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**Disaster Relief Team
20th Year Reunion
October 22, 2017
2:00 pm**

If you have been involved in the Disaster Relief Team in any way.

You Are Invited!

Many, many of you have supported our team with prayers, monetary donations, pies, cookies and helping to make and sell apple dump-lings, helping us help others—we would like to share this time with you.

Please come and join us!

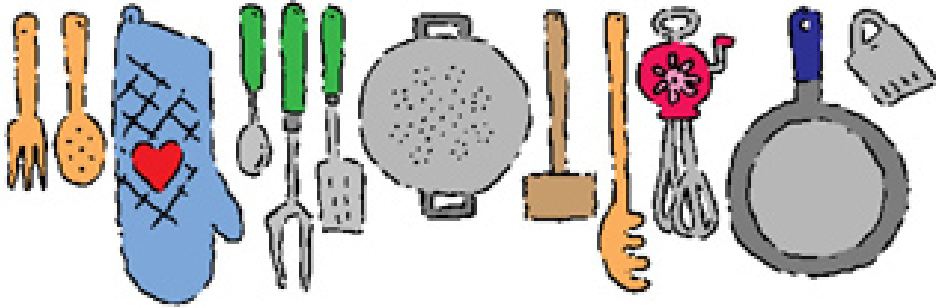
There will be light refreshments served and a time of sharing in the church social hall.

RSVP: Pollie Furman 570-546-8667 or Glenda Yost 570-490-5751



**20th Year
Reunion**

KITCHEN CLEAN UP - DAY



Kitchen Clean Up
Saturday, November 11, 2017
8:00 am—12:00 noon
We need your help !

Dear Friends in Christ,

Five hundred years ago on October 31st, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther issued a formal call for debate with the church of his day.

Luther's "Ninety-five Thesis" for debate ultimately came down to one very important issue, the Biblical teaching of "Justification by Grace through Faith." This means that we are made right in our relationship with God as a gift, by the death of Jesus on the cross, and we receive that gift when we believe it by the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

The Lutheran Church has never been a breakaway sect, but rather a movement within the universal church to champion the Gospel truth of justification by grace through faith.

The greatest hope and wish of a true Lutheran then, is that all people would share in this great good news that God comes to us and finds us through Jesus Christ and takes away our sin. It is God's wonderful work flowing out of his unconditional love for us.

Come celebrate God's love with us on Reformation Sunday, October 29th.

Peace,
Pastor Roux

Did You Know?

Martin Luther called for seven reforms in the Church. They are:

- Laypersons are to receive both the bread and the wine in the Sacrament.
- Mass is restored as a weekly communion rather than a good work.
- Emphasis in Confession is on absolution rather than on the listing of sins.
- Fasting and other disciplines are encouraged but not as ways of earning salvation.
- The vows of monks and nuns are not binding if made for improper reasons.
- Bishops are no longer to rule as worldly powers.
- Priests are allowed to marry.

The Roman Catholic church has adopted all but the last of these reforms.

Affirmation of Baptism

Our 8:00 am celebration of Reformation Sunday on October 29th will be an especially joyous occasion this year. Amber Axtman will participate in the rite of Affirmation of Baptism on that day. Amber has completed a two-year period of instruction and is ready to make public profession of her faith and assume a greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

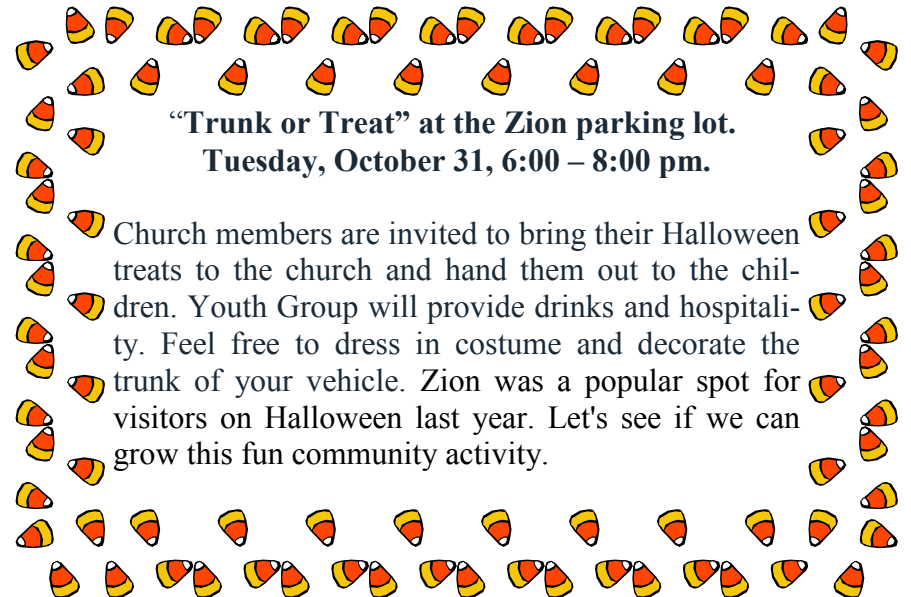
She will promise:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to hear His word and share His supper
- to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed.
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

**Confirmation Class begins on Sunday,
October 1st at 7:00 pm.**



Trunk or Treat



**“Trunk or Treat” at the Zion parking lot.
Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.**

Church members are invited to bring their Halloween treats to the church and hand them out to the children. Youth Group will provide drinks and hospitality. Feel free to dress in costume and decorate the trunk of your vehicle. Zion was a popular spot for visitors on Halloween last year. Let's see if we can grow this fun community activity.



REFORMATION MOVIE NIGHT !!!

Sunday, October 15

7:00 PM

Church Social Hall

Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther kicked off the Protestant Reformation, which contributed to the birth of our modern age. In this one-hour special — filmed on location in Europe — Rick Steves tells the story of a humble monk who lived a dramatic life. Rick visits key sites relating to the Reformation and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe — from indulgences to iconoclasts, and from the printing press to the Counter-Reformation. It's a story of power, rebellion, and faith that you'll never forget. Popcorn and beverages will be available.

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Middle School and High School Youth Groups October 2017

We invite all youth to join us for these upcoming events. Middle School Youth Group is for 5th through 8th grades, and High School is for 9th through 12th grades. Events are for both groups unless noted otherwise. Amanda Stoudt is serving as our Middle School advisor, and Karrie Ravert as our Senior High advisor. Call Pastor Roux at home 570 437-9058 or church 570 649-5195 with any questions.

The following events have been planned. More planning and events to come!

Sunday, October 1st

Corn Maze and Hay Ride at Kohl's Stony Hill Farm. Leave from the church at 1:00 pm and return at 5:00 pm Cost is \$12 for ages 13 and older, \$7.50 for ages 12 and under.

Saturday, October 21st

"Building Youth Group" event at Camp Mount Luther, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Our theme this year is "Pray!" Includes team building, reflection time on God's Word, Frisbee golf, ropes course, and fellowship. Leaving Zion at 9:00 am. Bring a bag lunch. Zion Youth Fund will pay the \$22. program cost. Let us know if you want to join us. Deadline to register is October 16.

Tuesday, October 31

"Trunk or Treat" at the Zion parking lot. Church members are invited to bring their Halloween treats to the church and hand them out to the children. Youth Group will provide drinks and hospitality. Dress in costume.

Lutheran Community Reformation 500 Service

This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther changed the history of the Church and the world forever when he posted his “95 Theses” on the door of Wittenberg’s Castle Church. With these Theses, he addressed and hoped to reform church practices which he felt were inconsistent with scripture. Luther taught that God’s Word was more important than church traditions.

Luther emphasized that scripture is the final word... not human traditions or churchly authority. We uphold his teachings that scripture is the primary authority for faith and life, justification by the grace of God alone, and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone. As Luther himself once proclaimed, “Is it not wonderful news to believe that salvation lies outside ourselves?”

In praise to God and in celebration of this anniversary of our legacy, Zion and Holy Spirit are co-sponsoring a special Reformation 500 worship service. Also invited to attend this special event are our Lutheran neighbors at St. John (Delaware Run), St. John (Pottsgrove), Follmer, and First Lutheran (Watsonstown).

When: Sunday, October 29 (Reformation Sunday)

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Historic Warrior Run Church (corner of 8th Street Drive and Susquehanna Trail; ½ mile from the Warrior Run High School)

We ask your cooperation with the following: (1) no parking under the trees or next to the cemetery wall and (2) no smoking at any time with the exception of the parking lot. Please also note that the church is not heated, and it may be chilly in late October.

We are excited to offer this joint fellowship service of praise and thanksgiving and hope you can join us.

“To gather with God’s people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.” ~Martin Luther

ELCA Youth Gathering 2018

Six Youth and two Adults from Zion will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, June 27 – July 1, 2018. Youth include Amber Axtman, Kailey Betz, Jacob Craig, Maris Kilgus, Grace Roux, and Cadee Wood. Karrie Ravert and Pastor Roux will accompany the youth on this journey.

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering is “This Changes Everything.” Our primary scripture will be Ephesians 2:8 “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*” Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

The youth of Zion have already begun their monthly “Getting Ready” classes. Registration for the Gathering is open for Zion youth until November 15th. Any additional youth who wish to join us should contact Pastor Roux soon. Youth must have completed 8th grade by June 2018 at attend.

LIBRARY NOTES

Reformation 500: Additional Online Resources

Children will enjoy the “Reformation A-Z Coloring Book.” This booklet of activities will help teach specific parts of the Reformation and help families engage in Reformation learning at home. This resource may be downloaded and printed.

<https://lutheranreformation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/ref500-Coloring-Book.pdf>

Martin Luther’s story and influence are captured in a short video with a catchy tune that will appeal to children. Lyrics are available for printing.

<https://lutheranreformation.org/resources/for-teachers/reformation-rock-video/>

Of course, we know that Martin Luther was instrumental in initiating the Reformation. Have you ever wondered who else might have played key roles? “Faces of the Reformation” is a series for adults which explores other individuals who were influential in this movement including John Calvin, Lucas Cranach, and Philipp Melancthon.

<https://lutheranreformation.org/resources/faces-of-the-reformation-series/>

“Katie Luther: the Morning Star of Wittenberg” is a video that explores the life of the woman who help 16th century reformer Martin Luther change the course of history.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4h6NoxNhmE>

“Opening the Door to Luther” is narrated by PBS host Rick Steves, who explores the tumultuous events of the Reformation as he travels through Germany.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GkypKvtKQ>

An assortment of Luther’s writings are made available free of charge on the Luther Reading Challenge website. Each text will be prefaced by an introduction to orient the reader.

<https://www.lutherreadingchallenge.org/>

Stop-motion animation briefly tells “The Story of Martin Luther” and the Reformation for children. Scenes include the castle where he hid as an outlaw to the Imperial Council at Worms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tox2TfIUH90>



Reformation 500

1517-2017

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Zion Church recently became involved in Stephen Ministry. This one-to-one lay caregiving ministry is named for Stephen, one of the first seven laypeople called by the church to assist the apostles in caring for others. (You can read Stephen’s story in Acts 6 and 7.) Stephen Ministry is truly ministry—that is, service to others, caring for others in Jesus’ name, doing the work that God has both called and gifted his children to do. Do you feel a calling to care for others who are hurting? Do you desire the personal joy that comes from sharing Christ’s love with people? In the next few months, our Stephen Leader Team will begin training some of the members of our congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, speak to Valli Rovenolt or Pastor Roux.



“All the things you have prepared whose will it be?”

Jesus asks this question in the parable of a man who tore down his barns and built bigger ones to store an unusually large harvest. When informed that he would die, Jesus concludes his parable by asking the question, “Whose will it be?”

Do you believe that all we have are gifts from God?

Do you wish to leave your gifts in a way that carries meaning and supports family and charity?

Are you interested in faith-based planning?

If you answered “YES” to any of those questions, then we have just the opportunity for you!

Pastor Liz Polanzke, Central PA Gift Planner, will be visiting our church on the weekend of Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. The role of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Foundation Regional Gift Planner is to work with you, and all disciples of God’s church to faithfully plan the appropriate distribution of gifts to charity and family or friends. Being a member of the ELCA, you have many free resources and opportunities available to you. She will be sharing about these in her time with us.

Pastor Liz will preach at all three liturgies when she visits. She will also hold a Sunday school class after worship on Saturday evening and between worship services on Sunday beginning at 9:15 am in the basement social hall. Pastor Liz is also available for one-on-one consultations at your convenience. We look forward to having her and her expertise working with our congregation.

About Pastor Liz Polanzke, Gift Planner: Pastor Liz is brought to us through a partnership of the ELCA Foundation with Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry, Allegheny Synod, Camp Mt. Luther, Dia-kon, Gettysburg College, Lower Susquehanna Synod, Lutheran Camp-ing Corporation, Lutheran Campus Ministry-Penn State, Lutheran The-ological Seminary-Gettysburg, Luthercare, Sequanota Camp and Con-ference Center, SpiriTrust Lutheran, Susquehanna University, and the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

Zion Coffee Break

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need Coffee Break Hosts
after 8 am service for Sundays.

Sign up sheet in the narthex in the
kitchen area

COFFEE HOUR -Coffee hour provides a time of fellow-ship and many more people linger and talk if there are “goodies”. If your last name begins with the following let-ters, and if you like, you may bring a little something to share. A dozen cookies, or bars, a plate of cake, fruit, nuts, crackers, cheese, pretzels, etc. Anything you wish.

A-D 1st Sunday of month

E-K 2nd Sunday of month

L-R 3rd Sunday of month

S-Z 4th Sunday of month

Months that have five Sundays, Pot luck! Anyone who wants to bring a little something.





Wednesday Prayer Service

Our Wednesday Prayer services continue at 9:00 am. For those looking for an additional opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Prayer Group celebrates the sacrament at its service on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Be with us for prayers and the Sacrament on Wednesdays.

Saturday Evening 6:00 pm Worship

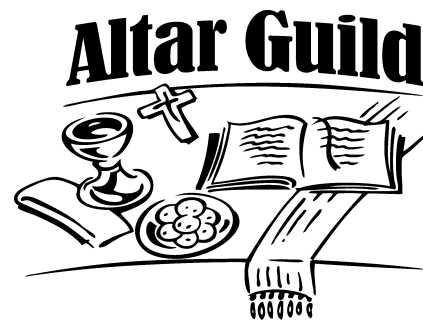
This worship is meant to be helpful to those who find an evening worship time more convenient. It is a simple but inspiring service of Word and Holy Communion that includes organ music and traditional hymns. A choir offering contemporary Christian music anthems meets for rehearsal at 5:30 pm before worship. Please come if you would like to sing. If you can play an instrument and would like to join in our praise group, please contact Pastor Roux.

IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING ?

We need your help to maintain our church records and keep in touch with you. If your address has changed (due to 911 implementation or going away to school or whatever reason) please notify the church office. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new address zionlc39@windstream.net

Holy Communion Assistants

We have been blessed to have many people serving at the altar in our worship. Assistants set the table and offer the wine by pouring chalice or common cup. We are in need of people to serve at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am liturgies. We have four teams for each liturgy, so you would be scheduled to serve three months during the year. Please speak to Pastor Roux if you can serve in this ministry.



Altar Guild Help Needed

We need some extra people on a permanent basis to be part of the Altar Guild, please contact Courtney Hamm or Kate Fisher for details. Your work will be greatly appreciated.

BLANKET SUNDAY
September 30 and October 1, 2017

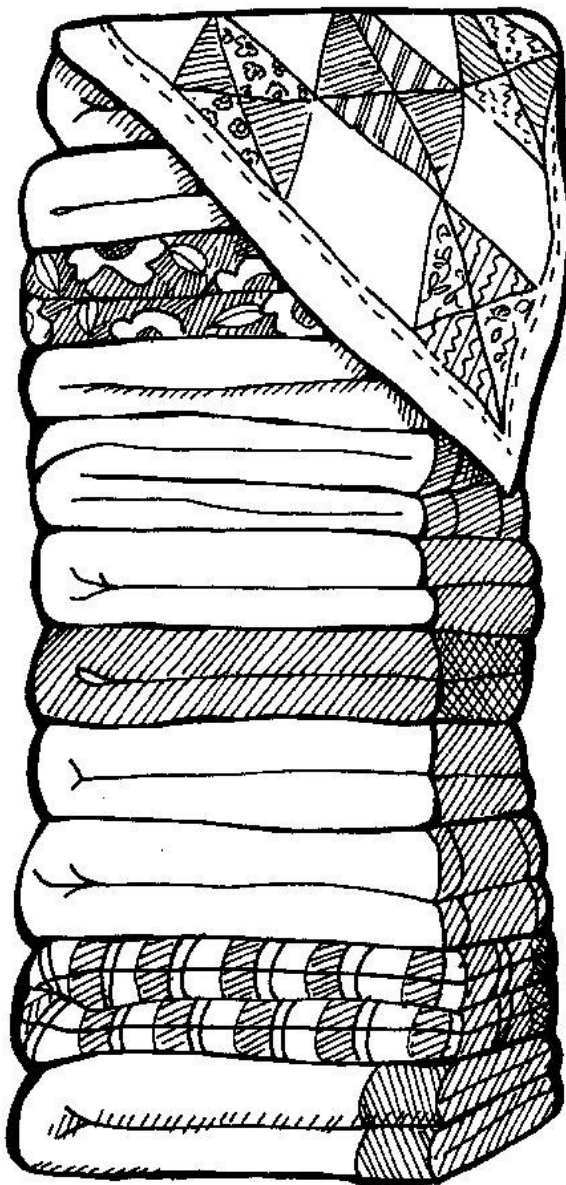
Blankets are essential. How many do you have in your home and how many ways are they begin used?

We use them for bedding, of course, but we also find them to be welcome to ward off the chill in the air while resting in our favorite chair on a cold winter's evening, or perhaps you spread them under a shade tree to have a picnic and they are a necessity for tent camping. Even our dogs have blankets.

Did you know there are many in our world who do not even have one? Your help is needed to help provide blankets to those in need. Envelopes for this cause will be available Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1.

The envelope may then be pinned to the blanket on display in the narthex.

Thank you for your generosity.



Current Fund
Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (7/31/17)	15,721.17	22,318.07
	August	YTD
Monthly Contributions	19,822.98	162,939.58
Monthly Disbursements	23,031.52	170,708.02
Balance (8/31/17)	12,221.63	12,221.63
Building Fund—\$15,718.98		
Nave Improvement—\$21,927.03		
Organ Fund—\$55,260.00		

August Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:
 8:00 am - 263
 10:30 am - 176
 Saturday Evening - 60
 Wednesday Prayer - 46

COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Disaster Relief Team 1st Monday at 7:00 pm
Barbara Kilgus—Chairperson

TUESDAY

Outreach 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm (note time change)
Pastor Roux—Chairperson
Brenda Reasner—Council Rep
Stewardship 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Barry Durlin—Chairperson
Bob DeHart—Council Rep
Property 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Lynn Watson and Lee Bieber—Co-Chairs
John Kauffman—Council Rep
Social Ministry 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Valli Rovenolt—Chairperson
Garry Ritter—Council Rep

THURSDAY

Executive Committee 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm
Church Council 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Worship and Music 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
John Craven—Chairperson
Carolyn Bieber—Council Rep
Staff Support 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm
Melissa Kilgus—Chairperson
Deb Webb—Council Rep

SUNDAY

Christian Education meets quarterly at 6:30 pm
Ann Gardner—Council Rep

JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet October 11, 2017. Pastor Roux and Ann Gardner will present a program on the Reformation. Lunch location to be determined.

*We meet the second Wednesday of the month.
Mark your calendars!*

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in October
Leroy Cotner—4th
Martha Weidner—21st
Shut-in members with Birthdays in October
Emily Gottschall—10th

SNEAK PEAK
Mark your calendars!

November 15 (note the date change) This will be our Thanksgiving Meal prepared by the Disaster Relief Team and entertainment will be provided by Carl and Opal Schleppey.

December 13 Catered meal from the Station House and Memorial Program by Joyce Osman.



will begin Wednesday, August 30 at
6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The handbells are ready to ring. All ages might ring—it is fun!
Please give some thought to joining our handbell program.
Wednesdays 6:00 pm

10:30 AM CHORUS

The 10:30 Chorus will continue to sing the second and fourth
Sunday at the 10:30 service. Rehearsal is in the choir room at
10:15 am on Sundays when we sing. The music is hymns and
choruses and easily learned in ten minutes. Please join us.

8:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR

The choir sings on the first and third Sundays at 8:00 only. The
rehearsals are from 7:00—8:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Choir
room. How about YOU?

Would you like to sing or ring?

Pastor Steve
Minister of Music

Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)

Rick Rovenolt, Council President (570-649-6385)

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist

Rev. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Wendy Wood, Preschool Helper

Dennis Sheatler, Custodian

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Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemoyer 649-5358

Team 2 Joe and Mary Lou Murray 437-2478

Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438

Team 4 Ashley and Janet Reasner 649-5658

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

In recent weeks, we all have been saddened and dismayed by the devastation and destruction that hurricane “Harvey” inflicted in Texas, Louisiana and other locations. Homes destroyed, lives lost, families displaced, housed in shelters in need of food and clothing. And people responded with open hearts giving of themselves and their resources. There, we speak in terms of thousands in need, a crisis brought to the attention of the nation. In our eagerness to help those affected by Harvey, let us not forget those among us who are in need - our neighbors, our friends. Let us not close our eyes to those nearby where the need continues. Considering the number of families in our congregation, wouldn't it be wonderful to deliver 100 cans of food to them in a month. Let's make it happen! Oh, I have such great expectations!

August – This was not the typical hot and humid month we normally expect but a little cooler and wetter than usual. However, there were those days and evenings (carefully chosen) when picnics were enjoyed. Thank you so much for all your donations of baked beans to add to our neighbor's festivities.

September – Days have become noticeably shorter and cooler and “horrors”, a few leaves have begun to fall; harbingers of what is come. All are just little nudges to tell us that the season is once again changing and its apple picking time. So, this month we chose to bring applesauce for our neighbors. Please continue to check those grocery shelves for applesauce and bring as many cans or jars for our neighbors as possible.

OCTOBER

God has his paint brush in hand and is painting us a beautiful picture, all the reds, yellows and greens. As a current TV show so aptly puts it, “Take time to enjoy the view”! This month, let us think “orange” and bring cans of sweet potatoes and yams for our friends. We will find them in small cans and large cans. Bring any size or any brand – all our welcome. These will be delivered by November in time for the planning of our friend's Thanksgiving meals.



October Newsletter
October deadline is
October 11, 2017

Are you aware that we have ...

... large print Portals of Prayer?

...devotional booklets located on the table in the narthex and at the back of the church?

Large print bulletins are available for all worship services.

Children's bulletins are also available for worship services.
Just ask an usher.

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Check out the pictures on Facebook



Thank you for the many pre-school donations. Your generosity has truly blessed us!!

Jen and Wendy

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and phone calls I received while I was in the hospital and while I am in therapy in the nursing home. Also I would like to thank Pastor Roux and Pastor Steve for their many visits they are very much appreciated.

Jack Yost

**Please remember in your prayers our members
who are homebound,
in nursing homes and the military:
*Birthdays are listed***

At Home

Alice Durlin – 6/9

Emily Gottschall - 10/10

Joyce McCollum—12/2

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Watson town Rehab—Watson town

Eleanor Trefsgger –9/21

Finley Stahl

Rockwell—Milton

Janice Metzger 4/15

Dodie Day 6/23

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Riverwoods—Lewisburg

Nancy DeHart—12/26

Gladys Durlin—2/26

Military -

R. Scott Keister-3/12

John Rump-3/26

Christopher Keister-4/2

Michael Frey-5/20

Keenan Young—6/27

Wayne Meckley-8/16

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16