

 Zion’s United Church of Christ

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 Rev. Austin Chinault, II - Pastor

 Keith Clattenburg – Organist/Choir Director

 Laura Clattenburg – Music Coordinator

 Kimberly Kulesa - Office Administrator

 Frank Moser - Custodian

 **Those serving this month**

**Sunday Worship Hours**

**10:15 a.m. – Sanctuary**

**October 1 - Worship at Zion’s, 10:15 a.m.**

**9:00 - Intergenerational Sunday School**

**Special Services & Events**

**Virtual Worship Available on Zion’s Facebook Page at** [**www.facebook.com/zionsucc**](http://www.facebook.com/zionsucc)

**World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Special Offering –** October 1

**Fall Ingathering Special Offering -** October 8

**Consistory Meeting -**

October 9, 7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study -** Wednesdays 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Zion’s

**Ping Pong and Pizza –** Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal -**

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

**Community Meal at Emmanuel Lutheran -**

October 27 at 12:00 p.m.

﻿Dear Congregation:

Ahh…!  October, what a beautiful and colorful month…how I love the leaves and the crisp Autumn air with the warm sunshine.  A glorious month, Praise the LORD!

How I look forward to October 1 with our Joint Worship #16 with Trinity.  This cooperation is working out beautifully as well.  We will be doubly blessed at this service of worship with world-wide communion and the presence of Missionaries Crosby and Sally Jane Johnson whom I have been supporting for nearly 30 years!  Sally Jane has preached and helped lead worship at Zion’s a couple of times in the past.  She is a gifted pastor in Limon, Costa Rica.  Along with her husband, Crosby, they are well respected community and spiritual leaders in Limon.  They lead worship at Harvest Tabernacle Church, provide Youth ministry, educational and food ministry to the “poorest of the poor” in that region of Costa Rica—and expand to Nicaragua.

Recently you may recall the miracle of the new truck which God provided for the ongoing needs of their mission!  They will meet with Rita Paez and the CCLU after school ministry which gathers in our Chapel Building.  The CCLU is studying various Latin America countries and cultures to educate our Spanish-speaking community with more knowledge of their background.  Crosby and Sally Jane will be a big asset to this program.  It is our hope to invite some of the CCLU children and families to this worship service.  Please make them feel welcome and at home in our congregations.

Also, October 1 is a suggested date for the UCC all-church offering ***Neighbors In Need***.  Consistory has agreed to allow those interested to participate in this offering this year.  Contributions may be received anytime throughout the calendar year.  Special envelopes will be made available in the narthex.  Neighbors In Need (NIN) is a historic UCC offering used to support the *Council for American Indian Ministries* —you may be familiar with the partnership the UCC has with the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota.

Also NIN supports the environment which is a more crucial ministry every year.  Grants from NIN offerings are given to churches to help them make a healthy impact on the environment.  Through this offering we bear witness to justice for our neighbors and for creation.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Austin

***The Tymes* – October 2023**

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| **Altar Guild:** **Julie Rhoads****Financial****Secretary:** **Elaine Richards** | **October 1**  **Joint Worship at Zion’s** **World Communion****Sunday** Lectionary Readings:Exodus 17: 1-7;Philippians 2: 1-13;  Matthew 21: 23-32Sermon:  by Missionaries Crosby and Sally Jane Johnson | **October 8** Lectionary Readings:Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20(Susie Hayden);Philippians 3: 4b-14(Susie) Matthew 21: 33-46Sermon:  “Wisdom for the Way” (Pastor Kris) | **October 15**Lectionary Readings:Exodus 32: 1-14(Mary Cresswell); Philippians 4: 1-9 (Mary);  Matthew 22: 1-14Sermon:  “Bad and Good Ideas” | **October 22**Lectionary Readings:Exodus 33: 12-23 (Laura Clattenburg) I Thessalonians  1: 1-10  (Laura);   Matthew 22: 15-22Sermon:  “Hind End To!” | **October 29**Lectionary Readings:Deuteronomy 32: 1-12 (Dusty Rhoads);  I Thessalonians 2: 1-8(Dusty);  Matthew 22: 34-46Sermon:  “Good News” |
| **Financial Assistants** | Louise Griffiths | Audry Leister- Stengel | Dusty Rhoads | Craig Strunk | Susan Embody |
| **Head Usher/ Ushers** | Jennifer Young – Head Usher; Diane Andres, Dusty Rhoads | Craig Strunk | Jim Miller | Susan Embody | Julie Rhoads |

**Consistory Highlights**

Consistory met on Monday September 11th after two months off. Our Fall Ingathering will be October 8 and is designated to the new PA system. Pastor Chinault informed us that he and Pastor Marti from Trinity have started a bible study group which will meet on Wednesdays. It will begin on September 13th and be held at Trinity for the month of September. He is also looking into scheduling a workshop, which would be led by Kevin McLemore, Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call. We will invite Trinity members to this. It is for the purpose of seeing what options we might have in the future for the continuation of our church.

The Pottsgrove Community Band had been scheduled to perform at our National Night Out on August 6, 2024. Sunday School began on September 10. We will again be selling potato filling the weekend before Thanksgiving and would appreciate anyone that can come help prepare on Friday November 17. Also planned is a “Cookie Walk” for December 2nd. We are looking for any bakers willing to make cookies for this fundraiser. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9th at 7 pm.

Brenda Ross, Secretary

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Sunday School for youth and adults will be from 9 – 10 am October 1, 8, 22 & 29.

October 15th Confirmation Class will meet and there will be no Sunday School.

We will continue as an intergenerational class as we have been doing. We will meet in the classroom upstairs next to the office. Our curriculum usually follows the weekly lectionary and we have great discussions! All are invited.

Joan Miller, SS Superintendent

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the November issue of the Tymes is October 20th. Please send articles to: zionsuccoffice@comcast.net

**Cluster News**

Our current needs are: Gently used (or new) and freshly laundered sheets (twin and queen sizes) and bath towels

Items for move-in kits:

sponges, cleaning cloths, paper towels, toilet plunger, dust pan and brush, rubber

cleaner gloves, mop, broom, laundry detergent, bleach surface cleaner, Lysol spray

Donations are accepted at our Outreach Center located at 57 N. Franklin Street in Pottstown Monday – Friday

Please call 610-970-5995 to schedule a delivery date and time.

**Heifer International Update**

In June we received $1,267 to support Heifer International. Several items were requested with donations and the balance of the items were selected by the youth in our Sunday School class. The following is a summary of our 2023 donations: 2 Flocks of Chicks; 2 Flocks of Ducks, 2 gifts of Clean Water; 1 set of Garden Seeds; 3 Earth Gift Baskets; 1 Family Farm Care Package; 1 Send a Girl to School. Many Thanks to all who so gratefully shared the blessings of hope with those in need!

Joan L Miller, Finance Chairperson

**The Care Bag Project**

Here is the list of items included in the bags:

Knit hats and baseball caps

Hand lotion, hand sanitizer,

chap stick - travel size

Biotine mouth wash - travel size

Prayer shawl/lap blanket

Neck noodles

Kleenex packs - travel size

Nail clippers/file sets

Diamond painted angel keychain

Care Note (or similar) booklet

Adult coloring, word find, crossword

puzzle, and sudoku books

Journals

Notepads, colored pencils, and

markers

Hard candies

 Note tags with church name

 Large gift bags, colored tissue

 paper and bows to pack the items

Monetary contributions are also welcome to purchase supplies. For the Care Bag donations there is a bin in the narthex as well as one in the entryway ofthe Chapel Building.

**Redner’s and Giant Market**

 **Gift Cards Sales Returns!**

Members and friends may purchase a Giant and/or Redner’s Gift card to use for groceries or gas. Denominations of cards come in $25, $50, or $100. There is no charge to you but our church receives 5% of the grocery card purchase price.

Gift cards to Redner’s or Giant are available Sundays in the Christian Education building or during the week through the church office.

**Redner’s Receipts!**

Please place your **Redner’s Save-a-Tape** **receipts** in the box in the lobby of the Sunday School building. We need the entire register tape in order to get credit. Also it has to have the words Save-a-Tape on it. Redner’s will donate 1% of sales to our church. These funds are deposited in the General Fund.

Placing your grocery receipts in the box is an easy way to help Zion’s!!

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

 October 3 - Sydney Schollenberger

 5 - Diane Andres

 10 - Ruth Hardaker

 11 - Leah Rhoads

 12 - Hailey Selkregg

 13 - Chase Bartolini

 14 - Craig Strunk

 19 - Eric Mitchell

 20 - Brendan Rivoli

 21 - Mackenzie Hoffman

 23 - Jason Rhoads

 27 - Madeline Heydt

 Howard Miller

 28 - Brenda Ross

 

 Joseph and Kay Bachkai

 47 years on October 2

 Pedro and Diane Andres

 54 years on October 11

 Richard and Mary Frantz

 20 years on October 18

**Bible Trivia**

The Historical; Books of the Old Testament, Genesis to Esther are the story of the Rise and Fall of the Hebrew Nation.

The Poetical Books, Job to the Song of Soloman, belong to the Golden Age of the Hebrew Nation.

The Prophetical Books, Isaiah to Malachi, belong to the days of the Fall of the Hebrew Nation.

Major: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekial, Daniel

Minor: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micha, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah, Malachi

(Jeremiah wrote 2, Jeremiah and Lamentations)

The classification of these prophets is based on their Book size.

The mission and message of the Prophets was to try to save the nation from its Idolatry and wickedness. Failing in this, to announce the nation will be destroyed, but not completely. Out of the saved remnants of the nation, a person will come who will bring *All Nations to God*. That person will be a Great Man who will done day arise in the family of David.

The prophets called him “THE BRANCH.”

The family tree of David once the most powerful family in the world, was cut down in the days of the Prophets. The family would have a come-back. Out of that family

Stock would come a Branch who become the **King of Kings.**

Taken from Halley’s Bible Handbook

Submitted by Louise Griffiths

**Fall Ingathering Special Offering**

The Fall Ingathering will be to continue receiving offerings for the upgrade to the sound system equipment in the church basement. Our current equipment is showing its age and dates back to the days of using it for our WPAZ broadcasts. The estimate we received is to remove the existing equipment and install a digital system processor with the appropriate cables, hardware, and labor. The estimate was for $8,998.00. We gratefully received $1,580 with our Summer Ingathering. Therefore, we still need an additional $7,418 to complete this project. Zion’s Consistory appreciates the support we have received so far for this project and we look forward to any additional support to be able to complete this upgrade. A donation envelope is enclosed in this newsletter for your support of this project.

From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace. *John 1:16*

Joan L Miller, Finance Chairperson

**Food Security**

Every Monday at 4:00 p.m. balanced meals food boxes are distributed free to anyone in need.  The location is Bethel Community Church of Pottstown, 575 N. Keim St. Pottstown. This ministry is supported through the Pottstown Ministerium.  Please pass the word to anyone with a need for food.

**Potato Filling Fundraiser**

Zion’s will have a Potato Filling Fundraiser for Thanksgiving. Orders will be able to be picked up the weekend of November 18. More details to follow.

**Consistory Members Needed**

The Consistory is the governing body of Zion's Church consisting of elders, deacons, and the Pastor. Normally 12 members are elected to serve a 3-year term\*. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7PM and last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. In addition, there are committees, usually headed by a Consistory member, which may involve other meetings during the year.

Qualifications: A member of Zion's in good standing with a desire to work together towards God's purpose for the church. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Nominations for Consistory members are due prior to the Annual Congregational meeting in November.

\*Some members have committed to serving a 1- or 2-year term.

**Christmas Cookie Walk and More! December 2, 2023**

We will be having a cookie sale and are looking for volunteer bakers.  Please contact Sharon Moser if you would like to bake.  We then will be selling our cookies by the pound on Dec 2, 2023.  There will also be specialty items for sale, so if you are not a baker but make choc covered pretzels, fudge or some other wonderful tasting goodie, please let us know.

We also would welcome any vendor who would have handmade items for sale, they may set up also.

Please contact Diane Andres or Sharon Moser if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help.  Thanks!

**Pumpkin Bread**

SERVINGS: 8

 TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

BREAD

1 15-ounce can (1 3/4 cups) pumpkin puree

1/2 cup (120 ml) vegetable or another neutral cooking oil or melted butter (115 grams)

3 large eggs

1 2/3 (330 grams) cups granulated sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

3/4 teaspoon fine sea or table salt

3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Heaped 1/4 teaspoon fresh grated nutmeg

Heaped 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Two pinches of ground cloves

2 1/4 cups (295 grams) all-purpose flour

TO FINISH

1 tablespoon (12 grams) granulated sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a 6-cup loaf pan (8×4 inches on the bottom and 9×5 inches on the top, if your pan is smaller then you can make a couple muffins too) or coat it with nonstick spray.

In a large bowl, whisk together pumpkin, oil, eggs and sugar until smooth. Sprinkle baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cloves over batter and whisk until well-combined. Add flour and stir with a spoon, just until mixed. Scrape into prepared pan and smooth the top. In a small dish stir sugar and cinnamon together. Sprinkle over top of batter.

Bake bread for 65 to 75 minutes until a tester poked into all parts of cake come out batter-free, turning the cake once during the baking time for even coloring.

You can cool it in the pan for 10 minutes and then remove it, or cool it completely in there. The latter provides the advantage of letting more of the loose cinnamon sugar on top adhere before being knocked off.

Cake keeps at room temperature as long as you can hide it! For longer storage you can refrigerate.

|  | **October 2023** |  |
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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
| 1 Joint Worship Service with Trinity at Zion’sWorld Communion SundayNeighbor In Need Special OfferingSunday School for all ages, 9:00 -10:00 am | 2  | 3  | 4 Wednesday CrewQuiltersBible Study, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.Ping Pong and Pizza, 5:30 pmBell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pmChoir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8 Fall Ingathering Special OfferingSunday School for all ages, 9:00 -10:00 am | 9 Columbus Day | 10  | 11 Wednesday CrewQuiltersBible Study, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.Ping Pong and Pizza, 5:30 pmBell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pmChoir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15 Confirmation Class, no Sunday School | 16  | 17  | 18 Wednesday CrewQuiltersBible Study, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.CCLU Meeting, 5:00 pmPing Pong and Pizza, 5:30 pmBell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pmChoir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm | 19  | 20 November Tymes newsletter deadline | 21 Workshop at Trinity, 10:00 to 12:00 pm |
| 22 Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 -10:00 am | 23  | 24  | 25 Wednesday CrewQuiltersBible Study, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.Ping Pong and Pizza, 5:30 pmBell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pmChoir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm | 26  | 27 Community Meal at Emmanuel,12:00 p.m. | 28  |
| 29 Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 -10:00 am | 30  | 31 Halloween |  |

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 **Newsletter**

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.”

Isaiah 41: 13