# Hi-Lites

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... *He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Psalm* 23:3

On these April showers, we travel between the cold days of winter and the warm days of spring and we rest in the assurance that summer will come. We know the birds will return by their internal guidance system given to them by God. If God guides His creation, will He not also guide His children? The psalmist thought so, saying, "He leadeth me... He leadeth me...(Palm 23:2-3). We walk now in these dark days of lent being guided to the cross with our savior leading us. The walk is never easy but we never walk alone.

Dr Joseph Gilmore, son of a Governor of New Hampshire, gave this account of writing his famous hymn on this theme:

As a young man recently graduated...I was supplying for a couple of Sundays the pulpit of a church in Philadelphia. At the mid-week service, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 1862, I set out to give the people an exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm, which I had given before on three or four occasions, but this time I did not get further than the words, "He Leadeth Me." Those words took hold of me as they had never done before, and I saw in them a significance ...of which I had never dreamed.

It was the darkest hour of the civil war. I did not refer to this factthat is, I don't think I did—but It may subconsciously have led me to realize that God's leadership is the one significant fact in human experience, that it makes no difference how we are led, or where we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us. Shortly after this he penned the words to the hymn, "He Leadeth me" and gave the words to his wife. She sent the words to The Watchman and Reflector, a paper published in Boston, where it was first printed. I did not know until 1865 that my hymn has been set to music by William Bradbury. I went to Rochester to preach. Going into the chapel...I picked up a hymnal to see what they were singing, and opened it at my own hymn, "*He Leadeth Me*." *He Leadeth Me* is hymn #466 in our hymnal. We are all being led and the question is by whom and will we follow. As you continue your walk to the cross I pray that you will listen for that still small voice that leads us onward. He truly leadeth us!

God Bless, Pastor Tom



#### **Upcoming Events**:

April 3—Communion

April 10—Palm Sunday

April 12—Women's Guild Meeting at 1:30

April 13—Choir at 6:30 Consistory at 7 in the Sunday School Room

April 14—Maundy Thursday—pot luck supper with Communion at 6 pm

April 15—Good Friday Service at 7

April 17—Easter Sunday Morning at 9am. with Communion

April 17-deadline for May Hi Lites articles

May 1— Communion

May 3—Family Night at 6pm. bring

May 11—Choir at 6:30 Consistory at 7

May 15—Church service will be a play by the children and a few Adults.

DON'T forget the Blessing Box needs food for the local people.



### SUNDAY AT 9 AM EDT Rose Sunday

June 12, 2022 (mark your calendars)

Lois Picking









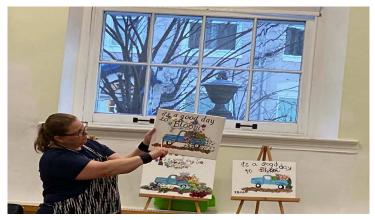






March 21 painting with Patti was attended by 14 wonderful painters.





#### **Giant's Cash for Causes**

The Women's Guild continues with the Giant's Cash for Causes Program. Jane Johnson has the Giant's Cash for Causes gift cards in values of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 and they are good at all Giant's and Martin's food stores. With your purchase of the giftcards the Women's Guild receives 5%. In other words we are able to purchase the gift cards at a 5% discount. These extra funds help with the various needs of ZION. The Cash for Causes Gift Cards never expire and make great gifts all year. Don't shop at Giant's or Martin's without a gift card. You may purchase a \$25.00 gift card for the church office, which will help those in need that walk into Pastor Tom's office. See Jane or call her home # 717-263-1416. Yes she will deliver.



#### March was One Great Hour of Sharing

Our special offering for disaster and development work throughout the world and throughout the year was received in March. If you missed the opportunity, you may still give. Just be sure to designate "OGHS" in the memo or with a note.

#### **Family Page**

**The Next Women's Guild** next meeting is May 11 at 1:30 to make plans for events.

#### **April Birthdays**

April 6—Happy 90th birthday Jean Gonder

April 11—Happy Birthday Taylor Arrowood

April 25—Happy Birthday Laura Frey

April 29—Happy Birthday Cindi Martin

#### Thank you

Our youth would like to thank everyone that supported their quest to keep Chambersburg residents a little warmer this winter. They hung at least 100 items on Zion's fence for those in need. Hats, gloves and scarves were provided by you, Zion members.

#### YOZ

Sunday, April 10 meet at Zion at 3:30 and then we will travel to Todd & Millie's house for a time of PINBALL. We appreciate Todd and Millie opening up their house to YOZ and sharing in passion. Well, Todd's passion for PINBALL.

#### TO MY HUSBAND OR WIFE

When we get to the end of our lives together, the house we had, the cars we drove, the things we possessed won't matter. What will matter, is that I had you, and you had me!

My greatest treasure is, was and always will be my family. We may not be perfect but I love them with all my heart.

> I've Been Gooder I've Been Badder Many Times Thinner Lotsa Times Fatter.. There's Stuff I Remember And Stuff I Forget But I've Always Been me & Whatcha Sees is Whatcha Get!!

#### My Grandchildren are a window to my past a mirror of today a door to tomorrow and the Keeper of my heart for all eternity.

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? And this is his reply.

1) After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.

2) I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

3) I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.

4) I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a Smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.

5) I stopped telling the elderly that they've already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.

6) I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a Mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it Down, just say "Thank You"

7) I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

8) I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

9) I am doing what makes me happy, I am responsible for my Happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!