

Easter Flower Order Form

Yes, I wish to place a flower in the church

_____ I will place my own order and see that the flower is delivered on Saturday, April 19, 2025
(Please be sure your name is on the flower.)

_____ Please order for me. (Payment of \$12 per flower must accompany this order..)
Please make checks payable to Zion.

_____ Lily

_____ Mum (A lily will be substituted if mums are unavailable)

Please print clearly:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Presented by _____

Please return to the church office or place in the offering plate by **March 23, 2025**

Hi-Lites

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The monthly newsletter of
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Church School 9:30 a.m.

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WHOLLY CLEAN

A prayer of Moses the man of God. *I Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

Psalm 90 is called the Prayer of Moses. In the first three verses Moses states that God has always been there for us and will be with us for all generations. He is our dwelling place. Moses goes on to say how short our lives are compared to God's. We are but a day or night in God's time. Time is something most of us hold dear. I am always thinking or worrying about time. Will I ever have enough time to get this done? How do I get prepared for Lent right after Christmas and get all the rest done? Or, it can't

The temple was a busy place,
They bought and sold therein.
And Jesus saw their cheating ways,
His face, it had no grin.

He threw them out, yes bodily,
To cleanse God's holy place.
So once again the people could,
Have worship, face to face.

This is a place in which to pray,
To God, who reigns above.
But you made it a den of thieves,
To cheat and not to love.

Our bodies are God's temple now,
The place God lives today.
If Jesus came and looked inside,
What would the Master say?

Is it a pure and holy place,
For God to call His home?
Or does it need to be swept clean,
So God can live, not roam.

Let Jesus clean your life out, now,
And clean se away all sin.
Then keep your life forever pure,
And God will dwell within.

Walter Greenwood, Jr

HOW BIG IS YOUR MITE?

It' just two mites,
Yes, oh, so small.
Yet it was great,
For it was all.

She gave from want,
She could not save.
Though she had need,
To God she gave.

Now those who give,
From their reserve.
Will get whatever,
They deserve.

For they make sure,
Enough is there.
And then give God,
What they can spare.

Give willingly,
Right off the top,
Then God will bless,
He'll never stop.

Make it a
Sacrificial gift.
And God will give,
Your life a lift.

Walter Greenwood, Jr.

be that time already. Time goes by so fast and the older I get the faster it seems to go. Lately, I have been thinking of things I want to see, do, and experience before my time is up here on earth. Maybe go sky diving, visit Australia, or swim with a humpback whale. Will I have the time? Moses asks God in verse 12 to teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Maybe Moses is trying to tell us to appreciate each day, slow down, smell the roses, play with the puppies and enjoy life to its fullest. God does not want us to waste our days worrying, hurrying or thinking about what should have been done. Let us take time today to fully appreciate all that God has given us and the wonders that surround us. Enjoy the snow, breath in the crisp air, maybe sing a song in the shower. Take time today and every day to praise God and thank Him for all the wonderful things He has given us. Ask God, what we might do for Him today. Finally, thank Him for always being there for us, even when we have been too busy for him.

God Bless
Pastor Tom

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild meetings and Events: All meetings are at 1:30 pm. in the Parish House unless noted.

January 7

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13—Family Night 6:00pm

June 10

No meetings July and August

August 24 or 31—Ice Cream Social

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 2—Family Night 6 pm.



Ash Wednesday

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Request

**Do not ask me to remember,
don't try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me,
kiss my cheek and hold my hand.**

**I'm confused beyond your concept,
I'm sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you,
to be with me at all cost.**

**Do not lose your patience with me,
do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
I can't be different though I try.**

**Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'till my life is gone.**

For a Happy Life

Make sure one of the paths in you life
leads to the beach, the forest, and on some
days a table full of cake and chocolate.

Walk barefoot wherever
and whenever you can.

Learn to love your alone time.

Always let you heart
hope and dream and love.

Be honest with yourself.

Turn the page you are stuck on
Expand the story.

Make enjoyment important in your life,

See your age as a gift
And not a curse.

Sunday School

March 2 - Fastnacht Social 9:30 am. (crafting cards and
book mark for Shut-ins

April 20—Easter

May 11—Mother's Day

June 8—Rose Rent/breakfast/Program

July 6—September 14—Summer schedule 9am worship
with Fellowship following church

July —Tentative Vacation Bible School

September 14—Picnic

September 14—Sunday School Board meeting at 3:00pm

Church

March 5—Ash Wednesday

April 13—Palm Sunday

April 17—Maundy Thursday

April 18—Good Friday Service at 7:00pm

April 20—Easter - 9:00 am.

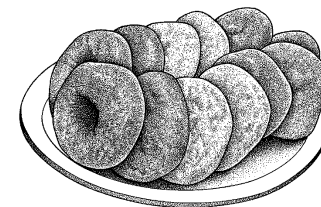
June 8—Rose Rent

July 6—starts early church at 9:00am and no Sunday School
but Fellowship Hour after worship until September 14

October— Halloween

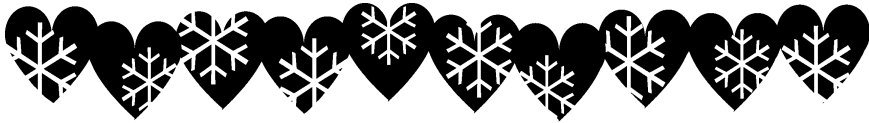
November 2— Congregational Dinner and meeting

December 2—Family Night



Fasnacht Social coming

Lent begins March 5. The Sunday School invites everyone to a pre-Lenten party on Sunday, March 2 , 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday School room. There will be fasnachts (donuts), coffee, tea, and juice. Participants of all ages will have the opportunity if they wish to help with a cards or bookmarks for the shut ins.



Lenten Dollar Folders on the way

Each household will receive a Lenten Dollar folder during the week of Ash Wednesday (March 5). You are encouraged to use the folder during the days of Lent and return it during Easter week. Your gifts provide funding for various national and international mission projects of Zion. You may mail it to the church, drop it off at the office, or place it in the special collection baskets that will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary during Easter.

We hope the dollar folders will be easier to use. However we also recognize these require a greater commitment financially to our mission budget. We are anxious to see how we will respond. Will we step up our devotion to helping those in need in our community and beyond?

Quarterly Improvement Fund

The Improvement Fund provides resources for improving our church grounds and buildings. But now we need to replenish the account. We have more projects that need to be accomplished.

Included with the Hi Lites is an Improvement fund envelope for use this month. Please include your name and envelop number if you wish your gift recorded on your financial statement.



Food Pantry donations

Please remember you may bring food items any Sunday and place them in one of the collection boxes located either outside the elevator or at the base of the Social room ramp. We especially ask you to think of the first Sunday of each month as Food Pantry Sunday to encourage you to remember to bring items on a regular basis. Remember too that heavy material carrying bags are needed also.

Financial statements

Your annual statement of financial giving for 2024 for those using envelopes is now available in the church vestibule. This can be helpful in preparing your tax return. If you notice any omissions or errors, please contact the church office.

Rose Rent is Sunday, June 8

It is still early, but mark your calendars for our Annual Rose Rent Celebration on Sunday, June 8 th. The schedule will be as in the past:

- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. History of Roses
- 10:30 a.m. Rose Selection Ceremony
- 10:45 a.m. Rose Rent Worship

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The Power of Positive Prayer

When Jesus saw the fig tree bare,
There were no figs, that He could share.
So Jesus cursed the fig tree there,
No fruit will come, not anywhere.

When Peter saw the tree next day,
It was bent down, withered away.
The tree You cursed just yesterday,
No longer lives, just as You say.

Have faith in God, His pow'r instill,
Pray earnestly and in His will.
If you believe, my what a thrill,
All that you ask He will fulfill.

Walter S. Greenwood, Jr.

12 Things you should know about your Pastor

Pastors are not spirit beings. They are humans. It would help if you know a few of these thing about them.

1. Your Pastor can fall sick.
2. Your Pastor gets tired.
3. Your Pastor feels frustrated sometimes.
4. Your Pastor needs care.
5. Your Pastor needs a miracle too sometimes.
6. Your Pastor has needs.
7. Your Pastor is not flawless.
8. Your Pastor needs someone to stand by them in time of Trouble.
9. Your Pastor needs prayers.
10. Your Pastor makes mistakes.
11. Your Pastor is called and anointed by God. But he is NOT GOD.
12. Your Pastor does not have all the answers.

(ps those 12 points goes for most of us!)

Family Page

My body sometimes has aches
and pains, but it functions. Most
nights I don't sleep well, but I
do wake up to see another day.
My wallet is never full, but my
stomach is. I don't have all the
things I'd like to have, but I do
have everything I need. My life
is far from perfect, but I've been
Blessed with family and friends
who love me, and I'm never alone
or lonely because God walks
with me every day.
Thank you God!

I'm too old
To worry about
who likes me and
who dislikes me.
I have better
things to do.
If you love me,
I love you.
If you support me,
I support you.
If you hate me,
I don't care.
I love you always.

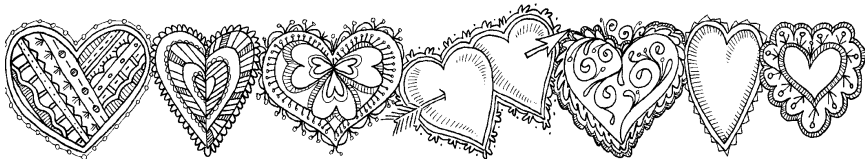
Birthdays:

Feb 1	Robert Smith
1	Harper Duke
6	Miranda Rupert
7	Megan Duke
8	Riley Wagner
9	Fred Gosart
10	Chelsea Egolf
10	Elma Walker
12	Baillie Barnhart
16	Peggy Barnhart
20	Myra Gosart
23	Diana Johnson
26	Pat Hileman
27	Joan Thomas

Prayers for Wilma Carbaugh's family, her funeral was Tuesday,
February 11.

CRAFT DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 1; 10am-5pm

There will be several stations set up to create crafts. You can
make as many as you want. All different levels of creativity.
The price for the day (lunch included) is \$25. We are looking
for your extras to help keep the cost down. At this time we are
looking for mason jars any size. It would be great if you had the
lids. Also if you eat Oui Yogart, please bring in the jars to us.
Any questions talk to Sherri Arrowood.





February Holy Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion on:

February 2, Sunday in the sanctuary;

Ash Wednesday , March 5 at 7 p.m

Holy Week Communion: Maundy Thursday, April 14 at (time to be announced)

Consistory will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

At its January meeting, Consistory elected the following officers:

President: Pastor Tom

Vice President: Candy Wagner

Secretary: Laura Frey

Treasurer: Jim English

Assistant Treasurer: Laura Frey

Financial Secretary: Jack Arrison

Also appointed were Candy Wagner and Laura Frey as our representatives to United Churches of Chambersburg Area and Laura Frey as representative on the Sunday School Board.

Please **don't forget** to place your order for Easter flowers. The order form is on the back page. Thank you



When I was in my younger days,
I weighed a few pounds less,
I needn't hold my tummy in
to wear a belted dress.

But now that I am older
I've set my body free;
There's the comfort of elastic
Where once my waist would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes
My feet have not forgiven;
I have to wear a nine now,
But used to wear a seven.

And how about those pantyhose-
They're sized by weight, you see,
So how come when I put them on
The crotch is at my knee?

I need to wear these glasses
As the print's been getting smaller;
And it wasn't very long ago
I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to gray (or purple)
And my skin no longer fits,
On the inside, I'm the same old me,
It's the outside's changed a bit.

