



Zion News

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Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.~ Psalm 27:14

Zion Reformed UCC Homecoming Sunday

Nov. 2nd at 11am
Reception to follow

Former members, family members,
and friends of Zion - Join Us!



You're Invited to

Jonathan Hager Celebration of Life

Join a celebration honoring the life and
legacy for the founder of Hagerstown, 250
years after his passing.

Thursday

Nov | 06 | 2025

6:00 p.m.

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ
201 N Potomac Street
Hagerstown, MD



**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

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201 N. Potomac St.
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Founder's Week Commemorating 250 Years of Jonathan Hager's Legacy

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

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 ancestors 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.

Website for details - <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/1832/Jonathan-Hager-Week>



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DONATION NIGHT

Support Zion Reformed
United Church of Christ by
presenting this flyer to the
Hagerstown location and
Texas Roadhouse will
donate **10%** of your total
food purchases to Zion
Reformed United Church of
Christ Youth Group!



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Hagerstown, MD

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»» *Support* ««

**Youth Group of Zion Reformed
United Church of Christ**
Thursday, November 20
3pm-10pm



November 11							December 12						
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NOVEMBER WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

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

Sunday School - 9:45am - Adult and Children's classes

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

Middle/High School Sunday School - 11/2 & 11/16 9:45am in the Youth Room

Young Adult Class/Bible Study - 11/9 & 11/23 at 9:45am in the Youth Room

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

Potluck and Study - Wednesdays at 6pm

4-H Club - 11/20 at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

Properties Team Meeting - 11/20 at 1pm

Executive Team Meeting - 11/20 at 2pm

CE Team Meeting - 11/3 at 5:30pm

Consistory Meeting - 11/3 at 7pm

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 5:30pm

Usher Training - 11/16 at 12:30pm

Easy-cise Class - 11/15 at 9:00am

November Birthdays

John Schnebly	11/2	Brandie Burchard	11/15
Wells Ridenour	11/3	Kim Cook	11/18
Jeannette Rinehart	11/8	Byron Stay	11/20
Margaret Munroe	11/11	Daisy Schlotterbeck	11/22
Bill Brewer	11/13	Matt McDonald	11/26
Curtis Nilson	11/13	Chris Emmert	11/30
Beth Gross	11/14		

November Anniversaries

Gerald & Lisa Saum	11/7	Randy & Barbara Hendershot	11/22
Mike & Sue Graff	11/18		

Consistory Highlights

The Consistory has been busy reviewing and discussing the church's Visioning and Strategic Planning initiatives. After much preparation, we held the Congregational Meeting on Sunday Oct 12, where the congregation voted unanimously to pass the 11 motions prepared by the Visioning Team, outlining future goals and improvements of Zion. Among these plans is a proposal to add colorful mural elements to the children's outdoor area. It was also decided that proceeds from the sale of the Keefer House will be divided equally—half to the endowment and half to support vision projects.

Many thanks to Burnie Clutz for all of his efforts with landscaping beautification of the parsonage. Now we will move our beautification to the interior. Prep and Painting began on Oct 13th of the 1st floor, in anticipation of moving our history room in early January. We will delay painting the second floor until the spring as part of next year's budget.

Pastor Scott and the church's grant writers have been busy securing funding for several important projects. A grant request has been submitted to continue documenting and mapping Zion's graveyard, Pastor Scott is finalizing a \$50,000 FEMA grant to support facility improvements, and the church received a \$3,000 grant from the Maryland Food Bank to enhance safety and accessibility in the food pantry area.

Recent Outreach events have been a great success! The Resource Fair welcomed 56 guests and connected community members with important local services, including help enrolling in medical benefits. The Genealogy Class led by Carol Miller - Schultz drew participants from several states, with one attendee discovering a possible link to Elizabeth Hager.

We hope everyone will join us for Homecoming Sunday on November 2! It's a time to celebrate, reconnect, and share memories—so invite your friends, family, and anyone who's ever been part of Zion to come home for this special day. We will have a very special service, followed by a reception in our chapel.

We will start off the month running with Jonathan Hager week! Zion is supporting Hagerstown's Parks and Recreation Department in Founder's Week, celebrating 250 years of Jonathan Hager's legacy. Events include a walking tour, lectures, a keynote celebration on Thursday in our Zion Sanctuary, and ending with a ghost tour in our cemetery on Friday night. Please check out these events!



November 24th - We will be putting up the trees after worship.

November 30th - We will be decorating the trees and church after worship. We will provide a light lunch during both events.

Christmas Pageant Practice: November 30th, December 7th and 14th
We will be practicing during Sunday School from 9:45-10:25am
The Christmas Pageant will be on December 21st during worship.

Are You Ready? – A Parish Nurse Note

It will happen. You need to be prepared. End of life planning is a subject many put off until it is too late. This may be difficult to talk about, but it can make a very emotional and difficult time a much easier process for your family and friends. Making a will or deciding on a living trust regarding your assets is often the first step; this is vital for young families with small children. The physical and financial care of minor children should be outlined in case of parental death. A living will, MOLST (medical orders for life sustaining treatment) form and preferences for organ and tissue donations clarify your wishes for your family and first responders. A medical power of attorney can be designated to make healthcare decisions in accordance with your wishes if you are unable to make those decisions. End of life housing preferences can be made known (i.e. stay at home with caregivers, enter assisted/nursing home living, hospice care, etc.).



What do you want when you die...a visitation, a funeral, cremation, to donate your body to science? Making these decisions for your family can alleviate lots of stress. Funerals can be prepaid at the funeral home of your choice. Think about your favorite scriptures, hymns and poems that could be part of your remembrance. You can even write your own obituary. It is often difficult for family members to remember when and where you graduated, all the places you worked, and which organizations you participated in. Having all this information written and available can be a blessing to your family.

The financial aspects of dealing with a loved ones' death can be overwhelming. Create a list of your assets and liabilities: include properties, rentals, mortgages, life insurance policies, checking and savings accounts, brokerage accounts, pension or 401K retirement accounts, CDs and treasury bonds, Social Security payments, car loans, credit cards, jewelry and other valuables (including art and collectibles) and cash. Keeping all this information in one accessible place and updating it periodically is very helpful. And don't forget that your loved ones will need to be able to access your information. List all your usernames and passwords; don't forget your computer, cell phone, email accounts, medical insurance, and Social Security information. Having a list of all your bills, when they are usually due, and how they are paid (direct withdrawal, online, by mail) will help simplify your estate. Keep your contacts list up to date to be sure that everyone is notified of your passing in a timely manner.

And last, but not least, consider how you would like your social media accounts handled (have your listing deleted or memorialized). There are lots of dead people still on social media sites! Be prepared, and in doing so, you will lessen the burden on your family and friends; you may even get a better understanding of who you are and what you achieved in your life!

Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse



Source:

[*Drafting an End of Life Checklist* by Elizabeth Siegel](#)

What's Happening

November 9 – Stewardship Sunday

“Dreaming God’s Dream” is about helping people understand the impact our congregations can make in our communities if we generously support them. Pray and consider your investment.

December 5 - Christmas Light Up Party

Join us at the Shroyer's house, 13292 Whispering Spring Drive, Greencastle. Come enjoy the Christmas Light Display on "Candy Cane Lane" and warm up by the fire and make s'mores. Dress warm, this is an outdoor event!

Give a Holiday Meal

These will be given to some that cannot afford a holiday dinner for their family. You can buy a meal for \$15 per family; we have 20 meals reserved. If you would like to purchase a meal, contact the church office or drop a check in the offering and put “Holiday Meals” in the memo line.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and will be available in both Red and Pink. Order forms will be in the bulletins starting the first Sunday in November. We have to have our order in to the by Nov. 23rd for delivery in time for Christmas. You can also call the church office with your order.

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. Please see Carroll Sager if you are interested in helping.



Halloween Party at Pastor Scott's!

Date	Lector	Ushers	
November 2	Tina Shafer	Frank Ebersole Rich Owens	Carol Mooers Rick Waters
November 9	Jean Simmons	Christine Coleman Tina Shafer	Judy Thompson Barb Ware
November 16	Rae Smith	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald William Wantz
November 23	Barb Ware	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons
November 30	Rick Waters	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly

Children's Church Helpers: 11/9- Kodi Taylor, 11/23- Becky Hohman

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	September	2025
Contributions	\$10,168.33	\$55,864.61
Transfers	\$50,000.00	\$320,000.00
Other Income	\$1,334.82	\$32,359.27
Expenses	\$42,556.89	\$384,554.79
Net Income	\$18,946.26	\$23,669.09

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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