

ZION REFORMED
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Art is not what
you see, but what
you make others see.**

~Edgar Degas~



WORSHIP GUIDE

Scattering Seeds of Hope

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

❖ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✿

"Introduction and Toccata in G-major"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✤

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

↑ Call to Community

Based on Psalm 81

To take the clay of our lives, and shape disciples:

God calls us to the Potter's House.

To receive and mend those who are broken from life experiences:

God calls us to the Potter's House.

To love and heal those who are wounded from war:

God calls us to the Potter's House.

To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened:

God calls us to the Potter's House.

Let us enter this place of transformation:

And worship our God!

↑ Opening Hymn ✤

"Lift High the Cross"

TNCH Song# 198 (Black Hymnal)

First Reading: *The Potter and the Clay*

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Lector: Amber Nilson

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

↑ Prayer for Justice & Peace

~Silence is Kept~

Children's Time ✩

Special Music Video

"*You'll Never Walk Alone*" from the musical "*Carousel*"
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Performed by Josh Groban, retrieved from YouTube (<https://youtu.be/G1WpGqEOCOg>).

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading: *The Two Ways*

Psalm 1 (TNCH Psalter)
Responsive with Lector Amber Nilson Leading

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the God, and on God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Choral Response ✩

Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

(TNCH# 319)

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

*Potter's Clay**RESPONDING IN LOVE*

Invitation to Give

Offertory [†]*"And Can it Be?"**Offertory Response* [†]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God above ye heavenly host.
 Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
 O Praise God
 O Praise God
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia!

(To the tune of "All Creatures of Our God", TNCH# 17)

Blessing Our Gifts

Gracious God we thank you for the opportunity to give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your Kingdom on earth. Bless every gift and offering that's deposited into your Kingdom today; we offer this prayer in your mighty name. Amen.

↑ Koinonia Hymn [†]

"Be Now My Vision"
 TNCH Song# 451 (Black Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Sharing the Story

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal ✡

"*Nun Bitten Wir (Now We Ask the Holy Spirit)*"

*All bread on the communion table is gluten-free to be inclusive of all God's children.
God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so.
The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice and gluten-free bread for all.*



Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

↑ Closing Hymn ✡

"*Spirit of the Living God*"
TNCH Song# 283 (Black Hymnal)

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✡

Finale from "Symphony No. 3"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



**Arise, and go down to the potter's house...
~Jeremiah 18:2**



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week of September 4th

Rally Day – Reassemble. Renew. Recommit. – **Next Sunday**



We rally together next Sunday with a pancake breakfast at 9:45am to celebrate the beginning of our new Bible School year. Many Protestant churches call the first Sunday of the Bible school year, Rally Day, as it is a day set aside to reassemble or “rally” after the relatively quiet summer of vacations, camps, etc.

Welcome back to Sunday School! Welcome back to Church!

Sunday School options this year include: (*for more information, visit www.zionreformed.church/education*)

Children’s Sunday School: Our children’s class will be focusing on Jesus’ parables with stories, games, and crafts and will be offered in a hybrid format with in-person and virtual options available.

Journeys Adult Class: This adult class will continue to be offered virtually via ZOOM and will be studying “The Parables for Today’s World,” a special study created by Sue Graff.

Arthur Grove Adult Class: This adult class will be offered in-person only in the Burhans Room and will explore a series titled “Freedom” for the first quarter. Written by Robin Wilson, “Freedom” reminds us that we are rescued, redeemed, and saved for a purpose.

Why Celebrate Rally Day?

Rally Day is a way to kick-start the coming fall season and the return from summer as our lives “settle” back in to school. But instead of settling back in to more of the same ol, same ol, we “rally” together which literally means “a renewal of energy in joint action”, and that’s what today is all about! We renew our commitment to God today along with our commitment to one another and the community we serve. We renew our enthusiasm to serve! Maybe we have forgotten to keep our pledges up or to pray for peace and justice during the “lazy” days of summer. Maybe we have put off our pledge donations or that volunteer commitment to Micah’s Backpack or Tuesday’s Supper. Maybe we just put the act of volunteering on hold. Maybe we committed to doing more for peace and justice or to donate to the Ukrainian Relief Fund or the Medical Debt Relief Fund but it just slipped our mind as we enjoyed the summer weather and travel time. Rally Day is a reminder and an opportunity to renew those energies and passions, to recommit, and to become excited! What are you excited to renew and recommit to?

Interfaith Progressive Dinner – **Next Sunday Evening**

Join the Interfaith Coalition to celebrate the International Day of Peace while remembering 9/11. Four different local houses of worship of various faiths come together to serve one course of the evening’s meal at their worship building on September 11th from 5-9pm. Stop at each site to enjoy an entire meal, learn about one another, and to celebrate and remember. Zion is one of the stops! Cost will be \$20/person or \$80 for a family of up to 5. Register today at <https://progressivedinner2022.eventbrite.com>.

Mark Your Calendars:

September 15th - Thursday Lunch Bunch Weekly Group begins Sep 15th 11:30am. More info on page 8.

September 18th – Stained Glass Window Hymn Sing & New Member Reception

September 25th - Dinner Theater Rehearsal’s Begin After Worship

October 15th – Community Yard Sale: Reserve a table today for \$15/table. All proceeds benefit our community outreach programs. See Christine Coleman or Rae Smith for more info.

Tri-State Medical Debt Relief

RIP

MEDICAL

DEBT

In the past forty years, medical costs have doubled, insurance copays and deductibles have spiked, and bankruptcy rates have quadrupled, creating an avalanche of destructive medical debt. More than 60% of bankruptcies in America have medical debt as a root cause, and the problem is especially dire in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, also known as the Tri-State Area.

After giving in the Catoctin Association's medical debt relief campaign that helped relieve medical debt in West Virginia, many asked what about our area? So we began discussions with Rest In Peace Medical Debt, the non-profit who buys medical debt at a fraction of the cost across the nation and works with willing participants and organization to raise monies to pay those debts off. As a result of these discussion a campaign for the tri-state region was created that includes not only our region of Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania but the entirety of these three states. We will be working with other local organizations asking them to help raise monies for this campaign so that we may work together with others who are dedicated to helping our neighbors.

A \$1 donation on average abolishes \$100 of medical debt. Donate today and help relieve medical debt across these 3 states. Donations can be made at the church and on our website at www.zionreformed.church/give by marking your gift for "Medical Debt Relief". A third giving option will be available next week through our campaign page on RIP Medical Debt's website. In the meantime, you can always learn more about this great organization at <https://ripmedicaldebt.org>.

Choir Now Forming



Join the Choir...

You'll Be Glad
You Did!

The Zion Choir is now re-forming! The pandemic placed it on hold for a while, but our voices are ready to sing. Do you have a passion for singing praise to God? Do you have a singing voice? We need interested singers today!

If you are interested in being part of this team, please see Choir Director, Byron Stay, and see how you can help make this important ministry a success!

Zion Book Club Update

Please note that the book selection for September has been changed from "100 Days Of Sunlight" by Abbie Emmons to "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan due to non-availability of the original selection in hard-copy format.

The group meets again on Friday, 9/23 at 7pm at the home of Sue Graff and via ZOOM.

For more information visit www.zionreformed.church/bookclub.

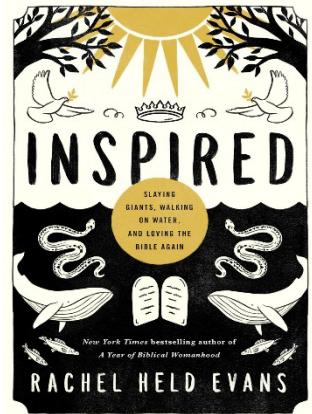


Thursday Lunch Bunch Begins September 15th

A New Mid-Week Hybrid Opportunity!

Looking to explore faith, theology, and Scripture in an intimate, in-depth session? Join us beginning Thursday, September 15th at 11:30am for our Thursday Lunch Bunch which will meet every Thursday at this time, in-person in the Burhans Room and via Zoom. The group will start off exploring the book "*Inspired*" by Rachel Held Evans.

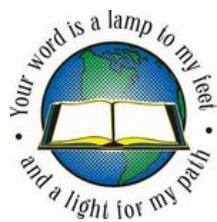
This study will invite participants on a journey of rediscovery as they explore the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present. Drawing upon recent scholarship and literary analysis, Evans creatively retells our favorite Bible stories, explaining their contexts and possible interpretations, and then connects these ancient stories to our present-day ones.



If you are ready to fall in love with Scripture all over again, you will want to plan to participate in this exciting new study!

To join by ZOOM: Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter or call-in by dialing +1 301 715 8592, and when prompted enter Meeting ID: 817 1531 9482 and Passcode: Zion. (Join by [One-Click Join](#))

Scrolls Revealed Ministries Seminar at Zion: An In-Depth Study of Homosexuality and the Bible



As we continue our journey of exploration known as the Open & Affirming Journey, please plan to join the ONA Team with Scrolls Revealed Ministries founder, Rev. Harry Stock, on Sep 24th for an informational study about what the Scriptures really say about homosexuality and the Bible. In order to decide if we are to become an open and affirming congregation or not we must gain an understanding into the Scriptures on this topic.

This workshop is open to everyone as we attempt to discern the will of God for our congregation on this important and controversial subject that affects so many. If you have ever found the Scriptures confusing regarding being open and affirming? Have you ever struggled to explain what the Bible says about our LGBTQIA+ neighbors? Maybe someone has asked you to explain how you can be affirming of LGBTQIA+ persons when the Bible has so little to say on the topic and the few references available can make it more confusing if you don't understand what the original translations say in addition to the various historical and cultural traditions that they were intended to address.

September 24th from 10am - 4pm (registration & continental breakfast from 9:30-10am)

This workshop is FREE for all Zion Reformed UCC participants and \$25/person for all others.

To register, sign-up in the Chapel or contact the Church Office.

More information available at www.zionreformed.church/ScrollsRevealed.

Our Joys & Concerns

Praying with One Another



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: [Eric B.](#), Holly Bell, [Naomi Brackett](#), Jeff Cannedy, [Linda Cantilena](#), Richard Cantilena, [Cisco](#), Clear Spring Community and the Josenhans, Knode, and Shives' families, [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Carol Garland, [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), Beth Gross, [Jim & Donna Hatfield](#), Sherry Hockman, [Lyn Hoffmaster](#), Jane Hollabaugh, [Paul Hose](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Rhondda Kane](#), Alyssa Kline, [Dee Krause](#), Susan LaBombard, [Sofia Martinez](#), Dee McGlauckin, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Colleen Rand, [David Ridenour](#), Betsy Roulette, [Claudia Ruth](#), Norm & Lori Schmidt, [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), Staci Shafer, [Thelma Summers](#), Tracy Roach Walls, [Eleanor Wible](#), Eric Wolbring, and Robert Yeoman.

*Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Margaret Wagner** (Sep 4th), **Kate Wade** (Sep 7th), **Frances Sweiget** (Sep 10th), **Robert Barnhart** (Sep 10th), and **Cooper Green** (Sep 10th)! Happy Anniversary to **Megan & Mark Shroyer** (Sep 4th) and **Brandi & Eric Burchard** (Sep 8th)! May this year of your life/lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of YOU. We hope and pray that this year of your life is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise may you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Lector Ministry Schedule

This Week (**Sep 4th**): Amber Nilson

Next Week (**Sep 11th**): Barb Hendershot

Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



Please continue to socially distance when interacting with those outside of your immediate family, sit in alternating pews as indicated, and mask when not seated for worship. These actions help show our love for one another in action and keeps our doors open for all.

Daily COVID Rate in Wash. Co: 13.51% as of Aug 22nd (*[Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard](#))

7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 14.5% with 15 hospitalizations as of Sep 2nd (*[Meritus Health](#))

Human MonkeyPox Emergency: 534 cases throughout the state of MD (*[MD Health Dept](#))

Important Dates This Week

Labor Day – September 5th - Happy Labor Day! (Church Office Closed)

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – September 6th from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Dine-in and carry-out options available!

Executive Team Meeting – September 8th at 2pm (Hybrid)

4-H Club – September 8th at 4:30pm via ZOOM
See Kim Ridenour for more information

*Sunday School returns next Sunday @ 9:45am with a pancake breakfast celebration!

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Arise, and go down to the potter's house...
~Jeremiah 18:2

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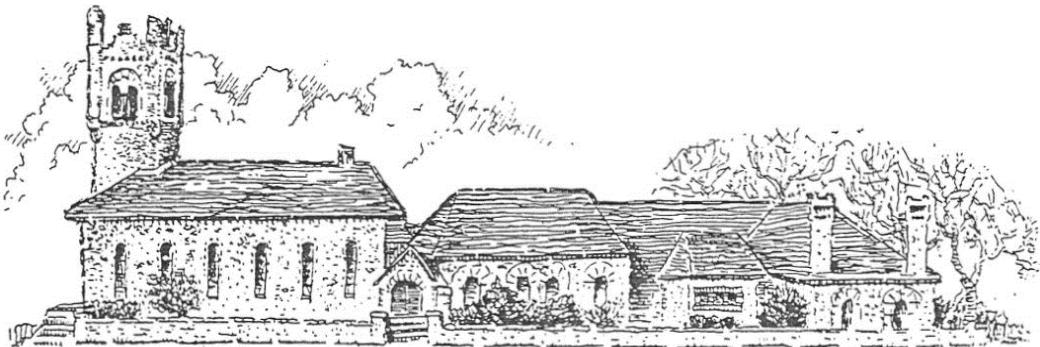
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