



OUR "NEW" REMAINS EXCITING

"Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off." (Proverbs 23:18) For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Progress, progress, progress! That one word may seem to express what has been occurring regarding a number of items here at Zion these past couple of years. There is progress in a reduction in COVID-19 cases and its variants. There is progress in the return of more activities within the church that we are more accustomed to having in years past. There is also great progress in our commitment to missions as the Body of Christ in our outreach to the Food Closet, the homeless population, children in the Head Start program, PORT, and other ministries. And finally, there is progress in the completion of more of the capital improvement projects that began in the last year and a half.

While there is great progress we have made, there is more for us to accomplish, both internally, and in our commitment to serving others. Our two in-person worship services continue, our Facebook and website Sunday services remain effective in reaching people, and a couple of Sunday school classes are meeting. We are working toward more concrete dates to have other classrooms open, including our children's classes and our nursery. We are in the midst of planning an Easter event for the children and VBS scheduled in July. Our monthly commitment to mission ministries remains, and we are almost done with the renovations in the Social Hall.

These various activities and ministries are proof of our active response to the call of Christ to be faithful disciples. However, the biggest thing that I am recognizing is the NEW approaches and activities that we are developing in order to be effective in ministry. The online services, the drive-thru missions, the utilization of outdoor space, and the embracing of new thinking in order to grow in effective ministry. While it may not be easy, and we may not be uncomfortable with this "newness," it is something that is likely to stay as a part of our regular ministries and events in the future.

God is providing us many opportunities of hope and prosperity. God continues to bless us with new thoughts, new people, and new tools to grow as disciples of Christ. As we end this season after the Epiphany, and begin our Lenten journey to Easter, we enter into a new season of spiritual reflection and growth. It is a season to reflect on how our journey has transpired, reflect on the pain and hardships, reflect on how God's hand remains in our midst, and to rededicate ourselves to the journey ahead.

This Lenten Season, let us again recommit ourselves and our lives to Christ and faithfully serve and give. Let us journey together in faith as we approach the cross, recognizing that through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we are invited to share the Easter story with all.

Blessings to all!

Pastor David



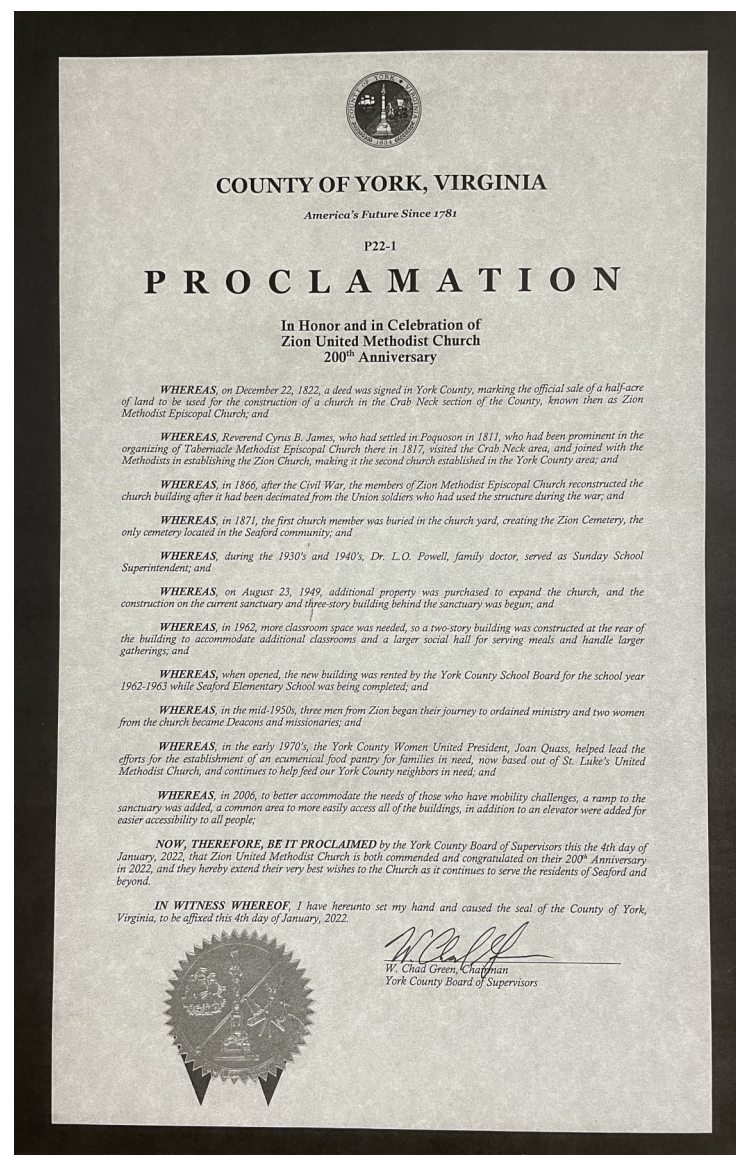


TRUSTEE HELPS WITH SNOW-MELT

Thanks to George Stephenson, who came out on Friday, January 21st to sprinkle some snow melt in preparation for the snow to come that evening. It did snow, but the melt worked and the funeral for Hedrick Gillikin was able to go on as scheduled on that Saturday, January 22nd.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF OUR ANNIVERSARY

Chad Green, Board of Supervisor and member of Zion, presented a proclamation that was made by the County Board of Supervisors in honor and celebration of our 200th Anniversary. The presentation was made at our in-person worship services on February 20, 2022.



Dear Zion members; Our family is so appreciative of the love and support you gave us with Hedrick's unexpected passing. From the cards, calls, flowers, and visits to the wonderful reception the Zion ladies provided, to Pastor David's support. Our hearts are broken but faith and love will help us move forward. Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers.

Love, the Gillikin family



My daughters and I cannot thank you enough for your kind comments, loving remarks, and heart-warming cards and phone calls after Anne's death. In the midst of this pandemic, and trying to determine the best way to honor her with some type of service, and share this with all of our church family, the family decided to conduct a small grave-side service at Anne's home church in Charlottesville. Pastor David and I traveled to Charlottesville, and our daughters joined us, and we conducted the service there. That brought the family closure. I am sorry that we were unable to have something for everyone, but we are glad it worked out the way it did so we can all move on with our lives. Again, my heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone.

Sincerely, Bill Gibson

The Builder's Class is meeting each Sunday. The class has met in the Social Hall and in Room 208 at 9:45 a.m. All adults are welcome. We are fortunate to have 3 different teachers, Norman Rush, George Stephenson, and Norma Ahner. The group enjoys lunch out on occasion at Joe & Mimma's restaurant.

ADULT *Sunday School*



Adopt a Bushel

FEED A NATION



Adopt a Bushel Project – Thank you to those who have already shared their love in support of our February Share the Love Mission Project for The Society of St. Andrew. Through the Adopt a Bushel challenge, we

will share more than 41,000 servings of fresh, health-giving fruits and vegetables with people in need. Our goal of one bushel has already been met so now we are working on bushels two and three. Please stop by the display by the conference room and choose the fruit or veggies you would like to “adopt”. Please have your gifts into the church by Sunday, March 13th.



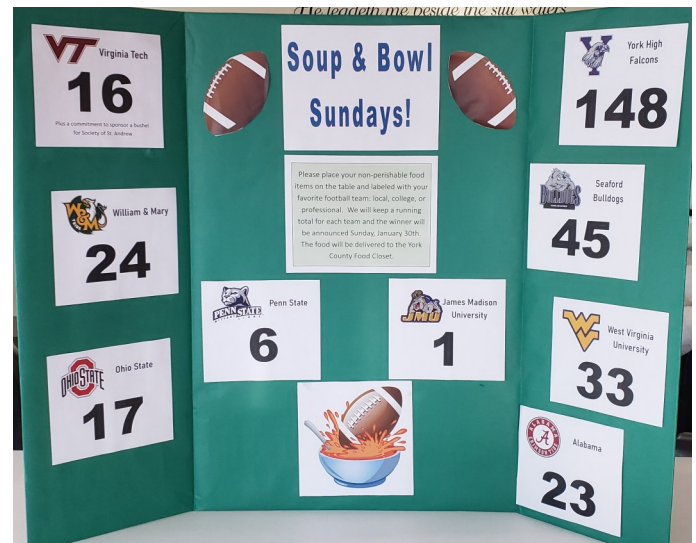
SOUP & BOWL SUNDAYS!

The Results are in:



York High Falcons!

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support the York County Food Closet!



Zion will be serving the homeless community through the PORT program at Warwick Memorial UMC on Thursday, March 3.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with this important ministry.

200th Anniversary Trivia Questions—2

1. The Flame & Cross, crafted and donated by Calvin Hudgins, was dedicated in _____.
a. 1990 b. 1993 c. 1995 d. 1988
2. One of the early names for Seaford was _____. a. Fish Neck
b. Crab Neck c. Chrisman's Point d. Cockletown
3. Zion is the _____ Methodist church in the area. a. oldest
b. second oldest c. third oldest d. fourth oldest
4. The first Vacation Bible School was held in _____. a. 1960 b. 1951 c. 1945 d. 1938
5. To install the pipe organ, the _____ was removed. a. Folding door b. stained glass window
c. dorsal curtain



Answers from Trivia Questions from last newsletter:

1.) Zion Church was founded in 1822. 2.) Ninety-six pastors have served Zion. 3.) The Educational Building foundation was marked and the area was in partial use by 1961. 4.) The first Mitten Tree was placed in the sanctuary in December 1979. 5.) The pipe organ was installed in April 1985. 6.) The Handbell Choir originated in March 1990. 7.) The Zion Bazaar organized in the 1960's and was initially part of the UMW. 8.) After the Civil War Zion Church was dismantled by the North and its lumber used to build a hospital in Yorktown. 9.) A time capsule (hand crafted copper box) containing a Bible, hymnal, pictures of the new church building stages, history, and cornerstone ceremony was placed at the laying of the cornerstone in May 1950. The Rev. J.T. Mills presented the "posterity's box," as he called it. 10) Early circuit pastors stayed in the homes of church members.



The Zion United Methodist Men met for the first time in over two years on February 24. We had a great turnout, with 31 in attendance and delivered 9 shut in meals. Many thanks to Rob Thompson and his meal team; Zetie Damron; Norman Rush; and Pastor David. And we enjoyed a great presentation from speaker; Nathan Brauner. In looking ahead, we plan to meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. It was great to be back in fellowship as a group after such a long time.



Our Youth meets each Sunday at 5 pm and has begun decorating the room on the third floor, known as the Teen Café. The poster pictured on the right has been added. They have also made a proposal to the Trustees to allow them to build and install a "free-library" that would be erected outdoors, maybe toward the Pavilion area. Inside the Library will be booklets and material that

people are invited to take and use for their family and children. The youth would be responsible for assuring material is kept up-to-date and maintain the structure that is created for this library. If you have teenagers who would like to join this group, please contact the church office.





Ash Wednesday Service

9:00 am – 12 noon

Drive Through Ashes Available
(Please call the church office before arriving)

6:00 pm Shrove Pancake Dinner

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

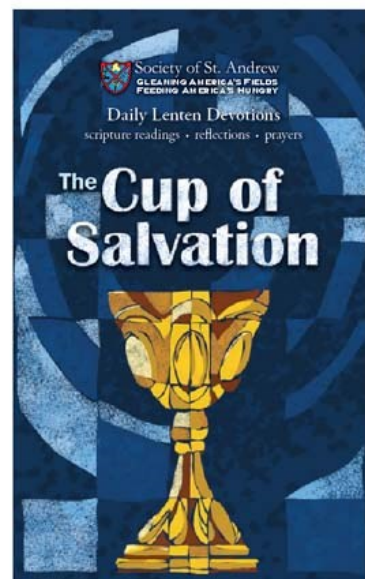
NEW LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

This Lenten Season, we are offered the opportunity to reflect on Jesus' own concern for the least, the last, and the lost, with a daily Lenten Devotion. It is important for us to recognize the abundance of opportunities in our own life to drink from and share *The Cup of Salvation* with others. This devotion, compiled by The Society of St. Andrew, helps us recognize how we are surrounded by opportunities to give generously to provide healthy food for our hungry brothers and sisters. The devotions are for Lent, which is March 2 – April 17, 2022.

As we step into this Lenten Season, may we remember how quickly things changed for Jesus as he entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday— where he was arrested, crucified, and then resurrected on Easter Day! What a mix of emotions the followers of Jesus must have experienced. What uncertainty!

Consider others in the midst of their season of change during these uncertain times. Post pandemic, many lost jobs, and others lost homes. Finances run out but not the hunger of their own children! What are they to do? Where can they turn?

The writers share firsthand experiences where they were offered *The Cup of Salvation* in their own lives or were able to grow alongside their neighbors as they received blessings.



A FOUR-WEEK LENTEN STUDY

There is a large amount of material that is covered with students before Confirmation into the church. Many adults have asked if they could be a part of the classes. This abbreviated course will give adults an idea of the many topics that are covered, and offer chances to ask questions and grow in our faith.

An afternoon and evening sessions are offered; 2:30 in afternoon and 6:30 in the evening. Material will be given to each participant in preparation for each session. Call the church office to register.

Tuesdays — March 8, 15, 22 & April 5



Palm Sunday Worship

April 10 — 8:30 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 14—7:00 pm



Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 15

12 Noon to 8:00 pm

A self-guided journey to reflect on the last days of Jesus' life on earth will be available in the church sanctuary.

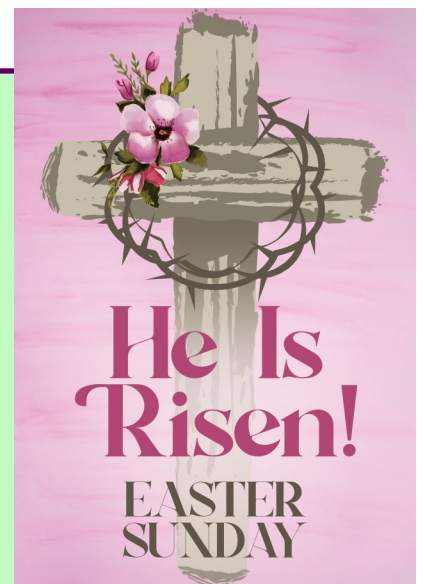


Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

Sunrise Service - 6:00 am
at Yorktown Monument

Easter Worship Services
8:30 & 11:00 am





Rewards Programs for Zion

Zion is continuing to see the benefits of being a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program and of Amazon Smile. **amazon**smile

So far we have received over \$900 from Kroger Community Rewards, and \$400 from AmazonSmile. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute. To learn more about either of these programs, please contact the church office.



Mar. 1—10 am Bazaar Worship Resumes
Mar. 2—9:00 am—Noon—Drive Through Ashes
6 pm—Shrove Pancake Dinner
7 pm—Ash Wednesday Service
Mar. 3—Zion Serving at PORT
Mar. 4 & 5—Social Hall RSVD Cub Scout Derby
Mar. 8—2:30 or 6:30 Lenten Study
Mar. 13—Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar. 14—6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Mar. 15—2:30 & 6:30 pm Lenten Study
Mar. 16—6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Mar. 17—20 Handbell Festival in Ocean City
Mar. 21—6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Mar. 22—2:30 & 6:30 pm Lenten Study
Mar. 24—6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting

April 5—2:30 & 6:30 pm Lenten Study
April 11—6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
April 14—7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 15—Noon—9:00 pm Stations of the Cross
April 17—Sunrise Service at Yorktown Monument
8:30 & 11:00 am Easter Worship
April 18—6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
April 20—6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
April 28—6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting

Each Week:

Sunday—5:00—7:00 pm Youth Group
Tuesday—10:00—2:00 pm Bazaar Workshop



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NEW CEILING, LIGHTS & PAINT FOR SOCIAL HALL

The final parts of the Social Hall update are just about completed. James Ingram and Ray Guterrez from Broccuto Ceiling Company added new tracks and ceiling tile. MP's Custom Painting painted the walls and trim, and Price Electric completed the wiring to the new flush-mounted LED lights. Then Andrew Collins, Jimmy Butler, and Matt Burris put the remaining tiles in the ceiling.





As cold days and nights wind down, we are so eager to get into the sunshine phase of Spring. **Happy Spring everybody!** Here are some little health tips, information, and other healthy items that we hope you will find of interest, as well as beneficial.

- Hours of the days for a tan – yes, you can get a tan after 4 pm!
- Meds in dark bottles or pill containers are easily destroyed by sunlight.
- Cats scent glands on face, between eyes, ears, and mouth, release pheromones (a chemical substance produced by an animal as their scent to others).
- Sweden has the most islands in the world – 267,570.
- Parkinson's Disease – brain nerve cells are destroyed due to lack of dopamine, a chemical that affects memory, focus, movement, happiness.
- Eggs aged in room temperature peels easily after boiling as the sac separates from the egg walls.
- Wounds need moisture to heal and nutrients from the body.
- Alcohol should not be used on open wounds as it destroys cells, use soap and water.

Quick Quiz:

- #1 Teeth – match the correct numbers (32, 42) to the following: Dogs _____ Humans _____.
- #2 (True or False) Darker skin gets less vitamin D from the sun due to large amounts of melanin which are color cells.
- #3 (True or False) Tuberculosis bacteria can effect everything in the body (bone, tissues).
- #4 (True-False) Gluten-free baking – use cornstarch which is free of fiber, protein, fats.

- Gluten is a protein found in barley, rye, wheat.
- A pound of feathers is equal to a pound of sand.
- If you are short of breath, have swollen feet, face, and hands, go to the Emergency Room – this could be a sign of heart failure.
- Bacteria – some do not need oxygen to survive.
- One part bleach to 10 parts of water can be used to kill bacteria for home use.
- Lewy body dementia are protein deposits in the brain.
- Dogs that shed: Chinese Crested, Poodles, Saluki, Schnauzer, Golden Doodle, Scottish Terrier, Whippet, Bolognese, Spanish Water Dog, Welsh Terrier.
- Fungus can cause dandruff
- Moles – are raised tissues of melanocytes (produces melanin, a pigment that gives skin its color).
- Malignant moles have irregular shapes, contain many colors, and are larger than a pencil eraser – including basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell, and melanoma.

A – Asymmetry – one side of the mole is different shape.

B – Border – can be ragged, uneven, irregular.

C – Color – tan, black, red, brown, white.

D – Diameter – larger than a pencil eraser.

DO NOT WAIT, SEE YOUR DOCTOR!

Answers – (Dogs = 42 teeth, Humans = 32 teeth) #2 True – large amounts of melanin in the skin prevents sunlight; #3 TB – true; #4 Alcohol – true.

Well, I hope you enjoyed these fun facts as we will continue in the future. Be safe, be patient, and pray for guidance. See you again!

Maria Scallorn, RN retired

Celebrate!

March Birthdays

Edna DeChristopher	3/1
Kaye Robertson	3/1
Shawna Needy	3/2
Stacy German	3/3
Bradley Hooten	3/5
Gibson Moon	3/5
Elizabeth Robinson	3/5
Sandra Hill	3/9
Beverly Palen	3/11
Patricia Binder	3/12
Bonnie Llewellyn	3/14
Ella Thomas	3/14
David Westcott Jr.	3/14
Shawn Patterson	3/16
Blake Simpson	3/16
Michael Moore	3/17
Rose Marie Hopkins	3/19
Lawrence Stippich III	3/22
Hanna Carson	3/25
Elizabeth Dillon	3/26
Saylor Stansberry	3/27
Kathryn Moore	3/28
Joshua Humphrey	3/29
Christopher Harrison Jr.	3/30
Susan Shaw	3/30
Kathy Shields	3/30
Jackson Foster	3/31
Bobby Golden Sr.	3/31

April Birthdays

Garner Knutson	4/1
Barry Kopczynski	4/2
Albert Jones	4/4
Robbie Mills	4/4
Wyatt Thomas	4/5
Carol Harrison	4/7
David Ancarrow	4/9
Beverly Black	4/11
Thomas Foster	4/11
Benjamin Rush Jr.	4/12
James Grimmett	4/13
Scott Tyree	4/14
James Greenwood	4/15
Cynthia Taylor	4/16
Joseph Gibbs	4/18
Nancy Stippich	4/18
Florence Rush	4/18
Penny Drummond	4/20
Grace Thompson	4/22
Pamela Turk	4/22
Gail Williamson	4/24
John Beavers	4/26
Christopher Harrison	4/26
Lisa Miller	4/26
Olivia German	4/27
Irene Damron	4/28

March Anniversaries

Tyler & Erica Goon	3/12
Charles & Sandra Phaneuf	3/22
Glen & Joyce Adams	3/23
David & Catherine Westcott	3/28
Lyle & Chris Wolfe	3/30
Ronald & Bonnie Bennett	3/31

April Anniversaries

Donald & Phyllis Teel	4/17
Kristina & John Beavers	4/23

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OUR WEEKLY COUNTERS!

March: Beverly Black & Kathy Shields

April: Leona Knutson & Chris Wolfe

Please stop by the library and browse our newest books that have donated to our library!



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed throughout the year, please call the office or send an email to the church office at office@zionseaford.church so we can update our database.

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Ahead an Hour
Sunday, March 13

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