



# Zion News

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**Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self." Mark 8:34-36 The Message**

## Summer Schedule

Our Summer schedule for worship will start on May 26<sup>th</sup> and run through September 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday worship will start at 10:00 a.m.

**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 [via Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: 876 0291 7867  
Password: Peace

Sunday Service: 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Adult class [via Zoom](#)  
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Dear Zion's Saints,

All of us will encounter times of disagreement with our Church friends, here is a program promoting peace. Consider keeping it around. With Shalom, Pastor Scott

***In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will...***

<p><b><i>Give them a hearing... listen before we answer</i></b></p> <p>(John 7:51 and Proverbs 18:13)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange,</li> <li>• we will not ask questions or make statements in a way that will intimidate or judge others.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.</li> <li>3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.</li> </ol>
<p><b><i>Speak the truth in love</i></b></p> <p>(Ephesians 4:15)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.</li> <li>5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during or following the discussion.</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.</li> </ol>
<p><b><i>Maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace</i></b></p> <p>(Ephesians 4:3)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.</li> <li>8. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.</li> </ul> </li> <li>9. Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• urge people of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously;</li> <li>• seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;</li> <li>• be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;</li> <li>• abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways that are consistent with these Guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>10. Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.</li> </ol>

From the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)





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## MAY WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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

**Wednesday Potluck** – 6:00pm in the chapel

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

**Choir Practice** – Thursdays at 5:30pm

**Staff Team Meeting** – Tuesdays at 12:00pm in the Burhans Room

**CE Team Meeting** – 5/6 at 5:30pm

**Consistory Meeting** – 5/6 at 7pm in the Burhans Room

**Properties Committee Meeting** – 5/29 at 4pm

**Executive Team Meeting** – 5/2 at 2pm

**Easycise Class** – 5/11 at 9am

## May Birthdays

Mark Shroyer	5/3	Amber Nilson	5/21
Marilyn Newlin	5/11	Steve Burgan	5/22
Rebecca Hohman	5/12	Steven Wise	5/23
Kelly Weicht	5/13	Kristin Grosh	5/28
Corey Green	5/17	Scott Rhodes	5/29
Randall Schultz	5/19	Lisa Saum	5/31

## May Anniversaries

Krista and Steve Burgan 5/31



Donate baby wipes and laundry pods for Tuesday Night Ministries

**WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES IN MAY**

Donate granola bars for Micah's Backpack



# Consistory Highlights

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The Good News is spreading! Zion hasn't seen this many people inside our Sanctuary in quite a while. Of course having the many lovely Easter services in March boosted our numbers. The number of children coming to church on Sunday has increased. And we had 108 people attend Pastor Scott's installation including many visitors from our community!

Giving is up as well. Pastor Scott has encouraged us to re-educate our membership about the opportunity to contribute to funding for specific areas (i.e. Christian Ed or Tuesday Night Ministries) in addition to the General Fund. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Our outreach work continues in earnest. The Cinderella Shop numbers were fantastic this year! 76 gowns were sold with 157 people visiting the Shop. The shift from April to March was a great idea. Many thanks to Susie Clutz, Becky Homan, Tina Shafer, Barb Hendershot, Sue Graff and her 3 granddaughters, Rick Waters, Peggy Lowman, Kristin Grosh, and Alden Grosh for their time and commitment to staffing the shop! The 11 Coldest Night of the Year walkers had a goal of \$1200 and raised \$1230.00! All of the funds raised by the Cinderella Shop and the Coldest Night of the Year went directly to REACH of Washington County.

On May 19 we will confirm 5 young people as new members of Zion. Each new member will receive a Bible with their name on it. Because our numbers are increasing, there is a need for additional volunteers to support the Children's Activities during worship. Even if a volunteer can only attend once every couple of months, this assistance will be greatly appreciated. Materials are provided so volunteers do not have to create their own activity or lesson. Contact Pastor Scott or Megan Shroyer if you are able to assist with this important part of Sunday worship. Vacation Bible School will be held with Christ's Reformed on June 24, 25, & 26 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Planning meetings will be held soon.

If you haven't noticed yet, the front of the church looks a bit bare. But fear not, the future look of the front of the church will be revealed this spring. Thanks to the efforts of Burnie Clutz, the dead shrubs in the front of the church building have been removed. New shrubs have been ordered and will be planted at the best time for the plants.

- The ONA committee is pursuing a suggestion of a booth at the ONA parade. The date of the parade is to be determined.
- A Leadership training focused on the roles of the Elders and of the Deacons is being planned by Scott for sometime this summer.
- The Catocin Association Spring Meeting will be held on April 27 in Westminster. Pastor Scott, Barbara Ware, Charlie Ware, and Rae Smith will attend in person. If anyone else would like to attend in person or via Zoom, please let Scott know.

Magnetic safety locks will be installed on our doors by Teleplus. This will allow us to provide increased security to all during church worship and activities.



# What Did You Say? - A Parish Nurse Note

The month of May brings to mind creation, rebirth, fresh starts, and new beginnings. May also has its share of specially designated days: Be Kind to Animals Day, Join Hands Day (to show the importance of community and volunteers), Nurses' Week, Firefighters' Day, Teachers' Day, Loyalty to Your Country Day, World Asthma Day. May is also Get Caught Reading Month and Better Hearing and Speech month. More than ½ of people in the United States over the age of 75 have some hearing loss, secondary to age. Some hearing problems involve the outer and middle ear, the inner ear, or a combination of areas. Hearing loss can also be linked to frequent exposure to loud noise. Nearly 43, 000,000 people in the United States have some sort of communication disorder such as speech, voice, hearing and/or language problems. Speech disorders include the inability to say a sound correctly, stuttering, hoarseness, and too high or too low voice pitch. Language disorders can include limited vocabulary, incorrect use of grammar, and poor



Males are more apt to experience speech, language and/or hearing disorders. About 10% of children have moderate to severe communication problems. Speech and language problems in children make them 4 to 5 times more apt to have other learning disabilities, such as reading issues.

How do you tell if you have hearing loss? Review this list of symptoms to see: sounds are muffled, difficulty understanding words (especially in a crowd or noisy area), difficulty hearing consonants (not vowels), asking others to speak slowly and clearly, ringing in ears (also called tinnitus), and avoiding social settings.

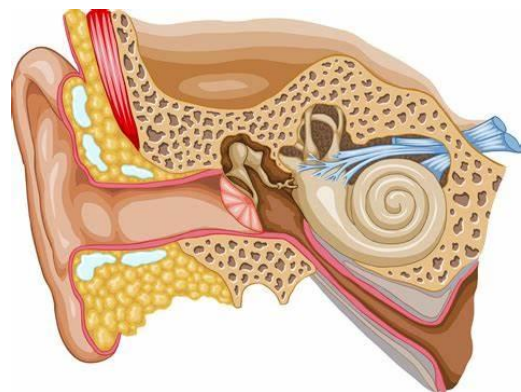
Sudden loss of hearing needs immediate treatment. Age-related hearing loss is gradual, and you may not notice it yourself. Heredity, certain medications (increased dosage of Aspirin, Gentamicin {an antibiotic}, Viagra, and certain cancer treatment drugs) can be a cause of hearing loss. Illnesses causing high fevers (such as Meningitis) can result in damage to the delicate structures of the ear, causing hearing loss. Hearing loss can lead to depression and a feeling of being isolated from others; it can also be associated with cognitive impairment. You can help prevent hearing loss by protecting your ears when around loud noises, such as lawn mowers, motorcycles, power tools, loud music, snowmobiles, and jet skis.

There are two types of professionals that can help determine if you have a speech or hearing problem. Speech-language pathologists diagnose and treat speech and language disorders. Audiologists test for,

If you or your family thinks you have a hearing or language problem, have your hearing tested. Be pro-active and get treatment early. You might be surprised what you've been missing!

Blessings and Health,  
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:  
[Handout #164 : May is Better Hearing Month by Susie S. Loraine, M.A., CCC-SLP](#)  
[mayoclinic.com](http://mayoclinic.com)



# What's Happening

## May 3 – Zion Book Club

Zion's Book Club will meet on Friday, May 3 at 7pm at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck. We will be discussing *Blueprints* by Barbara Delinski, a story about two strong women who face unexpected challenges and life changes. Despite feelings of betrayal and loss, these women find it necessary to somehow rebuild a damaged relationship with each other. Join us for lively discussion and warm fellowship. For more information, contact Sue Graff at [s.graff@myactv.net](mailto:s.graff@myactv.net).

## Tuesdays through May 14, 6:30 – 8:15 pm

Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor – A Community Program by Otterbein United Methodist Church & REACH of Washington County. Open to the community. The main point is to assist people of faith in getting a clearer picture of the “face of homelessness and poverty” and how to make wise giving choices to individuals and agencies. Also learn more about area resources and gaps in service.

Otterbein United Methodist Church 108 East Franklin Street.

## May 19

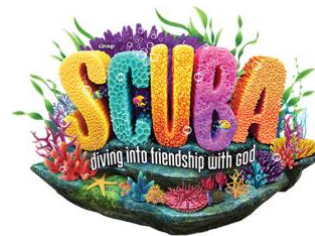
- **Last Sunday School until Fall**
- **Kids Choir Singing During Sunday Worship!**
- **Confirmation Graduation**
- **We will be celebrating our graduates.** Please let the Rae know if you have a student graduating from high school or college by May 10th . Include a photo, information where they are graduating from and future plans.

## Getting Ready for VBS

We are ready to dive into Vacation Bible School. Our theme is SCUBA, diving into friendship with God. We will be sharing God's word for three evenings, Monday-Wednesday June 17-19 from 6-8pm. We are excited to partner with Christ's Reformed UCC.

We are looking for volunteers:

- crews leaders (chaperons for the individual groups)
- stations leader (craft, games, snacks, and Bible-telling)
- storytellers
- registration volunteers
- other volunteers.



We are also planning to have an opportunity for the middle and high school group during this time. Our goal is reaching 50 children and 15 middle and high schoolers! It is a lot of FUN and rewarding! Contact Megan Shroyer or Kim Ridenour to find out more or to volunteer.

## Recycling Opportunities

Did you know that we donate our cardboard from Tuesday Night Ministries and Micah's Backpack to the Mission? The Mission recycles bulk cardboard for their mission project.

Also, we collect aluminum cans for the Tuesday Night Ministries. We encourage you to save your aluminum cans. We try to collect them every other month. You can leave them in the bin at the handicap parking area or call Dave Ridenour 240-313-0710 and he will put you on the pick-up list.

Way to go Zion helping others by recycling!!



Date	Lector	Ushers	
May 5	Carol Mooers	William Brewer Jean Simmons	Calvin Livingston Gerald Saum
May 12	Jean Simmons	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
May 19	Missie LaBombard	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Mark Bagby Rich Owens
May 26	Rae Smith	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	William Wantz Matt McDonald

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	March	Year-to-Date
Income	\$5,790	\$20,534.34
Transfers	\$25,000	\$95,000
Expenses	\$32,558.27	\$117,228.88
Net Income	-\$1,768.27	-\$1,754.54

<p> <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette  <b>Admin Assistant:</b> Rae Smith  <b>Multimedia Specialist:</b> Brandon Hackett  <b>Music Director/Organist:</b> Claire-Marie Moblard  <b>Choir Director:</b> Byron L. Stay  <b>Treasurer:</b> Lisa Saum  <b>Special Funds Treasurer:</b> Carol Mooers  <b>Parish Nurse:</b> Barb Hendershot    <b>Consistory Elders:</b> Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz and Carol Mooers    <b>Consistory Deacons:</b> Rich Owens and Calvin Livingston, Megan Shroyer, Matt McDonald, Becky Hohman and Jean Simmons </p>	<p> <b>Zion News</b> is published monthly by Zion Reformed United Church of Christ  201 North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. </p> <p> Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm  Telephone: 301-739-7244  Email: <a href="mailto:zionrucc@myactv.net">zionrucc@myactv.net</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.zionreformed.church">www.zionreformed.church</a> </p> <p> Deadline for articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month prior to the month of publication.  All articles are subject to editing for space. </p> <p> The medical information in this newsletter is provided without any representations or warranties, express or implied. You must not rely on the information in this newsletter as an alternative to medical advice from your doctor or other professional healthcare provider. </p>
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