



Zion News

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***The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.***

~ Psalm 19:1-2

God, Grant Us...

Peace of mind when current events and global events have us feeling chaotic. Help us navigate the noise to find the truths.

Peace in our hearts when the pain and suffering of others reaches us and threatens to consume us. Help us find ways to process that hurt so it doesn't consume us.

Strength in our bodies to do Your work to make a Just World For All.

Amen

~ People's Prayers for Peace

**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](#)
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Thanks to everyone who helped make VBS successful whether it was through donation, prayers, or volunteering! We had 28 kids join us and a good time was had by all!! We learned that God is a friend who is real and God is a friend who loves! Our theme song was "Thanks God" a good reminder for us all, young and old! Our children enjoyed 3 evenings filled with yummy snacks, water-filled games, energizing music and fun crafts! We'd love to have you join in the fun next year!





July

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JULY WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship – 10am in the sanctuary and virtually at 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 – July 25th at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

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

Properties Committee Meeting – 7/24 at 4pm

Executive Team Meeting – 7/25 at 2pm

Easycise Class – 7/13 at 9am

ONA Fellowship – 7/14 at 11am

July Birthdays

Todd Hershey	7/1	Domenick Gerlando	7/24
Mark Bagby	7/1	Betty Teel	7/29
Ralph France	7/9		

July Anniversaries

Carol and Ralph France	7/11	Scherry and Ralph Sellers	7/14
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HARC Hike Thanks

Thanks to everyone that supported our hikers Carroll Sagers and Barb Hendershot in the HARC Hike for Hunger and Hope. And thank you to Carroll and Barb for representing Zion!



Consistory Highlights

The first Consistory meeting of the summer season began on a high note as we welcomed Scott back from his vacation and honored his birthday. After a celebratory birthday pie, we moved onto the list of agenda items.

- Zion received thank you notes from Betsy Roulette for her birthday party and from Holly Place for the donation of leftover sweet rolls. The Association noted our participation in all five fundraisers for the UCC.
- Sadly, Kim shared that Gerry Hanberry passed away on June 10. His memorial service will be held at Frederick's Evangelical UCC on June 15 at 1 p.m. Gerry served as our interim pastor for several years.
- As everyone can see, our building and grounds are undergoing amazing transformations! If you haven't seen the Fellowship Hall recently, you are in for a wonderful surprise. Everything looks so clean and fresh and up to date. The front of the church and the Memorial Gardens have and are continuing to be cleaned up and planted with new shrubs and flowers. It is a true pleasure to see our church as you drive by on Potomac St.
- In financial matters, we have signed a service contract with Comfort Central to maintain our A/C system. It was also noted that this year we are playing catch up with Pastor Scott's pension as we adjust to his previously established pension system. Our weekly giving numbers continue to grow. Thank you all.
- Pastor Scott noted that he wrote several grants while on his vacation. Zion is indebted to him for this work. The Funkhouser (\$3000) and the Maryland Food Bank (\$6400) grants have been awarded to Zion. This money will be used to purchase additional equipment for the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. A decision on awarding Zion the FEMA grant for enhanced security systems will not be known until the fall. Lilly Endowment grant to fund a shared CE position has been submitted and we are waiting to learn more.
- Planning for an After School Program is still in process. This program will be held in conjunction with a public elementary after school program. Scott indicated that raffle items for Pride Day, July 13 from 10 am - 6 pm are still being accepted and any volunteer help is appreciated.
- The Visioning and Strategic Planning writing team will meet on June 13 with Jill White to begin this process. When the first draft is completed, it will be presented to the Consistory for edits prior to eventually submitting it to the Congregation for approval.
- Progress on an emergency evacuation process/training & safety magnetic locks on all doors was reviewed. We have a bid from Tele-plus for part of this project. A bid for an automatic back gate opener has not been received as of yet. Ushers will be educated on an emergency evacuation process. When all of the planned equipment is in place and once worship begins, the only door open to visitors will be the front main door to ensure the safety of all.
- A Leadership training for the roles of the Elders and of the Deacons will be held on Monday, August 5, 5 - 7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. This training is open to all members.
- A Micah's Backpack plaque in honor of Scherry Sellers will be presented as soon as possible.
- After some discussion it was agreed that Communion will only be offered on the first Sunday of each month. Cubing the bread to minimize the size of bread pieces and minimize the handling of the bread will also occur.
- There are several volunteer opportunities available over the summer and into the fall. The Budget Committee is looking for at least one more non-Consistory members to assist with the preparation of the 2025 budget. Please see Kim or Scott if you are interested.
- We plan to staff the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on 2 or 3 evenings during their Shelter Season.
- Volunteers are needed to help Dip Ice Cream the Ag Fair on July 13 & 20 evening from 3 pm - 6 pm. See Kim if you are able to dip.
- This year's Back to School Block Party on August 24 will focus on Zion's school-aged kids only. Backpacks will be blessed on August 25.

It may be summer but things are happening at Zion!

Safe Travels - A Parish Nurse Note

If you plan on traveling this summer, or at any time, be sure to be safe. Always research your destination before deciding on a trip. Explore what is in the area and if any special events are happening when you are planning to visit. If you are looking for a quiet getaway, and the time you pick to visit just happens to be the same time of a major event that attracts thousands, you might want to rethink your plans. Wherever you travel, it pays to think and plan ahead. Make copies of your important documents (including your passports, drivers' licenses, health insurance cards) or email them to your phone in case your originals are lost or stolen. If you have children with you that are not your own, be sure to have a copy of their health insurance card and a notarized, signed authorization from the child's parent for you to make treatment decisions in case of an emergency.



Be sure to make your family or a friend aware of your travel plans and check in with them periodically. Let your bank know before you leave if you will be travelling in a foreign country. Also check to see if the places you are visiting have fees if you use your bank cards.

If you take a camera with you, be sure to take an extra battery so you don't miss any important photo opportunities.

When planning a trip, choose durable luggage over something that's "cute." Airlines are notorious for luggage mishaps, so well-made luggage is a must. Know what the weather is like at your destination and think about temperatures, sun exposure and activities planned. Picking a wardrobe so you can dress in layers is a good plan. Include good walking shoes for your trip. Nothing puts a damper on fun better than sore feet and blisters!

If you are flying, keep your medications with you in your carry-on bag. Pack an extension cord (or 2) in your luggage so you are able to keep your devices charged and ready to go throughout your journey; you can even leave them in your luggage when you are back home, so they are ready for your next trip.

Visiting an area early in the day when it is less busy can be time saving. One of the biggest tips for safe traveling is to eat as healthily as you can and stay well-hydrated. Always have plenty of WATER available when you are busy visiting the sights. It's easy to get so engrossed in your activities that you forget to drink enough. And always remember.....sloooow down and enjoy your travels! Relax and stay safe!

Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:
worldpackers.com
tsa.gov



What's Happening

July 1-3 – Youth Mission Trip

We will be at [The Global Village](#) (a Heifer Project initiative) in Sharpsburg, MD.

Shepherd's Spring Global Village was started through partnership with Heifer International, Through immersive, hands-on programming, the Global Village aims to educate participants of the causes and effects of hunger and poverty, and to enable them to make a difference in the lives of those in their own communities and around the world.

Zion's Summer Music Schedule

July 7 – TBA

July 14 – Tim Wolfe

July 21 – Flute Choir

July 28 – Byron Stay

Note: While the choir is on summer hiatus they will continue to meet for a few minutes every Sunday morning at 9:30am to go over the first verse of the hymns for that days service. Anyone who would like to join them is welcome.

July 13 – Hagerstown Pride 2024 “Stand Together”

Zion is setting up as a vendor at Doubs Woods Park from 12-5. Join us as we support our community.

July 13-20 – It's Fair Time!

The Washington County Ag Fair is July 13-20. Come on down and see the Downtown4-H club projects. Downtown 4H/Zion are dipping ice cream July 13 and Zion is dipping on July 20th from 11-3:30. Come out and help dip. Contact [Kim Rideour](#) for more information.

July 26 – Zion Book Club

The Zion Book Club will be meeting on Friday, July 26 at 7pm to discuss *If I Were You* by Lynn Austin, a remarkable novel of sisterhood and self-discovery set against the backdrop of WWII. These meetings will be held at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck. Please join us as we enjoy fun conversation and fellowship! For questions, contact Sue Graff at s.graff@myactv.net.

Zion Youth

Be on the lookout for an upcoming schedule of youth events for the 2024–2025 school year! Fun activities are coming up for Zion kids!

REACH Needs You!

Zion has committed to making, serving, and cleaning up dinner, monitoring the laundry area, and assisting with the security checks at the Cold Weather Shelter on Monday - Wednesday, November 18,19, and 20. We can enter the shelter to set up dinner around 5:30 and should have dinner ready to be served promptly at 7pm. With all of these duties, all volunteers should be finished by about 9pm. each evening.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Chapel. Volunteers under the age of 18 are only permitted to help in the kitchen area. Please consider being part of a meaningful evening helping those less fortunate. Questions? See Carroll Sager.

Date	Lector	Ushers	
July 7	Carol Mooers	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
July 14	Jean Simmons	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Mark Bagby Rich Owens
July 21	Missie LaBombard	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald Willian Wantz
July 28	Rae Smith	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	May	Year-to-Date
Income	\$8,049.25	\$41,862.59
Transfers	\$50,000	\$165,000
Expenses	\$49,773.87	\$206,492.78
Net Income	\$8,275.38	\$369.81

Pastor: Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette
Admin Assistant: Rae Smith
Multimedia Specialist: Brandon Hackett
Music Director/Organist: Claire-Marie Moblard
Choir Director: Byron L. Stay
Treasurer: Lisa Saum
Special Funds Treasurer: Carol Mooers
Parish Nurse: Barb Hendershot

Consistory Elders: Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz and Carol Mooers

Consistory Deacons: Rich Owens and Calvin Livingston, Megan Shroyer, Matt McDonald, Becky Hohman and Jean Simmons

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