

## OUR HOPE IN THE NEW

*From the  
Pastor*

*"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18-20*

There are so many clichés that come to mind when thinking about all of the opportunities before us as a faith community. But I recall from Scripture how we rise to a new dawn each day and from that we should realize that each new day brings a host of opportunities and challenges. As a faith community, we should recognize that each day is a gift from God and we should be excited about the possibilities that creates. Yet, with the continuous distractions from many places and venues, it is difficult to remain optimistic and hopeful that the new dawn is a positive and hopeful occurrence. Yet, we have faith and from that faith comes our hope.

It is through that hope that we should view each new dawn as newness. We should seek to find what God is calling us to discover, re-discover, and how we can further explore the blessings and the gifts that we are offered. In many words I am encouraging us all to embrace our faith and to seek new ways that we can use our gifts for the glory of God. I am encouraging us all to seek new ways to be involved in activities and committees of the church and to help the church be more effective in its ministry.

We are celebrating our bicentennial this year, which is quite a celebration and we need to praise God for such a celebration. What an accomplishment and what a blessing. But we cannot only reflect on the past, we need to continue to seek the new things that God is placing before us. We need to look to the next 200 years with enthusiasm, hope, and continue to participate and share God's gracious love revealed through Christ. We need to engage in our ministry in ways that will help the Word go into this community and beyond.

Meetings will soon begin to develop a budget for 2023. It is also the season to review our committees and people who are serving in a number of areas and seek new volunteers to become a part of the various committees and groups. If you feel that God is nudging, encouraging, or calling you into some type of ministry at the church, please let us know in the church office. We can help share the committee structures and what other opportunities are available here at Zion.

Also, please put on your calendar two big celebrations that are upcoming. On Saturday, September 24, we will be holding a seated dinner to share memories of the past 200 years at Zion. Invitations to this event will be mailed out in July, so please keep your eyes open for that. The second celebration is the Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday, October 23. Bishop Sharma Lewis has been invited and some of the past clergy will be on hand to worship God and to celebrate this momentous occasion. After the worship service we will have a covered dish lunch in the Social Hall.

God is making all things new, let us join in the celebration of that newness each day.

Blessings to all in Christ!

*Pastor David*



  
**BEHOLD, I MAKE  
ALL THINGS  
NEW!**

# Another Successful Mission Sunday



On Sunday, May 15th, we kicked off our Summer Worship Schedule which is one service at 10:00 am. After worship, we gathered in the Social Hall where we assembled 352 Hygiene kits for UMCOR.

All of the items had been laid on the tables, making it easier for each group to complete their assembling of kits.



Jeff Moore helped assure the boxes were appropriately packed and then stacked the completed boxes on the stage. Next phase—trip to Mission Central in Pennsylvania.







After the packing of the kits, which was enjoyed by members of all ages, a wonderful summer lunch was enjoyed.



The young adult Sunday School class had prepared a delicious lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings and sides.

It was a great day of worship, mission, and fellowship.

*Chad Williams, pictured here, and James Sanders labored over the grill while Elizabeth Williams, Melissa Wells, Andrew Collins, and Ashley Green help prepare the meals in the kitchen.*



## HOBBY TOWN OPENS STORE AT NEW LOCATION

Congratulations to Scott & Kelly Dayton and family in the opening of their store at their new location in Village Square at Kiln Creek. They had previously been located on Jefferson Avenue, across from the Riverside Wellness Center, but decided to move to a York County location.

Chad Green, Board of Supervisor for District 3, welcomed them to their new location.

Reporters from the area were also on hand to record the celebration.





# Ice Cream Social & Movie Night



Part of our 200th Anniversary celebration included a Community Ice Cream Social and Movie Night on May 21st.

It was held outside at the Pavilion, and our helpers, Warren Hickmott and Monty Mills, were busy preparing the area for the event. They even enjoyed the ride as they carried items from the church to the pavilion.

Tables for the ice cream and toppings were set up under the pavilion and people brought chairs and an appetite for the evening.



Then it was time for the movie! The group was fully enjoying *The Sandlot* before a storm began to move into the area.







The thunder and lightening caused the movie to come to an end before it was completed. But we rescheduled the movie for June 11, inside!

Barbara Wornom helped by keeping a plentiful supply of toppings available as Maggie Green and her dad enjoy.



Cammie Butler shared the ice cream delights with the Swale children while Scott and Kelly Dayton helped their grandson lick his bowl clean.



Andrew Collins helped serve the ice cream and the kids enjoyed the treats and the fellowship.

They even got a laugh as they reminisced about throwing a pie in Pastor David's face!





## KIDS ENJOY IT ALL

The children's Sunday School classes and Children's Church have begun to meet again. The children enjoy learning their Bible lessons and also the crafts and other activities offered.

The kids are also enjoying having the Sunday snacks return in the Commons area. Thanks to all of the volunteers who make this possible!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*July 11-14*

This year's VBS theme is Concrete & Cranes—building on the love of Jesus, the Cornerstone. It is appropriate with that particular theme for this year's event, especially in light of our 200th Anniversary. Christ is our cornerstone.

Decorations are going up and the volunteers are busily preparing for an active week.

If you haven't already registered children, a few days remain before the event.





## Virginia Annual Conference Report

The 240th meeting of the Virginia Annual Conference met June 16-18 in Hampton. Sherry Wornom, Zion's delegate, and Pastor David attended.

In years past, my involvement with Annual Conference had been going to the Hampton Roads Convention Center with Pastor David a few days before the event and helping to unload "The Pod". This included moving what seemed like hundreds of desk chairs, kneeling pads, nursery furniture, and other items and distributing them to their correct location in the Center.

Then, during the Conference, I would be outside with other volunteers collecting kits at the Seaford Transfer trucks in the hot parking lot, and only sticking my head in a few times to see what was happening. So, this year, I got to enjoy air conditioning!

The Conference started on Thursday morning and I attended the Laity Session. Our speaker was Ms. Kay Kotan. She spoke on the importance of laity in the church. How important it is for us as laity to WORK WITH and HELP our pastor. I realize that this is hard, we all have jobs, families, and many commitments, but we cannot expect our pastor to do it all. And, we need to remove the word "Just" from our vocabulary. We should never use the line "I can't do that, I'm just laity". I'm guilty, the first time Pastor David asked me to serve communion, I am sure that is what came out of my mouth. The other topic that stood out most for me was how we look at the pandemic. We can look at the past two years as an interruption or a disruption.

An interruption meaning we just hit the pause button for two years and we are going to pick up right where we left off. A disruption meaning we took that time as an opportunity to try something new, something different. Here at Zion I feel like we have done a little of both. Some things we used to do have resumed but we have also created new opportunities; for worship, for mission, for children and families. Bishop Lewis opened the conference with worship that afternoon. The Holy Spirit was present and moving in the room. Then the work of the church began. The District Initiative was passed; we will now have eight districts in the Virginia Conference instead of sixteen. Soon we will be part of the Mission Rivers District instead of the York River District. There was a large emphasis on youth. As the bishop said; "the youth are not just our future, they are our NOW." Following a motion to establish a youth fund during the budget report, several churches pledged to add \$1,000 to their apportionment to help in starting this fund. By the end of the conference \$66,000 was pledged! I would love to see Zion make that \$67,000.

The Rev. Tom Berlin was endorsed by the Annual Conference for the office of Bishop. He will be included with others as new Bishops will be elected started in November.

The Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown represented those that were retiring and preached the Retirement Service.. This group of 43 individuals represents 1,155 years of service.

Overall, it was a joy to represent Zion at my first in-person Annual Conference. Sure, there were moments when I wanted to curl up in the corner and take a nap, or the day I thought I was going to run out of yarn, but there were also moments when I was on the edge of my seat, or on my feet!





## COLLECTION-DELIVERY OF UMCOR KITS



Jeff Moore, Sherry Wornom, and Warren Hickmott were some of the volunteers who collected York River District Kits for Conference on June 4. The collection point was at Village Square at Kiln Creek, which was one of the three locations for the York River District. The other locations were at Benn's UMC in Smithfield and Susanna Wesley in Gloucester.

After the kits were palletized, Jeff moved



them in position for the transport to Mission Central in Pennsylvania, as shown in the picture to the right.

Then on June 20, he and Jimmy Dillon went out to collect the



District kits from the central and eastern regions of the Conference. Meanwhile, Pastor David and Rev. Eric Vaudt rented a truck and picked up the kits in the western-central and far western part of the Conference. The four ended the day in Winchester where they were able to get rest. On Tuesday, June 21, a quick trip to Harrisonburg to complete the collection was made by David and Eric, while Jeff and Jimmy stopped in Winchester for one more District collection. Then it was on to Mission Central where the kits were unloaded. Over 25,000 kits were packed and delivered to Mission Central.





## WORNOM HOUSE DEMOLITION COMPLETED

After more than a year of discussion, planning, permitting, and praying, the Wornom House has been taken down. The home proved to be a wonderful ministry for several years, but its projected costs for repairs and maintenance proved too great. A crew began by taking the siding down and removing



the asbestos shingles that were on the original structure. After that work had been completed, Mr. Harold Hood brought in the heavy equipment to complete the job.

The plat line for that property will be removed making the parcel a part of 2109 Seaford Road.





## **SOCIAL HALL FLOOR SHINES**



The Social Hall project is just about complete. One of the last things that needed to be done was the stripping and waxing of the floor. Fred Scott and his wife, part of Jani-King services, spent several days removing the old wax and applying the new.

The floors now shine!!



**Sunday Snacks**

### **Volunteers Needed for Sunday Refreshments**

We need volunteers to sign up to help with the snacks that are available in the Commons area each week between Sunday School and church.

The volunteers are asked to prepare coffee and provide a snack or two for people to enjoy in a sign of hospitality.

A sign-up sheet is on the refreshment counter in the Commons. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Julie & I Praise the Lord!!**

What a joy and what a blessing it is for the Bishop and Cabinet to allow me to continue to be in ministry with the Zion UMC community for another year. It has truly been a blessing to have served here for these nine years. The love that Julie and I have formed for the members of this faith community, and the gifts we have received from your love is difficult to describe, other than it is truly a gift from God.

I look forward to continuing to grow in faith with you as we continue our faith journey as disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ.





Our February/March “Share the Love” Mission Project for The Society of St. Andrew was a tremendous success. A grand total of \$2,022 was raised and sent to Society of Andrew! This will share more than 100,000 servings of fresh, health-giving fruits and vegetables with people in need.

The Society of St. Andrew was so grateful for us to conduct the “Adopt a Bushel” campaign that they featured Zion in a recent newsletter. On the back page is an article of our success.



### Volunteer Spotlight Bicentennial Bliss

Sherry Wornam spearheaded a fundraiser for Society of St. Andrew and raised \$2,022 in 2022!

Sherry is the office manager and general-jill-of-all-trades, at Zion UMC in Seaford, VA. She and the rest of the church staff team planned a powerful year of service to commemorate the church's bicentennial in 2022.

While researching options for a congregation-wide program focused on ending hunger, she found SoSA's Adopt a Bushel (ABFN) Program and knew this would be perfect for their February project.

In an effort to make a memorable headline, Sherry donated another \$2— so they could raise \$2,022 to kick off their incredible year!

**Adopt a Bushel, Feed a Nation**  
A 30-Day, Fundraising Challenge that raises \$806 when your team works together to help feed people in need

Take the challenge! Encourage your class, faith community, group, organization, or business to support the gleaning and feeding work of the Society of St. Andrew.

Get details here: [EndHunger.org/abfn](http://EndHunger.org/abfn)

The congregation decided they would make the ABFN fundraiser a part of their “Share the Love” Sundays in February and set a goal to raise \$1,000 through the program for The Society of St. Andrew, as they also filled more than 200 Valentine gift bags to provide sweet treats and encouraging words to accompany the food distributed from the church's food pantry.

At the ABFN kick-off, during a Sunday service in February, a volunteer gave a short introduction to SoSA; the mission to prevent waste; and the value of sharing abundant food from local farms. Each week, those present visited the beautiful ABFN display and picked up veggie infosheets. Many even made donations on the spot!

By the end of the month, Zion UMC raised \$2,020. They reached and even doubled their goal! Sherry was ecstatic.

“When I saw the Adopt a Bushel Project, I knew it would be a good fit. The project seemed doable. I loved how the sheets explained how every person (and donation) made a difference in sharing healthy food through SoSA.”

Together, they set a lofty goal of addressing a different service project every month this year.

Pictured above: Sherry and Rev. David Magruder shown with the Adopt A Bushel Display where congregants picked up information and dropped off donations.

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[EndHunger.org/signup](http://EndHunger.org/signup)

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## TACO SALAD DINNER MARKED NEW SEASON OF FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday, May 4, a Taco Dinner was held in the Social Hall, marking the beginning of a new season of food and fellowship at Zion. Sherry and Barbara Wornom, Warren and Sondra Hickmott, and Monty and Sara Mills prepared the meals for all to enjoy. Monty trying to disguise his appearance, but was a wonderful help. All in attendance seemed to enjoy the food and fellowship. Even our younger group enjoyed time together.





## **UPCOMING 200th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**



### **Vacation Bible School—Concrete & Cranes**

July 11—14 — 6:00 pm—8:15 pm

### **Anniversary Banquet**

September 24 — 5:30 pm—Invitations will be going out in the mail shortly.

### **October 23—Grand Worship Celebration**

10:00 am — One worship service will be held with Bishop Sharma Lewis scheduled to preach.

Former pastors who served Zion will also be in attendance. Following the service there will be a covered dish fellowship lunch and other activities.

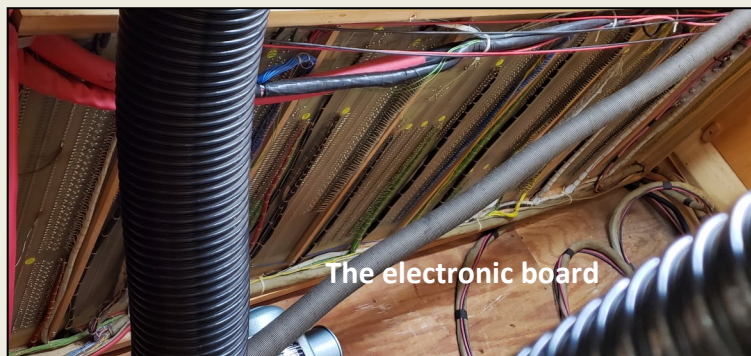


# *Anniversary Celebration*

### **ORGAN FUND UPDATE**

Our 38-year-old pipe organ will soon need some repair. During the last tuning of the pipes, the organ specialist noticed that the electronic board that controls the air flow and the lift of the pipes is approaching the end of its lifespan. This means that the board will need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$60,000. The specialist did share with us that he thought the current board would last about five years.

The Trustees and Finance Committee believe we need to prepare ourselves for this expense and has established an Organ Fund. If anyone would like to donate to this fund, you are welcomed to do so and note it on your giving envelopes. In addition, over the next couple of years we



The electronic board

will have fund-raisers and budget funds to go into this account. To date, almost \$21,000 has been collected.







## SUMMER SAFETY

As the summer months have arrived, there are several areas that we need to remember to develop and practice some basic safety routines. Summer is the time for outdoor adventures and celebrations, long days and warm evenings, beach outings and pool day adventures, and lots of sun and storms.

**Skin Protection and Sunburn Prevention:** Avoid sunburn, skin cancer, early skin aging, and other risks of overexposure to the sun by using key safety tips. Some key sun safety tips recommended by the FDA include:

- Limit time in the sun, especially between hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Wear clothing to cover skin exposed to the sun, such as long-sleeved shirts, pants, sunglasses, and broad-brimmed hats.
- Use broad spectrum sunscreens with SPF values of 15 or higher regularly and as directed.
- Reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, and more often if you're sweating or jumping in and out of the water.

**Water Safety:** Whether a day at the beach, on the boat, at the pool, or water park, always remember to follow these key safety tips:

- Never leave your child alone; if you must leave, take your child with you.
- Find age-appropriate swim lessons for your child, but keep in mind that lessons do not make your child "drown-proof".
- Lifeguards aren't babysitters; always keep your eyes on your child.
- Don't let children play around drains and suction fittings.
- Never consume alcohol when operating a boat, and always make sure everyone is wearing U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.

**Storm Preparation and Preparedness:** Hurricane season is once again upon us from June 1-October 31. You don't have to wait until a storm is pending to develop your plan. Be sure to stay tuned to local and national stations for weather updates. You can visit the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety site for preparedness tips under the emergency management tab and these are some things that the CDC recommends that you maintain in an emergency preparedness kit:

- Water (one gallon/person/day , for drinking, sanitation) & Nonperishable food (for several-day).
- A personal first-aid kit, a flashlight and battery-powered radio (and extra batteries).
- A three-day minimum supply of medications, along with a cooler and ice packs if your medications require refrigeration. Also, medical supplies if needed, such as syringes.
- Contact lens solution, glasses and/or hearing aids and extra batteries for people who need them.
- An identification band with your full name, a list of any allergies, and family contact number.
- Information about your medical devices, including oxygen, walkers and wheelchairs.
- Place all important documents in a waterproof bag. They should include a personal care plan; contact information for family members; a medication list including the dosage, pharmacy information and the prescribing doctor, a list of allergies; copies legal documents.
- Cash to be used if automatic teller and credit card machines are not working.
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air) & plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities) & Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Pet food and extra water for your pet.

*Kathy Kopczynski*





## 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.



So far we have received over

\$1,000 from Kroger Community Rewards, and \$450 from AmazonSmile. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute. To learn more about either of these programs, please contact the church office.



July 4 — Church Office Closed  
July 11 — 14 Vacation Bible School  
July 22 — Social Hall Reserved  
July 24 — Christmas in July  
July 28 — 6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting

Aug. 8 – 6:30 pm Finance & Board of Trustee  
Combined Meeting  
Aug. 17 – 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting  
Aug. 21—Deadline for Christmas In July Items  
Aug. 25—6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting  
Aug. 29 – 1:00 – 6:00 pm Red Cross Blood  
Drive

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



## SHOE DONATIONS

**Thanks to your efforts, Zion has been able to provide over 400 boxes of shoes for THRIVE and the Natasha House with this on-going project so far. Please continue placing used shoes in the red container in the commons.**



# Celebrate!

## July Birthdays

Nancy Honeycutt	7/1
Julie Mason	7/2
Landyn Kopczynski	7/3
David Soult	7/3
Macon Ancarrow	7/4
Rodney Llewellyn	7/6
Chris Garner	7/8
Austin Moon	7/9
Janet Hamm	7/11
David Magruder	7/11
Sadie Williams	7/11
Ethan Hartman	7/14
Susan Jones	7/14
Crystale Soult	7/14
Nancy Wroten	7/15
Anthony Futrell	7/16
Jeff Moore	7/16
Tara Thomas	7/17
LouAnn Miller	7/18
Maggie Thompson	7/18
Faye Childrey	7/19
Michael Mason	7/20
Jean Bowler	7/21
Katie Collins	7/22
Kristina Beavers	7/22
David Turk	7/22
Sir Christopher Winbush	7/22
Marshall Forrest	7/27
Darron Conner	7/28
Marie Rowley	7/28
Carolyn Allsbrook	7/29
Carol Westcott	7/29
Leona Knutson	7/30
Beverly Moreland	7/30

## August Birthdays

Greg Garcia	8/1
Ashley Green	8/1
Elizabeth Williams	8/2
Scott Hartman	8/3
Tyler Goon	8/5
Chris Hopkins	8/5
Angela Tierney	8/5
Betty Bartek	8/6
Charlotte Goon	8/6
William Henley	8/6
Kristen Turk	8/6
Grant German	8/8
Sondra Hickmott	8/8
Charles Meissner	8/8
Michael Moore	8/8
Sharon Thomas	8/8
Cooper Wornom	8/8
Caleb Needy	8/9
Jeff Verry	8/12
Daniel Simpson	8/13
Theresa Crockett	8/14
Lynne Hartman	8/15
Dennis Cassada	8/16
Maria Scallorn	8/17
Phil Drummond	8/18
Sally Miller	8/18
Robert Johnson	8/19
Frances Edmondson	8/21
Carrie Burris	8/23
Debbie Shaw	8/24
Joseph Wood	8/25
River Williams	8/26
Carolyn Ancarrow	8/27
Conner Carden	8/28
Danielle Taylor	8/28
Amy Moore	8/29
David Tyree	8/30
Owen Blanton	8/31

## July Anniversaries

John & Jeannette Moldovan	7/1
Roland & Deborah Harris Jr.	7/16
Wray & Sandra Emerson Jr.	7/18
Douglas & Theresa Crockett	7/22
Roy & Ashley Green	7/23
Robert & Marilyn Johnson	7/27

## August Anniversaries

Phil & Penny Drummond	8/1
Scott & Kelly Dayton	8/4
David & Crystale Soult	8/11
Wayne & Gwendolyn Appleton	8/18
James & Gail Williamson	8/18
Lynn & Carolyn Allsbrook	8/22
Clark & Barbara Nickerson	8/25

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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](mailto:office@zionseaford.church) so we can update our database.

## OUR WEEKLY COUNTERS!

**July:** Sherry Wornom & Betty Bartek  
**August:** Jessie Raymer & Bonnie Bennett

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