



# Zion News

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*For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.*  
~ 1 John 3:11

## Resurrection Is Messy

...Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said *peace be with you*, then he didn't try and hide the mark from the spear on his side. He didn't wear gloves to conceal his scars. Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said *peace be with you* then he showed them his hands and his side.

And isn't that true for us as well? We can only really know and be known when we show our scars. I never really feel a connection to someone until they have shared with me the lumpy, broken, petty, parts of themselves. I may be *inspired* by the virtue and accomplishments of others, but I only feel *less alone* when someone shares their failures with me, the parts of themselves that have been hurt. As Beyonce says, *show me your scars and I won't walk away*.

From the sermon "Resurrection is Messy" by Nadia Bolz Weber



**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  
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Sunday Service: 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am

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# 2026 Lenten Schedule

## March 1 – Second Sunday of Lent

11am Worship - Communion Sunday - Grounded in Prayer Matthew 6:5-15

## March 4 – Second Wednesday of Lent

6pm Potluck and Study - Luke 9:1-6

## March 8 - Third Sunday of Lent

11am Worship - Traveling Unattached - Luke 9:1-6

## March 11- Third Wednesday of Lent

6pm Potluck and Study - Mark 8:31-37

## March 15 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

11am Worship - A New Allegiance - Mark 8:31-37 (Rae Smith is preaching)

## March 18 – Fourth Wednesday of Lent

6pm Potluck and Study - Mark 9:30-37

## March 22 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

11am Worship - De-centering the Self - Mark 9:30-37

## March 25 – Fifth Wednesday of Lent

6pm Potluck and Study - Mark 11:1-16:8

## March 29 – Palm Sunday

11am Worship - On the Way to the Cross - Mark 11:1-16:8

## April 2 – Maundy Thursday

7pm Worship - Joint service with Zion and Christ's Reformed UCC congregations @ Zion  
*Jesus' last supper was the Seder meal which is served on the first night of Passover.*

*He and his followers were in the city to celebrate the Passover holiday.*

*By celebrating and serving the Seder meal we are paying tribute to Jesus and his followers and also learning where our communion service originated.*

He Took a Towel - John 13:1-7; 31-35 - We will celebrate a Seder meal in the chapel.

## April 3 – Good Friday

HARC Cross Walk at 1pm at City Park

## April 4 – Saturday

Decorating the Flower Cross at 4pm

## April 5 – Easter Sunday

6:30 – 7:30am - Early Easter Sunrise Service at Christ's Reformed UCC

Joint service with Zion and Christ's Reformed UCC congregations @ CRUCC.

Zion's turn to supply the breakfast. Please let Pastor Scott know if you can help with the meal.

10:30am Celebrating under the Easter Flower Cross on Potomac Street

11am Easter Worship @ Zion - Back to the Beginning – Matthew 28:1-10



## March

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## April

# 04

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## MARCH WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

**Sunday Worship** – 11am in the sanctuary and virtually at [www.zionreformed.church/worshiplate](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplate)

**Sunday School** – 9:45am – Adult and Children’s classes

**Children’s Choir** – every Sunday 10:15-10:30 in the Music Room

**Young Adult Class/Bible Study** – 3/8 and 2/22 at 9:45am in the Youth Room

**Youth Sunday School Class** – 3/1 at 9:45am

**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 6:00pm

**4-H Club** – 3/5 at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

**Properties Team**– 3/26 at 1:00pm

**CE Team Meeting** – 3/9 at 5:30pm

**Consistory Meeting** – 3/9 at 7:00pm

**Choir Practice** – Thursdays at 5:30pm

**VBS Meeting** – 3/2 at 6:00pm

**Easy-cise Class** – 3/14 at 9:00am

## March Birthdays

Crystal Frazier	3/5	Kevin Bell	3/18
Tina Shafer	3/7	Kent Shaffer	3/20
Elizabeth “Lizzie” Dattilio	3/9	Jim Ridgely	3/22
Chris Mooers	3/9	Calvin Livingston	3/23
Julia Patterson	3/11	Sue Graff	3/31
Christine Coleman	3/14		

## March Anniversaries

John and Barbara Schnebly 3/22

# From the Consistory

Zion's Visioning and Strategic Planning efforts continue to move forward with great progress. At the parsonage, remaining priorities include installing the new heating and air conditioning system, refinishing the floors, and relocating the History Room. The Zion Senior Day Center is scheduled to open on April 24 for a "soft launch". We will open the center up to Zion parishioners and close friends. Remaining tasks include cleaning out the first-floor music room and purchasing furniture.

Pastor Scott remains highly engaged in strategic planning and has been recruited by Jill White to coach other churches in their visioning work.

The ONA team will begin meeting the second Sunday of each month and is exploring participation in the June Pride Event which will be located across the street in the parking lot of Hub City Brewery.

The Christian Education committee is preparing for Vacation Bible School (June 22-25) with Trinity Lutheran and Christ's Reformed. We are looking forward to another successful year! There will also be a Parent's Night Out on March 14 from 5-8. Parents can drop their children off with Miss Kim and Becky Hohman for a fun night of dinner, games, and crafts.

The Properties committee has been very busy and continues with major campus improvements, including parsonage upgrades, Ridenour Education Wing rehabilitation and upcoming organ repair. The consistory voted for consideration of additional visioning priorities including first-floor Ridenour Hall flooring replacement and an upstairs kitchen remodeling. 2026 continues to gain momentum for our visioning and we look forward to the year ahead!

We are happy to announce that we have received a new offer on the Keefer House and hope to close by the end of February!

Consistory: Becky Hohman, Kim Ridenour, Megan Shroyer, Lisa Saum, Matt McDonald, Rick Waters, Jean Simmons, Carol Mooers, Susie Clutz, Alyn Wilson, Rich Owens, Tina Shafer



*photos from*  
**Zion's Chili Cook-off  
and Quizbowl**

## *It's Still Here (A Little Bit of History) – A Parish*

Tuberculosis....it's still here. Some say it has been around for 3 million years. March 24 th is World Tuberculosis Day. This disease had many different names and was very misunderstood before the 1880's. In the 1700s, it was called "the white plague" because of the pale skin color associated with it. The term "consumption" was used in the 1800s because it appeared to "consume" the bodies of those afflicted. During this period, it was thought to be a hereditary disease passed from one family member to another; the first one to die from it was imagined to return as a vampire to infect the remaining family members. Scary stuff, scary times! The true cause of tuberculosis - the bacteria called Mycobacterium tuberculosis- was discovered by Robert Koch in 1882. This disease was named Tuberculosis in 1834; at that time, this disease claimed the lives of 1 in 7 in the United States and Europe.



In 1889 the New York City Health Department began recording each Tuberculosis case, a practice still required by all health departments in the United States. A skin test-an injection of a small amount of Tuberculin under the skin- was developed in 1907 to see if a reaction occurred (meaning the bacteria is present in the body). This procedure is still used today, as well as a blood test that can detect these bacteria. Tuberculosis can also be present in other animals, like cattle and deer.

The Tuberculosis bacteria is spread through the air from an infected person to another and can reside in the lungs, lymph nodes, kidneys, brain (meningitis), spine, abdomen and larynx. Risk factors that increase chances of contracting Tuberculosis include a diminished immune system, malnutrition, close contact with an infected person (family member or overcrowded living conditions), and being under the age of 5 or being elderly. Symptoms include a prolonged cough, chest pain, coughing up blood, fatigue, night sweats, fever, chills and unexplained weight loss. Treatment in the past centered around " lana, letto, latte," Italian for warmth, rest and good food. Sanitariums, long term residential facilities, centered their care of Tuberculosis patients around these measures. (In 1953, there were still 839 sanitariums capable of treating 136,000 patients.) Emily Bisset came up with the idea of Christmas Seals, a one cent stamp, to raise money for the sanitariums in 1907. It wasn't until 1943 that streptomycin, an antibiotic, was developed to fight Tuberculosis. This disease is classified as active (a person has symptoms, feels ill and can spread the disease) or latent (inactive disease in a person without symptoms and no ability to spread the disease). Active Tuberculosis requires oral medications for 4 to 9 months. Those with latent tuberculosis are encouraged to take medications for 3 to 9 months to prevent the disease from becoming active.

Tuberculosis remains the world's deadliest disease, with 10.8 million cases and 1.25 million deaths in 2023. In 2024, over 10,300 new cases of Tuberculosis were reported. But don't fear! Knowledge is power, so stay informed.

Blessings and Health,  
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:  
[cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) | [who.int](https://www.who.int)



# What's Happening

## Cinderella Shop Opens in March

March is right around the corner. That means it's Cinderella Shop time! The Shop will be open every Saturday morning in March from 9am to Noon. Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers and to guard the door as visitors come and go. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located in the Chapel.

## April 24 - Senior Day Center Soft Opening

We will be having a soft launch of Zion's Senior Day Center on Friday, April 24th. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!

## May 30 - End of Year Party for Youth and their Families

Join us at the Shroyer House on Saturday, May 30, 4 to 6:30pm for a great time of games, laughter and spending time together!



A colorful poster for 'Parents Night Out'. The top half features a night sky with blue clouds, yellow stars, and a crescent moon. Below the sky is a green landscape with rolling hills and trees. The text 'Parents Night Out' is written in a white, cursive font across the sky. Below this, the date and time 'March 14, 5-8pm' are displayed in a white, sans-serif font. Further down, there are three lines of yellow text: 'Parents! Drop off your kids and have a night away!', 'Dinner will be provided and Miss Kim will have an evening full of activities for the children.', and 'SIGN UP'. To the right of the text is a QR code.



New members



Zion's strategy



Valentine's cupcakes



Date	Lector	Ushers	
March 1	Rae Smith	Jamie Coates Tina Shafer	Barb Ware Kathleen Wood
March 8	Barb Hendershot	Christine Coleman Blaine Dockery	Judy Thompson Cowboy Ward
March 15	Calvin Livingston	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald William Wantz
March 22	Carol Mooers	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons
March 29	TBD	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly

Children's Church Helpers: March 8 - Kristen Joy, March 22 - Susie Clutz

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	January	2026
Contributions	\$3,888.00	\$3,888.00
Transfers	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Other Income	\$482.00	\$482.00
Expenses	\$74,359.99	\$74,359.99
Net Income	\$5,010.01	\$5,010.01

**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:** Susie Clutz, Megan Shroyer, Alyn Wilson, Rick Waters, Tina Shafer, Kim Ridenour  
  
**Consistory Deacons:** Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, Calvin Livingston, Matt McDonald, Jean Simmons, Becky Hohman

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