

# Hi-Lites

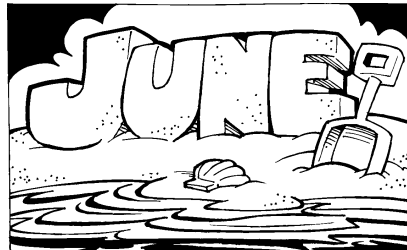
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Ephesians 3:16-17 **June Newsletter** “that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,”

What are we supposed to do? I hear this question often in church and outside of it. But think of the many ways in which it is asked, and the anticipated responses based on the tone or emphasis of one or more of the words:

What are we SUPPOSED to do? Rooted in uncertainty, this question really wants an answer, or is just confused about how to respond.

WHAT are we supposed to do? Grounded in hopelessness, this question wants affirmation that everything has been tried and one is allowed to give up.

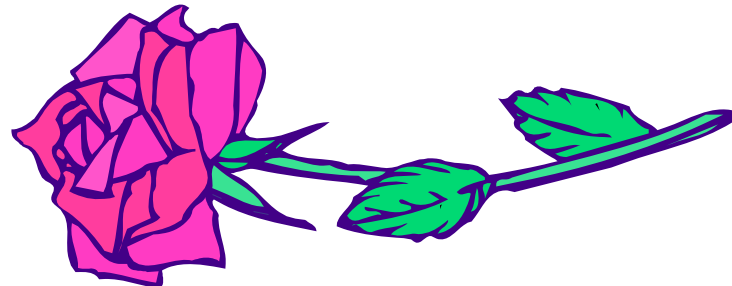
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?! Often asked in anger, this question wants justification for an inappropriate response or action. Or perhaps it is uttered in frustration or exasperation.

What are WE supposed to do? Maybe the group wants exoneration from reaction or response, or is hopeful for someone in the group to respond. Regardless of intent or response, the question is indeed full of want.

It is often this kind of plea that we hear in the Psalms, explicitly or inexplicitly. Filled with desperation, the questioner seeks answers. In Scripture we hear Jesus respond to questioners who want healing and hope. Barriers are broken down as Jesus heals a woman who hasn't been touched in many years, and reassures a parent that their daughter is really alive. Then the disciples are sent out to heal by Jesus; vulnerable and likely with questions of their own, having no experience in the way of the Anointed One. Full of life experiences, Scripture reveals the frustration of witnessing injustices in the world, knowing that we are not always able to respond, acknowledging that our responses may be inadequate. Then we have the familiar story of fish and loaves, where something little is turned into something big. It is there that I call you to ponder; as you think about what you're supposed to do in this world as a called disciple—one who is sent out by Jesus. Because friends, God delights in the small things; the places we often call

Insignificant, or “no big deal.” It is in those small wonders that the Spirit is found to be lurking. Often, I hear familiar words: “The church is growing smaller in North America.” “People don’t attend church like they used to.” Church is changing, that is true. But it has always been changing; it’s just that we are experiencing the next big change! One thing we know for certain is that God’s church—for it does belong to God—will remain. What shape or form it takes over time, we don’t know. WE do know that God calls us to continue with the message of Jesus in this world. WE do know that God does not want us to give up, or be cynical. WE do know that we are a community in Christ and when we come together in his name, God has promised to be present with us. WE do know that we are forever beloved children of the Most High. As you speak to God about what you are supposed to do with this gift of life, I want you to know that I continually pray for you all in the words of St. Paul: I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. (Ephesians 3: 16-17) Through this faith and through this love may we boldly step forward into the future at Zion and be not afraid. Yes, there are times we will make the wrong decision, but with faith God will guide us to a fruitful path.

Pastor Tom



## **Rose Sunday, June 11, 2023**

Planning is underway for our Annual Rose Rent celebration on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Starting at 9am, there will be a full breakfast cooked and served by the wonderful men of Zion, at 9:45am a program will be presented. The title is “Do you know Zion Members?” Thank you to Candy Wagner for creating the slide Show and game, 10:30am the rose will be chosen along Main Street from one of Zion’s own Rose Bushes to present to Sloan Wagner, Chambers family descendant, during the 10:45am worship of our Annual Rose Rent service. Please sign up for the breakfast so we can get an estimate for the morning. Call the church office to let Peggy know the number coming if you forget to sign the list.

Our designated special offering for this year will be for the Humane Society. Please use the envelope included in the Hi Lites or in the pews..

This year the Rose will be presented by volunteer?

We are currently updating the list for the **Prayer Chain at Zion**. If you would like to be included, please contact Candy Wagner (717)-263-8089 or [bncwagner@comcast.net](mailto:bncwagner@comcast.net). Provide telephone number, cell number, or email and how you would like to receive information (call, email or text). When someone is added to the Prayer chain the information will be provided to those on the list. Remember to always keep our Congregation and Pastor Tom and Patty in your prayers.

### **Keep the food coming**

Remember there is a collection box at the foot of the ramp in the Sunday School room and at the entrance to the elevator. You may donate any time, but we encourage you to think of the first Sunday of each month as donation day. This food is used in the Blessing Box.

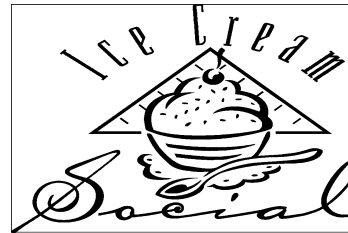
You could bring a food donation on Rose Rent Sunday.

### **Ice Cream Social in August**

August 27, 4-6 p.m we will enjoy this summer's ice cream social. The event will take place in the parish house yard (inside the church in case of rain.) We are hoping to have three flavors of ice cream and a variety of toppings. There will also be musical entertainment. The event will be free, but you are asked to bring a lawn chair.

How you can help:

- make a donation. \$40 will sponsor a tub of ice cream. Other amounts are also appreciated. Checks should be payable to "Women's Guild" and given to Millie Willman..
- help set up.
- help serve.



### **Painting Rocks**

On Sunday June 25 during the Sun-School Time (9:30am) we will be painting rocks. Now you might be wondering how this pertains to church? You might have seen while shopping painted rocks hiding at stores or near the sidewalk. Many people have taken up this fun activity to paint a rock, hide it and then it brightens someone's day when they find it. Now most say about posting on Facebook to show the artist it was found and that you were going to re-hide it at a different spot. Our plan is to take several rocks along with us as we discover God's Beautiful Nature and leave rocks from Zion there for others to find.

We are inviting all ages and talents to help us paint rocks on this Sunday morning. Everything will be provided. Our always helpful craft people will be asked if they can provide their services.



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Ginny Gill



## SCOTT MINGUS, SR

Well known Civil War author, tour guide and lecturer Scott Mingus has agreed to speak to our congregation and our guests on August 6, 2023. His talk will revolve around his latest book *Targeted Tracks*, the comprehensive story about the Cumberland Valley Railroad and the active role it played in Chambersburg During the Civil War.

A multiple award-winning author, Mr. Mingus is a retired new product development director and business strategist in the global specialty paper and converting industry. An Ohio native and a graduate of Miami of Ohio University, he served on the research team that developed the first commercially successful self-adhesive U.S. postage stamps and was a pioneer in the early development of bar code labels. He has authored or co-authored more than 35 nonfiction Civil War and Underground Railroad related books as well as numerous articles for the *Gettysburg Magazine* and other historical journals. He has appeared on C-SPAN, C-SPAN3, PBS, PCN and several other TV networks. Mr. Mingus also is the author of a blog on the Civil War History of York County, PA. where he and his wife Debi reside.

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## **CASH for CAUSES**

### **Do You Shop At Giant's or Martin's Food???**

If you answered YES then why not purchase a CASH for CAUSES Gift Card from the Zion Women's Guild. By doing so you are giving 5% back to the Guild. Jane Johnson (717-860-5655) has the gift cards available in \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00 amounts. The gift cards do not expire and you still get your rewards and discounts. Gift cards are good on your groceries, gas and prescriptions. May not be used for purchasing other gift cards. They make a wonderful gift for everyone. Don't shop at Giant's or Martin's then purchase a \$25.00 gift card help the Women's Guild. Buy the gift cards and give to Pastor Tom for the folks who stop by the church office looking for help with food or gas. Any questions give Jane a call and yes she will deliver or mail to you.

### **2nd Quarter Improvement Fund**

The Improvement Fund is in need of more money to finish paying for any repairs. Please make a donation today or anytime. Thank you.



**Communion will be** celebrated June 4 at 10:45 ~~and~~ <sup>Service</sup> at the railing. If you need a homebound communion call the church at 717-264-2854.

### **Historical Tours of Zion**

Looking for Tour Guides for Chambersburg, Market Day, July 15 from 10 am to noon. A script will be provided. If you can dress in Colonial attire that would add to the tour! Please let Candy Wagner know if you will help ([bnewagner@comcast.net](mailto:bnewagner@comcast.net) or call 717-263-8089).



## Vacation Bible School 2023

Put on your calendar these dates: July 17 - 20, 2023

This year's theme is Nature. We will once again be at different "God's Beautiful Nature Sports" each night. Beach, Mountains, Water are just some of God's Beauty. The time is 6pm to 8:15pm. The time is extended for travel times. We invite our youth to bring a friend. Any questions please contact Sherri Arrowood.

**Consistory** will meet again on Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m. in the Sunday School Room.

**July Hi-Lites deadline** is June 18.

**Summer Schedule:** Remember we **do not** change our times until July 2 at 9 am worship and returns to normal September 10 at 10:45 am. for worship.

Trivia:

Lizards communicate by doing push-ups

### **Mother's Day Offering Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Mother's Day special offering. This offering supports the benevolent care fund of our church nursing homes to assist those residents with limited income. The offering envelope is part of your regular boxed set of offering envelopes.

### **In Memory and Honor of :**

Hazel Berti and Betty Gosart

from Myra and Fred Gosart

Carrie Bonebrake and Helen Gonder

from Jean Gonder

Nellie Leininger and Helen Barnhart

From the Barnhart family

Marlene Arrison

From the Arrison family

C. Evalena Bosenbark and Olga Castillo

From Rev.Dr. Ileana & Mike Bosenbark

E. Denise Foreman

From Mara & Dan Smith