



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

Mummer's Parade Seats Going on Sale

The Mummer's Parade is on October 25th at 6pm. Zion members can purchase seats from September 8-22nd before they are available to the public. The cost for the seats on the street are **\$7** and the wall seats are **\$6**. Please contact the church office to purchase tickets. And please tell all your friends and family. We hope to sell all of our seats!!



**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: 813 6036 7954
Password: GodswithUs

Sunday Service: 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Beginning 9/7

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Founder's Week Info



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, including Zion from 12:00 to 4:00 pm
 - November 2nd - Worship at Zion; Homecoming Celebration. Please let Pastor Scott if you are willing help!
 - November 3rd - Hager's Forgotten Patriot Legacy Talk - Matt Penrod - Washington County Library 6pm - 7:30 pm
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- November 4 - From Hager's Roots to Yours - 7 - 8:30 pm "Join Carol Miller-Schultz at Christ's Reformed for a hands-on session designed to help you begin your family tree. Bring along names, dates, and places related to your parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to get started on uncovering your roots."
 - November 5th - "The Man, The Myth, The Legend" A discussion at Zion on the debated and unsolved mysteries of Jonathan Hager.
 - November 6th- Jonathan Hager Celebration of Life- A 250th Commemoration, 6-8pm at Zion. Followed by a graveyard tour and taps by Byron Stay.
 - November 7th - Zion Reformed Graveyard Tour - to be given by the Hager Celebration Planning Team of Parks & Rec.

Please check out [the official website](#) for details about the weeks activities.

We Need Your Help!

Can you recall previous members we should invite and to research gravestones and identify descendants of those in the cemetery to invite for our November 2nd Homecoming Worship? Do you have an ancestor buried in the sacred grounds of the Zion Reformed UCC on Potomac Street in Hagerstown, MD?

We will need volunteers to help with the reception that will be part of the events at Zion. Please see Becky Hohman or Carol Mooers if you are able to help, for one or several of these events:

- November 1st - Open House from 12 to 4 pm
- November 2nd - Reception after the Homecoming Church Service
- November 5th - "The Man, The Myth, The Legend" - Simple Reception
- November 6th - Make sure to attend this wonderful celebration



September 09							October 10						
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SEPTEMBER WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship - 11am in the sanctuary and virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive

Sunday School - 9:45am

Children's Choir - every Sunday 10:15-10:30 in the Music Room

Middle/High School Sunday School - 9/7 & 9/21 9:45am in the Youth Room

Young Adult Class/Bible Study - 9/14 & 9/28 at 9:45am Location TBD

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

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

4-H Club - 9/4 and 9/18 at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

Properties Team Meeting - 9/4 at 1pm

Executive Team Meeting - 9/4 at 2pm

CE Team Meeting - 9/8 at 5:30pm

Consistory Meeting - 9/8 at 7pm

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 5:30pm

Easy-cise Class - 9/20 at 9:00am

September Birthdays

Kevin Munroe	9/1	Lisa Saum	9/23
Lauren Gerhart	9/1	Rev Katie Penick	9/23
Frances Sweigert	9/10	Jamie Joy	9/24
Robert Barnhart	9/10	William McDonald	9/27
Kara Hoover	9/15	Andrew Patterson	9/28
Naomi Brackett	9/15	Claire-Marie Moblard	9/28
Barbara Hendershot	9/18	Calvin Shroyer	9/30
Brynn Nilson	9/19		

September Anniversaries

Julia and Ed Patterson	9/3	Brandie and Eric Burchard	9/8
Megan and Mark Shroyer	9/4		

Zion Ministry Highlights

The Properties Committee's work never ends. The extreme heat has impacted progress on the headstone repairs but Burnie continues to plant and beautify the area around our parsonage! The building permit to replace the Education Wing roof was finally received so this work should begin anytime now. A quote for new ceilings for the 3rd floor rooms damaged by the roof leaks will be investigated once the roof is repaired.

Plans for repurposing the parsonage continue to be discussed. At this time we are in agreement that the History Rooms' contents should move to the first floor of the parsonage once that area is cleaned and painted. This plan will be presented to the Consistory for approval at their next meeting.

A new stove for the Soup Kitchen courtesy of the Funkhouser grant was purchased and installed. Other projects in the planning/working stages include the sidewalk repair, lighting in the cemetery in advance of the 250th Anniversary celebration, and the drainage issue in the cemetery from the Sanctuary runoff.

Scott presented the Interface with Visioning Team Goals with the team. This interface allows both groups to move forward with the various initiatives within the boundaries of our current budget and establishes areas to be funded through our proposed Capital Campaign. And so the work continues!



VISIT HAGERSTOWN BUS TOUR

CHURCH IN THE PARK



Ahoy, Matey – A Parish Nurse Note

Shiver me timbers, it's September. (The 19th is talk like a pirate day). September is World Candle month, Sourdough September, and Ginger Cat Appreciation Month. Some special days include Read a Book Day(6th), National Hummingbird Day (7th), Star Trek Day (8th), Swap Ideas Day (10th), and Patriot Day (11th). But perhaps the most important designated day in September is the 28th- National Good Neighbors Day. There are so many ways to help your neighbor, it's hard to list them all. Assisting with yard work is a good way to get exercise while you are helping. Try taking a neighbor to an appointment or bringing them to church. Cook some extra food and share a meal with your neighbor. Plant a little extra in your garden- vegetables or flowers- and share the crop. Maybe all you need to do is take the time to sit and chat with your neighbor. On a larger scale, helping at our Soup Kitchen and Pantry are great ways to be neighborly.



Helping a neighbor actually benefits you too! Some results of being a good neighbor include stronger social connections, a better sense of purpose, improved life satisfaction and decreased social isolation. When you are caring for and helping others, the reward center in your brain is stimulated; a feeling of happiness results. What a wonderful way to improve your mood and boost your self-esteem.

When helping others, your blood pressure lowers, and stress and anxiety are lessened. Your immune system is boosted when you help your neighbors. Cognitive function also improves when you help friends and neighbors. Of course, your spiritual well being is lifted and your stamina can also increase by helping others. There are so many benefits from helping, I don't think it's possible to restrict this activity to a single, celebrated day. Why not help someone every single day of the year? You will benefit, and imagine the results for those that receive your help! Our neighborhoods and cities would be so much better if everyone tried to lend just one helping hand to someone every day. So, what do you say Mateys? Help someone swab the deck, hoist the sails or navigate the sea.....I know you can do it! Enjoy your journey of helping. You will feel so much better yourself!

Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:

mhanational.org

constantcontact.com



What's Happening

Rally Day - September 7

On September 7th, our worship service time moves back to at 11am and our Sunday School will start at 9:45am. Join us for a Pancake/Sausage Breakfast from 9:15-9:55am.

We will also be blessing the backpacks during the service – if you are a student, teacher, administrator, helper, etc. bring your backpack so we can pray for you and bless you as you begin the school year.

Resource Fair – September 9

The 3rd Annual Resource Fair will be held on Tuesday, September 9th from 3 -5pm in Zion's chapel. Local agencies will be on hand to help folks connect with support programs available in our community. This is a free and open to the public event. Tell your friends!

Strong hands and backs are needed on September 7th after worship to set up tables for the Community Resource Fair and again on September 14th to take the tables down.

Children's Church Volunteers Needed

As we begin the 2025–2026 school year, we are looking for volunteers to help with Children's Church during Sunday services. If you enjoy spending time with our kids and would be willing to lead just a week or two in the fall and spring, we'd love to have you! Even if you can only commit to one Sunday during the whole year, that's perfectly fine—we'll take whatever help you can give.

If leading isn't your thing but you're willing to be a second adult in the room to help us meet Safe Church requirements, that's also incredibly helpful and very much appreciated.

To make things easy, Megan Shroyer is happy to prepare a craft or activity for you ahead of time—so your prep time will be minimal.

If you're interested, please call, text, or email Megan to sign up. Thank you so much for considering it! (meg.schultz1@gmail.com or 240-675-0621)

End of Life Planning Program – October 12

Make plans to join us on Sunday, October 12th from 12:45- 2pm to learn more about end of life planning. A light lunch will be provided. You don't have to be old to attend (that's the meaning of PLANNING!) There is a sign up sheet in the chapel.

Volunteering at Reach Cold Weather Shelter

Zion is 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	
September 7	Burnie Clutz	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald William Wantz
September 14	Barb Hendershot	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons
September 21	Calvin Livingston	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
September 28	Carol Mooers	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Rich Owens Rick Waters

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	July	2025
Income	\$14,001.34	\$70,246.73
Transfers	\$25,000	\$210,000
Expenses	\$46,756.62	\$275,623.60
Net Income	-\$7,755.28	\$4,623.13

Pastor: Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette
Admin Assistant and Docent: 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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