

ZONGIURGINEWS

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. (Jer. 29:11) NRSV

Pastor's Pen

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ~Matthew 4:17

As I sat down to write, I turned off the news, which was filled with both the good news of the CDC guidelines that offer hope that the pandemic will soon be a distant nightmare and the horrible news of rockets being launched in Israel and Palestine. The past several months have been like that: a constant bombardment of both horrific and promising news that we do not have time to process before the next onslaught of information bombards us. The last several months have been defined by pandemic, gun violence, racial conflict, political dissension, and a general sense of both division and isolation. It's enough to break your heart.

Over and over again, our lives are defined by the catastrophes in the news that break our hearts. It seems as if current events define the boundaries of our lives. Our entire world was dramatically changed twice by wars that spanned the globe in the early Twentieth Century. The assassinations of two Kennedys and Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. changed an entire generation. Future generations were impacted by the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger and the shattering impact on September 11, 2011. These moments, these days define how we perceive the world. We focus on the horrors, then shake our heads in despair. "What is the world coming to," we sigh. We wonder if we can ever recover... ever heal.. ever move forward into God's healing space. But, Jesus shows us a different way. Instead of defining his life and ministry by current events, he looked beyond those boundaries and pointed us in the direction of God's Holy place. The events of our world are important but Jesus reminds us that it is even more important that we keep God's of wholeness and peace at the center of our lives. It is not that the shattering events of our time matter less; it is that God's love is more powerful than any damage human beings inflict on each other. So let us give this day back to the God of history. May you instead receive Christ's sacred peace, and may you share that peace with one another.

Blessings, ~Pastor Katie



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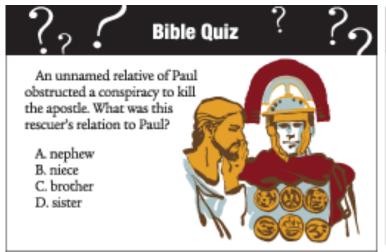
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Words Of Faith and Strength

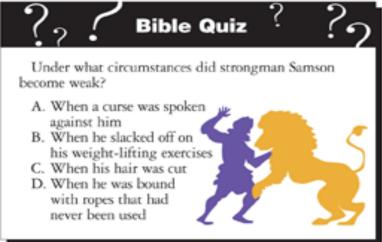
But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like one day. (2 Peter 3:8) Many of us feel as if this past year was a thousand years, but God reminds us today to take heart: "For every tear drop, for every sleepless night, I have a blessing for you. You're coming out of this." God moves in God's timing, not yours. God is never late and never leaves you alone. And when you least expect it, God gives you what you need. You must learn to trust God's timing and have faith that God is near. This is the perfect time to turn to God with new spiritual practices - more time in prayer, devotion or Bible reading. Let God enter your heart in a new way and you will be amazed at the results! Trust God and believe that while you are waiting for your breakthrough. God is doing a good work in you! Receive it in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer & Scripture

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11) Heavenly Father, we thank You for the awesome plans you have for our lives. We thank you for the blessings, favor, and breakthroughs you have for me in our future. We thank You for sending prosperity our way. Father, we know our future will be filled with hope, happiness, laughter, love and blessings in every area of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.







Answer: C (See Judges 16:17-19.)

Special Services for June

June 6 (God's Will)

June 13 (Flourishing)

June 20 Father's Day (Pushing the Boat)

June 27 (Healing Power)

Sunday Morning Schedule

10:15 am Children's Church via Zoom

10:00 am Virtual/In-Person Worship Service

www.zionreformed.church/sermons

Save The Date





Church Happenings

Zion Book Club

The Zion Book Club meets on 4th Friday of every month, 7pm at the home of Sue Graff. The selection for June is "It All Comes Back To You" by Beth Dukethis months meeting date will be 6/25 at 7pm. The selection for July is "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah- July's Book Club meeting is set for 7/23 at 7pm. Please join us for a great discussion and wonderful fellowship!

Soup Kitchen

Every Tuesday from 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm; serving a warm meal to our community. If you would like to volunteer please contact the church admin.





God sends his angels to look after creations in the form of parents You, my father, has been the biggest inspiration for me Through triumphs or failures, you were all I needed to move on Thank you for everything you have done until now

Happy Father's Day

MONTHLY FIGURES	APRIL	2021 (YTD)
Income	\$9,326.00	\$27,014.80
Transfer from Special Funds	\$35,000.00	\$110,000.00
Expenses	-\$35,824.37	-\$135,620.44
Net Income	-\$8,501.63	-1,394.36

MONTHLY FIGURES	MAY	2021 (YTD)
Income	\$11,506.00	\$38,520.80
Transfer from Special Funds	\$0.00	\$110,000.00
Expenses	-\$21,774.77	-\$157,395.21
Net Income	-\$10,268.77	-\$8,874.41

Church Calendar JUNE 2021

June 2021
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July 2021

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18 19 20 21 22 23 24

25 26 27 28 29 30 31

		JUNE	
TUE 6/1	Soup Kitchen		5:00 pm
WED 6/2	Staff Meeting		10:00 am
	Service Workers Meeting		10:00 am
THU 6/3	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
SUN 6/6	Children's Church via Zoom		10:15 am
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MON 6/7	Consistory Meeting		7:00 pm
TUE 6/8 WED 6/9	Soup Kitchen Staff Meeting		5:00 pm 10:00 am
THU 6/10	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
SUN 6/13	Children's Church via Zoom		10:15 am
3011 0, 13	Worship Service		10:00 am
MON 6/14	Flag Day		
	Pastor Search Committee Meeting		5:30 pm
TUE 6/15	Soup Kitchen		5:00 pm
WED 6/16	Staff Meeting via Zoom		10:00 am
THU 6/17	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
SAT 6/19	JUNETEENTH		2.00
CLINI C /20	Summer Block Party		3:00 pm
SUN 6/20	Father's Day Children's Church via Zoom		10:15 am
	Worship Service		10:13 am
MON 6/21	CE Meeting		4:00 pm
TUE 6/22	Soup Kitchen		5:00 pm
WED 6/23	Staff Meeting via Zoom		10:00 am
	Pastor Search Committee Meeting		5:30 pm
THU 6/24	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
FRI 6/25	ZION Book Club		7:00 pm
SUN 6/27	Children's Church via Zoom Worship Service		10:15 am 10:00 am
TUE 6/29	Soup Kitchen		5:00 pm
WED 6/30	Staff Meeting via Zoom		10:00 am
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THU 7/1	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
SUN 7/4	Independence Day		
	Children's Church via Zoom		10:15 am
	Worship Service		10:00 am
MON 7/5	Consistory Meeting		7:00 pm
TUE 7/6	Soup Kitchen		5:00 pm
WED 7/7	Staff Meeting		10:00 am
THU 7/8	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
SUN 7/11	Children's Church via Zoom		10:15 am
	Worship Service		10:00 am 2:00 pm
MON 7/12	Organ & Trumpet Recital Pastor Search Committee Meet	ing	5:30 pm
TUE 7/13	Soup Kitchen	ıııg	5:00 pm
WED 7/14	•		10:00 pm
THU 7/15	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
SUN 7/18	Children's Church via Zoom		10:15 am
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MON 7/19	CE Meeting		4:00 pm
TUE 7/20	Soup Kitchen		5:00 pm
WED 7/21	Staff Meeting via Zoom		10:00 am
THU 7/22	4-H Club Meeting via Zoom		4:30 pm
FRI 7/23	ZION Book Club		7:00 pm
SUN 7/25	Children's Church via Zoom		10:15 am
	Worship Service		10:00 am
TUE 7/27	Soup Kitchen		5:00 pm
WED 7/28	Staff Meeting via Zoom	tin a	10:00 am
THU 7/29	Pastor Search Committee Meet	ring	5:30pm 4:30 pm
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6/2 Alice Barr

6/10 Susan Clutz

6/14 Jeff Crosby

6/15 Tre Seibert

6/21 Joann Myers

6/22 Randy Overcash

6/23 Jason Weicht

6/26 Susan Lohman

6/30 Molyneaux Dwyer
Beverly Stitely
Richard Cantilena

Max Dwyer

7/9 Ralph France

7/21 Dominic Gerlando

7/29 Betty Teel



6/4 Kelly & Jason Weicht 6/5 Kim & Bill Cook 6/6 Linda & Aaron Kelly 6/8 Kristen & Rob Grosh 6/19 Anissa & Doug Wade 6/29 Danielle & Toby

Wantz

7/11 Carol & Ralph France 7/14 Scherry & Ralph Sellers

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor Katie opened our Consistory meeting with a devotional titled "Thank You." It was an excellent reminder that we should be grateful for what we and others do each day and to give ourselves and others grace when everything isn't completed at the end of the day.

The Committee reports focused on number of in-person v. virtual attendees for Sunday worship and Sunday School classes. Lisa, as always, provided a detailed listing of checks written during the month and the Profit & Loss Statement for January - April 2021. The Consistory noted that our lawn/snow removal expense is higher than anticipated due to the addition of other lawn responsibilities. The Search Committee shared a new draft mission statement. Some revisions were suggested. They also are working on a congregational survey. Questions for the Search Committee and the survey should be directed to Kim Ridenour. Work on the various repair and updating projects in the Sanctuary and throughout the church were reviewed.

As of this writing, we have not had any applicants for the Soup Kitchen Security Guard position. Please let others know that we are actively looking to fill this position. A contractor for the painting of the eaves project is also being sought.

Kim proposed holding a Block Party on June 19 as an Outreach activity. After discussion the Consistory agreed to this endeavor that Christian Ed will lead. Claire Marie and Bryon have expressed interest in having an organ and horn concert in July. The Consistory suggested July 10 for this event. Becky proposed a budget discussion session to learn which categories within the budget support which church activities. This would be especially for Consistory members but could be open to any interested members. A date and time will be announced in the future.

A new desktop computer for Darlene is needed as our current system cannot support the latest update to our software. Pricing options are being investigated.

Lisa pointed out that there is still money in the George Cash Scholarship Fund. The Fund stipulated that 20 years after George's passing (1997), the fund could be used in other ways. She noted that there may be members who are planning to attend college and suggested that we use this money in the same way that it was intended. The Consistory agreed with this idea. More information will be shared with the Congregation in the near future. Members interested in serving on the selection committee if we have applicants should contact the Church Office.

One bit of unexpected excitement was when Katie announced that she had to leave the ZOOM meeting to move to the basement of her home due to the threat of a tornado in her neighborhood! Fortunately, she and her family were not impacted by one. Others had connectivity issues related to the storm throughout the meeting.

The final bit of excitement came when Becky announced that there was a tie between two paint colors for the Sanctuary! There will NOT be a recount! However, the two colors will face off in a runoff vote on Sunday, May 9. Samples will be displayed in the Sanctuary. Remember, every vote counts!

-Carroll Sager

Consistory Secretary

Is It Time for Some Maintenance? A Parish Nurse Note June 2021

Maintenance is an important part of our lives. Cars need oil changes and tire rotation. Homes need painting and repairs. Recently, we have seen that our sanctuary is in need of a lot of maintenance- bell tower repairs, replacement of roof tresses, plaster wall renovation, outside painting and wood trim repair. The list seems never ending.

Your body needs maintenance, too! We are made in God's image; we need to take care of ourselves to be good examples of the trust God has put in us to be His hands and feet on earth.

Adults can do a lot of things to try to stay healthy. Regular visits to your healthcare provider (at least every 6 months if you are prescribed medications) are a must.



Topics covered at your appointments should include use of tobacco and alcohol, diet, BMI (body mass index), exercise, and signs/symptoms of depression. Your vaccine history should be reviewed to ensure that you are up to date on recommended immunizations. Checking your blood pressure is important to screen for high blood pressure. Blood should be assessed for anemia, cholesterol, and general metabolic values. If you are diabetic or on thyroid medication, specific and more frequent blood tests may be required to correctly manage your medication dose. Other chronic illnesses also require office visits and blood tests more frequently. All adults need regular colon cancer screening and an assessment of bone density to determine if they are at risk for fractures. You may also want to ask your healthcare provider if a screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm is appropriate.

Women should have a mammogram every one to two years, or more frequently dependent upon past history. Cervical cancer screening should be done every one to five years and is also dependent upon age and risk factors. Screening for prostate cancer in males has changed, so talk to your healthcare provider to see what is best for your age group.

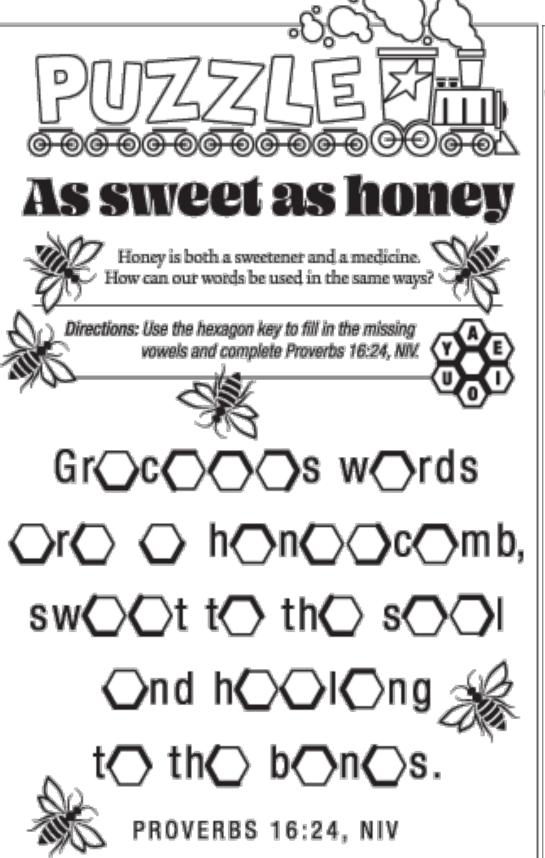


Children and adolescents also need "preventive maintenance." Most children receive regular medical care from birth to about age 4 or 5; after that, regular care often declines, especially in teens. Babies need to be evaluated every 2 months until 6 months old, every 3 months from age 6 months to one year, and yearly thereafter. Development and need for vaccines should be checked at each visit. Home safety, diet, exercise, and exposure to or use of tobacco and drugs are topics that need to be discussed regularly.

Although this sounds like a lot of work, this maintenance can be accomplished in just a few visits to your healthcare provider each year. Prevention is easier and less expensive than managing or treating a disease. Health maintenance is an important part of life and a good reflection of the trust God has placed in us. So oil that squeaky wheel and keep regular check ups with your healthcare provider- you'll be better in the long run!

Blessings and Health, Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources: uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org immunize.org mskcc.org (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center)





What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

- On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
- Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
- Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
- Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

Cash College Scholarship Fund



The ZION Consistory is pleased to announce the continuation of the Cash College Scholarship Fund. George Cash, a long time ZION member who passed away in 1997, graciously donated money for the creation of a scholarship fund to benefit deserving college students.

Previously this money was awarded only to students who graduated from North or South Hagerstown High Schools. However, upon the 20th anniversary of Mr. Cash's passing, any remaining money in the fund reverted to ZION's general fund. The Consistory believes that this money should continue to be used as it was intended. The Consistory also believes that application for this scholarship should be open to any ZION member who is pursuing an undergraduate degree and that the limitation of being a North or South Hagerstown High School graduate should be abandoned.

Therefore, we invite any member who plans to be enrolled full time in an undergraduate college program during 2021-22 to complete the Cash Scholarship application form. Application forms are available by contacting the Church Office. All applications must be submitted no later than June 15, 2021. The Scholarship Committee will announce the awards by July 15, 2021.

Additionally, the Consistory invites members to make contributions to the Fund so that this opportunity can continue into the foreseeable future. Contributions can be sent to ZION Reformed UCC, 201 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD 21740 Attn. Scholarship Fund.

Special Announcements:

(Sunday School Classes)

Adult Sunday School, will resume September 12, 2021.

Our Children's Church is hosted via Zoom with Kim Ridenour every Sunday at 10:15 am. If you have a young child that would like to participate please contact the church office at (301) 739-7244 for more details.

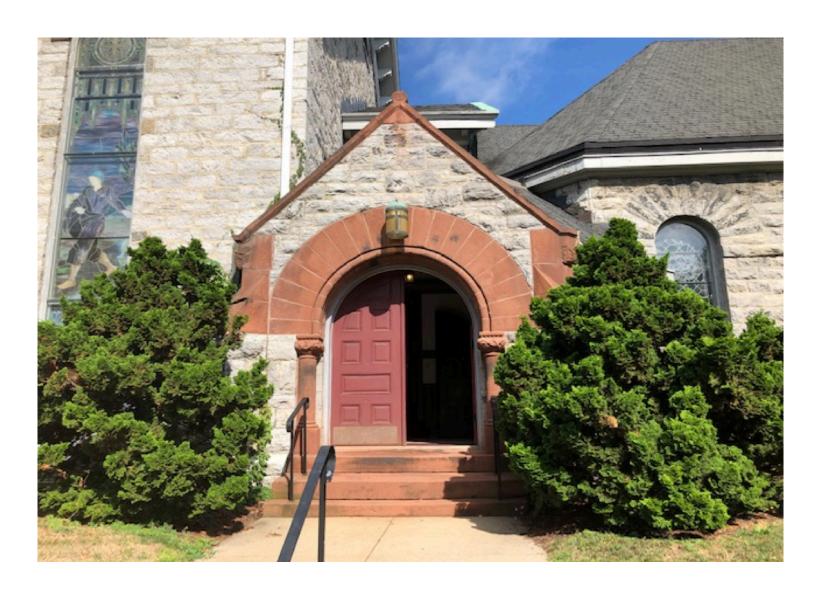
(All Sunday School connection details are available at any time on the Church website at www.zionreformed.church/education.)

Please be advised the next Newsletter that will come out will be August.

Many of you have asked about the **Search Committee**. We are meeting twice a month and are very excited about seeing what God has in store for our congregation. We are working on a survey for the congregation to ascertain what is important to each of you, and we are reviewing the World Café visioning input given prior to Covid. We're also looking at our mission statement to see if it reflects who we are and what God is calling us to do. Stay tuned for more information soon.

Zion Reformed UCC of Hagerstown is seeking an adult to fill the Security Guard position at our Tuesday night Soup Kitchen from 4:30 pm to 7 pm each week. (At this time because we are serving carryout meals only, the initial hours through April and May will possibly be slightly reduced.) Responsibilities will include ensuring a safe and peaceful environment for the volunteers and guests at the Soup Kitchen, seeing the volunteers safely to their cars, and securing the church and the back gate when leaving.

Please contact the church office (301) 739-7244 for further assistance with any of these announcements or If you need to make



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ALL are welcome!

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