

# Hi-Lites

**November 2023**  
**Vol. LXIV No. 11**

The monthly newsletter of  
Zion Reformed United Church of Christ  
259 S. Main Street  
Chambersburg, PA 17201  
[www.zionucc-chambersburgpa.org](http://www.zionucc-chambersburgpa.org).  
Email address: [Zion1778@comcast.net](mailto:Zion1778@comcast.net)  
Office phone: 717-264-2854

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

Contact information:

Minister—Pastor Tom Dunkle  
Cell number: 330-663-1496  
Secretary: Peggy Barnhart Home: 717- 263-5952  
Cell number 717-816-5515 [barny4@comcast.net](mailto:barny4@comcast.net)  
Choir Director/Organist—Jeremias Johnson



*Isaiah 33:21 There the Lord will be our Mighty One. It will be like a place of broad rivers and streams. No galley with oars will ride them, no mighty ship will sail them.*

John A. Shedd is credited with saying that “a ship in harbor is safe, but that’s not what ships are built for.” If we were altering this saying for church, it might sound something like this – “Disciples in church are safe, but that’s not what disciples are made for.” Being a disciple means going out and proclaiming boldly the Good News of God’s loving and saving presence in the world and especially right here in Chambersburg and the surrounding area. And that’s exactly what we are trying to do with our outreach vision. We do this through our Blessing Box, cash for cause cards and even our Hoffman Home collections and our bible studies. We do this in so many other ways! We do this by the way we live and interact with others. Each interaction is an opportunity to showcase how Jesus is transforming our lives. In a world that is seeking hope, Jesus uses us to be a beacon of hope. As we carry out what it means to be disciples, we are empowered by God’s grace and mercy in our lives. We are thankful for all that God does for us and through us. I challenge you during the Thanksgiving season to focus on how God has touched your life by listing something you are grateful for each day. If you stick with this, you’re probably going to find the list getting a bit more difficult to fill. You’ve gotten past the easy things - now it’s time to dig deeper. By taking time to recognize how God has been active in our lives, we see how God transforms us, how we are closely linked with so many others, and how God invites us to participate in the unfolding of God’s kingdom. Just as a ship is meant to be out at sea where it will go through rough waters and come across unexpected obstacles, so we are called to go out from the church building in the rough waters of life filled with unexpected obstacles. But we aren’t alone. We aren’t called to go it alone. We aren’t islands, but rather a fleet sailing on the high seas broadcasting Good News to all we meet. So come aboard, we’re expecting you. Set a course for adventure and open your outreach sails and bring your new life to Zion.  
God Bless, Pastor Tom

**Upcoming Dates.** There are many special events and activities scheduled for the coming holidays. Please mark these events on your calendars.

November 5, Sunday

Turn back clocks  
Congregational Meeting and Luncheon  
Crop Walk starts at Zion at 1:30

November 8, Wednesday,

choir At 6:30 and Consistory 7 in Fellowship Hall;

November 12, Sunday

Veterans Day Celebration' /All Saints Day  
Pointsetta orders due

November 22, Wednesday

7 p.m. Thanksgiving Service with Chan-  
deler lighting

December 2, Saturday

Bowling at Nellie Fox 2-4 pm.

December 3,

First Sunday of Advent  
Communion

December 5, Tuesday

6 p.m. Christmas Family Night Covered Dish Supper  
(bring a dish to share)

December 10, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent worship

December 17, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent Worship  
4pm Christmas Caroling with refreshments

December 24, Sunday

9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program  
10:45 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent worship  
10:45 Communion Sunday

7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25, Monday

**No Service**





**Don't forget to order your poinsettias for the Christmas season. Due date for orders is Nov. 12.**

**Come help decorate for Christmas**

We need your help on Sunday, December 3, during Sunday School to decorate Zion for the holiday season. There are jobs for everyone from unwrapping crèche figurines, assembling Christmas trees, and untangling lights. We usually finish in about an hour and have lots of fun in the process.

**Christmas Family Night**

Save the night of December 5th at 6pm. on you calendar. Chicken, rolls and beverage will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Entertainment will be provided.



**Thank Offering time for the Women's Guild**

November is the Guild's month for the annual Thank Offering. Half the contributions are used to help meet our church goal for Our Church's Wider Mission, and half is used for Guild projects to support our local mission. A special envelope is included with your newsletter. Please include your name or envelope number if you wish your gift recorded on your financial statement.

## **YOZ (Youth of Zion)**

**Youth group** - It is time for the annual cleaning of the chandelier. Come Sunday Nov. 19, at 12 to freshen up our chandelier. I will also discuss the upcoming dates for 2023(Caroling, Christmas Party, Bowling)



**Consistory** will meet on Wednesday, November 8, 7 p.m. in the church.. (Choir is early this night—6:30 pm)

November 5 is the Sunday to turn back your clock an hour and enjoy extra sleep, but don't forget the Congregational Meeting.



## **United Churches of Chambersburg Area**

The meeting is Thursday, November 16 at 7 pm. and they will be meeting at The Salvation Army. Laura Frey and Candy Wagner are our representatives, along with Pastor Tom.

## **Annual meeting will be November 5, 2023**

Our annual congregational meeting follows worship on Sunday, November 5. It begins with a catered fellowship meal by Smith's Catering and followed by our meeting which includes brief reports, election of consistory; and adoption of a budget. We finish about 1:30 p.m.

## **Get Your Christmas Caroling Voice in Shape**

Are you getting anxious to start singing some of the great carols of the season? (Sherri ? and Laura?) If so, meet at the church on Sunday December 17 at 4 pm. to go caroling around Penn Hall. Following the caroling we will return to the church for refreshments plus some Christmas games and a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. If you want to share in the gift exchange bring a \$5 gift.



## **Offering envelopes are ready for pick up**

Boxed sets of offering envelopes for 2024 are available now at the church. If you have used envelopes in the past and notice your name is missing, please check with the church office. If you have not been using envelopes and wish to begin doing so, please also inform the office.

The boxed sets contain a dated envelope for each Sunday on which you can designate your contributions for operating expenses, special offering, or for future needs with the progress fund.

In addition, there are three special envelopes. One is an "Initial Offering" to pay for the envelopes; another is a "Mother's Day Offering" which goes toward meeting our annual budget goal for support of our church homes; and still another is a "Christmas Offering" to use during the extra holiday services.

**December HiLites deadline** is November 19.



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7 pm.**

Mark your calendar for this traditional start to the holiday season with our lighting of our chandelier at 7 p.m. service on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22. The service features traditional hymns and readings from various traditions. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to join you in worship.

*Always pray to have eyes that see the  
Best in people, A heart that forgives the worst,  
A mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never  
Loses faith in God.*

*Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin!  
God picks you from the patch and brings you in.  
(John 15:16)*

*Then washes all the dirt off of you.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

*He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff.  
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.  
(Romans 6:6)*

*Then He carves you a new smiling face.  
(Psalm 71:23)*

*And He puts His light inside you to shine  
For all the world to see.  
(Matthew 5:16)*

**Fundraiser: Shop & Support**

20% of your purchase will be donated to:

**Zion Reformed Women's Guild**

DISCOUNT DECORATIVE FLAGS  
Great Selections. Unbeatable Value.

Shop [DiscountDecorativeFlags.com](http://DiscountDecorativeFlags.com)  
Save 5% off your order + 20% of your purchase will be donated to our organization.

[DiscountDecorativeFlags.com](http://DiscountDecorativeFlags.com) Enter coupon:  at checkout

Use the church's web site: [www.zionucc-chambersburgpa.org](http://www.zionucc-chambersburgpa.org)

Shop for Decorative Gifts until November 30 and 20% of Your purchases benefit Zion Church.

It's as easy as it can be! Shop for a variety of great decorative Items for you or as a gift– and the Women's Guild will benefit With this unique fundraiser!

Just Click here (in the website) to shop for items, head to the Checkout , and then be sure to enter the code ZION when Placing orders at Discount Decorative Flags, to ensure that the Church receives credit for your sale.

This code is active as of 10/22, and is good through 11/30. We Have made the code active so the church can get a head start on Fundraising now! Happy Shopping!





Tis the season for being with family.

Christmas 2020



**Holy Communion on:**

Sunday, November 5, 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary  
Our Advent Communion will be Sunday, December 3, 10:45 a.m. in  
the sanctuary

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Come to Bible Study at 10 am. and enjoy the fellowship



**You always want..  
A sunbeam to warm you,  
A moonbeam to charm you,  
A sheltering angel so nothing can harm you,  
Laughter to cheer you.  
Faithful friends near you.  
And whenever you pray, Heaven  
To hear you.**



*Who is He?"*

*He is a man who lived on earth  
A life like me and you.  
He felt temptations just like us,  
Yet sin He did not do.*

*He is the Son of God who came  
To teach us God's great plan.  
Through Him we know what God is like,  
And what God thinks of man.*

*He is the Lamb of God we know,  
Who died upon the tree;  
The perfect sacrifice for man,  
From sin to set us free.*

*He is the Savior of mankind;  
There is no other way  
To enter God's eternal home,  
Except in Him to stay.*

*He is the Lord of each man's life,  
And in each heart will live.  
If we in faith invite Him in,  
Eternal life He'll give.*

*My friend, is Jesus all these things  
To you, without a doubt?  
He can be yours; just ask Him in  
That's what it's all about.*

*Written by Walter S. Greenwood Jr.*

### **Sunday School—Sherri Arrowood**

Adults— You are all welcome to come to Sunday School for our special Advent Study. It will begin on Sunday, December 5th at 9:30 am. and continue through the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Children will be preparing for the Advent Season and their Christmas Program in December.

### **Bowling Party**

Get ready; December is the month for our Fall Bowling Party on Saturday, December 2 at 2-4 at Nellie Fox Bowling. All ages are welcome. The event is sponsored by the Sunday School and friends are welcome.



**Be who you are  
And say what you feel  
Because those who mind  
Don't matter and those  
Who matter don't mind  
Dr. Seuss**

## **Family Page**

### **November Birthdays**

Nov. 4 Amber Pogue  
7- Joan Stunkard  
10 Bruce Foreman  
29 Dennis Metcalfe  
30 Bill Burke

#### **New Address:**

**Esther Wagner  
6361 Chambersburg Road  
Apt. 19  
Fayetteville, Pa. 17222**

#### **New phone number:**

**Kathy Spangler  
717-254-9928**

#### **New Address:**

**Mara & Dan Smith  
1520 Edgar Ave.  
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201**

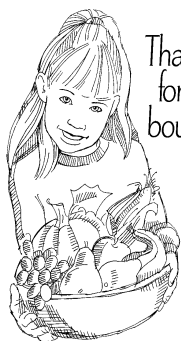
## Hoffman Home Holiday Gift Guide

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, WALMART, or TARGET. 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 is in the back of the church. All donations are due by November 26.

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

Jane Johnson Zion's representative to Hoffman Homes



Thank you  
for these  
bounteous  
gifts





### **Crop Walk**

The 2023 Crop Walk will be held on November 5th with Zion being the starting and stopping of the walk. Registration starts at 1:30 so be ready to walk off your Congregational meal. The Walk is from Zion to Trinity Lutheran on Commerce Street along Main Street and back to Zion along the rails to trails. Zion will collect donations before and after church on October 29th for our Walkers to contribute.

### **Zion Women's Guild**

On October 10th the women of the Guild made Witches-Brooms to hand out at the Halloween Party as a treat on Oct 28. They also made plans for the Congregational Dinner on November 5th and the Christmas Family Night on December 5.



**I believe in the ocean curing all bad moods.  
I believe in the waves wiping away worries.  
I believe in seashells bringing good luck.  
I believe in toes in the sand grounding my soul.**

**Christmas Poinsettia Order Form**

Yes, I wish to place a poinsettia in the church

\_\_\_\_\_ I will place my own order and see that the flower is delivered on Saturday, December 16th.  
(Please be sure your name is on the flower.)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ red

\_\_\_\_\_ white

Please print clearly:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the church office or place in the offering plate by November 12th.