



# Zion News

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*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 1:3-6*

## Holy Week at Zion

### April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Seder meal at 6pm

Joint service with Christ's Reformed UCC congregation at 7pm

### April 3 - Good Friday

HARC Cross Walk at 1pm at City Park.

### April 4 - Saturday

Decorating the Flower Cross at 4pm. Afterwards, we will go to dinner at Western Sizzlin.

### April 5 - Easter Sunday

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

Easter Hat Parade. We will have our Easter Hat Parade on Easter Sunday. If you have a hat, please wear it. If you don't, we will have hats from our "Easter hat collection" that you can borrow.

**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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## **Peace (A Communion Blessing from St. Joseph's Square)**

Song by Rich Mullins

**Though we're strangers, still I love you  
I love you more than your mask  
And you know you have to trust this to be true  
And I know that's much to ask  
But lay down your fears, come and join this feast  
He has called us here, you and me**

**And may peace rain down from Heaven  
Like little pieces of the sky  
Little keepers of the promise  
Falling on these souls  
This drought has dried  
In His Blood and in His Body  
In the Bread and in this Wine  
Peace to you  
Peace of Christ to you**

**And though I love you, still we're strangers  
Prisoners in these lonely hearts  
And though our blindness separates us  
Still His light shines in the dark**

**And His outstretched arms are still strong enough to reach  
Behind these prison bars to set us free**

**So may peace rain down from Heaven  
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Little keepers of the promise  
Falling on these souls the drought has dried  
In His Blood and in His Body  
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Peace to you  
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**Listen to the  
song on Spotify**



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## APRIL 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** – 4/12 and 4/26 at 9:45am in the Youth Room

**Youth Sunday School Class** – 4/5 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** – 4/2 at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

**CE Team Meeting** – 4/6 at 5:30pm

**Consistory Meeting** – 4/6 at 7:00pm

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

**Properties Team** – 4/30 at 1:00pm

**Executive Team Meeting** – 4/30 at 2:00pm

**Easy-cise Class** – 4/11 at 9:00am

## April Birthdays

Delilah Bell	4/2	Sally Stewart	4/17
Aaron Kelly	4/4	Eric Saum	4/20
Tess Summers	4/5	Michael Mooers	4/21
Kristen Joy	4/5	LoriBeth Martin	4/21
Randy Hendershot	4/9	Krista Burgan	4/23
Lynda Graves	4/10	Kenlin Martin	4/24
Jean Simmons	4/10	Burnie Clutz	4/26
Kimberly Ridenour	4/10	Michael Heyser	4/28
Robert Kefauver	4/12		

## April Anniversaries

Alice & Scott Barr 4/30

# From the Consistory

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Significant progress continues with the Visioning Plan. The new HVAC system has been installed in the parsonage! Remaining parsonage projects include completing painting, refinishing floors, relocating the History Room, and planning a ribbon-cutting and open house with potential Historical Society programming.

A Senior Day Center Assistant has been hired and will begin work the last week of March in preparation for the Senior Day Center soft launch on April 24! Preparations are also underway for the Senior Day Center, including cleaning out the first-floor music room and developing programming.

Implementation of the FEMA grant continues to move forward. TelePlus has begun wiring for additional cameras and security features for the ADA doors in the Fellowship Hall. The doors are expected to be installed within the next 10-12 weeks.

The Keefer House sale was finalized on March 9 for \$360,890.02! We continue to be in awe of the generosity of the Keefer family. Consistory approved the submission of several grant applications to help support the church's soup kitchen and pantry programs. The consistory also voted to add additional handicapped parking spaces.

The consistory voted to launch a capital campaign following a feasibility study indicating the potential to raise \$200,000 over the next three years.

We give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon Zion over the past year. We are especially grateful for our Zion community who continue to faithfully share their time, talents, and gifts each week to support our mission and strengthen our ministry. Zion's future is bright! Praise God!

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



## **Gift of Backback & Supplies to all attendees of our soup kitchen.**

Thanks to the amazing generosity of Ryder Logistics, and the passion of Cheree Ragland (daughter of Marshall Lowman and granddaughter of Peggy Lowman, our dedicated volunteers!) we handed out 75 backpacks filled with a wide range of hygiene products, hats, gloves, socks and sweatpants. Our guests could not have been more thrilled with this surprise gift.

**Thank you Cheree and Ryder!!**

## Twice as Nice – A Parish Nurse Note

There are 2 special recognitions for the month of April- National Stress Awareness Month and National Gardening Month. Believe it or not, these 2 designations go hand in hand. Why do we need to highlight stress? Everyone seems to suffer from it, so why bring it up? The first step to treating something is being aware of it. By highlighting stress awareness, the stigma is lessened and ways to cope with stress come to light. It also helps to outline the physical and mental effects of stress. Most of us know the common stressors: work, finances, relationships, and health issues. Unrecognized stress can lead to a greater risk for high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke. Tips for managing stress include physical activity, yoga, meditation, and regular exercise. These activities help release endorphins that act as pain relievers and mood boosters; this positive effect can last up to 2 days!



Be mindful of when you are stressed. Take a few deep breaths, meditate or take a short break. Take care of yourself! Eating a healthy diet and getting adequate sleep help you to be in the best shape to deal with life's stressors. Take time to keep in contact with others (not necessarily on social media). Frequent face-to-face socialization is a great way to maintain a good mental balance and decrease stress. Walking with friends adds an additional boost to your well-being!

April is considered National Gardening Month because of the arrival of spring. It's time to sharpen your tools, select what seeds to plant, and plan what you would like your garden to look like. Cool season crops, like radishes and lettuce, can be started now. Other seeds that require warmth can be started inside if you have adequate space. Even if you live in an apartment or don't have an area to plant a large garden, you can still benefit by planting and maintaining a container garden (growing vegetables, flowers, herbs, etc. in pots instead of directly in the ground). This is a space saving method that can take advantage of patios, balconies and benches. You can still reap the benefits of exercise, decreased stress and better mental clarity when using this gardening method. Invite your neighbors to join you in gardening. Try to learn about good gardening practices as well as different plants. Gardens supply beauty, fresh and healthy produce and a feeling of accomplishment- great stress relievers!

Consider planting native plants. This will not only benefit you, but it will reduce stress on our pollinators, too! You'll feel better if you do. Remember to take a deep breath and smell the roses (or whatever fragrant plants you choose!).

Blessings and Health,  
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:

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

[healthyparkstn.com](http://healthyparkstn.com)

[cms.illinois.gov](http://cms.illinois.gov)



# What's Happening

## April 24 - Senior Day Center Opening

Zion's Senior Day Center

Opens April 24, 2026!

Reach out to Megan Shroyer if you're interested in participating or offering your gifts and talents to lead an activity!



## April 26 - Saying Thank You

Join us in celebrating our wonderful musicians - Claire Marie Moblard and Byron Stay - as they step away from their music and choir leadership positions.

## Let Us Know About Your Graduates

Please let Megan or Kim know if you or someone in your family will be graduating so we can recognize and celebrate them on Graduation Sunday. We would love to honor graduates of all levels from preschool through college.

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

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

## VBS at Zion!

Make sure to invite your kids, grandkids and neighbors to join us June 22-25 at Zion 6-8 pm.

## REACH Volunteering

Mark your calendars for Monday and Tuesday, December 28 and 29, when Zion will make and serve dinner, monitor laundry and provide Shelter coverage overnight at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter. More details to follow this fall!



Miss Kim and Becky hosted a parents night out on March 14 to give families a night to themselves.



Date	Lector	Ushers	
April 5	Rich Owens	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Rich Owens Rick Waters
April 12	Wells Ridenour	Jamie Coates Tina Shafer	Barb Ware Kathleen Wood
April 19	Jim Ridgely	Christine Coleman Blaine Dockery	Judy Thompson Cowboy Ward
April 26	Tina Shafer	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald William Wantz

Children's Church Helpers: April 12 - Kim Ridenour, April 26 - Megan Shroyer

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TREASURER'S REPORT		
	February	2026
Contributions	\$8,700.00	\$12,588.00
Transfers	\$65,000.00	\$140,000.00
Other Income	\$3,896.66	\$4,378.66
Expenses	\$33,463.19	\$107,823.18
Net Income	\$44,133.47	\$49,143.48

**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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