

Hi-Lites

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Luke 24:13-16 *13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.*

The Walk

How is your walk with Christ going? Do you feel like you are walking each day with the Lord? Do you recognize him on the road? Have you included or excluded any daily practices to help with the walk (daily removal of excess clothes from closets, daily prayer or Bible reading, “giving up” a distraction to God, etc.)? If you have not tried to keep a daily discipline, or have tried and failed, you can take up the walk with Christ again today. The daily practice or the “giving up” are not the goal, but the means to a daily reminder of the importance and preciousness of your relationship with Jesus Christ. Whatever your method is, I hope each of us is investing some of our time in our relationship with our Lord and Savior and receiving nourishment from that relationship for our daily spiritual life as children of God.

I invite you to share your stories with each other by sharing one on one, or in small groups, or with the entire fellowship through future hi-lites. The story of this congregation and its walk into the future with Christ is shaped by each person’s walk of faith and stories. When do you see signs of God’s presence in or around your life? Where do you go to look for God? How do you discern God’s will for your life, for your decisions, for your priorities, for your actions? What are your spiritual strengths and struggles; what are your spiritual gifts and needs? What does Jesus’ death on the cross mean for your life (What difference has it made today?)? Can you share a paragraph or a chapter from your walk? We can call it “Faith Walking” and all be inspired by your great stories of faith. They used to do call and response songs, so I guess this is a call and response newsletter. I have called and now wait to hear your responses about your personal faith walk.

Women’s Guild

Our next meeting will be held on October 10th 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

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.

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



The holidays are quickly approaching, and we will be helping to spread the joy to the children at Hoffman Homes by purchasing gift cards for the children in care at Hoffman to make some of their wishes come true.

Gift cards are appreciated to the following stores: AMAZON, TARGET, or WALMART. The preferred amount is \$40.00 but if that's not in your budget any amount is greatly appreciated. Cash donations are welcomed also checks should be made out to "Hoffman Homes" and given to Jane Johnson or the church. A collection box will be in back of the church. All donations are due by November 26.

Thank you for your continued support to the youth at Hoffman Homes.

From Jane Johnson, Zion's representative to Hoffman Homes

The outpouring of love, kindness, prayers, and support from my Zion family has been greatly appreciated during my husband's illness and recent passing. Thank you for helping me during this difficult time.

Thank you Jane Johnson

Thank You!

I wish a blessed walk for each of you. May God's love embrace us and draw us closer to each other and to our LORD, and to the world around us through the hearing of these faith walks.

Amen, Pastor Tom



ANNUAL MEETING is November 5

Our annual congregational meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 5. 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 15th.**

Hayride and Halloween Party

Both will be on Saturday, October 28 at 4pm. We will start the night off with our "parade" of costumes. The location is Pat Hileman's house. (Orchard Road). Come dressed in your costume. Judging will take place. We will then go on the hayride starting at the airport. The evening will conclude back at Pat's with games, food and fellowship. All ages are welcome to attend. Costumes are not mandatory but are encouraged. Friends are welcome. This will be rain or shine. If it rains we will just stay at Pat's house. Please bring lawn chairs.

Up Coming Events

Crop Walk – November 5th at 1:30pm. Zion is start and stop for this year's walk. If you are interested in walking contact the church. There will be a donation table set up on October 22 and 29th so you can help support if not able to walk.

Chandelier Cleaning – Sunday November 19th – right after church. We will order pizza and then clean the Chandelier. Normally only takes about an hour. Anyone that would like to stay and help are welcome to. Pizza will be provided by the Sunday School.

Bowling – Saturday December 3rd at Nellie Fox from 2pm-4pm.

Decorating for Advent – Sunday December 3 during Sunday School Time.

Caroling – Sunday December 17th at 4pm. This will also be the gift exchange time.

Sunday School Children's Program – Sunday December 24th.

Sunday School Adult Class

The first two Sunday's in October will continue the discussion on the movie, **War Room**. Stay tuned for the next movie to be watched and discussed. If you have a suggestion please talk to Sherri.



Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Our Neighbors in Need special Offering on October 1, 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:

Jean Gonder
Joan Coldsmith
Wilma Carbaugh
Bill & Sue McMorris
Jane Johnson
Sheldon Pefley
Don & Ida McClure
Mara & Dan Smith
Sally & Frank Megalski
Esther Wagner

Trivia: Beavers were once the size of bears.
Plants, like humans can run a fever if they are sick
Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
A full moon is nine times brighter than a half moon



Donation Box—on the kitchen counter you will find this pretty pink box. Kitchen supplies are always Needed, so if you have any loose change, dollar Bills or more...please drop it in the box.
Thank you!





(Trista Arrowood, Candy Wagner and Lynn)



Patty's paint night—Sept 18.

(Kathy Spangler & Patty Dunkle)

Consistory meets on Wednesday, October 11th at 7pm. in the Fellowship Room around the table.

October 22 is November Hi-Lites deadline.

Holy Communion

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



“Road to Freedom”

**An underground Raiulroad, USCT, and Black History
Presentation of Franklin Co., Pa.**

**Presented by Janet Pollard, Franklin County
Visitors Bureau**

**October 15 at 3PM at
St. Paul Lutheran Church
44 East Main St.
Fayetteville, Pa. 17222**

**Halloween Party
October 28**

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.
Saturday, October 28
Pat Hileman's house
4:00 Costume contest
4:30 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.

