



# Zion News

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*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ~ Psalm 91:1*

## Zion Visioning Update

During our Visioning Weekend, we took time to identify the many assets that make Zion strong. Physically, we are blessed with a beautiful, centrally located church building, ample gathering spaces, and a visible presence in the heart of the community. Individually, we are rich in passionate, committed members with diverse gifts—from teaching and music to hospitality and care. Economically, we have the generosity of our congregation, supportive memorial funds, and access to community partnerships. By naming and connecting these assets to potential resources—like local organizations, grants, or volunteer networks—we began laying the groundwork for projects that will help us live more fully into our vision.



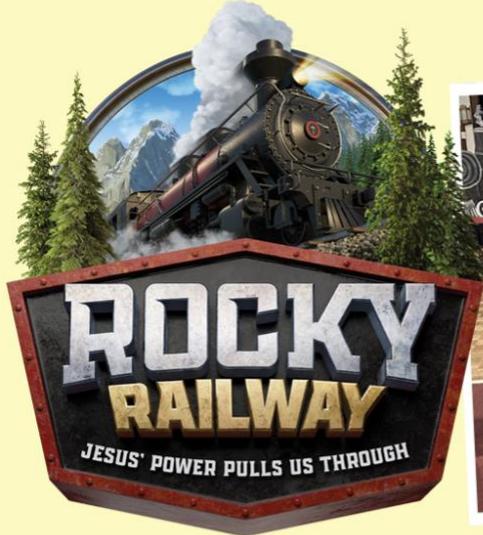
**ZION'S MISSION:  
TO SHARE THE  
GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
IN SUCH A WAY THAT  
WE FIND GOD,  
GROW OUR FAITH,  
DISCOVER OUR  
PURPOSE AND MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE**

Worship online [via Zoom](#)  
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**Thank You, Zion!**



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**JULY WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS**

Sunday Worship - 10am 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 & Devotion - On hold until after Labor Day

4-H Club - 7/3 at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

Properties Team Meeting - 7/31 at 1pm

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

Easy-cise Class - 7/12 at 9:00am

## July Birthdays

Mark Bagby	7/1	Marshall Lowman	7/20
Todd Hershey	7/1	Domenick Gerlando	7/24
Ralph France	7/9	Robert Prince	7/25
Rick Waters	7/19	Barb Ware	7/26



The Parsonage clean-up project continues as we consider how best to use this space. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. It is looking great!

# Consistory Highlights

The Consistory continues to move forward with its visioning and strategic planning efforts. We have recently had several potential renters reach out to us, for single person use up to a company potential rental for 5 to 10 people. We may be in a position to move quickly if these opportunities move toward fruition. While we are continuing with the idea to move the History Room to the 1st Floor of the Parsonage, as well as renting out the second floor of the parsonage. We have also reached out to the Washington County Historical Society to see if we might join forces to host events in the parsonage. We will not move forward with any final decisions without a full congregational vote. But it sure is exciting to see such a vibrant burst of activity at Zion.

We have chosen the vendor to replace the flat roof over the CE Building. They will begin work as soon as permits are issued by the city.

Please note the new exterior painting of the parsonage. Burnie Clutz has agreed to do a bit of work on its landscaping to finish our beautification!

We have just received 2 grants for our outreach programs. We received \$8,458 grant from United Way, to help support our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. We also received a \$3,000 grant from the Funkhouse Foundation, to purchase a new stove for our Food Preparation area in Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget the Mission Trip to Bern NC is coming up in July!

***Every bombed village is my hometown.***

***And every dead child is my child.***

***Every grieving mother is my mother.***

***Every crying father is my father.***

***Every home turned to rubble  
is the home I grew up in.***

***Every brother carrying the remains  
of his brother across borders  
is my brother.***

***Every sister waiting for a sister  
who will never come home  
is my sister.***

***Every one of these people are ours,  
Just like we are theirs.***

***We belong to them  
and they belong to us.***

***— James Baldwin***



# What's Bugging You – A Parish Nurse Note

As the weather warms up and you spend more time outside, you're not alone. Warm weather brings out the bugs. Yikes! Insect stings and bites can be a summer nuisance or a life-threatening emergency if you are allergic. Ants, bees, wasps, ticks and mosquitoes can sting, bite and sometimes transmit diseases. But don't let this interfere with enjoying the outdoors. There are a few things you can do to protect yourself from these critters.



Avoid scented lotions, perfumes and other products while enjoying the outdoors. Wear protective clothing (long sleeves and pants), hats and gloves when working in the yard or hiking in the woods. Carefully inspect your skin after being outside. Ticks, which can transmit Lyme disease, seem to like tight spots; check under your arms, your navel, behind your knees, around your waist and any other places where your clothes press on your skin when looking for ticks. Cover

any outdoor food to discourage bees and wasps from visiting. Drain areas of standing water to lessen spots where mosquitoes can gather and breed. Using an insect repellent that incorporates DEET or picaridin is recommended to keep the bugs away. Studies have shown that these products are safe and effective. Move to a safe area if you find yourself in the midst of a swarm of insects.

Symptoms of insect bites and stings range from mild stinging, itching and redness to facial swelling, difficulty breathing, dizziness, confusion and hives. These more serious symptoms can be life threatening and require immediate medical attention. If you are allergic to bees or other insects, ALWAYS have an EpiPen with you. The majority of insect bites are self-limiting (they go away on their own). Products that lessen the discomfort and itch include over-the-counter pain medications, antihistamines (Claritin, Allegra, Benadryl), ice application, and lotions with menthol to cool the area. Be alert for worsening symptoms, such as increased redness and swelling of the area affected, or generalized aches, fever and malaise.

Summer is a great time to be outside! Don't let the insects bug you. Be vigilant and follow the outlined tips for a terrific outdoor experience. And remember....only about 10% of insects are harmful. Enjoy!!

Blessings and Health,  
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:

[hopkinsmedicine.org](http://hopkinsmedicine.org)

[mayoclinic.org](http://mayoclinic.org)

[health.clevelandclinic.org](http://health.clevelandclinic.org)



# What's Happening

## July Special Music

- July 6 - Byron Stay
- July 13 - Tim Wolfe
- July 20- Joel Ross
- July 27 - Moly Dwyer

## Pray for Our Youth Mission Trip – July 6-10

23 of us from Zion Reformed UCC, Christ's Reformed UCC, Christ Congregational of Silver Spring, and St. Johns UCC of Clear Spring are traveling to New Bern, North Carolina to stay at a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance camp. We will be working on people's homes that have been damaged due to severe weather. Please support us in prayer.



## Dipping Ice Cream at the Ag Fair

On July 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:30pm, Zion will be running the Shake Shack and dipping ice cream at the Ag Fair with the Downtown 4-H Club.

## Church Picnic

Make plans to join us at Pangborn Park on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am for worship followed by our annual church picnic!



## Founder's Week

### Commemorating 250 Years of Jonathan Hager's Legacy.

- October 25<sup>th</sup>- Float in Mummer's Parade
- October 31<sup>st</sup>- Final Ghost tours at Hager House
- November 1<sup>st</sup>- Guided Walking Tours/Open Houses
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Worship at Zion; 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 6<sup>th</sup>- Jonathan Hager Celebration of Life- A 250<sup>th</sup> 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.

Date	Lector	Ushers	
July 6	Amber Nilson	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons
July 13	Rich Owens	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
July 20	Wells Ridenour	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Rich Owens Rick Waters
July 27	Jim Ridgely	Christine Coleman Tina Shafer	Judy Thompson Barb Ware

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	May	2025
Income	\$14,812.34	\$48,469.39
Transfers	\$0	\$135,000
Expenses	\$35,634.62	\$192,721.57
Net Income	-\$20,822.28	-\$9,252.18

<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</p> <p><b>Consistory Elders:</b> Becky Hohman, Megan Shroyer, Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz and Carol Mooers</p> <p><b>Consistory Deacons:</b> Rich Owens, Calvin Livingston, Alyn Wilson, Matt McDonald, Rick Waters 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 13<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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