

Hi-Lites

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Beginning Sunday September 8th
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 am.

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2 Samuel 7:18-29 King James Version (KJV)

18 Then went King David in, and sat before the Lord, and he said, who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord God? And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord God, knowest thy servant. For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, Lord, art become their God. And now, O Lord God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it forever, and do as thou hast said. And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. For thou, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

King David is having one of those “awesome” moments when God is appreciated by his people. To me this feeling most often comes when I am out on my kayak on the Lake or sitting beside the ocean. The peacefulness of the water be it calm or the rumbling of

the waves speaks to my soul, humbles my spirit, and reminds me of God's great power, moments when I truly appreciate God's blessings. Coming back to our sanctuary when summer is over is yet another moment of thankfulness for God's blessings. God is in this universe, this earth, this church, and me. He has kept his promise that we will be his people through the generations through King David's to me and beyond to future generations. We are part of the promise. King David's people were part of God's promise as each one of us at Zion continue to be part of God's promise. King David was in awe of God. And so am I! If you haven't been back to church lately come and see our wonderful sanctuary and maybe you too will be humbled with God's blessings and awesome power. Amen

Blessings

Pastor Tom

Sunday Schedule

Remember beginning on Sunday, September 8, worship returns to 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 am. Please mark your calendar today.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated: Sunday, September 1, 9 a.m. and October 6 at 10:45 in the sanctuary.

Anyone that is unable to make it on Sunday September 1 for communion and would like to partake, contact Zion Office. It can be delivered to your home. Please tell an usher if you want communion in the pew.

United Churches of Chambersburg Area

U.C.C.A., our local council of churches, meets on Thursday, September 19 at 7p.m. at Trinity Lutheran; Laura Frey, and Candy Wagner, are our delegates.

Consistory meets on Wednesday, September 11 (2nd Wednesday of the month) at 7 p.m. in the Sunday School Room.

Don't forget the Food Pantry donations; there are 2 boxes outside the elevator and at the bottom of the ramp in the social room. This food goes in our Blessing Box for the needy.

Hoffman Homes

Thanks to everyone who donated back to school supplies for the youth at Hoffman Homes. All were delivered in time for school

Jane Johnson
Hoffman Homes, Representative

Ice Cream Social

A huge thank you to those who were nominated to be pied and were willing to sit in the chair for a delicious Lemon Meringue Pie to the face and head. As previously stated for every \$75 received as a donation to VBS some would be pied. We had 6 that were in the chair. Pastor Tom pied by Harper Duke. Sean Arrowood pied by Maddie Duke. Laura Frey pied by JJ Johnson and caked by Harper Duke. Fred Gosart pied by his "favorite granddaughter" as she said so (Kaitlyn Moser), Candy Wagner pied by Jack Arrison (who would not sit in the seat to be pied but was sure willing to pie Candy) and Sherri Arrowood pied by Myra Gosart.



Thank you St. John's for allowing our vacation bible school to visit your camp grounds





Zion's Women Ensemble
Maddie Duke & Sean Arrowood Harper Duke & Pastor Tom



Myra & Katylin



Myra Gosart, Sean & Sherri Arrowood Candy Wagner, Jack Arrison
Fred Gosart & Katylin Moser JJ & Laura Frey







Advent devotional booklet

For over a quarter century the members of Zion have written and produced our own Advent devotional guide for use during the days leading up to Christmas. This year Advent begins December 1, 2024.

We have a handful of members who have written a devotional for every one of those years. Others have contributed off and on over the years. And others will just be giving it a try for the first time. Whether you are an old-timer or want to try being a first-timer, there is help to get you started.

By the middle of September, we will have suggested scripture readings, ideas to get started, and guidelines available. Participants are invited to write a 50-150 word devotion and a brief prayer for the day. Please contact Peggy Barnhart or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

October Hi-Lites deadline is September 22, 2024.

Make a Joyful Noise!

The Zion Choir will be resuming rehearsals on September 4 at 7:00. Choir's first Sunday singing is September 8 at 10:45am.. The choir's purpose is to worship God by presenting an anthem every Sunday from Sept through June, and by leading the congregation in singing the hymns and service music. We meet every Wednesday night at 7 for an hour and sometimes after church on Sunday for half an hour, except for Consistory nights then there is a change in time. New singers are always welcome!

JJ Johnson, organist & choir director

Zion's Women's Guild

Zion's Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 10th at 1:30 in the Parish House. Join us as we plan a fall and winter fundraiser and the Christmas Family Night.

From Candy Wagner

New Address

Don McClure
Paramount Senior Living
Skilled Nursing
Fayetteville, Pa. 17222

Ida McClure
Menno Haven Rehab
Scotland Ave.
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201

.Harvest Home is Sunday, September 15

Celebrate God's abundant blessings on Harvest Home Sunday on September 17. Give God thanks for the harvest by sharing some of your bounty with others by bringing food items to church for an altar display.

Items may be brought to the church on either September 1 or 8. The food will be displayed around the altar.

In addition to food items, you can contribute to a special offering for the support of our church's two nearby retirement centers, Thornwald Home and Homewood Home. Envelopes will be available in the vestibule and pew racks for your gift.

Family Page

Bible Study

Bible Study will begin on Sept.4 at 10am in the Parish House.

Sunday School Picnic

Sept 15 at 4 pm. and Sunday School Board meeting at 3:00 pm. The picnic is at the Scotland Picnic Area along route 997 but you need to drive to the entrance in Scotland. Pavilion #2 is our picnic area, please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. BBQ and drink will be provided by the Sunday School.

Zion Reformed Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars on November 3. See more in October Hi Lites.

September Birthdays

9/5 Todd Willman

9/4 Mike Bosenbark

9/14 Ida McClure

9/16 Jim English

9/25 Kathy Helman

9/8 Alex Johnson

9/14 Kathy Culbertson

9/20 Joan Pogue

Happy Anniversary to Ileana & Mike Bosenbark

Vacation Bible School

Small group of children this year with more adults than kids most nights. BUT it was still filled with excitement and learning about Jesus and his parables.

The pouring rain did not keep us away from St Johns' Camp near Cowans' Gap to discuss the small mustard seed. A few of us braved the weather to walk the labyrinth.

Tuesday proved to us that some of us do not know the correct way to read a compass. It was adults vs. kids. Follow compass directions to spell out the word foundation. Station 2 was assemble a 3D shark puzzle. (Kids quickly assembled.) 3rd station was to clean a tomb stone in the Wolf family section. We also welcomed to Zion, Julie Beam from Save a Vet Save a Pet. She gave a discussion and demonstration on how service dogs are able to help a Veteran.

Wednesday had us traveling to Calvary UM church in Fayetteville for a Drum Circle led by Mineca Wilson. Drum Circles are used to help pray or meditate to God and focus in on your prayers. It is also about making noise. You do not need to be able to read music or keep a beat.

Thursday was the annual pool party at Barb Metcalfe's house

This year's donation from VBS goes to Save a Vet Save a Pet. A goal was set this year, For every \$75 that will be received, someone will get a pie in the face. Pastor Tom was our first volun-told pie to the face. The ice cream social was the time for the final count of donations and those to be pied in the face.

Fast forward and see pictures from the Ice Cream Social. VBS raised **\$475** to go to Save A Vet Save a Pet. 6 people will be pied in the face.

Bakeless Bake Sale

The Guild of Zion Reformed Church A Bakeless Bake Sale in Place of a Fall Sale

A bit of news we have today
A bakeless bake sale is on the way.
In these busy days, now who can bake
Pies or cookies or even a cake?

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat, and the time you'd lost.
Baking for sales is extra work,
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really quite grand.
And I'm sure you'll understand.
In a little envelope, please put the price
Of a pie or cake or something nice.

Without a fuss or bother, you've done your part,
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale.
Wishing success for our Bakeless Bake Sale.

Please give donations to **Millie Willman** or Pat Hileman bring them to the Guild Meeting. Help them out with their many church projects by making a contribution.

