



Zion News



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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ~ Colossians 2:6-7

Tuesday Night Ministry

Zion received an \$8,458 grant from United Way, to help support our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry! Three of our most passionate Tuesday night ministry volunteers attended the awards dinner in June. We are blessed to have the United Way support, and for the huge team that donates countless hours to help support our community!

If you are interested in serving, we are always looking for volunteers, please contact the church office.

We also have a monthly donation focus, in August we will be collecting cans of fruit and laundry pods.



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IN SUCH A WAY THAT
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Worship online [via Zoom](#)
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Sunday Service: 10am

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Youth Mission Trip to North Carolina





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AUGUST 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 & Devotion - On hold until after Labor Day

4-H Club - 8/7 and 8/21 at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

Staff Meeting - Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Burhans Room

Easy-cise Class - 8/9 at 9:00am

August Birthdays

Angie Shafer	8/5	Megan Shroyer	8/17
Judy Thompson	8/5	Rae Smith	8/22
Barry Newlin	8/9	Daniel Livingston	8/23
Carol Mooers	8/12	Felicity Grohmann	8/25
Stacey Broadwater	8/13	Missie LaBombard	8/28
Frank Ebersole	8/15		

August Anniversaries

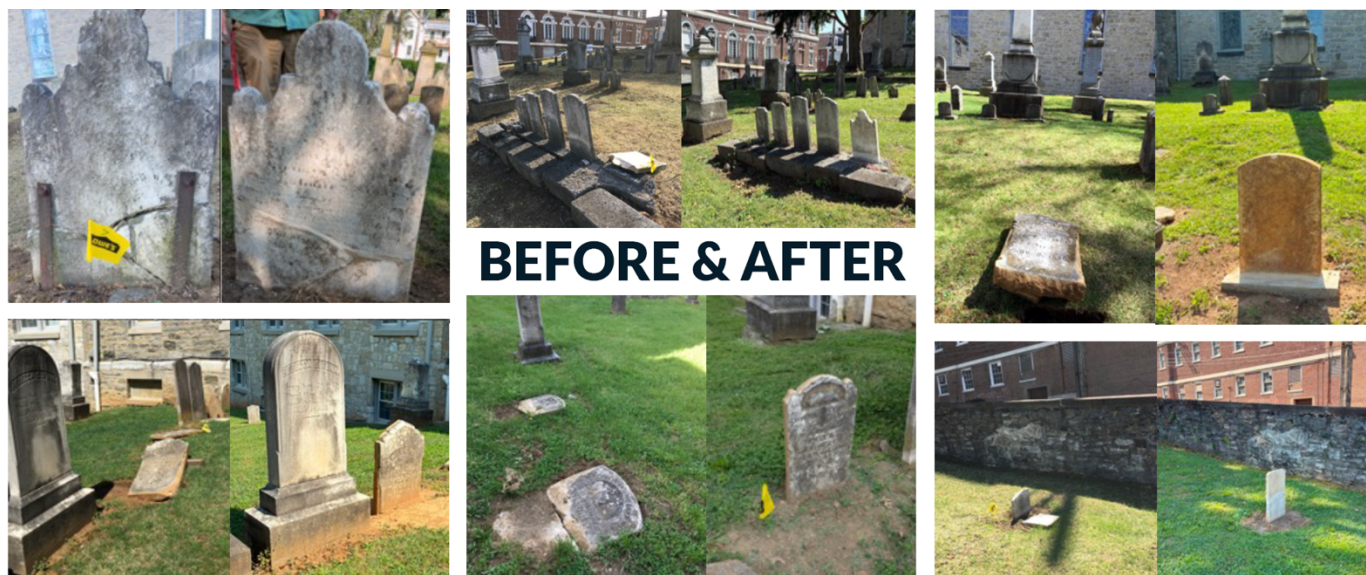
Amy & Barry Newlin	8/6	Susan & Burnie Clutz	8/24
Carol & Randy Schultz	8/23		

Congratulations to Randy Schultz,
the winner of the American Flag Afghan.
 Thank you to everyone who participated
 in this raffle. Your generosity helped
 raise \$385 which will be split between
 our Tuesday Night Ministries
 and our Youth Program.



Zion Updates

We began the journey to repair/restore our cemetery headstones several years ago supported by grant money from the Mary K. Bowman Foundation and more recently through the Roscoe Trust Fund. This work is not trivial, given that many of these headstones date back to the early days of Hagerstown and include the memorial for Jonathan Hager. It takes special expertise to restore the headstones to a semblance of their original beauty. By the end of August, the currently funded repair work project should be completed. The goals of the headstone and cemetery project are to show the proper respect for the souls buried here and to maintain a significant part of Zion's and Hagerstown's history by providing a peaceful and well-maintained cemetery where visitors can pause and reflect. While we are wrapping up this endeavor, history tells us that our efforts will continue into the future.



Founder's Week

Commemorating 250 Years of Jonathan Hager's Legacy.

- October 25th- Float in Mummer's Parade
- October 31st- Final Ghost tours at Hager House
- November 1st- Guided Walking Tours/Open Houses
- November 2nd – Worship; Homecoming Celebration
- November 3, 4 or 5 - Geneological Lecture by Carol Schultz at Zion
- November 3, 4 or 5 - Lecture by Hager Scholar at Zion
- November 6th- Jonathan Hager Celebration of Life- A 250th Commemoration, 6-8pm at Zion. Followed by a graveside moment with taps by Byron Stay and a robust reception

Volunteering at Reach Cold Weather Shelter

Believe it or not, ZION is already signed up to cover the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30. Volunteers will be needed to cook and serve dinner, clean up the kitchen, register, check, and search guests, monitor the laundry area, and provide overnight coverage. It's not too early to get these dates on your calendar. Please see Carroll Sager if you are interested in helping.

Did You Miss It? – A Parish Nurse Note

One of the greatest gifts God gave us is laughter. When you laugh, stress is relieved, more oxygen is available for your heart, lungs and muscles, your blood pressure lowers and your body releases chemicals (endorphins) that make you feel better. If you weren't in church on July 6th, you missed it! The theme was laughter, and we shared lots of jokes and laughs. We heard about laughing birds (kookaburras), laughing animals (spotted hyena), and a plant that means laughter (red larkspur). Enjoy reading these jokes again.....and don't forget to laugh!



What do dentists call x-rays? *Toothpicks*

What do you call a nun that sleepwalks? *A Roamin' Catholic*

Who was the best musician in the Bible? *Samson- he brought the house down.*

How do you know that God recycles? *He made us from dust.*

Do you know why the little boy couldn't open the piano?
The keys were inside.

Why don't eggs tell each other jokes?

They would crack each other up!

Why didn't the circle want to attend math class? *It already had 360 degrees.*

How do you find a cheetah at night? *Use a spotlight*

Knock, knock. Who's there? *Boo! Boo, who? Gosh, don't cry. It's only a knock, knock joke!*

Where do bad rainbows go? *To Prism. It's usually a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.*

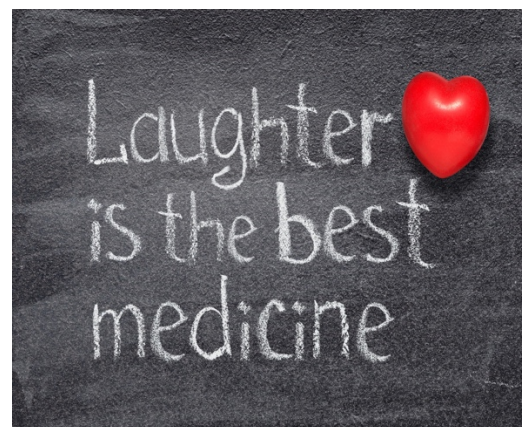
Why should you NOT trust atoms? *They make up everything!*

What is the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? *One is super heavy, the other is a little lighter.*

What do you call a dog that does magic tricks? *A Labracadabrador*

What did pirates call Noah's boat? *The ARRRRRk*

A man with little formal education died and went to Heaven. St. Peter met him and said, "Heaven is getting crowded, so you have to take a test before you can enter; it's 3 questions. #1 What 2 days of the week start with T?" The man said, "today and tomorrow." St. Peter said, "Not what I was looking for, but OK. Question #2: How many seconds are in a year?" The man answered without hesitation, saying "12." "What?" said St. Peter. The man answered, "January 2nd, February 2nd, etc." St. Peter agreed and asked the 3rd question. "What is God's first name?" The man quickly said, "Andy." St. Peter asked, "How did you come up with that?" The man said, "It's in the song, *In the Garden.....*'And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own.' " A stunned, but laughing St. Peter said, "You may now enter Heaven."



Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

What's Happening

August Special Music

- August 3 – Megan Schroyer
- August 10 - Carl Glover
- August 17 - Barb Hendershot
- August 24 – Church Picnic
- August 31 - Amber Nilson

Church Picnic – August 24th

Zion's annual church service in the park and picnic at Pangborn Park. 10am worship service followed by the picnic. Chicken and drinks will be provided, please bring a side or dessert to share.

Visioning Update

The Zion Reformed UCC Visioning Team has been listening and whittling a plan. Here are elements that will be coming for your input:

Mission Priority 1 - Utilizing the Parsonage.

Move the History Rooms content over to the ground floor.

- Provide basic climate control.
- Paint the interior.
- Put up temporary sign that it contains our history room.
- Move items over.

Later contingent on funding, likely a Capital Campaign.

- Activate water in building after plumber reconnects water.
- Install HVAC system(s)
- Add interior cameras.
- Update bathrooms.
- Create a permanent sign.
- Add Musical Instruments to front lawn.

Mission Priority 2 - Better Use of Church Space

Prepare the parking lot spaces for rental long-term and short-term.

- Rehang rear iron gate.
- Update rental contracts and fees.
- Clean the vacant History Rooms - upstairs for rental and downstairs for our use.

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- Add kitchenette, upgrade bathroom moving entry door to hallway rather than maintenance room.
- Add keypad locks for entry to the floor we are renting.
- Add additional cameras.
- Complete new ADA entrance and exterior and interior way-finding signage.
- Add better coffee station in Kitchen or Chapel.
- Consider upgrades to kitchen.
- Add new fencing behind parsonage.
- Restore Tower entry doors and replace the transom's plexiglass protector.

Mission Priority 3 - Grow Our Gathering

- Approve new committee structure and make bylaw changes.
- Refresh look of website.
- Design new opportunities for members: Parents night out, etc.
- Create liturgical drama group.

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- Add electronic sign (see Frederick Presbyterian Church)
- Consider uplighting the tower.
- Improve parking signage and flow.



Date	Lector	Ushers	
August 3	Tina Shafer	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald William Wantz
August 10	Jean Simmons	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons
August 17	Rae Smith	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
August 24	Barb Ware	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Rich Owens Rick Waters
August 31	Rick Waters	Christine Coleman Tina Shafer	Judy Thompson Barb Ware

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	June	2025
Income	\$7,776.00	\$56,245.39
Transfers	\$50,000	\$185,000
Expenses	\$36,145.41	\$228,866.98
Net Income	\$21,630.59	\$12,378.41

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: Becky Hohman, Megan Shroyer,
 Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz and Carol Mooers

Consistory Deacons: Rich Owens, Calvin Livingston,
 Alyn Wilson, Matt McDonald, Rick Waters and Jean
 Simmons

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