



Zion United Methodist Church

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A SPIRIT OF NEWNESS

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

It is January, and we say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024. Just another day, another year, and a change in our calendars and our writing a new number on our checks, any applications we complete, and other documents need-

ing to be dated. This is a change that we have grown accustomed to each year as the New Year arrives.

Yet, whenever we experience change there are a range of emotions that normally go along with that change. If the previous year provided a number of challenges, difficulties, and even tragedies, we strive to remember the joyful times and cherish those times as the calendar page turns. While we can remember the past and glean from it the good and cherished moments and events, we must look to tomorrow with a sense of hope and newness. But what does newness really mean for us?

Sometimes this word or expression can be overused. It was especially a "go to" word after the COVID restrictions eased. We all heard that there will be a newness after that period.



While it may have been intended to offer us hope and encouragement, it seemed to simplify everything. It also felt in some ways as to totally erase the past and only look toward tomorrow.

For people of faith, we turn to Scripture. The writing of Paul in 2 Corinthians seems to capture it the best when he describes that all things are new through Christ. In Christ, we are a new creation, and we are looking at things with a fresh set of eyes, ears, and heart. We are remembering the past, but we are not caught in the past. We seek the new Spirit that comes with that new creation through Christ. When we are in that Spirit, then we look to the future with hope and optimism.

This is demonstrated through our loving attitude and actions toward ourselves and others. It becomes a renewing Spirit that is truly a gift from God, and demonstrated and taught through and in the ministry of Jesus



Christ. While this is a gift and something that we can embrace and share, it is also something that we can ignore or under-utilize. That is when our faith takes a big hit and we need to be renewed through the Spirit.

When looking back on the ministry of Zion this past year, there is a great sense of pride and joy from the many ways we demonstrated Christ's love through service to others. We received new members, confirmed eleven students into the church, baptized some, and grieved with families in the loss of loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support in prayer, commitment, tithes and offerings, and also thank you for your continued interest in helping Zion UMC grow and glow in the Light of Christ. Now let us prepare our hearts for the special way in which God will lead us and guide us and make us a new creation in this New Year.

In Christ,
Pastor David

Our Church Bazaar from November 4

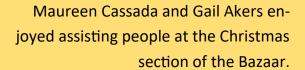
Thank you to all who made our Bazaar a tremendous success once again. All of the crafts that the ladies created were again a hit. All of the quilts were sold, the fruitcakes went quickly, and the clam chowder was enjoyed by many.







Our Bazaar Ladies work every Tuesday, starting in January, to prepare the crafts for this annual event. But as the Bazaar date approaches there are many hands that come together to help make this event possible.



Over 200 fruitcakes and 24 pecan pies along with many other bake sale items sold out quickly.



Sondra Hickmott, Penny Drummond, Beverly Black and Bill Gibson are just a few of the many helpers who prepped the ingredients for the Clam Chowder. While Sherry Wornom packs a sold quilt, Kathy Moore greets Irene Lanier.

PORT - People Offering Resources Together

Our Zion Mission volunteers have served the homeless population twice this year through the food preparation and serving at PORT. The first serving was November 14 & 15 at St. Stephen Episcopal Church, and the second serving date was December 14 at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church. Our next PORT date to serve will be the end of February.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ZION

The York County Ministers' Group combined efforts brought several churches together for a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21 at Zion UMC.

Thanks to the ministers who were able to participate in the service, including Rev. Nanette Woodworth, Rev. David Magruder, Rev. Seldon Walker, Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, and Pastor Don Freeman.

The group continues to meet monthly to help support each other in ministry, and to help meet the spiritual needs of the citizens of York County.



PREPARING FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

To celebrate the Seasons of Advent and Christmas requires a good amount of work in preparation and setup. Warren Hickmott and Monty Mills constructed the outdoor lighted tree and assured the lights worked, and constructed the Nativity. In addition, a number of volunteers



helped assemble the Chrismon tree, and decorate the sanctuary, social hall, and the commons area.





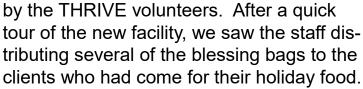


When the decorations were all hung and poinsettias placed, the sanctuary's beauty was on full display for the Advent and Christmas Season.

Angel Tree Blessings

Thank you to everyone who prepared a blessing bag for our neighbors being served through THRIVE Peninsula. We delivered 54 blessing bags to the new THRIVE location on Nettles Drive the third week of December. The gifts were warmly received







CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER

Thanks to all who volunteered in preparing, serving, and organizing an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. All who attended and received a meal have expressed their appreciation for the thoughtfulness and planning. The dancing elves and games were enjoyed by our members of all ages. We especially thank Rob Thompson for



his prepping and cooking of the turkey.

Everyone seemed to enjoy, not only the wonderful food that was prepared and dishes brought by each family, but also the dancing elves and the various trivia games. It was fun for the entire family!







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Gift Given to Henry Fork

Over \$300 was raised from the cost of the poinsettias to help in this ministry. This amount will be sent to the Henry Fork Service Center to assist in their programs for children in its community.

Our Bazaar Ladies will match this gift to also help.



ORGAN FUND & REPAIR UPDATE



Praise God for the faithful people of Zion, because of the generous spirit and grateful hearts, the funds needed to cover the cost of the organ upgrade have been collected.

A contract with Mark Thompson Pipe Organ Company to upgrade our organ was signed last summer. The new digital components for the or-

gan are being assembled and will be installed in the next couple of months. Once that electronic components are readied, then the organ itself will be removed from the sanctuary for an upgrade to the keyboard and the stops, before it is returned to the church. We look forward to the new technology and advancements this required upgrade will bring to Zion.

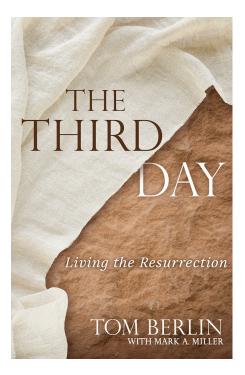
FEBRUARY SHARE THE LOVE MISSION OPPORTUNITY



The mission project we will be focusing on during our Share the Love Mission in February, is Chemo Kits. These are kits of various items that will be given to people going through chemotherapy. Simple gestures of love and support can go a long way, if you would like to help please see Doug Crockett or call the church.

Tags for the items of the kits will be placed on the tree in the Commons beginning Sunday, January 14, that will include such items as: hand sanitizer, lip balm and lotion (fragrance free), lozenges/hard candy (Lemon flavored/Ginger chew), puzzle books, soft knit cap, and soft socks.

Items need to be returned by Sunday, February 11.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Tuesday's February 6, 13, 20, 27 & March 5 & 12 at 2:00 pm OR 6:30 pm

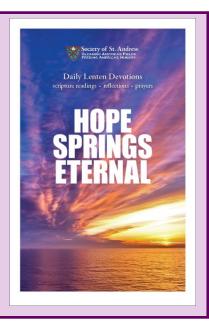
In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Bishop Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. The cost of the book is \$12 and sign-ups are appreciated. Please call the church office to sign up.

Society of St. Andrew Lenten Devotions Available in February

With everything going on in the world today, we need reminders and reflections of God's hope around us. This year's Lenten devotional booklet is titled Hope Springs Eternal to help you daily on your journey. The writers of these offerings read and prayed about Lamentations 3:25: "The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him."

The devotionals will be available the first of February, along with coin banks for donations that will go to Society of St. Andrew .





Ash Wednesday

February 14

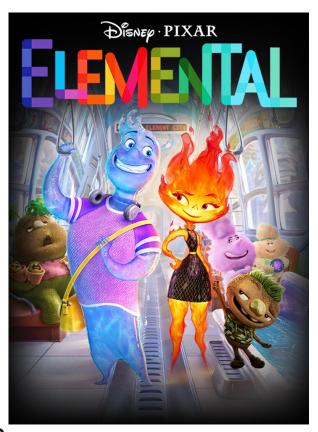
6:00 pm Shrove Wednesday
Pancake Dinner

7:00 pm Worship Service

Movie Nights Scheduled!

Saturdays at 6:30 pm

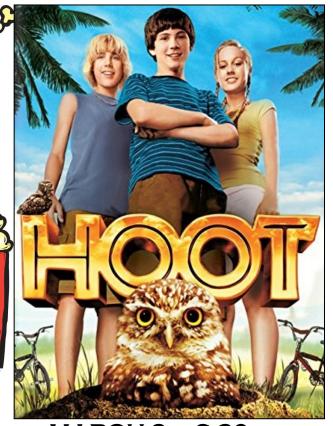




JANUARY 13 – 6:30 PM IN SOCIAL HALL



FEBRUARY 17 – 6:30 PM IN SOCIAL HALL



MARCH 9 – 6:30 PM IN SOCIAL HALL

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With all of the business of the holiday season behind us, we have exercised all of our joints and muscles! Now we must relax and give our minds ample opportunity to delve into a different scenery. Let's activate by testing what our minds have in storage, shall we. Love trivia, don't you? Well, here we go:

- 1. Ribs protect the:
 - A. Hip Joints, Knees
 - B. Shoulders
 - C. Lungs, Heart, Airways
- 2. Ligaments holds:
 - A. Muscles, Tendons, Joints
 - B. Circulatory systems
 - C. Blood Cells
- 3. Estrogen is secreted by:
 - A. Pancreas
 - B. Tonsils
 - C. Ovaries
- 4. Functions as a pump:
 - A. Tongue, Teeth
 - B. Heart, Kidneys
 - C. Bones
- 5. Fights viruses, bacteria:
 - A. Kidneys
 - B. Reproductive System
 - C. Immune System
- 6. Low proteins and nutrients:
 - A. Acid Reflux
 - B. Constipation
 - C. Malnutrition
- 7. Nose hairs or cilia filters:
 - A. Kidney Stones
 - B. Dust, Pollen Allergens
 - C. Stomach Acids
- 8. Skull protects:
 - A. Spine
 - B. Brain and its System
 - C. Appendix

- 9. Indicates an infection:
 - A. Elevated Lymph cells
 - B. Decreased Hemoglobin
 - C. Elevated Cholesterol
 - D. CRP-C Reactive Proteins
- 10. Elevated blood sugar (glucose):
 - A. Lack of Sleep
 - B. Food, Medication, Diseases
 - C. Alcohol, Diabetes, Decreased Activities
- 11. Dehydration can be due to:
 - A. Lack of Hydration such as water, juices
 - B. Medication
 - C. Depression
- 12. Spinal column protects:
 - A. Spinal Cord
 - B. Cerebrospinal fluid
 - C. Vertebral Disk
- 13. Hemoglobin
 - A. Transport Insulin to Fatty Cells
 - B. Transport Oxygen to all Tissues, Organs
 - C. Excretes waste products
- 14. RICE Acronym for:
 - A. Rest, Ischemia, Cardiac, Ears
 - B. Rest, Elevate, Compression,

Take Blood Pressure

- C. Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevate
- 15. To heal wounds:
 - A. Oxygen, Nutrition, Moisture
 - B. Oxygen, Oxygen Peroxide
 - C. Decrease Stress, Restful days & nights, Decrease Depression, Increase Spiritual Wholeness

Until the next time, have a blessed and healthy New Year!

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Jan. 1 - Church Office Closed

Jan. 6 – 1:00 pm Celebrating the Life

of Vernon Green

Jan. 8 – 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Jan. 13 – 6:30 pm Movie Night - Elemental

Jan. 15 - Church Office Closed

6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Jan. 17 - 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Jan. 19 - Social Hall Reserved

Jan. 19 - 20 Boy Scout Lock-in

Jan. 20 – 11:00 am Celebrating the Life

of Evelyn Hartman

Jan. 22 - 1:00 - 6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive



Feb. 11 - Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Feb. 12 - 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Feb. 14 - 6:00 pm Shrove Wed. Pancake Dinner 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 17 - 6:30 pm Movie Night

Gnomeo & Juliet

Feb. 21 - 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Weekly Events

Monday's - 5:30 pm - Handbell Rehearsal Tuesday's - 10 am - 2 pm - Bazaar Workshop



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 22 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm



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 \$1,600 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.



January Birthdays

Andrew Harrison 1/2 George Stephenson 1/2 Michael Mapes Jr. 1/3 Ronald Collier Jr. 1/7 Shirley Paetz 1/7 Robyne Patterson 1/9 **Davis Conner** 1/10 Tracy Hill 1/12 Clifford Winbush IV 1/12 Joseph Rohde 1/13 Savannah Soult 1/13 Pete Hartman 1/14 Owen Keller 1/16 Daniel Martin 1/16 Crystal Thomas 1/16 **Trevor Capps** 1/19 Robin Tuck 1/20 Sherry Wornom 1/21 Audrey Miller 1/22 Erica Davenport-Goon 1/24 Claire Gordon 1/26 Janet Hoffman 1/27

February Birthdays

Clarence Westcott	2/1
Anne Conner	2/3
Dylan Thomas	2/3
Megan Wroten	2/5
Sandra Emerson	2/6
Deborah Harris	2/10
Mary Boyd	2/11
James Flowers	2/12
Raymond Forrest	2/12
Wesley Collier	2/15
Diane Teel	2/16
Amanda Doggett	2/17
Brent Robinson	2/17
Joan White	2/18
Patricia Williams	2/19
Andrew Collins	2/20
Julie Booth	2/21
Chip Rowley	2/21
Donald Teel	2/23
Reggie Moore	2/24
Joyce Adams	2/25
Caroline Carden	2/25
Michael Crockett	2/25
Sam Stratton	2/25
Rhonda Difulvio	2/26
Karen Wood	2/26
Caitlin Carden	2/27
Wayne Appleton	2/28

January Anniversaries

James & Julie Gordon	1/7
Chris & Anna May Hopkins	1/8
Richard & Rebecca White Sr.	1/27
Thomas & Margaret Hogge	1/28

February Anniversaries

Pete & Betty Parkerson 2/14

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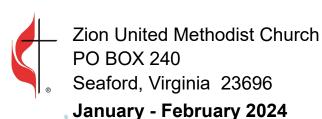
OUR WEEKLY COUNTERS!

January: Sherry Wornom & Gayle White February: Jessie Raymer & Bonnie Bennett

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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THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Easter Sunday is March 31st



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