



LET US GROW— AGAIN!!

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen." (Luke 24:3-5)

Seeking, learning, growing, discerning, and being active in our faith are just a few ways in which we grow as disciples of Christ. We are given many opportunities through God's grace to be in fellowship with God and with one another. Through these opportunities we should seek new lessons, new ideas, new examples and illustrations of Christ's light and his love in our midst. But we have to begin by seeking. We need to be open to looking around us for ministry opportunities. We need to be open to growing in our faith so we can more readily reach out to serve, and also open to discerning the lessons that are before us.

The discerning period is a time of reflection, prayer, and reception to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Through discernment, we should be led to grow in many aspects of our life and faith. Through it all we should find a renewed amount of strength, stamina, and excitement that will lead us to more active work and participation in our faith and in our ministry.

As we reflect on the last couple of months, including December, we can quickly and easily become exhausted from the various services and activities that have occurred. But we should also reflect and praise God for each of these opportunities in which we could share our love and faith with one another and grow as disciples. Now our fellowship dinners are resuming, our youth are busy, we were blessed with a good attendance at our Ash Wednesday service, and we are busily preparing for "Rise Up With Jesus" Easter event for kids and their families, and other Easter celebrations.

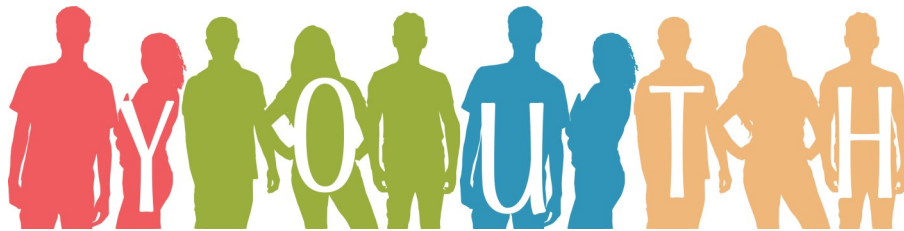
But like the Scripture above explains to us in the Resurrection narrative as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, we must continue to appreciate the past lessons from Christ, while focusing on the future. Christ has died, but Christ is also Risen. Christ has presented new opportunities for new growth. We need to be receptive to learn and grow from our experiences, seeking Christ to continue to guide us in our paths for tomorrow.



God continues to bless us with new thoughts, new people, and new tools to grow as disciples of Christ. The season of Lent will soon transition into the season of Easter, where we truly focus on living as disciples of our Living Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a season to not only reflect on how our journey has transpired, and recall some of the difficulties we experienced, but also find hope and comfort in the realization that the hand of God is in our midst. We give thanks to our Lord, and we rededicate ourselves to the faith journey ahead as Christ has taught.

In Christ,
Pastor David





Our youth are in the midst of their fundraising efforts to generate monies to offset their expenses for their upcoming UMC Youth Retreat to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida in July. The first fundraiser was a Chili Cook-off, which was held on Saturday, January 28th. After expenses, more than \$600 was raised at this event. The youth and leaders thank everyone who helped make it a success!





Thanks to all who came to enjoy the different chili's, and especially to the York County Fire Department who used their taste buds to help determine the final winner. Congratulations to

Chip Rowley whose chili was voted the winning chili! The youth seemed to fully enjoy getting into the full chili spirit!



More Fellowship Dinners

Zion's fellowship dinners are continuing. In January, Andrew Collins and helpers prepared the meal. In February, we held a dinner on the 8th, provided by Chip Rowley and his group, and our traditional Shrove Wednesday pancake meal was on February 22, Ash Wednesday.





*Ash
Wednesday*



After the people were filled from their Shrove Wednesday pancakes, many stayed for the Ash Wednesday worship service afterwards. Thanks to Sherry and her crew for preparing and serving the delicious pancakes, enjoyed by those of all ages.

Youth Donut Sale Fundraiser

Our youth continue to hold fundraisers to help offset the costs of the upcoming UMC Youth Retreat in July. They were in the Commons on February 26, selling Mr. Doug's freshly cooked donuts as well as certificates to Krispy Kreme for a dozen donuts. Their next donut sale will be April 2. Thanks to all who continue to support our youth.



The youth pictured are:
Grace Thompson, Owen Keller, Haley Thomas, Julia Thompson, Ethan McLawhorn, and Owen Blanton.

Yard Sale April 22nd

A Yard Sale is planned for Saturday, April 22, in the Social Hall with the proceeds going to the Organ Fund. Items have been steady coming in and there is room for more! If you have things you would like to donate please drop them off in the Social Hall during office hours. We are accepting everything! Household goods, electronics, clothes, holiday décor, etc.



Prep for the Bazaar Continues!

The Bazaar Ladies continue to work on projects each week in preparation for their annual Bazaar, which will take place Saturday, November 4. Below they are putting a quilt in the frames to get it ready to be hand quilted.



Above, some spring saddles and décor are being arranged, a blanket is getting a crocheted edge, aprons are being sewn, and the quilt is getting being stitched.

ZION CEMETERY NEWS

CEMETERY CLEAN UP OF FLOWERS: Easter is April 9th. ALL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS / FLOWERS, and GRAVE DECORATIONS must be removed from all graves in the Zion, Ballentine, and Hornsby cemeteries by MARCH 26, 2023. Mowing operations are from April 15 – October 15, 2023. Cemetery policy, section 6 – E & F state: E – floral arrangement that interfere with mowing and trimming will be removed by the Cemetery Committee; F – statues, vigil lights, glass objects, and similar types of commemorative items are not permitted.

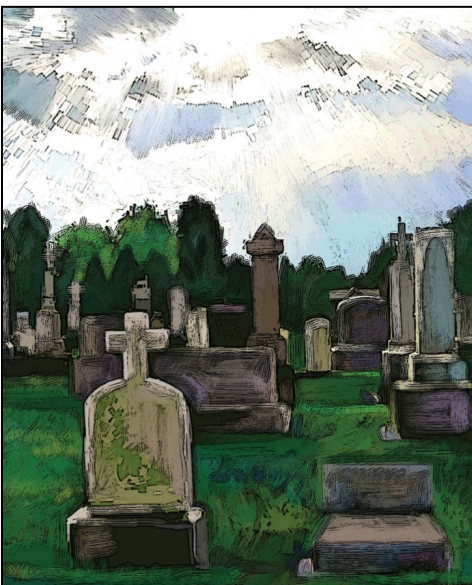
CEMETERY CLEAN UP: The Cemetery Committee will meet THURSDAY, MARCH 30th, at 9:00 A.M. to conduct the spring cleanup.

BALLENTINE DEEDS: The Ballentine Cemetery is purchased deeded plots. The Cemetery Committee requires a copy of all deeded plots to be on record with the committee. This is necessary so the committee is assured of correct location of a plot when a burial is necessary. Some original owners have sold plots or given permission for others to be buried in their plots, and have not notified the cemetery committee. It will help the owner, and committee to have this information on file instead of waiting until a need arises. Family deeds may have passed down through the family, or possibly been recorded at the York County Clerk's Office. IT IS THE OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE A COPY OF A DEED.



HEADSTONE/ FOOTSTONE RESTORATION: The Cemetery Committee has been trying for over 13 years to locate a company to realign and level some of the head and footstone markers that have settled over the years. We are negotiating with a company that sounds very promising to do the necessary work. We will keep you posted on the improvements.

ZION'S UNMARKED GRAVES: As we know, Zion celebrated its 200th anniversary October 2022. There are a few unmarked graves without permanent markers. Some have only the funeral home temporary markers. It is necessary that all graves are identified out of respect for the individuals and proper location is identified. Families needing assistance, please contact a committee member listed below to correct this issue.



UPDATE HEADSTONES: There are several headstones that a date of death needs to be engraved, including Betsy Hogg and Helen Montgomery. If the families need a company contact, please contact the cemetery committee.

NEW CEMETERY BOOK: A revised cemetery book is being published shortly. THANKS to Sherry Wornom and Frances Meissner for their time and work to update the book. Copies are \$5.00 each.

CEMETERY FUNDS: Funds to maintain the three cemeteries are acquired through individual donations or memorials only. Donations are greatly appreciated, and can be directed to the ZION CEMETERY, ZION UMC.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Listed are the current cemetery committee members: Zetie Damron & Chris Hopkins, Co-Chair persons; Jeanette Moldovan – Recording Secretary, Carol Westcott – Treasurer, Doug Crockett, Susan Shaw, and Ben Rush.



Seekers Class Continue Support of CareNet Peninsula

The Seekers Sunday school class continues to collect diapers and other baby items each week as one of its mission projects. John Pandolf delivers all the gifts to CareNet Peninsula at least twice a month.



HANDBELL CHOIR

ZION HANDBELL NEWS

Exciting things are happening in the handbell choir! Thanks to the gifts in the Les Smith Memorial Fund we have purchased the lower 5th Octave of Schulmerich handbells. These are large bass bells that bring us down to the C3. We now have a complete 5 octave set of handbells and handchimes, along with many other instruments we add in our performances now and then. On March 17 & 18, several of our ringers will be attending the Spring Handbell Festival in Ocean City, MD. We will take classes and ring with other choirs from Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC, and Virginia, under the direction of David Harris, who conducts the Raleigh Ringers. Currently our rehearsals are spent preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter Worship Celebrations. We look forward to ringing for you soon!

ORGAN FUND UPDATE

Our pipe organ has brought us beautiful music and hymns in its 38-year history, and now it needs updating. Thanks to the generosity of many, and the tireless efforts of our children, the Organ Fund has grown to over \$40,000. If anyone would like to donate to this fund, you are welcomed to do so and note it on your giving checks and envelopes.

Children's Continue Raising Funds & Awareness

Our children continue to work in preparing more craft items to sell to help raise money for the Organ Fund. Our kids have taken in over \$800! Their sale continues in the Commons.



Rise Up With Jesus - An Easter Event

Sunday, March 26: 2pm or 6pm

Monday, March 27: 6pm

Tuesday, March 28: 6pm

At *Rise Up With Jesus*, families will explore surprising details about Jesus' resurrection on that glorious Easter Sunday morning. Hand-in-hand, they'll journey through captivating stations that drive home one irresistible truth: Jesus is alive today!

There are several opportunities to experience this event. Each session will end in the sanctuary with a special presentation. Sign-ups will be available on our website soon!



**Saturday, April 8
10 am—Noon**

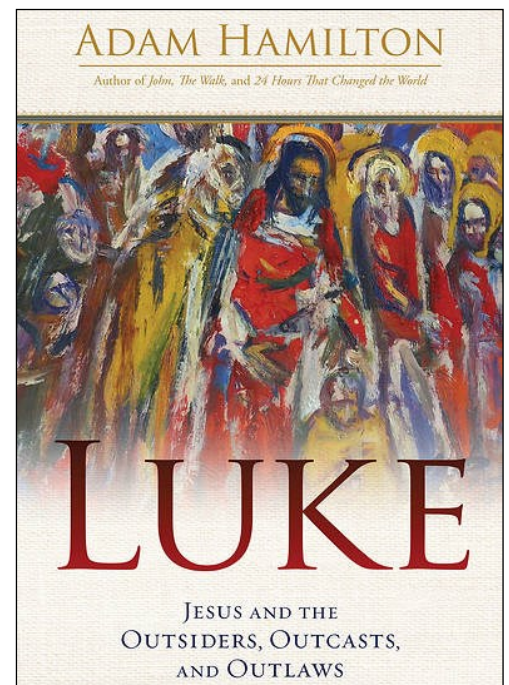
Egg Hunt, Crafts, Games,
Bounce House, Snacks,
and visit with the Easter
Bunny, and MORE!



Our Lenten Study - Luke

Those attending our Lenten Study have truly enjoyed the discussion as we study the Gospel as presented in, *Luke – Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, a book written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton.

The 6-Week Lenten Study will conclude the week before Holy Week as we prepare to celebrate the Passion of Christ and the Resurrection. Additional book studies are being planned after Easter.





Thanks to everyone who brought the items to the church for our February Mission of Chemo Kits. The items collected were assembled and placed into larger bags for each patient. Then Doug Crockett delivered them to the oncology office for distribution. Simple gestures of love

and support can go a long way.



ZION SERVING AGAIN at PORT

Our next date to serve PORT is March 15 & 16. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact the church office. Thanks to those who have already signed up.



Holy Week

April 2 — Palm/Passion Sunday

April 6 — 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

Worship Service

April 7 — Noon — 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross — A self-guided

tour through the final days of Jesus' life. Stations are in the sanctuary.

April 8 — 10 am — Noon EggFest '23 - A morning full of fun for the kids, with an Egg Hunt, Bounce house, Crafts, Games, and visit from the Easter Bunny.

EASTER — April 9 — 6 am — Sunrise Service at Yorktown Monument

9 am — Sunday School

10 am — Easter Sunday Worship with Special Music

More Fellowship Dinners in the Works

Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, & Pineapple Cake.
Prepared by Warren Hickmott & Barbara Wornom, a love offering will be collected for the Organ Fund.

Andrew Collins and Warren Hickmott are working with the church office to schedule additional weeknight fellowship dinners.

If you would like to sign up to prepare a meal, please contact the church office.



UNITED METHODIST MEN



The men will meet again on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 pm with the Cub Scouts providing the meal. The men will be meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. If you are interested in helping to plan and prepare a meal or have an idea for a speaker or program, please contact the church office. Be looking for information on the scholarship program. This is for graduating seniors who have been active at Zion, and plan on furthering their education. Information will be available in March.

NEW CROSS AT ZION

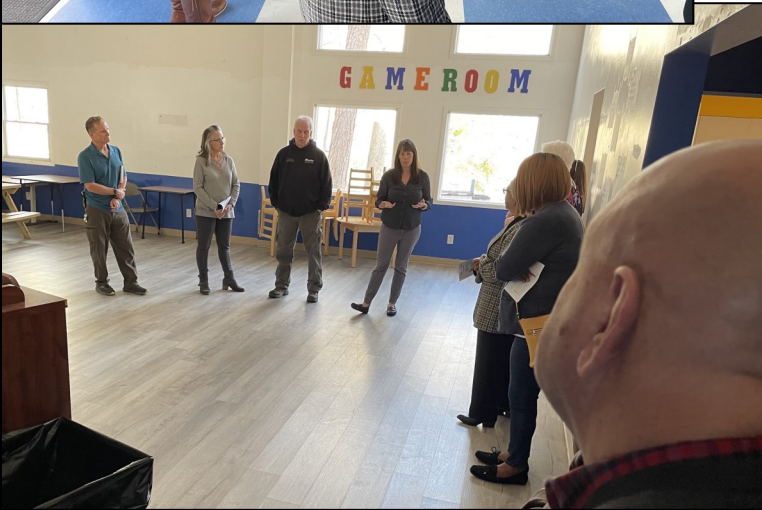
Thanks to the work of Monty Mills and Warren Hickmott, there is a new cross in the church's yard near Seaford Road. The previous cross had blown down after a recent storm, but had served us for many years. After Monty and Warren got the measurements and wood, Monty made the cross and they placed in the area of the previous one. Thanks also to Zetie Damron who helped put the cross in place.



THRIVE ACQUIRING NEW BUILDING



THRIVE Peninsula has outgrown their current office and has acquired the former Boys & Girls Club on Nettles Drive for expansion. They offered a tour of the facility on February 8, to its supporters. Sherry Wornom, Jeff and Kathy Moore, and Pastor David were part of the tour group. When renovations are completed, the new site will offer more space to serve their clients and new space to offer new ministries for additional growth. Zion has been a partner with them for many years, including the years it was known as DUCO ministry.



Landyn & Zack Hawkins' Newborn

Tenleigh Wade Hawkins was born on January 7, to Landyn (Kopczynski) and Zack Hawkins. This is their first child.

When Pastor David and Julie were in Florida for their Disney trip, they were able to meet with the family and actually hold Tenleigh. A July baptism has been set here at Zion UMC.

Congratulations to the



Hawkins and Kopczynski families!

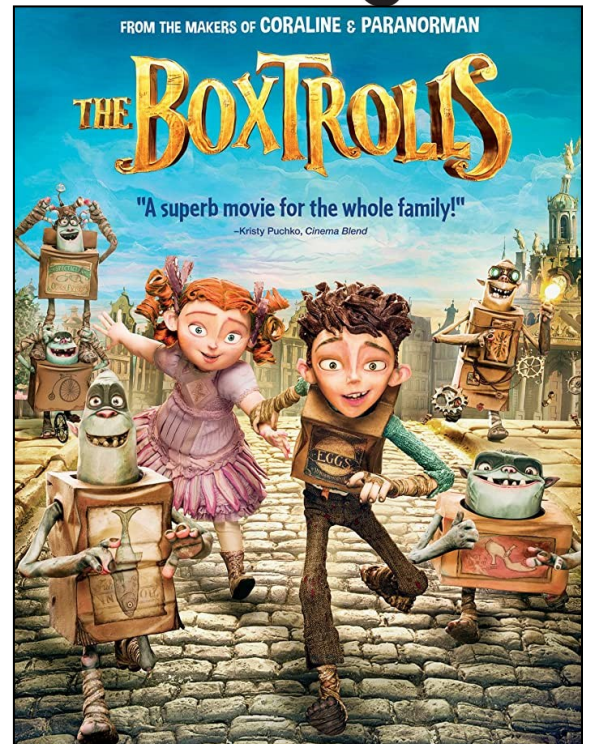
Movie Nights Scheduled!

Saturdays at 6:30 pm

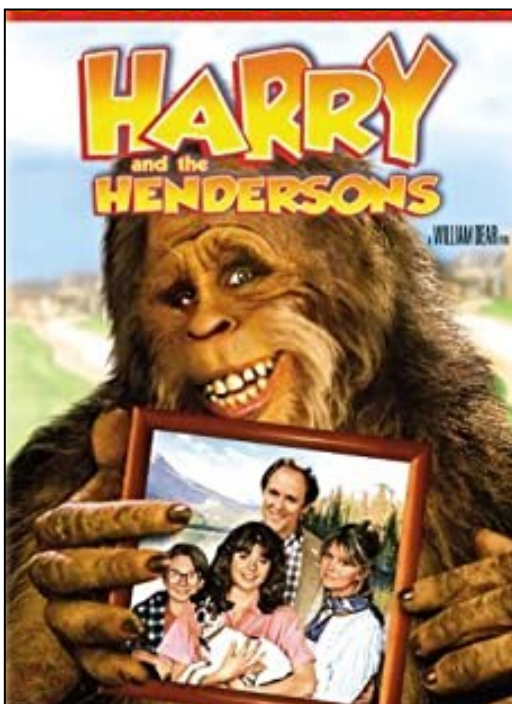
March 18, April 29 & May 20



MARCH 18 – 6:30 PM



APRIL 29 – 6:30 PM



MAY 20 – 6:30 PM

AT ZION'S OUTDOOR PAVILION



DERBY TIME at ZION

The winter months are the time when many of the Girl Scouts and Cub Scout Packs hold their derby's here at Zion, and again this year derby events were held in the Social Hall. Girl Scout Unit 150 took place on February 4, and the Cub Scouts Pack 155 held theirs on Sunday, February 26.



Included in the Cub Scout event on the 26th was an opportunity for adults to try their hands at designing, building, and racing their pinewood cars. Some of those who participated in the event included the Collins family, Richie Moore, and Pastor David. Congratulations to Katie Collins for having the fastest time with her unique plumber wrench designed car. Richie Moore also deserves credit for finding his car that he created in his Cub Scout days, some 40 plus years ago, and putting it on the track this year.





Mar. 1 - Q&A on Disaffiliation in The UMC
Mar. 7 – 2 pm or 6:30 pm Lenten Study
Mar. 8 - 6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner
Mar 10—11 Social Hall Reserved
Mar. 13 – 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Mar. 14 – 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Mar. 15 – 16 Zion Serving at PORT
Mar. 17 – 18 Handbell Festival
In Ocean City, MD
Mar. 18—6:30 pm Movie Night
Mar. 20—6:30 pm Board of Trustees
Mar. 21—2 pm or 6:30 pm Lenten Study
Mar. 23—6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting
Mar. 26-28—Rise Up with Jesus program
Mar. 28—2 pm or 6:30 pm Lenten Study
Mar 30—9 am Cemetery Clean-up

April 2—Palm Sunday
Youth Donut Sale
April 6—7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 7—Noon—8:00 pm Stations of the Cross
April 8—10:00 am—Noon Eggfest 23
April 9—Easter Sunday
6 am Sunrise Service Yorktown Monument
10 am Worship Service
April 10—Church Office Closed
April 11—6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
April 17—6:30 pm Board of Trustees
April 19—6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
April 20—21 Set up for Church Yard Sale
April 22—8:00 am—1:00 pm Church Yard Sale
April 27—6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting
April 29—6:30 pm Movie Night

Weekly Events

Tuesday's 10—2 Bazaar Workshop
Sunday's 5:30—6:45 Handbell Rehearsal

Thank You for Your Support!



Zion continues to receive the benefits of being a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program. So far we have received over \$1,300 from Kroger Community Rewards.

Thank you to everyone who continues to list Zion as its community reward partner. Signing up is easy through the app or on Kroger's website. If you need help signing up, please contact the church office.

While we did receive over \$500 in contributions from Amazon through its Amazon Smile program, the company did discontinue the program on February 20. Thank you to everyone who had signed up for AmazonSmile in support of Zion UMC!





March Birthdays

Edna DeChristopher	3/1
Kay Robertson	3/1
Shawna Needy	3/2
Stacy German	3/3
Aubrey Wroten	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
Blake Simpson	3/16
Michael Moore	3/17
Rose Marie Hopkins	3/19
Lawrence Stippich III	3/22
Elizabeth Dillon	3/26
Saylor Stansberry	3/27
Kathryn Moore	3/28
Joshua Humphrey	3/29
Susan Shaw	3/30
Kathy Shields	3/30
Jackson Foster	3/31

April Birthdays

Garner Knutson	4/1
Barry Kopczynski	4/2
Albert Jones	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
Olivia German	4/27
Irene Damron	4/28
Richie Moore	4/29

March Anniversaries

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

April Anniversaries

Donald & Phyllis Teel	4/17
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OUR WEEKLY COUNTERS!

March: Beverly Black, Kathy Shields, & Flo Rush

April: Leona Knutson & Chris Wolfe

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