

The Savior's Toolbox

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

"You Are Needed!"

Someone has imagined the Carpenter's tools holding a conference. Brother Hammer presided. Several suggested he leave the meeting, because he was too noisy. Replied the Hammer, "If I have to leave this shop, Brother Screw must go also. You have to turn him around again and again to get him to accomplish anything."

Brother Screw then spoke up. "If you wish, I'll leave. But brother Plane must leave too. All his work is on the surface. His efforts have no depth."

To this Brother Plane responded, "Brother Rule will also have to withdraw, for he is measuring folks as though he is the only one who is right."

Brother Rule then complained against Brother Sandpaper: "You ought to leave too because you're so rough and always rubbing people the wrong way."

In the midst of all this discussion, in walked the Carpenter of Nazareth.

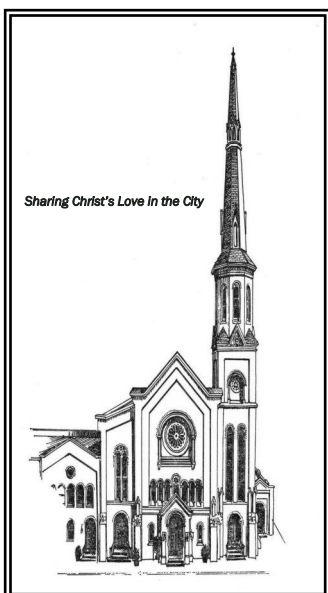
He had arrived to start His day's work. Putting on His apron, He went to the bench to make a pulpit from which to proclaim the Gospel. He employed the hammer, screw, plane, rule, sandpaper, and all the other tools. After a day's work when the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and remarked: "Brethren, I observe that all of us are workers together with the Lord."

God is a god of variety. In nature, what a diversity of animals! Every snowflake is different, every fingerprint, every face. Likewise, God is a God of variety in His church. What a diversity of gifts He has bestowed on believers to equip them for service!

Anonymous (For All the Saints, Vol. III, pp. 958-959)

Reading the above story feels like a call to confession – remembering times we may have acted as if we are the only ones who are right or times we may have rubbed people the wrong way. And yet, the Lord freely forgives us and uses us, warts and all, in service of His kingdom. Looking at it in this way may encourage us in our faith journey together, helping us to be graceful to one another.

On the first Sunday in June, we will hold our annual meeting. We will review the past year and look for-



May Birthdays

Floyd String
05/23
Jackie Graybill
05/25
Emma Daugherty
05/30
Samuel Pejack
05/30

May Anniversaries

Robert and Wanda Haas
05/01
Larry and Jeanette Bortner
05/05
Bill and Janet Shultz
05/23
Floyd and Lois String
05/30

June Birthdays

Danielle Saylor
06/13
Tuong Thieu
06/17
Harold Pacey
06/22
Jeff Springer
06/26

June Anniversaries

Henry and Jackie Graybill
06/18
Bud and Judy Wisman
6/30

ward to a new year in mission and ministry here in downtown Harrisburg. We will give thanks for the many ways in which members and friends have shared their time, talent and treasure with the congregation. I invite us all to prayerfully consider ways in which we may all share the unique gifts with which we have been blessed in Christ's service together here at Zion. As the title of the story says, "You are needed!"

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Pejack

Sunday School (9:00-9:45am)**Pastor's Class in Fellowship Hall**

We will be continuing our study of Luther's Small Catechism. Sections of Luther's Large Catechism will be included in the presentations.

Fellowship Class in the St. Timothy Room (behind the Kitchen)

This class will be studying a variety of famous people in the Bible with an overview of a different character each week, including: David, Abigail, Elijah, King Hezekiah, and others. Judy Atticks is the teacher.

PB & Jesus Bible Study**Winding down for the Season**

PB & Jesus Bible Study will NOT meet over the summer and **will resume on Tuesday, September 13**. The final dates for this spring are Tuesday May 3, 10 and 17 from 12:10pm to 12:50pm. We will be studying 1st and 2nd Thesalonians.

PB&J sandwich fixings are provided or bring a lunch

WOW—Worship On Wednesday

Service of Word & Prayer on Wednesdays at 12:10pm followed by a light lunch.

Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month.

GOING UP? ZION ELEVATOR UPDATE

Our elevator is working thanks to service by Thiessen Krupp. However, we have been informed that it is getting much harder to obtain replacement parts for the elevator when repairs are necessary. There may come a time in the not so distant future when the elevator will be beyond repair.

Therefore, a few months ago, members of the property committee and council began exploring options for replacing the elevator. Since our elevator was first installed (1930's), a lot has changed in regulations. Consequently, simply replacing the "mechanics" of our elevator while continuing to use the same elevator car in the same elevator shaft is not an option.

We have considered a chair lift from the ground floor to the second floor where our worship space is located. However, there are some difficulties in finding an appropriate location. Additionally, while this option may be cheaper in the short-term, the average life span of a chair lift can be as short as 7 or 8 years.

We have met with the JEM group (contractor) and Ritchie Engineering regarding the installation of a new elevator. A representative from JEM will be attending the May council meeting to present the proposal. Listed below are meetings times which will be open to the congregation to receive information about replacing the elevator. There will be opportunities to ask questions at these meetings.

Monday, May 16, at 7:00pm: JEM Presentation at Council Meeting

Sunday, May 22, at 9:00am: Joint Sunday School – Information Session

Preparing for Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 5, at 9:00am: Joint Sunday School – Information Session

Preparing for Annual Meeting

A detailed proposal will be included with the congregational meeting mailing which will include the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Our elevator is very much used on Sunday mornings and at other times throughout the week. As we continue to pray for increased ministry in the building, good and reliable access to all areas is critical. Please hold this project and those involved in researching the work and financing in prayer.

Recycling at Zion

Zion is participating in the City of Harrisburg's recycling program. Items that are to be recycled include: unwanted bulletins and other used office paper; cardboard and paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes); plastic soda and water bottles; aluminum and tin food and beverage cans. These items can be placed in the blue bin in Fellowship Hall. Items such as used paper or Styrofoam plates and cups, napkins, and plastic utensils should be discarded in the trash. A list of all recyclable items are posted at the blue bin, in the kitchen, and by the trash cans at the rear door of the church.

Opportunities to Donate

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry and Clothing for the Clothing Bank.

Outreach Organization of the Month

May: Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, www.centralpafoodbank.org

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank has been dedicated to ending hunger for more than 30 years. The Food Bank started as a one-day demonstration project on World Food Day in 1981. To address the needs of hungry families, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank began permanent operation on October 16, 1982.

Originally, the Food Bank was located in a converted movie theater in Steelton. In 1991, the Food Bank initiated a capital campaign, raising \$1.5 million directed to the construction of a brand new warehouse. In 1994, the Food Bank relocated to its current facility in Harrisburg. In 2002, a second warehouse was added in Williamsport, to better serve the northern tier of our territory. In 2012, the Food Bank's Harrisburg warehouse underwent a second expansion, which added 28,000 square feet onto the existing warehouse.

Serving 27 counties, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is the largest non-profit food distribution organization in central PA. The Food Bank solicits, inventories and distributes food and other donated products to more than 800 partner agencies (food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, etc.) that directly serve people struggling with hunger. The Food Bank distributes more than 32 million pounds of food and grocery products per year.. That is the equivalent of 27 million meals!

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank serves the following counties: Adams, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union and York.

FYI: On the evening of April 14, a group from Zion which included the confirmation class served at the Central PA Food Bank. Photos are on the bulletin board. We are hoping to schedule another service time open to all members and friends of Zion.

June: The Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com

The Voice of the Martyrs is a non-profit, **inter-denominational Christian organization** dedicated to assisting our persecuted family worldwide. VOM was founded in 1967 by Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand, who was imprisoned 14 years in Communist Romania for his faith in Christ. His wife, Sabina, was imprisoned for three years. In the 1960s, Richard, Sabina, and their son, Mihai, were ransomed out of Romania and came to the United States. Through their travels, the Wurmbbrands spread the message of the atrocities that Christians face in restricted nations, while establishing a network of offices dedicated to assisting the persecuted church. The Voice of the Martyrs continues in this mission around the world today through the following main purposes:

VOM's Five Main Purposes

1. To encourage and empower Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. To provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs.
3. To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world.
4. To undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression.
5. To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission.

Our ministry is based on Hebrews 13:3:

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

VOM's Mission Statement

Serving persecuted Christians through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the Body of Christ into fellowship with them.

In our prayers, we pray for the persecuted church. This organization helps connect us to those suffering for the sake of Christ around the world.

Previous Outreach Organizations of the Month

January: Christian Churches United (CCU) www.ccuahbg.org

February: Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) www.cvim.org

March: Downtown Daily Bread (DDB) www.downtowndailybread.org

April: Samaritan's Purse www.samaritanpurse.org

Lending Library

Zion has begun to offer a lending library that is located in the three book cases in Fellowship Hall. Current books include fiction, history, devotionals, literature, religious matter, and children's. Anyone is welcome to borrow a book and return it when finished. If you would like to donate to the library, please speak to Judy Reynolds.

Altar Flower Donations

Would you prayerfully consider donating flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one? The following dates are open. If you are interested in volunteering on the Altar Guild Committee or putting flowers on the altar, please contact Judy Reynolds (737-6696).

Open Dates

May 15

June 26

July 17

July 24

August 28th

September 11th

September 25th

October 9th

October 23rd

October 30th

December 4th

December 11th



Zion's Prayer List

Persons in need of physical or Spiritual healing:

Tom Adamson, Christine Bennett, Thomas Campbell, Patrick Drisgill, Jamie Dimartino, Nancy Eshenour, Alice Failor, Jim & Patti Fels, Dixie Geistwite, Jackie Graybill, Alta Hendricks, Heather Kates, Nathalee Kichman, Susan Kichman, Mary Koch, Mikey Lavender, Brenda Lloyd, Chase Michelsen, Mark Megoulas, Loan Nguyen, Kasey Ramer, Rachel Pejack, Susan Rinehold, Katie Kichman-Riley, Anna Royer, Danielle Saylor, Scott Stine, Josh Rohrbach, Lien Ngoc Thieu, Shirl Williams, Cindy White, Floyd String, Lois String, Sally String- Wilson

Remembering Our Homebound In Prayer

Rosa Herting & Charles LeeDecker

Get Your Deutsch On!

Ascension Service of Holy Communion / Himmelfahrt Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl

Thursday, May 5

6:30 pm Coffee & Cake / "Kaffee & Kuchen"; 7:15pm Service / Gottesdienst

Zion remembers its German language heritage by offering this evening Ascension Service in German (English translation will be available). Neighboring congregations and friends with interest in the German language are invited to join us; the offering will benefit Christian Churches United.

Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch

June 5 following the 10:15am Worship Service

Please join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting. A detailed mailing will be sent 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting. In addition to electing council members and approving the 2016-17 budget, we will also be considering the elevator project and revisions to the Scholarship Policy. To prepare for these discussions, there are special sessions of joint Sunday school at which information will be shared and there will be time for questions. Ann Pacey, Council President, Wanda Haas, Property Chair, and Judy Atticks, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, are willing to speak with those who would like more information and may be unable to attend the sessions.

Sunday, May 22, at 9:00am: Joint Sunday School – Information Session Preparing for Annual Meeting

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LOOKING AHEAD WORSHIP ON THE PRIDE: Sunday, August 21

Almost every Sunday during the summer, Christian Churches United (CCU) sponsors a Sunday Worship Service on the Riverboat. On Sunday, August 21, Pastor Pejack will serve as the preacher. The ship departs from City Island at 10:30am; anyone wishing to attend should be at the dock on City Island by 10:00am. There is no cost; however, there is an opportunity to contribute to an offering that is shared between CCU and The Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society. To see the ways that CCU provides local assistance to those in need, check out their website at www.ccuhb.org. The scheduled 10:15am worship service at Zion will be led by Pastor Pejack's husband.

Harrisburg Gallery Walk Sunday, September 11, 11:00am - 6:00pm

Zion will be a venue on the Gallery Walk sponsored by the Art Association of Harrisburg. Artists from congregations in the building will be exhibiting in the Fellowship Hall. We are also planning for a special "Children and Youth Art" exhibit. We will be providing tours of the worship spaces and providing light refreshments. Salem UCC, our neighbor around the corner, has been a venue for several years and will be a venue this year. Pastor Pejack and family, along with many others in the city, enjoyed touring Salem and meeting the artist they hosted last year.

Mark your calendars and consider volunteering for this event. For more information, speak with the pastor.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 18, from 4:30pm - 8:00pm
at Adventure Park (www.adventureparkandplayground.com)
1775 Lambs Gap Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

The other congregations in the building will be joining us for food and fun this year. We will begin to gather at 4:30pm and will plan to eat around 5:30pm. All the congregations will be contributing towards the delicious chicken. Everyone is invited to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. As we get closer to the time of the picnic, there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. There are playing fields and an amazing playground on site.

Alter Guild Schedule

May - Team 5

Dixie & John Geistwite
Jackie & Henry Graybill

June— Team 6

Sandy Wisman
Janet Shultz
Judy & Mike Reynolds

Usher Schedule

May 1	Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Dorothy Badger
May 8	Mike Reynolds, Judy Reynolds, John Geistwite, Dixie Geistwite
May 15	Mike Megoulas, Lee Atticks, Judy Atticks
May 22	Tuong Thieu, John Cooper
May 29	Judy Wisman, Irvin Eshenour
June 5	Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Dorothy Badger
June 12	Mike Reynolds, Judy Reynolds, John Geistwite, Dixie Geistwite
June 19	Mike Megoulas, Lee Atticks, Judy Atticks
June 26	Tuong Thieu, John Cooper

Brief Service of Healing Prayer on the 3rd Sunday of the Month Sunday, May 15

Directly following the 10:15 am Worship Service, those who would like prayer and anointing for healing are invited to gather in the front pews of the worship space in the center section.

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on Saturdays, Sundays, and after 6:00pm on weekdays.***

Please ask an usher for a validated ticket.

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We're On A Mission

Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of God's people, called and redeemed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As such, we are committed to providing an opportunity in the downtown for members and visitors to continue to develop their relationship with God and their relationships to others. Integral to this process is helping and encouraging persons to identify, expand, and strengthen their special gifts and abilities in order to witness and serve the community in accord with the example of our Lord.