

Lasting Treasure

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:19-21

The heavenly treasure does not lie in the moral character we form within our present personality through stern discipline of will and emotion ... Such righteousness will be shown as "filthy rags" on the day of crisis. To lay up heavenly riches means to come now to Jesus in personal trust and love. This friendship will abide forever.
- *Many Things in Parables* by Ronald S. Wallace

When you think about it, in times of crisis, we reach out to friends (this includes family) - people with whom we have a trusting relationship. We look to them for help, especially when we are overwhelmed and realize that we cannot fix things by ourselves.

At the root of our struggles in life is our sinful condition, a situation we cannot "fix." We continue to hurt God and others by things we have thought or done or left undone. We need help! Through His life, death, and resurrection, our Lord Jesus offers us forgiveness. Through the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened in our lives of Christian discipleship. Our Christian service at Zion, in our communities, and in our families flows out of gratitude for the new life we have received through God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The building of a trusting relationship involves spending time together. This fall, there are a number of opportunities to learn and grow in our relationship with our Lord, including: worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays; Sunday

School classes; Tuesday Bible/Book study; fellowship events with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and; the use of devotional reading materials available at Zion.

We are also actively planning for a Confirmation Program which will begin on Reformation Sunday, October 25, and last for one year. While there will be "discipline" regarding attendance and assignments, it is truly my hope that God will guide us to nurture the gift of life-long friendship with Jesus for each of the youth participants.

May God strengthen our trusting and loving relationship with Jesus individually, as a the congregation of Zion, and in Christian community with all in our building: Good Shepherd Anglican Church, New Hope Community, Survivors in Jesus Christ Church, and Sara & TJ Hunt-Felke.

In the peace of Christ,
Pastor Pejack

Confirmation Class Informational Meeting **for Youth & Families** **Sunday, October 4** **Directly following the 10:15 Worship Service**

We will meet in the St. Timothy Room behind the kitchen. The confirmation program will officially begin during the 10:15 Worship Service on Reformation Sunday, October 25, at which time the youth will receive a blessing and be presented Study Bibles and extended Small Catechisms. The main instructional meetings will take place after worship on the 1st Sundays on the month, beginning November 1, and last through October 2016. Lunch will be provided. Other requirements and details will be presented at the meeting.

Introducing TJ & Sara Hunt - Felke

Birthdays

Michael Megoulas
09/12

Dixie Geistwite
09/13

Dena Lavender
09/15

Bud Wisman
09/19

Marty Morris
09/25

Margaret Leedom
09/26

Ann Pacey
09/30

Anniversaries

Irv & Nancy Eshenour
09/02

Todd and Sandy Wisman
09/17

Lee and Judy Atticks
09/23

Michael and Judy Reynolds
09/28

Rick and Jamie Daugherty
09/30

Several months ago, the pastor and council members of Zion became aware of a couple who could benefit from the use of our custodial quarters apartment which had been vacant for about a year. At the end of August, we welcomed Sara and TJ Hunt-Felke into the building. Many members and friends have met them as they help us at the church entrance on Sunday mornings. Below is a letter of introduction.

Hello Zion!

We are so excited to be joining y'all here in the building and look forward to the ways we are able to share life together throughout this season. A little bit about us...

I (Sara) was born in Tampa Florida where I lived until moving to Birmingham Alabama to attend Samford University. Once my undergraduate studies were complete I moved to Pasadena California to attend Fuller Theological Seminary in pursuit of a Masters of Divinity. This past June I graduated with her M.Div. and was ordained at First Baptist Church of Glendale where I served for two years as the Minister of Families and Outreach. This year I will be completing an extended unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, and I'm very much looking forward to the opportunities of growth it will surely bring. I love baking, finding fun new coffee shops, exploring new cities, crocheting and quilting.

I (TJ) was born in Tucson, Arizona, though I grew up mostly in Phoenix, AZ. I attended Arizona State University, and then went on to move to Florida to get my M. Div. and eventually to complete a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, which will be done around next August. This year, I'll be working with Pennsylvania Counseling Services to provide mental health services for children and families. I love books, movies, games, and cooking.

We are so thankful for the hospitality and generosity of Zion Lutheran Church and look forward to getting to know you!

Best,

Sara and TJ Hunt-Felke

Bethesda Mission Annual Celebration Banquet

on Thursday, September 17, 2015

“Healing the Brokenhearted”

Doors Open: 5:45pm Dinner & Program: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Zion plans to reserve at least one table for members and friends to attend this event. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 9, to the church office by phone (717-234-4064) or by email (zionhbg@comcast.net)

RALLY DAY

On September 13, Zion’s Sunday Church School will celebrate Rally Day. This is an opportunity to “rally” back those who have had summer commitments prohibit their regular participation and to rededicate our commitment to the Christian education of our members. A special program is being planned. The celebration starts at 9:00am!

**Tuesday PB & Jesus Bible Study/Book Study, 12:10—12:50pm,
Starting September 22**

Simply Christian by N.T. Wright

Come join us for PB&J sandwiches or bring your own lunch. Copies of the book are available for purchase at \$16.00 from the church office. Pastor Pejack is the study leader and the class meets in Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Sunday School Class on Genesis
Beginning September 20**

This class will include study of Scripture passages, prayer, and discussion. Pastor Karin & Todd Pejack will be teaching, and the class meets from 9:00am to 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Sunday School on Biblical Personalities
Beginning September 20**

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, and the class meets from 9:00am to 9:45am in the St. Timothy Room.

Birthdays

Brian Haas
10/11

Jesse Evans
10/13

Judy Atticks
10/14

Logan Daugherty
10/17

Judy Wisman
10/23

Gail Burnell
10/25

Anniversaries

Robert and Marty Morris
10/09

Mark and Jen Haas
10/09

Michael and Dena Lavender
10/18

Steve and Danielle Saylor
10/28

Birthdays

Deb Grubbs
11/4

Tina Thieu
11/14

Charles LeeDecker
11/20

Todd Wisman
11/24

Pastor Karin Pejack
11/30

Serving Schedule**September 6**

Ushers—Team 1
Alter Guild—Team 3

September 13

Ushers—Team 2
Alter Guild—Team 3

September 20

Ushers—Team 3
Alter Guild—Team 3

September 27

Ushers—Team 4
Alter Guild—Team 3

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

**All-Church Picnic on Sunday, September 20, from 3:30pm - 7:00pm
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 3:30pm and will plan to eat around 4:30pm. 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.

HEALING SERVICES AT ZION

Is any one of you sick? He should call on the elders of the church to pray over him and to anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

- James 5:14

**Brief Service of Healing Prayer on the 3rd Sunday of the month:
Directly following the 10:15am 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. (Sept. 20 & Nov. 15)**

**Sunday, October 18, 10:15am Worship Service – Festival of St. Luke –
Healing Prayer during Service.**

Once a year, on the third Sunday in October, the opportunity to receive individual healing prayer is offered during the worship Service. This year, the Festival of St. Luke occurs on Sunday, October 18, the third Sunday. St. Luke's day is a traditional time to emphasize the Church's ministry of healing.

**REFORMATION DINNER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

Immediately following Sunday Service there will be a German meal served by the fellowship committee. Please join in the celebration. There is no cost for the meal but donations will be accepted. To help us plan for the meal, please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring a dessert. If you would like to help with the meal in any way or bring a dessert, please see Judy Wisman.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

On this Sunday, we remember those members of Zion who entered the Church Triumphant over the past year. We will be inviting family and friends of members who have died over the past year to attend this service. There will be times refreshments both before and after the 10:15am worship service.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Harvest Home began as a secular celebration of the end of the Harvest season. Soon the church incorporated it into its calendar, seeing it in corresponding lessons of evangelism and the harvest of souls for Christ. So "Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of Harvest Home." You are asked to bring canned and other non-perishable goods with you to church to complete the decorations as well as to donate to local charities. See the food bank reminder in this newsletter for a list of needed items.

COAT DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

The congregation of New Hope Community will be holding its annual winter coat drive at Zion on a Saturday in November. Donations of clean coats, sheets and towels may be brought to Zion after October 15. Coats will be sold for \$1.00 a piece and the proceeds will benefit a designated charity. Volunteers for set-up on Friday evening or during the event would be very welcome. Talk to the pastor or contact the church office for more details or if you are interested in serving.

Remembering Our Homebound Members

Our homebound members appreciate your prayers, cards, and visits. Form more information, contact the Pastor.

Rosa Herting
Charles LeeDecker

Ann Johnson
Robert Sheaffer

October 4

Ushers—Team 5
Alter Guild—Team 4

October 11

Ushers—Team 1
Alter Guild—Team 4

October 18

Ushers—Team 2
Alter Guild—Team 4

October 25

Ushers—Team 3
Alter Guild—Team 4

November 1

Ushers—Team 4
Alter Guild—Team 5

November 8

Ushers—Team 5
Alter Guild—Team 5

November 15

Ushers—Team 1
Alter Guild—Team 5

Serving Schedule

November 22

Ushers—Team 2
Alter Guild—Team 5

November 29

Ushers—Team 3
Alter Guild—Team 5

Altar Flower Donations

Would you prayerfully consider donating flower in honor of or in memory of loved ones. If you are interested in volunteering in the Altar Guild Committee or putting flowers on the altar, please contact Judy Reynolds (737-6696).

Zion's Worship Schedule September – December 2015

Zion celebrates Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and on festivals. A Healing service is offered on the third Sunday of the month immediately after the service of worship.

September 6	Service of Word & Sacrament
September 13	Service of the Word
September 20	Service of the Word - (After Worship Healing – 3rd Sunday)
September 27	Service of the Word
October 4	Service of Word & Sacrament—(1st Sunday)
October 11	Service of the Word
October 18	Service of Word & Sacrament with Anointing for Healing (Festival - St. Luke)
October 26	Service of Word & Sacrament - (Festival – Reformation)
November 1	Service of Word & Sacrament - (1st Sunday & Festival - All Saints)
November 8	Service of the Word - [Harvest Home – Food Collection]
November 15	Service of the Word - (After Worship Healing – 3rd Sunday)
November 22	Service of Word & Sacrament (Festival – Christ the King)
November 25	Wednesday 12:10 Service of Word & Prayer - Thanksgiving
November 29	Service of the Word - [Advent 1]
December 6	Service of Word & Sacrament (1st Sunday) [Advent 2]
December 13	Service of the Word - [Chancel Choir Christmas Program] [Advent 3]
December 20	Service of the Word - [Advent 4] (After Worship Healing – 3rd Sunday)
December 24	7:30pm Service of Word & Sacrament - (Christmas Eve)
December 27	Service of the Word - (Lessons & Carols)

Zion's Fellowship & Event Schedule September – December 2015

September 13	Rally Day – Joint 9:00am Sunday School Overview of Sunday School Classes
September 15	Tuesday 11:30am – 1:00pm Harrisburg University Involvement Fair Pastor & others on site at HU to share about Zion
September 20	All Church Picnic (3:30-7:00pm at Adventure Park)
October 25	Reformation Dinner (after worship)
November 1	All Saints Fellowship (before & after worship)
December 14	Christmas Dinner & Cookie Sunday (after worship)
December 24	6:30pm Christmas Eve Fellowship (before worship)

Food Bank Reminder

Collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall

Needed Items – The Basics

CANNED ITEMS

Baby food
Fruit
Juice
Meats (Tuna, stew, etc.)
Peanut Butter
Soups
Spaghetti sauce
Tomatoes
Vegetables

PACKAGED ITEMS

Baby formula
Cereal
Crackers
Macaroni & Cheese dinners
Powdered milk
Pudding / Jello
Ramen noodles
Rice
Spaghetti

OTHER APPRECIATED ITEMS

Cake mix
Flour
Pancake mix
Condiments – jam, jelly, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, salt (no sugar-the mice get it)
Toiletry items – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant
Baby diapers



Zion's Prayer List

Persons in need of physical or Spiritual healing:

Dan Albado, Tom Adamson, Marjorie Bush, Thomas Campbell, Kathy Dunn, Nancy Eshenour, Jesse Evans, Alice Failor, Elizabeth Fisher, Henry Graybill, Peggy Hayden, Alta Hendricks, Dan Jensen, Heather Kates, Nathalee Kichman, Susan Kichman, Chase Michelsen, Mark Megoulas, Kasey Ramer, Judy Reynolds, Nick Ridgely, Danielle Saylor, Doris Savage, Scott Stine, Bill Shultz, Richard Thomas, Lien Ngoc Thieu, Shirl Williams and Sally String- Wilson

If you have asked that someone be placed on our prayer list will you please let us know when prayers have been answered or the need has changed. Please call the church office (234-4064) or place a note in the offering plate.

It is important to call about those in the hospital because hospitals no longer notify churches about member hospitalizations.

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Weekly Schedule

**Free parking is available on Saturdays, Sundays, and weekday evenings after 6:00pm in the Chestnut Street Garage directly across the street.*

Please validate your ticket in the Main Sunday School Room.

Sunday School

9:00am

Worship Service Sunday

10:15am

*Communion on 1st
Sundays & Festivals*

Tuesday Bible Study

12:10pm

Beginning

September 22

Midweek (Wed.) Worship

12:10pm

*Communion on First
Wednesdays*

Lunch Fellowship

12:40pm

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