

# Hi-Lites

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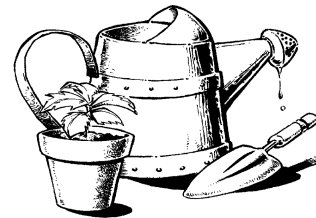
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**MAY**

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*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13: 12-13 “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now Faith, Hope and Love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”*

The Corinthians community Paul was addressing in his letter was about 150-200 people. The Corinthians themselves had written to Paul asking for advice about several problems. Paul sees this community at a moment of crisis and testing. This text is the most used text for weddings and romantic sentimentality and often linked with kisses, flowers and mushy stuff. Such images are far removed from Paul’s original intent. He did not write about love and marriage; he was writing about the need for mutual concern and consideration within the community of the Church. It was really written to present a vision of the “more excellent way” in which members of the Corinthian church should treat one another. Will they heed Paul’s words and be unified as a community of faith? That’s the question.

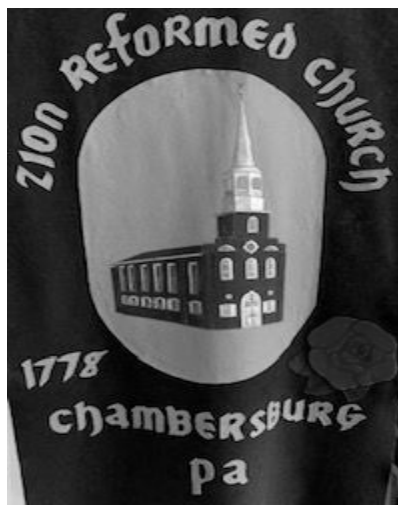
I think it’s a great letter for us to examine ourselves in the light of Christ. We need to remind ourselves of a “more excellent way” as we do our ministries. We need to heed Paul’s words and be unified as a community of faith. Earlier this year I was installed as your new Pastor and we prayed together that we would grow, prayed for our ministries to take off, and prayed we would make a difference in the community. Through faith our hopes will become a reality. We started fixing the building plastering walls and now we are waiting for the painters to begin. We voted to install a new sound system and hope to have that in place in a couple of months. We started our caregiver’s ministries to nurses, and our One Call Now weekly devotions. We shared a Maundy Thursday dinner and Communion and soon will be witness to an in-service play about the Ten Commandments. We have laughed at family nights and laughed and cried together as we get to know one another.

As your Pastor I feel blessed and thank every member for all the hard work. I'm just the coach and my job is to equip "you" the saints. Your job is to do the work! I like how that sounds. You indeed have been good and faithful servants.

As we continue on the journey the road ahead is quite exciting. No road is without twists and turns and occasional road blocks. This is where the last and most wonderful thing comes in "love". As we continue to grow we will be challenged to include not only our new members but also our long time members in the ministry. Sometimes you speed forward and forget to enjoy the journey, forget to share the celebration, forget to journey with love and people get hurt. No journey is worth traveling without the love to unify us and bind us together. We all know that any growth comes with some growing pains. I pray through faith, hope and love that this pain will be minimal. With faith, hope, and love we can continue to prosper as a community of faith. We will know we too heeded Paul's words and lived out the vision of a "more excellent way." Keep the faith, keep praying and never forget the love.

Amen, Pastor Tom





**Zion Church Banner**

About twelve years ago, this banner was created by Brenda Neuroth. It calls attention to two things: Zion's founding in 1778 and our Rose Rent Sunday. June 12, 2022 this year's Rose Rent Sunday, our banner will surely have a place in the festivities.



May Birthdays

May 6—Desire Zeger  
May 24—Jenelle Wagner

Belated April Birthday Bob Wagner—April 21

## **FAMILY PAGE**

To my Church family:  
Many Thanks for all the “90” birthday cards I received. I have been truly blessed with fairly good health, good memories, family and friends.

God Bless Each of You,  
Jean Gonder

## **A Big Thank You**

Thank you to Joan Pogue for the pansies that were handed out to Families on Easter.

Thank you to Esther Wagner for the Easter Egg hunt for the Children.

## **YOZ (youth of Zion)**

Stay tuned for a possible YOZ gathering on Sunday May 15 and/or Sunday May 29.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (vbs)**

Time to put on your calendars our dates for VBS. Monday, July 11 Through Thursday, July 14. Friends are always welcome. This Year the theme will be “Water”. The plan for this year is like Last year. We will be traveling to different locations for the night’s activities.

We can always use extra help sharing the Good News with our Attendees.

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Pinball at Todd & Millie Willman's house.



Easter Egg Hunt



## Women's Guild

The **Fundraiser for Global Ministries was a success!** We earned \$170.00 on coupon sales and donations. Thanks to all who Contributed. Look for information on future fundraiser...pizza in The Fall and Cookie dough in time for Christmas goodies!



**Family Night** will be held on May 3rd at 6pm. Guild will provide Chicken, rolls and beverages. Please bring a covered dish to share.

**Entertainment** will be provided by the Hege family.

**Sign up by May 1st. On the Bulletin Board downstairs.**

**No meeting in May and our next meeting will be June 14th at 1:30pm. In the Parish House.** Plans will be made for the Ice Cream Social in August.

### **Church Family Display**

**Reminder:** give Candy Wagner your family picture to be included in June Church Family Display. It can be given by text to 717-816-8089 or emailed to [bncwagner@comcast.net](mailto:bncwagner@comcast.net). If a picture is submitted and needs to be returned, please be sure your name is on the back.

### **Special Donation**

Consistory has ordered a Sound System for the church; if you wish to make a donation please mark it on your check or offering envelope.



Thank you Zion family for your prayers, phone calls, meals, Transportation, visits and cards, after our auto accident in March It was a true miracle that we basically walked away from the total Loss of our new car. We still haven't a clue what happened. Zion's Family is the best.

Thanks for caring,  
Gene and Jane Johnson

### **Hoffman Homes**

Thanks to all who joined the FRIENDS OF HOFFMAN during the annual membership drive in March. If you forgot to join see Jane Johnson or call 717-263-1416. It's never too late to become a member with your donation of \$5.00 or more per person. Your donation helps to provide items for the youth, the government Funding does not help. Checks should be made out to Hoffman Homes and may be mailed to Zion or given to Jane Johnson.

It was nice to have Heather Rohrbaugh, from Hoffman Homes with us in March. She shared a YouTube video about Hoffman campus and informed us of updates at Hoffman. Here is the link to The Hoffman Video on the YouTube channel. Check it out.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5m41maApqa0>

### **Cash for Causes Program**

Do you shop weekly or occasionally stop by GIANTS or MARTINS FOOD stores? You can help the Women's Guild on going fund Raiser by purchasing the Cash for Causes gift cards. Cards are Available in \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00; by doing so the Guild receives 5% back!

The gift cards do not expire and may be used for groceries, gas and Prescriptions. They make great gifts too. Pastor Tom appreciates Having these gift cards on hand in the office when folks stop in Asking for help with gas or groceries. Contact Jane Johnson for Cards (717-860-5655) or see her in church.



The deadline for June Hi Lites is May 15.  
Thank you !

Many people will walk in and out of your life,  
But only true Friends will leave footprints in our heart.  
Eleanor Roosevelt

Everyday may not be good, but there's  
something good in every day...  
Sometimes you just have to  
look a little bit harder.

Plant you Spring Garden  
3 rows of peas:  
Peace of mind  
Peace of heart  
Peace of soul

3 rows of squash:  
Squash indifference  
Squash hatred  
Squash bullying

3 rows of lettuce:  
Let us be kind  
Let us be compassionate  
Let us love on another

Water with patience and cultivate with love.

**Don't forget to keep the Blessing Box Full of delicious  
Food, within a half hour it is empty!**

My body sometimes feels sore, but it  
works. I don't sleep well most nights,  
but I do wake up to fight another day.  
My wallet is not full but my stomach is.  
I don't have all the things I ever wanted  
but I do have everything I will ever need.  
My Life is by no means perfect, but it's  
My life and I'm happy.

**The Delightful Legend of the Pussy Willow**

According to an old Polish legend, many  
spring times ago a mother cat was crying  
at the bank of the river in which her kittens were  
drowning. The willows at the river's edge  
longed to help her, so they swept their long  
graceful branches into the waters to rescue the  
tiny kittens who had fallen into the river while  
chasing butterflies. The kittens gripped on  
tightly to their branches and were safely  
brought to shore. Each springtime since, goes  
the legend, the willow branches sprout tiny  
fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny  
Kittens once clung.

## **Jesus Lives**

On our own, we can't tell  
Just how great is God's love  
How He cares, and He wants  
Us to seek Him above  
But we can't, on our own,  
Earn a place in His care  
It's a gift, through His Son,  
That permits us to share

Jesus lives, Jesus Lives,  
He paid sins penalty  
Jesus lives, Jesus lives  
'Cause He loves you and me