



# Zion News

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***“...we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” ~ Romans 3:3-5***

## Search & Call Committee Update

Wow! What a great weekend! We want to thank everyone for all your prayer, support and for joining us this weekend. On the weekend of April 14-16, we had our Pastoral Candidate Weekend with Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette. We started on Friday with an in-person meet & greet and then the Consistory and the Search Committee went to dinner with our candidate. On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, we had a Zoom and an Open House Meet & Greet. On Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Scott led us in worship which included Children’s Time and a sermon. After the service, we held a Congregational meeting to vote on Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette to be the Settled Pastor for Zion Reformed UCC. **We are excited to announce we now have a Settled Pastor Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette!**

The Transition phase will last about three months before Rev. Scott will join us. The Search Committee will be developing a Pastoral Care Team and will be looking for volunteers. We will celebrate Pastor Katie for all that she has been to Zion through this process. Rev. Scott will be also be sharing the news with his current congregation. As God continues with us on this journey for the future, we ask you to continue to pray and breathe.

Thank You for your continued prayers and support,  
Bill Brewer, Susie Clutz, Becky Hohman,  
Rich Owens, and Kim Ridenour

**ZION’S MISSION:  
TO SHARE THE  
GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
IN SUCH A WAY THAT  
WE FIND GOD,  
GROW OUR FAITH,  
DISCOVER OUR  
PURPOSE AND MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE**

Worship online:

[www.zionreformed.church/worshiplate](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplate)

Through May 21:

Sunday Service: 11am

Sunday School: 9:45am

Beginning May 28:

Sunday Service: 10am

No Sunday School

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*Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)*

Christ is risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia! The words echo in our ears as we enter into the Easter Season. Our Lenten Journey is over, our hearts are lighter, and the sun is brighter. We have traveled from the Upper Room, where we broke bread with the disciples and Jesus to the foot of the cross where they crucified our Lord. We have heard the command to "remember me" and the cry of "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me!"

And, with broken hearts we traveled with a group of women to discover an empty tomb and full hearts. The story is complete, we think... so now what do we do?

This year, I challenge us to remember that Easter is more than a day – it's a season! We should celebrate the Good News that turned the world right-side up every single day. We are an Easter People who know that Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

So what do we do now? What we've always done! Live our lives in the confidence that Christ is present in our lives and will come to us when we need it most. Christ came when the women carefully carried their burial spices with them and turned their sorrow into joy; Christ came into a locked room and turned the disciples fears into a readiness to be witnesses; Christ came to wayfarers on the road to Emmaus and made his presence known in the breaking of the bread. Christ comes and we remember who we are!

In the coming weeks, we will face changes and new decisions. We will have goodbyes and hellos. But in the words of the angels: "fear not!" Christ is with us all every step of the way, and we will not travel alone.

Blessings,  
Pastor Katie

FEAR NOT



## May 05

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## June 06

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## MAY WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

**Sunday Worship** – 11am in the sanctuary and virtually at [www.zionreformed.church/worshiplate](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplate)

*Beginning May 28<sup>th</sup> – worship moves to 10am and Sunday School ends for the summer.*

**Sunday School** – 9:45am - Adult and Children's classes with hybrid options also available.

**Tuesday's Supper and One Stop Shop** – Every Tuesday from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday Potluck and Worship** – Every Wednesday at 6pm

**Thursday Lunch Bunch**– Thursdays at 11:30am in the Burhans Room and ZOOM

**Choir Practice** - Every Thursday at 4:00pm in the Chapel

**4-H Club** – Every Thursday at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

**Consistory**–5/1 at 7:00pm in the Burhans Room and ZOOM

**Search & Call Team Meetings** – 5/8 at 5:30pm in the Burhans Room and ZOOM

**Staff Team Meeting** – 5/11 at 1:00pm in the Burhans Room

**ONA Team Meetings**– 5/2, 5/9 and 5/23 at 12:30pm in the Burhans Room

**CE Team Meeting** - 5/22 at 4pm

**Properties Team Meeting** - 5/31 at 4pm in person and ZOOM

## May Birthdays

Mark Shroyer	5/3	Amber Nilson	5/21
Daniel Springer	5/7	Steve Burgan	5/22
Randall Schultz	5/9	Kristin Grosh	5/28
Marilyn Newlin	5/11	Scott Rhodes	5/29
Kelly Weicht	5/13	Lisa Saum	5/31
Corey Green	5/17		

## May Anniversaries

Krista and Steve Burgan	5/31
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# Notes from the Consistory

As we welcomed spring and warmer weather, the Consistory noted that our attendance numbers and our offering numbers are increasing.

The Wednesday evening Lenten Services have been well received. It was decided to continue these service beginning the week of April 16. The ONA committee hopes to schedule a vote on becoming ONA in the near future. The Welcome Statement is still in draft form.

Holly Bell has been offered the Sound/Livestream position. Welcome Holly to a new role at ZION!

ZION has applied for several additional community grants. Most of these grants will address the renovation of the Fellowship Hall, including installing A/C, and will contribute to the purchasing of food for the Soup Kitchen and the Food Pantry. We were notified that we did not receive the March United Way Emergency grant since we received it in January. At this time the remaining grant applications are still pending.

The United Way held a meeting of community resource programs which Kim and Katie attended. A community resource fair is in the works for this fall to be held at ZION. Volunteers to help with the set up/tear down process and to guide guests to the appropriate areas will be needed. More information will follow as details are finalized.

The Catoctin Association Spring Meeting will be held on April 22 at St. John's UCC in Clear Spring. It will be a hybrid meeting. Calvin and Jean plan to attend this meeting along with Katie. Please contact Katie if you are interested in attending.

We look forward to what the future holds for ZION and our congregation.

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>		
	<b>March</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Income	\$5,708.65	\$13,888.77
Transfers	\$25,000	\$75,000
Expenses	\$34,532.26	\$101,872.58
Net Income	-\$3,823.61	-\$12,983.81

Your sacrificial giving is necessary to keep all of our ministires going.  
Thank you for giving generously to the work God is leading us into.



## May 16 - from the Parish Nurse

It seems that there is a National Day for everything and then some! I wanted to see what celebration days were suggested for May, so I looked up National Days for the Year. Each month has a list of what to celebrate on what day; I added all of them up for the year and the total was 8,016 celebration days!???. Math was never my best subject, but I think that means there are *multiple* things you can celebrate every day. Some of the celebration ideas seem just plain ridiculous....Hairball Awareness Day ; Blah, Blah, Blah Day; Spinach Day; Be Nasty Day; and Panic Day. What is so special about these subjects that they need a national day of celebration? There were also some, in my opinion, good suggestions: Plant a Flower Day; Help a Horse Day; Nurses' Day; Chocolate Day; and Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day.



May is a month about creation, fresh starts and new beginnings. Our area is in a time of transition during May. We are moving from winter cold and frost (our last day for frost is in May around Mothers' Day) into summer warmth and growing. We are moving from darkness into more light. We are moving from brown and dead appearing plants to colorful flowers and refreshing green vegetation. In May we plant vegetables, trees, and flowers. We mow lawns and create beautiful outdoor spaces. Our world appears so alive we feel the need to celebrate!

May 16<sup>th</sup> is National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day. What a worthwhile day to celebrate! There are about as many ways to participate as there are celebration days (8,016) in one year. Help someone with their grocery shopping. Offer your services to a community project or start a new project. Mow an elderly neighbor's grass or clean up their yard debris. Take a meal to someone who is struggling. Donate food or money to a food pantry. Cook or serve food in a soup kitchen. Drive a shut-in to church. Maybe all you have to do is be there for your neighbor to talk to and call on if help is needed. Helping others is a great way to elevate your own mood and your sense of well-being. Just a little bit of your time and caring can mean a world of hope for your neighbor.

A much better way to celebrate National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day would be to continue it for a whole year. As Jesus said in Mark, Chapter 12, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, instructing them to encourage and build one another up. Hebrews, Chapter 13 reminds us that the Lord is OUR helper; we should help others as he has helped us. During this beautiful month of May, remember those around us who are struggling or are less fortunate. Use your own skills and resources to help a neighbor in need. Be the new beginning or fresh start that one of your neighbors is looking for. What will you do this May 16<sup>th</sup>? I hope whatever you choose will be the beginning of a year's worth of doing good!

Health and Blessings,  
Barb Hendershot, RN  
Parish Nurse

Sources:  
[nationalday365](http://nationalday365.com)  
[nationaltoday.com](http://nationaltoday.com)





# What's Happening

## May 4- Thursday Lunch Bunch Q&A with Thomas Jay Oord

We've been studying the book: "God Can't: How to Believe in God and Love After Abuse, Tragedy, and Other Evils," by Thomas Jay Oord. [Join us at 11:30am for a Q&A with the author on May 4<sup>th</sup>!](#)

## May 7 - Watch *Here I Am* during Sunday School

Join us in person or via Zoom.

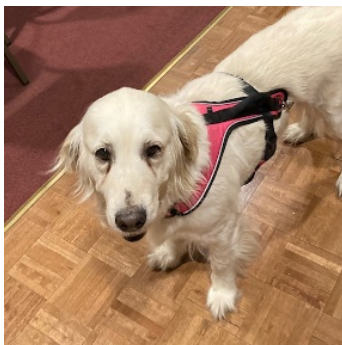
## May 21 - Potluck and Movie After Church

Join us after worship for a potluck meal and stay to watch *The Shack*. Then jump into our Thursday Lunch Bunch discussion of the book which will begin May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## May 26 - Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting again on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 7pm at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck. The book being discussed is *A Lineage Of Grace* by Francine Rivers, which is a series of 5 historical fiction novellas detailing the stories of women in the lineage of Jesus Christ described in the New Testament- Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Please join us for fun and fellowship. For more information, contact Sue Graff at 301-667-8685 or [s.graff@myactv.net](mailto:s.graff@myactv.net).

Date	Lector	Ushers	
May 7	Rich Owens	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
May 14	Wells Ridenour	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Becky Owens Rich Owens
May 21	Amber Nilson	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald William Wantz
May 28	Barb Hendershot	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Jean Simmons Gerald Saum



## A Thank You to Zion

Your generosity has raised \$350 for Sugar. That money was used to buy supplies for the Northumberland Animal Shelter. We also received more than 50 Pee Pads that Katie took to the shelter last week.

Sugar's mom sent us this beautiful thank-you note.

*Thank you, thank you for your kind acceptance of Sugar into your midst.*

*Thank you, too, for your generosity to the shelter!*

*Katie is one of my favorite people and has a heart of gold. Thank you for being part of her world.*

*Fondly,  
Martha*





# Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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## GOD ROCKS!



# this is our God

This is our God. Not a distant judge nor a sadist, but a God who weeps. A God who suffers, not only for us, but with us. Nowhere is the presence of God amidst suffering more salient than on the cross. Therefore what can I do but confess that this is not a God who causes suffering. This is a God who bears suffering. I need to believe that God does not initiate suffering; God transforms it.

- *Nadia Bolz Weber*

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