

Hi-Lites

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Jeremiah 33:14-16 New International Version (NIV)

14 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

In these verses I was reminded of how God makes promises to us and no matter how hard it is He always keeps them. For the Israelites during times of evil rulers, He promised to provide a fair and righteous ruler in David. God kept His promise. During other times in history when there were evil rulers, such as Hitler, God has helped the righteous people win against the evil ruler. So we can always trust in God to keep promises and guide us to righteousness, if we obey Him. Trust and Obey as the song says is often easier sung than lived. Last year we had a great year and did so many wonderful things as we trusted and obeyed. I really hated to see the year end, and the slate cleared. Another year started and I wondered, “With the economy down will anyone still give?” “After all the excitement about the bells last year will the people have anything emotionally left to give?” and finally, “what if there is less money, less resources, less people. What will I do?” Then I’m quickly reminded of those wonderful words: Trust and Obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. So in closing I pray you continue to pray, to give faithfully, and to trust and obey.

God Bless, Pastor Tom



ANNUAL MEETING is November 2

Our annual congregational meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 2. It will be a sit down dinner catered by Smith's Barbeque. The meal sponsored by the Women's Guild. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Vestibule. **Please RSVP by October 12th.**

There is Communion also on November 2

November 9 is also All Saints Day.

Wilma Carbaugh

Don McClure

Bob Wagner

Denise Foreman

Dan Smith

Esther Wagner

Hoffman Homes news from Jane Johnon

The unveiling of Hoffman Homes new logo by Rebecca “Becky” Van Der Groef CEO of Hoffman Homes.

Lee Powell from St. Johns, Chambg
Gayle King from Hanover
Jane Johnson from Zion UCC, Chambg
Gayle and Jane were past president of Hoffman Homes Auxiliary/
Friends of Hoffman homes years ago.

New logo captures Hoffman Homes mission, Spirit and bright future
for those they serve.

Reminder Hoffman Homes is a psychiatric residential treatment
program fro children which our church helps to support.

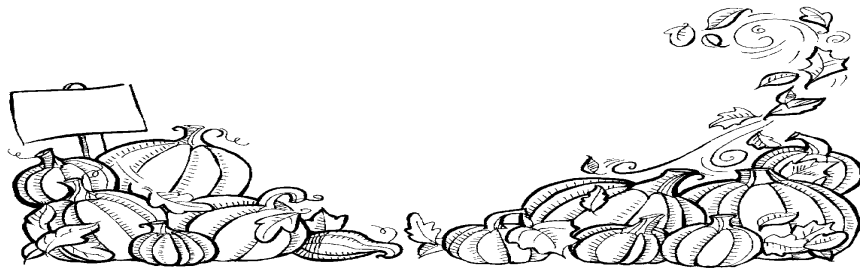
You’re invited to ...
Hoffman Homes Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala on November 1st. For
more information contact our representative Jane Johnson.
The Women’s Guild has in the past and will again this year donate a
Giant’s Gift Cash Card.

Your support has always been a positive impact on the more than 100
youth and adults at Hoffman as we once again can continue to
provide holiday wishes and gifts with your donated gift cards
fom Walmart, Target, or Amazon, any amount will be greatly
appreciated. If you prefer you may give cash or check made
out to Hoffman Homes, Inc and given to Jane or place in the
container that will be on the table in back of the church later
this fall. These donations are due at family night.

I’m planning on taking a group of friends to Hoffman for gift wrapping
for a few hours, December 11-13, details later for which day
or time. We always have a great time then stop for lunch and
some shopping at the outlets in Gettysburg as time permits.
Let Jane know if you are available.



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**An Evening of clean
Laughs With Stand-Up
Comedian Seth Knorr
was held on
September 13 at 7pm**

Seth is a stand-up comedian
And was a finalist in three
National comedy
Competitions; the Search
For the One, the Clean
Comedy Challenge and the
Comedy with Class comedy
Competition. He has also
Been selected to perform
In the World Series of
Comedy. He also has a
Dry Bar comedy special
Titled THE CORRECT
ANSWER.



Seth has just under 13,000 followers on Facebook and his Youtube Videos have received over 600,000 views!

He also performs with his nine year old son Chace Knorr whose set about school and boomers will leave you in stitches.

His material includes current events; marriage; children; sports; fishing And the outdoors; growing up; school; traveling the Amish; off-the-wall topics and everyday life experiences.

Seth resides in nearby Shippensburg and travels to entertain audiences All over the world!

**TRUNK OR TREAT FOR HALLOWEEN— IN
Zion's parking lot on October 31, 2025.**

**If you want to donate your car, donate money or
Donate candy to the Halloween Fun.**

Consistory meets on Wednesday, November 12th at 7pm. in
the Fellowship Room around the table.

October 20 is November Hi-Lites deadline.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday,
November 2, at 10:45 in the sanctuary.

Reports for Congregational Meeting due October 26, 2025.



**The Lord is my Shepherd — that's a Relationship!
I shall not want — that's Supply!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures —that's Rest.
He leadeth me beside the still waters —that's Refreshment.
He restoreth my soul — that's Healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness — that's Guidance!
For His name sake — that's Purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death-
That's Testing!
I will fear no evil — that's Protection!
For Thou art with me — that's Faithfulness!
Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me —that's Discipline!
Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
That's Hope
Thou annointest my head with oil —that's Consecration!
My cup runneth over — that's Abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the day of my life-
That's Blessing!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord —that's Security!
Forever — that's Eternity
Face it, God loves you!**

The Ice Cream Social was again a success! This is due to the following helpers: Fred Gosart, Jack Arrison, and Nick Duke (dippers), those donating the various toppings, cakes for the cake walk, JJ Johnson for music, Jane Johnson for games. Can't forget the fun of the Ice Water Bucket Challenge for VBS. Thanks, Sherri! A very special thanks to all who attended and participated, without you there would be no Ice Cream social!

Family Page

October Birthday Days

October 13—Trista Arrowood
October 16 —Pastor Tom
October 18— Jordyn Wagner
October 21— Ileana Bosenbark
October 26— Holly Wible

Anniversary

October 20 -
Barb & Denny
Metcalfe

We would like to thank our Church Family for the many expressions of sympathy-cards, calls, gifts- following Mom's death. Your support was and is extremely appreciated. A special thanks to the Women's Guild for hosting the funeral reception. We would also like to thank Zion for the beautiful plaque presented in her memory. When I would bring Mom to church she would remark that it was like coming home. It is nice to know she will always be home in memory at Zion.

With gratefulness and love,
Candy Wagner and Family



Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Our Neighbors in Need special Offering on October 6, World Wide Communion Sunday, supports the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The offering is used by our UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. In addition the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

Our gifts to Neighbors in Need are focused on ministries within our own country. It needs your support. **A special envelope is included on the table near the bulletins.** Be sure to include your name or envelope number if you wish your gift recorded on your financial statement. Please give generously.

Bible Study - Wednesdays from 10-11 am in the Parish House. Join us each Wednesday you are able and coffee following at Denim's or other coffee shops downtown.



My visit with Barbara Greenwood

During the last year on numerous occasions poems by Walter Greenwood have appeared in our morning bulletin and Hi-Lites. I thought members of Zion might enjoy learning about the author of "That Ye Might Believe." In an effort to familiarize myself about Walter I made a visit to Walter's wife since Walter is not in good health as the present time.

Walter was born in 1935 in Newark, New Jersey. He grew up in Bloomfield, New Jersey where he attended the local public schools. Following graduation, he attended the Newark College of Engineering where he received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering.

He then joined the Air Force which offered him the opportunity to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology where he earned an M.S. degree in astronautics. This was his focus during his 20 years in the Air Force. He served time in Alaska, Ohio, California, Maryland, DC and Massachusetts.

Following his time in the Air Force he worked in the private sector as an aeronautical engineer.

During his lifetime Walter enjoyed writing poems about holidays. Having been a church member from his youth he was an avid Bible reader. When he read a passage from the Bible, he would write a poem relating to his reading. He read and wrote about Christ's life which became the book, "That Ye Might Believe." The book was published in 2007. When it first became available the

the cost was \$25. Then Walter decided the book should not be sold but donated to anyone wishing for a copy. There have been 5000 copies printed one of which is in our Zion collection. There are copies which have been sent to many countries throughout the world. This was Walter's wish.

I had the pleasure of meeting and visiting Walter and his wife several years ago. They at the time were living in a cottage at Penn Hall. My reason for visiting was to see Walter's model train display which covered one bedroom.

It showed a person with the electrical background needed to design and build such a beautiful roomful of trains, mountains and villages. When I was leaving Walter's wife offered me 10 copies of the book which I shared with members of Zion as well as friends.

Despite his present condition he still communicates, remains the cheerful, pleasant gentleman who is still able to sing in his beautiful voice at the Sunday Chapel services.

It was my great pleasure to meet this very talented man and feel so privileged to be given a copy of his book.

Pat Hileman