



# Lutheran Church

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## NOVEMBER 2022

### Worship

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

### Sunday School

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages

### Sundays:

9:00 a.m. KOK Chimers Rehearsal

### Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

### Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

11/2 & 16: FaithFormers

11/5: Apple Dumpling Baking

11/6: Gifting Hope Shopping

11/8: Property Board Meeting

11/9: Cr@zy

11/11-12: 7-12th Grade Lock-in

11/13: Zion Thanksgiving Dinner

11/15: Ruth Circle

11/15: Faith Partners Meeting

11/15: Mutual Ministry Meeting

11/15: Communication Board Meeting

11/17: CPC Meeting

11/19: Men's Breakfast

11/20: Hollidaysburg Winterfest Parade

11/21: Ministerium Thanksgiving Service

11/24 & 25: Happy Thanksgiving~Office Closed

11/27: Advent Begins

### LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

12/3 & 10: Pageant Rehearsal

12/4: Confirmation Course

12/7 & 21: Faithformers

12/10: Cookie Walk

12/13: Property Board Meeting

12/14: Cr@zy

12/15: CPC Meeting

12/18: Christmas Pageant Presentation

12/20: Ruth Circle

12/20: Communication Board Meeting

12/21: Blue Christmas Service

12/24: Christmas Eve Services (5:00, 7:30 & 10:00)

12/25: Christmas Day—No Services

12/30: Zion Theme Night-New Year's Eve



The beauty of this autumn has been absolutely amazing. It has been a delight to look around at our ridges and valleys to witness the stunning array of color from our changing trees. But something else is happening as the days grow shorter and colder; nature is preparing for what's next.

Everywhere you look plants are producing seed that will give way to new life once the ice and snow have melted away this winter. On my wife's flower farm this is abundantly clear. I spent a few hours in October collecting celosia flowers and seed pods. These vividly colored plants had black specks bursting from their flowers, ready to shower the ground with their future descendants. It was even more astonishing to me that I was collecting these seeds off of volunteer plants, dozens of celosias that seeded naturally in a flower bed that was supposed to be dormant this season.



Jesus uses the image of seed several times in the gospels as an aspect of our life of faith. My favorite instance comes in the parable of sower, where the farmer indiscriminately throws seed on all sorts of ground: good soil, rocky soil, weedy ground, and even the path. And the seed produced, especially in the good soil, yielding an abundant harvest. The celosia at the farm could just as easily be the sower, tossing seed everywhere and yielding all sorts of results.

If we are the sower with a bag full of seed (perhaps the seed is the good news of God or your faith), how is it that we spread and sow? Are you sowing with abandon? Are you sowing at all?

At the end of October I celebrated my 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Even though I'm still relatively young in this whole ministry business those ten years equate to more than 500 sermons written and countless hours spent discussing scripture and faith in Bible Studies, conversations, and classrooms. I've been chucking some seed! And yet, given all that sowing, sometimes it is hard to look and see results. Then again, all the celosia that scattered their seed last year didn't live to see the new generations take root.

Learn the lesson of the parable. Learn the lesson of the flowers. Learn the lesson of autumn. Sow, sow, and sow some more. Live a faithful life that showers the grace of God on all you meet, for God does the same for us.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave

## **GIFTING HOPE SHOPPING** (Formerly Operation Christmas Child)

**Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m.**



Children, Youth,, and All Ages welcome! Plan to gather at the church to go shopping for this event. When everyone is reunited, we will share a pizza supper.

Please keep in mind, even if you are unable to attend this event, financial contributions are also accepted (mark your giving envelope "Gifting Hope"). If you have any questions, contact Kevin & Wendi Naugle or the church office.

## **ZION THANKSGIVING DINNER AND PROGRAM**

**Sunday, November 13  
at 5:30 p.m.**

**(Note weekend change)**

*Starting at 5:30 p.m. everyone is invited to gather in the fellowship hall for a home style turkey dinner & Thanksgiving program. Just bring a side dish or two to share. Please complete the sign-up form in the bulletin or contact the church office if you plan to attend.*

*Dinners will also be delivered to our shut-in members who request delivery so please call the office if you are interested ☺. (695-0091)*

*Our Activities Board will be looking for volunteers to help cook turkeys, help with kitchen tasks, & assist with delivering meals. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Michele Lloyd or the church office.*

## **Giving Tree Project**



Once again the Adult Board will be sponsoring the Giving Tree Project. This project is done in cooperation with the Home Nursing Agency. The tree is scheduled to go up in mid-November. When you take a tag from the tree, be sure to sign the notebook and return your gift to the church by the date specified. When you return your gift, place it in the box in the hall that matches the circled number on

the front of the tag. If you have any questions please contact Linda Renney or anyone from the Adult Board. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

## **A Helping Hand**

We are collecting gift cards to have on hand for families going through a rough time. They may be going through a medical situation that requires a lot of travel or just may be having some financial struggles. These families could use a helping hand with things like food and fuel to help ease the burden and give them one less thing to worry about. **If you would like to make a donation, what seems to work the best are Martins, Hometown Market, and Sheetz cards in \$10 to \$25 increments.** Please bring the cards to the church office and we can get them to the families.



## **Community Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 21**

The Community Thanksgiving Service is sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Ministerium. It will begin at **7:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Hollidaysburg.** A pie and cider social will follow the service. All are encouraged to attend this time of expressing thanks for God's blessings.

# WELCOME

## New Members

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW ZION MEMBERS

Bill Adams  
Linda Adams  
Bonnie Barry  
Eddie Calderon  
Matteo Calderon  
Becky Carn  
Tabra Carn  
Adria Dickson

Cheyenne Dickson  
Peg Ebersole  
Dave Graham  
Karen Hammel  
Tom Hammel  
Elaine Mattson  
Brenda Taylor



## Worship Times

### Christmas Eve

5:00, 7:30,  
& 10:00 PM

### Christmas Day

NO SERVICES

## Zion Youth Ministry Fundraiser

### They're back!!



**Order forms are available in  
the bulletin and in the office!**

**Pick up is on 11/5 from 6:00-7:00pm and  
on the morning of 11/6**

**Want to help us bake?**

**We could use lots of help baking up these  
yummy treats on Saturday, November 5th  
at 9:30am. Youth of any age AND anyone  
who is interested in helping to support our  
youth's faith formation is welcome to help!**

## Blue Christmas

*A service of comfort and hope*

*for those who are hurting*

*this Christmas.*

**Wednesday, December 21  
at 6:30 p.m.**

# Christmas Pageant 2022



Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about Zion's Christmas Pageant for 2022! We need children, youth, and a few parent/adult volunteers to make this pageant a success. Participating is a great way to help your child focus on faith in the Advent season. *Please let Ryan Custead know at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) or at (814)695-0091 if your children will participate.* We also need a few parent helpers. Zion's pageants are always unique and fun, so watch for more info about this year's.



## Pageant Schedule:

**Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00am-Noon** Pageant practice/filming  
**Saturday, December 10th from 10:00am-Noon** Pageant practice/filming  
**Sunday, December 18th @ 10:45am** Pageant performance/showing



## Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for some Christmas Caroling on **Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm.** We will be singing some classic favorites for our neighbors around Walnut and Allegheny Streets here in Hollidaysburg. Our last stop will be at American Rescue Workers' Mulberry Street house where we will stay for some holiday goodies at their annual Christmas Party! Anyone of any age is encouraged to join us as we share the Good News about Christmas through song!



**Saturday, December 10th**  
**Open from 10:00am-Noon**

**YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER**

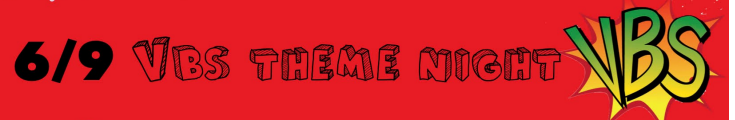
Walk around our fellowship hall and fill a provided festive container with an assortment of homemade cookies and Christmas goodies!  
**\$15 per container**



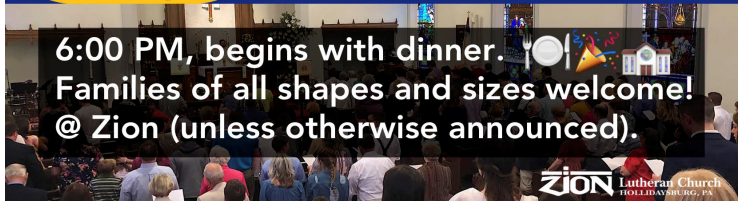
**500 Allegheny St.**  
**HOLLIDAYSBURG** **ZION** Lutheran Church  
 HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA



**12/30 "NEW YEAR'S EVE EVE"**



6:00 PM, begins with dinner. Families of all shapes and sizes welcome!  
 @ Zion (unless otherwise announced).



# zion FAITHFORMERS

Zion's new preschool-3rd Grade group  
continues this Fall!

FaithFormers is a place where children learn about and experience God with fun songs, lessons, games, and more! All **Preschool-3rd Graders** are welcome to start attending any time we meet. FaithFormers meets here at the church every **first and third Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm** of every school-year month. Ryan Custead will lead the group along with volunteers from the congregation. *Children may choose to have a parent or guardian attend with them. Children who are not potty trained **must** have a parent or guardian with them.* Please contact the church office at (814) 695-0091 or email Ryan at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) with any questions. \*A parent or guardian will need to register their child with a short release form at the church when attending for the first time. Forms will be available at FaithFormers, on the children's bulletin board, and online.

Upcoming dates (4:30pm-5:30pm):  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**  
& every 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
unless otherwise announced!



## YOUTH LOCK- IN DATES

**7th-12th Grade Lock-in**  
**November 11-12, 2022**

**4th-6th Grade Lock-in**  
**January 13-14, 2023**

## CONFIRMATION COURSES

The courses are for all youth in year 1 and 2 of the Confirmation process. Topics for the courses will range from Catechism, to the Bible, to Church History. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Courses for this year:**  
Sunday 12/4, 1/8, & 2/5  
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
and Friday 3/17-18 from  
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.



Mark your calendars for CR@ZY! Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise) Zion Youth & friends, 7th-12th Grade are invited for youth group fun, Faith discussions, opportunities to serve, and more!

Upcoming Dates:  
11/9 at Zion and 12/14 at Zion  
(No Cr@zy on 11/23 & 12/28 due to the holidays)



## 7TH-12TH GRADE LOCK IN

**Friday, November 11th 7:00pm-**  
**Saturday, November 12th 10:00am**

At the church. Games, movies, snacks, "night games", and more!

FRIENDS ARE  
WELCOME!



A parent/guardian  
will need to sign a  
release when  
dropping youth off.



Dear Brothers and Sisters at Zion,

As you probably know, Ryan Custead, Zion's director of faith formation and outreach, is going through a painful divorce. Adding to the pain and uncertainty in his life was the fact that he could not make ends meet on his salary. Ryan began reviewing his financial situation and comparing his salary to others in the area. While he cherishes and values his work here, his foremost concern is being able to provide for his children. With this on his heart, he approached the CPC in September and requested an increase to his salary.

After researching the fair-market rate for a Director of Faith Formation and Outreach in the region, the CPC decided that Ryan was underpaid. The CPC discussed at length various options on how best to correct the salary to meet the market rate, and at our October meeting, the CPC voted to increase Ryan's salary by \$3,000 annually.

This decision was difficult because, while we are blessed with a safety net of investment funds, Zion's revenue is not meeting our expenses this year. This is influenced no doubt by the economic climate and the drain on people's available funds by our Capital Campaign. Additionally, the church recently increased its expenditures on insurance as Ryan had previously been covered by his wife's insurance, and Kelsey, Pastor David's new wife, became eligible for coverage when they wed in September.

Despite these strains on our finances, I could not be more optimistic about the future of our Church. We are blessed with excellent leadership from Pastor David and Ryan. We are blessed with a generous congregation that resoundingly answered the call of a Capital Campaign in the midst of a pandemic and difficult economic period. We are blessed with the community of Hollidaysburg that needs Christ and needs us as his hands in the world. There is so much good that we can do, and I believe we are on the right path.

Our church will continue to grow and recover from the pandemic-era strangeness that plagued churches, schools, and virtually every other aspect of life across the nation. We have some hard choices about our financial priorities in the coming years, but together we will become stronger. As it says in Psalm 37:5, "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

Please reach out to me or another CPC member if you have any questions or concerns. I know that this brief letter does not cover everything that you might wish to know, and the council wants to hear from you.

Peace in Christ,

Aaron Wagner, Executive Director of the CPC



## NOVEMBER UPDATE

- Zion members who contributed to our Capital Campaign in July, August and September received their first quarter report in early October. All campaign donations are being checked carefully so accuracy can be maintained. Please call the church office if you think you spotted a discrepancy.
- These quarterly reports will also help everyone monitor their pledge payments whether they are making weekly, monthly or annual payments over the next three years.
- As of the end of October, payments total \$224,533. This represents approximately 47 percent of the \$479,000 pledged.
- We continue to appreciate those who are clearly writing CAPITAL CAMPAIGN on their offering envelopes so these gifts can be recorded accurately. Feel free to use the campaign remittance envelopes that are being provided.
- We SINCERELY THANK everyone for maintaining their regular offerings to the General Fund while contributing to the Capital Campaign so Zion's ministries and activities can continue to move forward.
- During the past month, Eastern Elevator took final measurements so they can begin fabricating materials off-site for the new elevator. A representative of New Holland Church Furniture visited Zion to take final measurements for our new sanctuary pews.
- Zion's diligent Property Board has scheduled meetings in early December with all contractors involved in work to be done on the elevator, in the sanctuary and the narthex.
- Final worship services in the sanctuary will take place on the weekend of January 7-8. Weekly worship services will continue in the Fellowship Hall until all three projects are completed – hopefully in 6-8 weeks.
- Never hesitate to call or email the Zion office if you have any questions about the capital campaign.

Renew  
**Restore**  
Rejuvenate

## Snow Camp

6th-12th Graders!  
January 27-29th



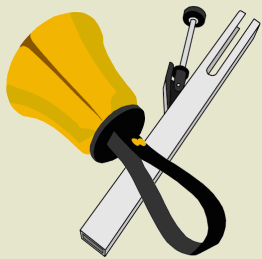
Join Ryan and friends from Zion as we gather at Camp Sequanota with youth and leaders from across the Allegheny Synod for a weekend of Snow Camp this January. Watch for more info!



## Family Winter Retreat

March 3rd-4th

Join us for Zion's 2023 Family Winter Retreat this March at Camp Sequanota. Set aside a weekend to grow together in faith. Watch for more info!



## KOK CHIMERS

The Kids of the Kingdom Chimers are back for the Fall of 2021! All children K-6th grade are invited to be a part of our new kids' bell and chime choir. Kids will learn all about praising God with music as we learn to play the bell and learn some music theory too! We rehearse in the second floor music room from 9:00-9:30 a.m. every Sunday unless otherwise announced. All interested children can join anytime by just showing up for rehearsal! Contact Ryan at the church office with any questions.

Older youth helpers would be great. No music experience or knowledge required. Contact Ryan if interested.

# Recovery Prayer Service

2023

**Sunday, January 22nd**  
**@ 7:00pm** Zion Lutheran Church

**500 Allegheny St**  
**Hollidaysburg**

Join local churches and community leaders as we gather for a service of prayer, scripture, and music.



Pray for the **addicted**, those in **recovery**, and the health of our **community**. Give thanks for the **victories** of treatment.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

**July 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2022**

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Income (Giving)                   | \$68,060.25   |
| Expenses                          | \$88,555.58   |
| Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only) | (\$20,495.33) |

**(REMINDER: The above income figure reflects money given in the "Current Expenses" portion of your giving envelopes and undesignated loose offering only. Benevolence and money given to designated funds is not included.)**

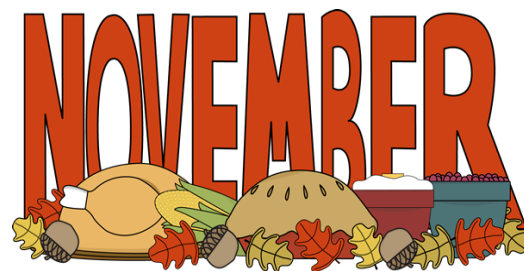
## Edward Jones Investments

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| E J Account Value as of 9/30/22     | \$520,406.16 |
| Less Principal (initial investment) | \$336,214.17 |
| Value over principal as of 9/30/22  | \$184,191.99 |

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*Elizabeth Sagaities* 814-932-5998  
Youth Board Director

Adult Board Director  
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Worship Board Director  
*Gail Nedimyer* 814-943-6013  
Finance Board Director  
*Jim Conway* 814-931-1360  
Stewardship Board Director

Communications Board Director  
*Christina Pavlock* 208-569-7177  
Property Board Director  
*Shawn Restly* 814-312-6211  
Activities Board Director

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CPC Members-at-Large  
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