

Hi-Lites

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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 am.

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September

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, NRSV)

As we close out summer, we start to look towards the fall and all the activities that go with it – school, sports, work routines, the end of vacations, changes in the weather, etc. It reminds us that there are rhythms – ebbs and flows. Scripture is full of verses that speak of the ebb and flow of life. One of the most commonly known passages is from the book of Ecclesiastes – “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, NRSV). As we move into a season that increases in activities, let us remember why we are doing these activities. As disciples, we are called on to serve – to serve our neighbors, our communities, and even our enemies. We serve those in need – and need comes in a variety of forms. There is material need that goes with poverty, hunger, and homelessness. There are other needs as well – human connection, being heard, forgiveness, grace, mercy, and being recognized as having value not because of the things we have, but because we are made in the image of God.

In the New International Version (NIV), Ephesians 2:19 reads, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household ...". As *The Theology of Work Bible Commentary* states, "Paul uses the civic term 'citizens' to describe Christians, rather than the religious term 'worshippers.'" Merriam-Webster defines civics as "a social science dealing with the rights and duties of citizens." How does Christian civics and thus Christian Education relate to our role of being Christian citizens? God calls us to Sunday worship. He also calls us to witness and witnessing -- like any form of endeavor - - can run amuck if we seek to learn what it means totally on our own. Christian education provides learning in a group setting. **Are you involved in one of our educational experiences?** This venue gives us the chance to express our thoughts on witnessing as guided by the scriptures and receive feedback from others. In this setting, we can hear and learn from their perspectives on witnessing.

Finally, in this environment, those with insights gained through study beyond our own can further nurture us, providing them with opportunities for their own witness. Unfortunately, we do not have Mary's opportunity to sit at Jesus' feet and hear the Master's instruction. However, we do have the opportunity to sit among other believers and discuss Christian theology and Christian witnessing with the Spirit in and around our conversation. At the same time, we often share in Martha's misguided, somewhat conceited approach in defining witness purely from our own perspective. As human knowledge advances, most of us grasp the idea that living longer, more vibrant lives depend on the stimulation that only continued learning can provide. Please consider getting involved this year in a Bible Study, Sunday School Class, or serving on a committee. Then just maybe you will be sitting at the feet of Jesus. Amen

Blessings 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 Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m. This month the group will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, Laura Frey, and Candy Wagner, are our delegates.

Consistory meets on Wednesday, September 14, (2nd Wednesday of the month) at 7 p.m. in the Sunday School Room.

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. This food goes in our Blessing Box for the needy.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated:
Sunday, September 4, 9 a.m. and
October 2 at 10:45 in the sanctuary.



Anyone that is unable to make it on Sunday September 4 for communion and would like to partake, contact Zion Office. It can be delivered to your home while socially distancing. Please tell an usher if you want communion in the pew.

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 11, worship returns to 10:45 a.m.
and Sunday School at 9:30 am. Please mark
your calendar today.



Chiz Rider Ministries
Chiz is playing Trumpet with his son.







.Harvest Home is Sunday, September 18

Celebrate God's abundant blessings on Harvest Home Sunday on September 18. Give God thanks for the harvest by sharing some of your bounty with others by bringing food items to church for an altar display.

Items may be brought to the church on either September 4 or 11. 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.



Healing service

Our monthly service of anointing and healing will follow worship on Sunday, September 18. 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 27, 2022.

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 18, 2022.

Make a Joyful Noise!

The Zion Choir will be resuming rehearsals on August 31. 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

Zion's Women's Guild

Zion's Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 1:30 in the Parish House. Join us as we plan a fall and winter fundraiser and the Christmas Family Night.

The Guild would like to thank everyone who participated in the Ice Cream Social. Thanks to Jack Arrison and Jim English who Dipped the ice cream and ran the kitchen, Jane Johnson who provided the adult games and all the adults who helped with the youth games. A very special thanks to Todd and Millie Willman who donated the ice cream from the Igloo. Also a thanks to Guild Members who donated toppings and food.

From Candy Wagner

Family Page

Bible Study

Bible Study will begin on Sept.7 at 10am in the Parish House.

Sunday School Picnic

Sept 18 at 4 pm. and Sunday School Board meeting at 3:00 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 on November 6. See more in October Hi Lites.

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**

Time is like a river.
You cannot touch the same water twice,
Because the flow that has passed will never pass again.
Enjoy every moment of you life.

Ladybug
A symbol of good luck
Legend says that the ladybug was sent to earth on a
Bolt of lightning by the Goddess of Love and Beauty.
When she swoops in, it's to remind us
LIFE is SHORT!
Don't let worries cloud a single day.

Be kinder than necessary, for
Everyone is fighting some kind of battle.

Next Time You Are Stressed:
Take a step back, inhale, and laugh. Remember
Who you are and Why you are here. You are
never given anything in this world that you can't
handle. Be strong, be flexible, love yourself and
Love others. Always remember — just keep
moving forward.

**Come sit on the
Porch with me!
The drinks are cold and the
Friendship's free!**

Hoffman Homes Academy

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

Non-spiral bound composition books
Pocket folders (no metal or prongs)
Crayons
Washable markers
Colored pencils
Pencils Regular #2
Lined paper (loose)
Expo markers and erasers for dry erase boards
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 is very thankful for the school supply Donations delivered by Pastor Tom and Jane Johnson. More information to come in the October Hi Lites.