



Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Sept. 2015

Zion's Mission Statement: Reflecting Christ, we are called to share God's gifts

We cannot say "Yes" if we never say "No."

September...which means my house will receive a seemingly endless stream of letters and flyers asking my wife and me to volunteer for various programs in, outside and alongside of the school. I confess, this overwhelms me a bit.

Before I get to why it overwhelms me, let me first say this: I greatly appreciate it when people take initiative in our schools and community. Through countless volunteer programs, sports and ministries, our community becomes a great place to live. I have enjoyed volunteering through various programs both in Jonestown and in other communities where I have lived.

However, I reach a point where I realize I cannot do it all. I cannot check the box that says "Would you be willing to coach your child's team." Even when it adds the guilt producing line "We are always short coaching volunteers." Even when it adds, "A fairy in the woods dies when you say no to volunteer your time in this way."

My wife, Emily, has recently been studying John 15, where Jesus says to his disciples "I am the vine. You are the branches." Emily has been sharing with me her insights about this passage and Jesus words that the Father prunes branches. This sounds painful, but in order for a vine to bear healthy fruit, branches must be pruned. In order for me (or you; or any of us) to be able to bear fruit in important areas of our life, we must be pruned.

For us who live in Busytown, USA, part of this pruning is saying "no" to some things. Bearing fruit in the most essential parts of our lives requires saying "no" to the unimportant things. We cannot have sanity, much less joy, by saying "yes" to every possibility that comes our way.

This even means, on occasion, saying "no" to your pastor! Indeed, as a pastor I often ask people to volunteer, knowing that volunteering in a church can be a great way to grow in faith and fellowship. I admit that I have become more willing to let people say no. I want to work with people so that church does not become a burden. I also trust that at another point in that person's faith journey (or simply calendar) a volunteer task through the church may be incredibly meaningful and faith-developing. So I ask in a few months!

That said, I have become really worried about our (Christian) culture's attitude toward worship. More and more worship is seen as one of many competing events or programs for our time. The Bible does not teach us to treat worship as one more activity which is to be juggled. It is not like other events at church; it is the foundation on which we stand. The Bible begins with the story of creation, which hallows of day of rest; the Bible ends in Revelation with worship! The 10 commandments and Jesus command worship. Worship is when God's Spirit transforms us through the Word, fills our hearts with praise and reveals God's forgiveness and presence through the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

I understand life is busy. My plea is this: Do not let worship become another activity on the calendar. To do so is to go against God's Word. Let it be the foundation. It is the time in your life, away from the busyness, where you can receive God's council for what else to say "yes" and "no" to in your life; you can receive God's peace, forgiveness and strength as you live into these decisions. If the worship at our church is not a place where you receive these gifts of God, then let's talk, because your design and destiny is praise of God.

Pastor Rob

Sharing God's Gifts

Featured Ways you can...Reflect Christ and Share your gifts!

Nursery

The nursery is in need of volunteers to serve as nursery attendants during the 2015-2016 school year. We could also use some youth helpers. If you are interested, please contact Laura Bush, 269-1102. Thank you!

Adult Choir: Singers!

The Adult Choir is always welcome and open to new singers. The practices are held after Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service. The choir sings twice a month and on festival Sundays. Contact Joel Guldin (865-3603; joel.guldin@gmail.com) with questions.

Cherub Choir: Helper

Our Cherub Choir is looking for another adult volunteer to help. The practices are 9:45-10:10 on a Sunday morning. See Steph Livingston (304-7320; maslog-mama@gmail.com) if interested.

Habitat for Humanity in Lebanon

The Lutheran Churches in the area, along with Thrivent Financial, have partnered together to work on rehabilitating homes in Lebanon. We typically do work on Saturdays (especially the 4th). If you are curious about this ministry, let Jim Fowler know (926-7793; jefowler44@gmail.com)

Released Time

The three churches in Jonestown (which make up the Jonestown Council of Churches) run a Released Time program. We teach 3rd grade children the basics of the Bible for one hour for 28 weeks. This is a great way to introduce children in our community to the love of Christ and God's law. If interested, contact Emily Myallis (304-0620; deaconemily@comcast.net)

Welcoming Deacon Emily Myallis

This fall Emily Myallis will begin serving as Coordinator for Wednesday Ministries. This includes Wednesday night meals, Joyful Spirits, King's Kids and Released Time ministries. Emily is a Diaconal Minister in the Lutheran Church (ELCA). This means she has been consecrated into Word and Service ministry; she is trained to help churches connect to and serve the world. She will be using the title "deacon" for her new role at Zion's. (As she says, It's the easiest title for people to remember (as opposed to "diaconal minister Emily"), and the ELCA is moving toward making this ("deacon") the official term.) Not only does Emily hold a Master's degree in theology from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota, she has previously served on staff at churches in both Minnesota and California. We are delighted to welcome her in this new role as she shares her ministry and leadership gifts.

Social Ministry

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsdavis11@comcas.net, 865-2781)

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Frozen Hams
Canned Soups
Bottles of Juices
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Canned Meats/Stews
Peanut Butter
Clothing Bank: Reusable Plastic containers
Men's pants (28-36)
Men's shoes (9-11.5)
Women's Dresses & Skirts

Other:

Bath Towels
Wash cloths
Diapers & Wipes
Paper Towels
King/Qu Sheets
& Blankets

Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

Wish List:

Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix
Chili, Spam, Rice
Boxed potatoes
Stuffing Mix
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Soup & Stew
Boxed Cake & Cookie mix
Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn,yams

Other:

Baby Wipes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Diapers
Dish detergent
Kleenex



Especially needed: Canned soups & fruits

Place contributions in the container marked "JOY" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)

JOY's Fundraiser

This fundraiser allows you to donate to the JOY Pantry while you shop. Simply use SCRIP Cards for every-day purchases. Merchants sell gift cards to JOY Pantry at a discount. JOY then sells the cards at face value, making a profit to help pay rent, utilities, and additional pantry needs. There are over 200 gift cards available from national chains (department stores, restaurants, hotels, gas) and local businesses (BG's, Redners, Subway). See the bulletin board for list. www.shopwithscrip.com, to order online, or order/ get info by contacting Rita Christ (865-5666) or Kathy Smith (861-4556).

Prayer Shawls & Baby Blankets

Julia Albert, and Deb Pappas continue to crochet beautiful prayer shawls for the seriously ill and blankets for newborns. If you would like to assist with this by crocheting/knitting the items, contact the ladies at 865-1560.

Zion's Quilt Ministry

The sewing ladies meet the last Wed. of the month from 9:00am – 12:00noon. Child – size quilts are made for various organizations, such as the Hershey Medical Center, Zion's Pre-School, etc. The ladies meet in the East Sunday School room in the lower primary level. Thank-you to Anna Houser, Julia Albert, Karen Hitz, and Beattie Wolford for continuing this valuable ministry. If you have a talent for this, please feel free to join them!

Spang Crest Chicken Bar-Be-Que

Friends of Spang Crest will be holding their annual chicken bar-be-que on Friday, Sept. 11 from 2:30pm – 6:00pm. Cost - \$7.00. Tickets may be purchased from Sharon Campbell, Zion's keyperson to Spang Crest. Proceeds will benefit Spang Crest Manor.

Homebound Birthday for Cards, calls, visits!

Elvin Heller Birthday: Sept. 8
Elva Heller Birthday Sept. 9
Country Meadows of Hershey
Apt.36
451 Sandhill Rd.
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 298-3203



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and meals that we received for the birth of our daughter, Caralin. We appreciate all that our church family does for us. We would also like to thank our Zion's family for the prayers we received during the difficult time of our nephew, Jayden's passing. - Darryl & Laura Bush

Super Sundays in September



First Communion Instruction, Sunday, August 30, 9 AM: Starting in 2nd grade, we offer people the bread and wine at Holy Communion. This morning, starting at 9 AM, we will be baking bread and discussing the significance of Holy Communion. Even if your child is younger than 2nd grade, they can come for the bread baking and teaching.

"Open House Sunday", Sunday, Sept 6, 9 AM: Curious what the Lower Level of the Sunday School Wing looks like? Hint: AWESOME! This Sunday we will have the Lower Level open for viewing. There will be introductions to the Sunday School teachers, rooms, choirs, nursery, youth group, etc. This is a great way to get your children (and you!) excited about Sunday School this fall. Rumors have it we may also train new acolytes this morning!

"Rally Sunday," Sept. 13, 9 AM- Pancake and sausage breakfast followed by presentation by Pastor Rob; Sunday School begins!



Zion's Fall Carnival, Sept. 13, 4:00 PM-6:15 PM

Carnival begins in the social hall at 4:00 PM with the Jim Rule concert.

Food will be served immediately after the concert.

The games will begin at 5:15. Bingo to be held in the social hall.

In the event of rain, all activities will take place inside.

There is a need for family/person/group volunteers to help with a game that day. It would involve that family/person/group to select the game (we have plenty at the church, but your own are welcome), set it up, supervise it from 5:15-6:15, and clean up at 6:15. Game supervisors do not have to distribute prize tickets. If you are able to help with a game, or if you have any questions, contact Janet Bird at 865-5636 or jbird75@comcast.net.

Theme Basket Bash - Sunday, September 27th: This Fundraiser is a blast and raises money to help pay for our renovations. The following are ways that you can help to contribute to the success of this event:

* Create a theme basket of your choice valued at \$15 or over;

ideas – Teacher gifts, movie nights, family game night, Italian Food, Beauty (spa), Picnic, Gardener, Pizza night, Sports related, kitchen, baking, cooking, or your own creative idea.

* Donate a Gift Certificate/Card, any denomination (i.e. gas station, grocery store, restaurant);

* Donate Individual items that would be packaged into a basket by the committee - after our Aug 11th meeting and staging of our donations, **we are in need of the following:**

- Large Jar Candle(s)
- Lemonade or Ice Tea Mix (canister)
- Bags of Candy miniatures (i.e. kisses, rolos, etc.)
- Cookie Mix
- Snacks (not single-serve size) – (chips, pretzels, Bugles, Nachos, etc.)
- Cooler (to fill for picnic/tailgate theme)
- Boxe(s) of Cake Mix
- Gift cards to local businesses – to complete baskets that need a perishable item when assembled(close to bash date)
- Monetary donation – we will create the theme basket for you.

Please consider creating basket, or donate items and we'll have our very talented ladies make a basket. Items can be put in the receptacle in the gathering area; completed baskets can be put on the stage in the social hall.

Please put a card with your donation so that we can ensure you will be recognized for your contribution(s). (Not necessary for anonymous contribution(s)) ??? Please contact Deb Reiner (304-8826) or Stephanie Livingston (304-7320). And, Thank You to all who have already donated.



Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Tracy Hoy (tlh328@verizon.net;272-6542)

Wednesday Night's at Zions: Will resume on September 9

5:30 pm: Community Dinner
6:15-6:45: Joyful Spirits Worship
6:50-7:30: Bible Study
6:45-7:30: King's Kids

On September 2, we will have worship in the park (6:15), followed by Ice Cream

Women's "Wine Down" Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 24 @ 8:30 to 9:30 PM. Join in the study and discussion of a "Slightly Bad Girl of the Bible" each month and enjoy a glass of wine from a church family's vineyard. (Water, etc. will also be available.) Bring your Bible, favorite wine glass, and comfy clothes for a relaxing hour together! This month it will be at Janet Bird's house, 36 N. Broad Street, Jonestown. Mark your calendar for the future dates of Oct. 22 and Nov 19 with more dates TBD in 2016. ??? Janet Bird 865-5636

Wise Guy's Bible Study Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m., men are invited to Bible Study in the social hall, with breakfast!

Zion's Youth Update

We had fun group building activities during the Summer. **June** we had a Faith in Films event at our home. We had dinner, watched the school-based movie Ron Clark, and then assembled 15 school kits for the Joy Food Pantry, We were even able to purchase some extra school supplies, because of using a Thrivent Action Team Card.

July- Fun group building! Laser Tag, at Lazer Factory (Yes, we survived, still need to work on accuracy though)

Mid-August- We had a Youth Group and Parent's BBQ/swim party, with a Parent's Meeting at Jim and Kristin Hoffer's home.

A special thanks to Jim and Kristin Hoffer for organizing/and holding the swim party picnic, and to Sharon Houser for organizing Laser Tag. We appreciate this extra support!!

Also, thanks to all of the Parent's/Guardians who provided meals during our Youth Group meetings.

**** Upcoming Youth Group Meeting- September 27th**, after Basket Bash, time to be announced.**

For the entire congregation: The Youth Group would love to add some "new" gently used furniture to their room. More details will be posted on the main bulletin board. Please do not bring any furniture to the Youth Room, before prior approval. Thanks for your cooperation and support!

We are excited about the Fall Youth Group Season! -Jim and Laurie Gill

Sunday School

Aug. 30 @ 9:00 am - Baking communion bread with Pastor

Sept. 6 @ 9:00 am - Family activity in the social hall and a sneak peak at the newly renovated Sunday School rooms.

Sept. 13 @ 9:00 am - Rally Day Pancake Breakfast {FREE} followed by Promotion of classes by Pastor Rob

Sept. 13 @ 4:00 pm - Fall Carnival {FREE} (see Calendar)

Sept. 20 @ 9:00 am - Fall Clases begin in downstairs Sunday School rooms! Meet in Level 3 room for devotions.

Wed Night Bible Study

For our fall Bible Study, we will move through the Old Testament. This survey study allows one to get a feel for the overall shape of the Bible. This Bible study (6:45) is great for people new or "experienced" with the Bible. Join us starting September 9.

COUNCIL

President: Ed Ludwig (eludadv@comcast.net; 865-3757)

Highlights from July 9, 2015 Council Meeting:

- The reading of the Psalms has been providing an opportunity for people to have the Bible in their home outside of Sundays.
- It was decided that this year, the church will support Ralen Robinson, from Philadelphia, who will be serving in Jerusalem and West Bank. Her assignment has been researched and it will be a very interesting position to follow.
- This fall, Emily Myallis will begin serving as Coordinator for Wednesday Ministries. This includes Wednesday night meals, Joyful Spirits, King's Kids, and Released Time ministries. Emily is a Diaconal Minister in the Lutheran Church (ELCA). This means she has been consecrated into Word and Service ministry; she is trained to help churches connect to and serve the world. We are delighted to have her on staff and share her leadership gifts.

Renovations Update!

The lower level of the Sunday School has been renovated. It looks wonderful; better yet, the wing is safer (no asbestos tile) and air conditioning! A few comments

- ◆ Thanks to Deb Reiner for taking leadership with this event. It was a really big undertaking often requiring difficult decisions, especially when delays or "hiccups" in the construction occurred.
- ◆ Thanks to the preschool staff, Christian Education committee, youth leadership and sewing group for their cooperation. Having your space torn apart and all your ministry supplies moved is hard!
- ◆ Thanks to all the volunteers who helped paint and move. The painting ended up being a very large undertaking. Thanks to Ed Harmon and Youth Advocates for partnering with us and helping with the painting.
- ◆ Thanks to Michael Johnsen and Sharon Houser for their work as staff members with building responsibility. This project required a LOT of elbow grease.
- ◆ Thanks to Cathy Houser, Ken Nelson and the finance committee for working through the deal. Our new payment will actually be slightly lower than our previous debt payment!
- ◆ Finally, thanks to Ed Ludwig and church council for their leadership through this project.

We believe that the newly renovated Sunday School wing will enable us to do our existing ministries (Sunday School, Preschool and Youth) more effectively. We also enter into a time of dreaming about what other ministry God may be calling us to develop in this very attractive space.



Memorial Fund

In Memory of Maria Haniman

Norair and Suzanne Panossian
Tony and Donna Radice
Charlotte Hughes
Richard and Karen Hitz

In Memory of Sterling Wolfe

Richard and Karen Hitz

In Memory of Bailey Jane Hopkins

Richard and Karen Hitz

In Memory of Kathleen Ludwig

Mary Ann Nelson
Ed and Elaine Ludwig
Anton and Sue Schulden
Dorothy Gerhart
Daniel and Kay Kimmel
Elvin and Elva Heller
Bob and Sundra Sweigert
Paul and Janet Bird
Kay Spannuth
Nancy Winklebleck
Al and Deb Reiner
Michael Baal
Ernest and Darlene Warlow
Donald and Marian Brennan
Cheryl French and family
Jack and Emily Scheuren
Donald and Sharon Davis
Richard and Karen Hitz
The Patricia Fox Family
Dutch and Iris Kleinlercher
Joel and Maryann Guldin

"By Heart" Challenge



was hosted by Deacon Emily Myallis this summer. Kids learned a lot and had a lot of fun. Participants included:
Joey Hoffer Max Clark
Audrey Myallis
Susanna Myallis
Gavin Bush Jaxin Bush
Lilly Harris Kylie Houser
Evelyn Houser
Gretchen Sutton
Emaline Sutton
Xander McQuaide

Calling all crafters! Please join us on Aug. 30th at 1:00 pm to make items for Zion's annual Hollyberry Bazaar. We will have supplies and will need help assembling some EASY items for the bazaar. We would prefer youth and adults. We don't have babysitting for little ones. Snacks provided!

We will have a gift basket table as in the past. Georgetta Wolfe (865-3884) will be the contact for gift baskets. Questions? Please call or text Heather Moyers 821-2227 or Kris Hoffer 469-2560. Thank you!!

Reformation Sunday Beer and Hymns!

Sunday, October 25
4:30 PM—6:00 PM

Downtown Lounge
734 Cumberland St, Lebanon,
PA 17042

A great time for singing and socializing. No cost to attend. Songbooks and light snacks provided. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase.

This event is hosted with members of other Lutheran churches, including the Lebanon Lutheran Cooperative Ministry (Zion, Hill, Salem and St. James) and Holy Trinity.

Psalms Reading

Haven't started yet? Lost steam over vacation? Pick it back up! The schedule for September may be found in your July Newsletter or on our website! You can use the QR code to visit the website.



Zion's College Students (partial list) **– Best Wishes as they continue their education.**

Jena Fortna (commuting student at Millersville Univ.)

469 S. Lancaster St.
P.O. Box 132
Lebanon, PA 17046

Lucas Keefer (Parsons New School of Art and Design)

170 Delancey St.
Apt. 16
New York, N. Y. 10002

Jonathan Northridge HUB 1446

Dickinson College
P.O. Box 1773
28 N. College St.
Carlisle, PA 17013-2896

Kenny Redinger (commuting student at HACC)

1765 Quarry Rd.
Lebanon, PA 17046

Eric Schulden

Johnson Hall Rm. 404
Kutztown Univ.
15200 Kutztown Rd.
Kutztown, PA 19530



If you are a college student or have a college student in your family, please pass along their contact info to Sharon Davis (865-2781; dsdavis11@comcast.net)

Koinonia News:

Meeting – Sat. Sept. 12, 7:00pm, Koinonia meeting will be held at the church in the classroom by the mailboxes .

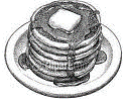
Fall Carnival – Sun. Sept. 13, 4:00pm – 6:15pm, the group will serve food for the fall carnival.

Projects - The Hollyberry Bazaar will be held on Sat. Nov. 7. Please contact Kristin Hoffer, (469-2560) jkhoffer@yahoo.com or Heather Moyers, (861-5775) maximcontractors@comcast.net, if you have a craft that you would like to donate or if you would like to volunteer your time on the day of the bazaar. Book donations for the bazaar will be accepted during the month of October. Please store your donations at home until Oct., since we have nowhere to store them at the church. Watch for the "Book Bin"!



Sept. 2015



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS at the Park	3 Committee night	4	5
6 9:00 Sunday School preview 10:30 Worship	7	8	9 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	10 7:00 pm Council	11	12 8:00 am Men's Bible study 7:00 pm Koinonia
13 RALLY DAY 9:00 Pancake breakfast 10:30 Worship 4:00 Carnival 	14	15 Newsletter deadline	16 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	17	18	19
20 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21	22	23 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	24 8:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Birds	25	26
27 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time Basket Bash followed by Youth group mtg.	28	29	30 9:00 am sewing 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids		Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday	

*** RALLY DAY AND FALL CARNIVAL ***

Sunday, September 13

- 9:00 A.M.- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- 4:00 P.M.- Jim Rule concert in the social hall
- 4:45-6:15 P.M.-Food and drinks
- 5:15-6:15 P.M.- Games on the church lawn (Social hall if rain).
- 6:15-6:30 P.M.- Prize Distribution
- **BINGO will be in the social hall**



ALL ACTIVITIES AND FOOD ARE FREE! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Zion's Kitchen News

Items to be picked up

Please check the dishes on the counter in the SE corner of the kitchen for dishes left from events

Leftovers in refrigerators

Please take home all leftovers from church events. If you plan to have another group use it, please label the item with the group's name.

Worship Participants for September

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Counters	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Prayers of the People
6	Kevin Feagley	Jim Adams	Lynn Kleinfelter	Larry & Sharon Houser	Jacob & Joseph Beidler	Gizelle McFarland	Tovie Kleinfelter
13	Elaine Ludwig	Lynn Kleinfelter	Noel Strattan	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Max & Grace Ludwig	Cathy & Riley Houser	Tracy Hoy
20	Angela Evans	Michael Johnsen	Dylan Houser	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Donny Redinger Daulton Fortna	Monica Bortz Ms. Moyers	Carly High
27	Daryl Hess	Daryl Hess	Eric Schulden	Debbie Long	Riley Houser Stella Ludwig	Darryl & Laura Bush	Kelly Rittle
Altar Guild			Communion Assistants		Ushers		Getting to know you time
9/6,9/13 Nancy/Lois 9/20,9/27 Pam/Dawn			6,13 Tom & Pat Keefer 20,27 Lynn & Tovie Kleinfelter		Jack Beidler, Tom Mohn, Linda Toth, Jim Cascarino		Christian Education Committee