

Welcome!

Woman,
you are
set free
from your
ailment

LUKE 13:12



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHOSE STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

Amen.

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF ONE ANOTHER.

Silence is kept for reflection.

MERCIFUL GOD,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS! GOD DOES NOT DEAL WITH US ACCORDING TO OUR SINS BUT DELIGHTS IN GRANTING PARDON AND MERCY. IN THE NAME OF ✚ JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU ARE FREE TO LOVE AS GOD LOVES.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No.543

* The Greeting

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

And also with you.

* The Kyrie (*ELW Hymn No. 154*)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord.

* The Hymn of Praise “*Gloria*” (*ELW Pg. 176*)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

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*** The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Spoken) And also with you.

LET US PRAY:

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 103:1-8 Tune “As with Gladness Men of Old” No.82

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.

God provides from heav’n above mercy, kindness, steadfast love.

HE FORGIVES ALL YOUR SINS AND HEALS ALL YOUR INFIRMITIES; HE REDEEMS YOUR LIFE FROM THE GRAVE AND CROWNS YOU WITH MERCY AND LOVINGKINDNESS.

God provides in love for all who in need upon him call.

HE SATISFIES YOU WITH GOOD THINGS SO THAT YOUR YOUTH IS RENEWED LIKE THE EAGLE’S.

As God’s child, you now may share all the Father’s constant care.

HE DOES NOT KEEP ON REBUKING; HE IS NOT ANGRY FOREVER.

God provides from heav’n above mercy, kindness, steadfast love.

HE DOES NOT PUNISH US AS WE DESERVE, OR REPAY US ACCORDING TO OUR SINS AND WRONGS.

God provides in love for all who in need upon him call.

FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, SO GREAT IS HIS STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM. AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HE REMOVES OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US.

As God’s child, you now may share all the Father’s constant care.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation (ELW Pg. 179)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

*** The Holy Gospel St. Luke 13:10-17**

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 13TH CHAPTER:

(spoken) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(spoken) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

*** The Hymn of the Day**

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

No. 251

*** The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

TRUSTING IN GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY LOVE, LET US COME NEAR TO THE HOLY ONE IN PRAYER.

A brief silence.

YOU CROWN YOUR CHURCH WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY. GUIDE US CONTINUALLY IN OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH. USE OUR DIVERSE GIFTS IN SERVICE TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU SATISFY THE NEEDS OF ALL CREATURES. PROTECT THE HABITATS OF FISH AND BIRDS. REPAIR ECOSYSTEMS DAMAGED BY MISUSE, NEGLECT, OR NATURAL DISASTER, THAT ALL CREATION MAY THRIVE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU MAKE YOUR WAYS KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE. INSPIRE THE RULERS AND LEADERS OF NATIONS WITH YOUR COMPASSION AND MERCY. RAISE UP ACTIVISTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS TO RESTORE PLACES AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE, POVERTY, AND INEQUALITY. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU PROVIDE JUSTICE FOR ALL WHO ARE OPPRESSED AND RELIEF TO ALL WHO ARE AFFLICTED. HEAL THOSE WHO ARE BENT OVER BY ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, AND ANXIETY. SET FREE ALL WHO CRY OUT UNDER THE WEIGHT OF MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, OR PHYSICAL DISTRESS ESPECIALLY CINDY, ROBERT, GEORGE, PAT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU CALL US TO DELIGHT IN THE SABBATH. RENEW OUR BODIES, MINDS, AND SPIRITS IN THIS WORSHIPING ASSEMBLY. GIVE REST TO ALL WHO LEAD OUR CONGREGATION IN WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GENERATIONS BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME. WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS WHO HAVE GATHERED IN PRAYER AND PRAISE IN THIS PLACE. SUPPORT US IN YOUR LOVE UNTIL WE REST FOREVER IN YOU. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

RECEIVE THE PRAYERS OF YOUR CHILDREN, MERCIFUL GOD, AND HOLD US FOREVER IN YOUR STEADFAST LOVE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR HOLY WISDOM.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our myEoffering option.

*** The Offertory Procession Tune: “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” WOV No. 759**

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.

What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF ABUNDANCE: YOU HAVE SET BEFORE US A PLENTIFUL HARVEST. AS WE FEAST ON YOUR GOODNESS, STRENGTHEN US TO LABOR IN YOUR FIELD, AND EQUIP US TO BEAR FRUIT FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Amen.

The Special Music – Women’s Choir

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus (ELW Pg. 180)**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Spoken) **And also with you.**

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

We lift them to the Lord.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (ELW Pg. 181)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*** The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY, MIGHTY, AND MERCIFUL LORD, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.....POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE THE WILLS OF ALL WHO SHARE THIS HEAVENLY FOOD, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD; TO WHOM, WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE PRAY:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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

*** The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE THERE IS FULLNESS OF JOY. COME TO THE BANQUET.

*** The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (ELW Pg. 182)**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.

*** The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.

Amen.

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, LIFE-GIVING GOD, THROUGH THIS MEAL YOU HAVE BANDAGED OUR WOUNDS AND FED US WITH YOUR MERCY. NOW SEND US FORTH TO LIVE FOR OTHERS, BOTH FRIEND AND STRANGER, THAT ALL MAY COME TO KNOW YOUR LOVE. THIS WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Amen.

~The Sending~

* The Blessing

THE GOD OF PEACE, FATHER, + SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, BLESS YOU, COMFORT YOU, AND SHOW YOU THE PATH OF LIFE THIS DAY AND ALWAYS.

(Spoken) Amen.

* The Sending

GO IN PEACE. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Thanks be to God.

* The Sending Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation ”

ELW No.796

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

**"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

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First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14 - ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29 - ¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 - ¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

August 28, 2022 readings are:

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 20-21, 2022

**If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her parents, Arlington & Yustina Hawk by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Shayne Titus Livingston by the family

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

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CURRENT FUND GIFTS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Mahlon Breiner by Joe & Sandy Mehalko

In loving memory of Helen Silkouski by Kathy & Mike Miller

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In loving memory of Mahlon Breiner by George & Betsy Morgans

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Thank you to all the Blessing Thrift Ministry helpers and generosity of the givers love, Judy

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Mahlon Breiner, Cindy Collura, Robert Dolbin, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is zionlcof@verizon.net

Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2022 Church Council officers: Chris Henritz, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzing, Brian Lawfer, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, August 21, 2022

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Joyful Noise Offering

MONDAY

Newsletter Deadline

6:30 Council Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, August 28, 2022

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

Please note if you have signed up for Altar Flowers, Bulletins or Candles please fill out a sponsor form. Forms should be filled out when placing your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 8/14/22:

Received to meet \$4,049.75 weekly budget: \$2,631.12

Received from Thrift Store \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$982.00

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses: \$144,208.19

Received from offering/gifts/memorials: \$85,152.29

Received from Thrift Store \$5,315.81

Received from Endowment: \$44,000.00

Received from Culinary: \$6,445.00

Received from Schlitzer Fund \$3,295.09

Budget operating expenses YTD: \$150,790.87

Budget status YTD: \$(6,582.68)

Thank you for your gifts.

Your offerings allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Mahlon Breiner, who passed away on July 30, 2022. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

August 22 – September Newsletter Deadline

September 2 – Blessings Sale

September 15 – Pie/ Soup Sale

September 17 – Cider Sip/ Make Event

September 18 – Back to Church Potluck

September 29 – Hoagie Sale

August's Joyful Noise offering (collected the third weekend of the month) is for the Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund. The governor established this fund to help those impacted by flooding. All proceeds will directly go to those affected by this historic flooding.

Donations needed: The food pantry at American Primitive Church is currently in need of CANNED VEGETABLES Please contact Pastor Rick Clemson at 570-668-4917. Leave a message with your name and phone number.

A Fellowship Potluck will be held on Back to Church Sunday, September 18, following the morning worship service. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering room. Hope to see you there!

Culinary is selling hoagies for pick-up September 29th from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm. Please order by September 25. Cost is \$7.00. Order on the Zion website or call Mary Ruth at (570)668-4451.

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, September 2nd from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Clearance Prices – Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing. **At this time Donations of Household items will be accepted but no clothes, thank you.**

DEADLINE: All information for the **September 2022 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, August 22, 2022**. You may e-mail your information to zioncof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

Supporting the community

Members of the Culinary Ministry Team at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tamaqua recently presented a check for \$2,000 to the Tamaqua East End Fire Company. Above, Culinary captain Glenn Fritzing presents the check to East End President Bob Boyle. With Fritzing and Boyle are fire company member Tom McCarroll and culinary members Art Connely, Mary Ruth Taylor and Shelly Woodring. The donation was raised through a July 20 benefit ice cream social and July Thrift Shop sale. Numerous East End and Zion members worked together during the July 20 event. This is the fourth year Zion has hosted a benefit for a Tamaqua fire company. Previously, Citizens and South Ward and American Hose companies received checks.



The Dash - “After walking through a cemetery, a man said, ‘Have you noticed how much meaning a dash can have? Born 1921—Died 1981. What a way to summarize a life—with a dash!’ That will eventually describe the years of every person’s life—a dash. We cannot stop our movement toward the final destination, but we can choose what we do with our dash. We can spend it on significant matters or on meaningless trivia. Thus a congregation’s ministry of stewardship is a matter of ultimate importance—far more significant than fund-raising.

“Shrouds have no pockets. We do not see Brinks trucks in funeral processions. Hearses do not pull U-Haul trailers. But stewardship lets us take it with us. ‘Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal’ (Matt. 6:20). Through prudent stewardship, we can enter the abundant life of joy and meaning. Through stewardship, we can protect ourselves from being possessed by our possessions, thinking they are permanent and that they buy permanent security. Through stewardship, we can grow spiritually. Through stewardship, we create a meaningful dash.” [The Vital Congregation, Herb Miller]

Soup, Pies & Halupki Sale

Soups - \$8.00 Quart - Ham & Bean/ Vegetable

Halupki - \$2.75 or 2 for \$5

Pies - \$9.00 - Apple/ Apple Crumb

Deadline to order is September 11th online at www.ziontamaqua.com or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick-up is Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 12:00 until 3:00. Help will be needed on Wednesday, September 14th to prep for the sale. Please contact Glenn at 570-645-6361 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information. Thank you in advance for your support!