 & American Music Theater's Christmas show on Nov. 17, 2025.





More Ice Cream Social  
Drum Circle for Vacation Bible School



**The Lord is my Shepherd — that's a Relationship!  
I shall not want — that's Supply!  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures —that's Rest.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters —that's Refreshment.  
He restoreth my soul — that's Healing!  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness — that's Guidance!  
For His name sake — that's Purpose!  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death-  
That's Testing!  
I will fear no evil — that's Protection!  
For Thou art with me — that's Faithfulness!  
Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me —that's Discipline!  
Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies  
That's Hope  
Thou annointest my head with oil —that's Consecration!  
My cup runneth over — that's Abundance!  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the day of my life-  
That's Blessing!  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord —that's Security!  
Forever — that's Eternity  
Face it, God loves you!**

**Halloween Party  
October 28**

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.  
Sunday, October 27  
Pat Hileman's house  
4:00 Hayride (pick up at airport)  
Food  
Fellowship  
Bring lawn chairs  
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.



**Consistory** meets on Wednesday, October 9th at 7pm. in the Fellowship Room around the table.

October 20 is November Hi-Lites deadline.

**Holy Communion**

Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, November 5, at 10:45 in the sanctuary.



**Always fun  
on a cold  
Hayride.  
Come and  
Join in the  
FUN!**

