

Welcome!

*Martha
welcomed
Jesus into
her home*

LUKE 10:38



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 N. Greenwood Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252
(570) 668-2180 - Email: zionlcof@verizon.net

Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE ✚ SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Please kneel if able.

MERCIFUL GOD,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS AND YOU ARE GOD’S CHILDREN THROUGH FAITH. IN THE CROSS OF ✚ CHRIST, AND THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. CLOTHED WITH CHRIST, YOU ARE A NEW CREATION.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 526

*** 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 Order for Holy Baptism

IN HOLY BAPTISM OUR GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER LIBERATES US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY JOINING US TO THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE BORN CHILDREN OF A FALLEN HUMANITY; IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE ARE REBORN CHILDREN OF GOD AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE ARE MADE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS WE LIVE WITH HIM AND HIS PEOPLE, WE GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.

(Sponsors) I present Bryson Allen Linkhorst to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE YOU HAVE PRESENTED THIS CHILD FOR HOLY BAPTISM. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, FAITHFULLY BRING HIM TO THE SERVICES OF GOD’S HOUSE, AND TEACH HIM THE LORD’S PRAYER, THE CREED, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AS HE GROWS IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD PLACE IN HIS HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVIDE FOR HIS INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, THAT, LIVING IN THE COVENANT OF HIS BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, HE MAY LEAD A GODLY LIFE UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST,

DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS?

(Parents & Sponsors Respond) I do.

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

And also with you.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR IN THE BEGINNING YOUR SPIRIT MOVED OVER THE WATERS AND YOU CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. BY THE GIFT OF WATER YOU NOURISH AND SUSTAIN US AND ALL LIVING THINGS.

BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD YOU CONDEMNED THE WICKED AND SAVED THOSE WHOM YOU HAD CHOSEN, NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. YOU LED ISRAEL BY THE PILLAR OF CLOUDS AND FIRE THROUGH THE SEA, OUT OF SLAVERY INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE PROMISED LAND. IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN YOUR SON WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN AND ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT.

BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOUR BELOVED SON HAS SET US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN AND DEATH, AND HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE JOY AND FREEDOM OF EVERLASTING LIFE. HE MADE WATER A SIGN OF THE KINGDOM AND OF CLEANSING AND REBIRTH. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, WE MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT THIS CHILD WHO IS HERE BAPTIZED MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. WASH AWAY THE SIN OF THIS CHILD WHO IS CLEANSED BY THIS WATER AND BRING HIM FORTH AS AN INHERITOR OF YOUR GLORIOUS KINGDOM.

TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

I ASK YOU TO PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, REJECT SIN, AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH, THE FAITH IN WHICH WE BAPTIZE.

DO YOU RENOUNCE ALL THE FORCES OF EVIL, THE DEVIL, AND ALL HIS EMPTY PROMISES?

(Parents & Sponsors Respond) I do.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

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

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

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.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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.

BRYSON ALLEN, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR FREEING YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND FOR RAISING THEM UP TO A NEW LIFE THROUGH THIS HOLY SACRAMENT. POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON BRYSON ALLEN, THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THE SPIRIT OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.

Amen.

BRYSON ALLEN, CHILD OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOREVER.

Amen.

(CONGREGATION REP.) LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

O GOD, THE GIVER OF ALL LIFE, LOOK WITH KINDNESS UPON THE FAMILY OF THIS CHILD. LET THEM EVER REJOICE IN THE GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM. MAKE THEM TEACHERS AND EXAMPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIM. STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR OWN BAPTISM SO THEY MAY SHARE ETERNALLY WITH HIM THE SALVATION YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

(CONGREGATION REP.) THROUGH BAPTISM GOD HAS MADE THIS NEW BROTHER A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTHOOD WE ALL SHARE IN CHRIST JESUS, THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE PRAISE OF GOD AND BEAR HIS CREATIVE AND REDEEMING WORD TO ALL THE WORLD.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen.

The Special Music – Lucy Gerace

~The Word~

The First Lesson Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 15 Tune “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” No.294

LORD, WHO MAY DWELL IN YOUR TABERNACLE?

Lord, who may enter where you dwell, And there abide, your praise to tell?

THOSE WHO LEAD A BLAMELESS LIFE AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WHO SPEAK THE TRUTH FROM THEIR HEART AND DO NOT SLANDER OTHERS, WHO DO NO WRONG TO THEIR FRIENDS NOR SPREAD RUMORS ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBORS.

Lord, who is worthy in your sight To stand before you day and night?

THOSE WHO REJECT THE WICKED BUT HONOR THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD, WHO STAND BY WHAT THEY PROMISE NO MATTER WHAT THE COST, WHO DO NOT GIVE MONEY IN HOPE OF GAIN AND CANNOT BE BRIBED AGAINST THE INNOCENT.

God's promise unto such is sure: They evermore shall stand secure.

The Second Lesson Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

(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 10:38-42**

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 10TH 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**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

WOV No. 767

***(Refrain)* All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. *(Refrain)***

**The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *(Refrain)***

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev’ry one. *(Refrain)***

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *(Refrain)***

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL CREATION, WE JOIN OUR VOICE TO THE VOICE OF THE WHOLE CHURCH AND PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD.

A brief silence.

INSPIRE YOUR CHURCH, LIKE SARAH AND MARY, TO LISTEN WITH EAGER LONGING FOR YOUR WORDS OF LIFE. EQUIP BIBLICAL INTERPRETERS AND TEACHERS WITH FAITHFUL DISCERNMENT, THAT YOUR WORD MAY BE MORE FULLY KNOWN. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

EVERY CREATURE UNDER HEAVEN HAS BEEN PROMISED THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL. FROM THAT PROMISE, GENERATE IN HUMANKIND AN EAGERNESS TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR CREATION. BRING HEALING TO THE EARTH WITH YOUR WORDS OF LIFE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

PEEL AWAY THE DISTRACTIONS, WORRIES, AND FEARS OF ALL WHO GOVERN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. MAY YOUR WORD OF LOVE AND LIFE DISPEL ALL OTHER VOICES. PROVIDE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY IN PLACES WHERE HOSTILE FORCES HOLD SWAY. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

SPEAK YOUR WORD OF COMFORT TO ANY WHO SUFFER PAIN, ILLNESS, GRIEF, DEPRESSION, OR DESPAIR ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND.. BRING HONOR TO ANY WHO EXPERIENCE SLANDER AND EVIL INTENT OR ARE DISCREDITED BY OTHERS. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

ENLIVEN AND UPHOLD ALL SIBLINGS IN CHRIST WHO STRIVE TO PROVIDE HOSPITALITY AND SAFE SPACES WHERE EVERYONE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, CAN RECEIVE AND BE TRANSFORMED BY YOUR WORD OF LIFE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

FOR ABRAHAM, SARAH, HAGAR, MARY, MARTHA, AND ALL THE SAINTS WHO ATTENDED TO YOUR WORD, WE GIVE THANKS. OPEN OUR EARS TO YOUR VOICE UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN WE REALIZE THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL WITH ALL CREATION. GOD OF GRACE,

hear 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. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

TRUSTING IN YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS, WE PLACE OUR PRAYER AND HOPE IN YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

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 Vanco option.

*** The Offertory Procession “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” (ELW Hymn No. 182)**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: CREATOR GOD, IN YOUR WISDOM YOU BRING FORTH ALL THAT IS GOOD AND THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL. STRENGTHEN US AT YOUR TABLE WITH THESE GIFTS OF THE EARTH AND OUR LABOR, THAT WE MAY WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

*** 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**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO 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**

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS SET BEFORE YOU. EAT AND REJOICE.

*** 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: MOTHERING GOD, YOU GATHERED US TO YOUR TABLE AND WE DRANK DEEPLY OF YOUR GRACE. SEND US OUT BY YOUR SPIRIT TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES AND PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE IN JESUS' NAME.

Amen.

~The Sending~

* The Blessing

THE LOVE OF GOD ABOUND IN YOU; THE GRACE OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST FILL YOUR HEARTS; AND THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT ✝ BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

(Spoken) Amen.

* The Dismissal

GO IN PEACE. LIVE BY THE SPIRIT.

Thanks be to God.

* The Sending Hymn

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

No. 514

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Liturgical material reprinted from: SUNDAYSANDSEASONS.COM Copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #24607. License sponsored July 2024 to July 2025 by Bill and Marianne Jones; In honor and memory of loved ones by Jon and Deb Davies and family; In honor of loved ones by Robert Fisher ONELICENSE #A-708066 (for sung portions of the liturgy not covered by the Augsburg Fortress License) sponsored in 2025 by Art and Sharon Connely, in loving memory of Arthur and Betty Connely

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a – Not Printed

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28 – Not Printed

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 - ³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

July 27, 2025 readings are:

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:6-19

Psalm 138
Luke 11:1-13

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 19-20, 2025

**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 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 ALTAR CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the July birthdays of Mike, Ollie and Noah's 5th and in loving memory of Pap by Mike & Kathy Miller

**An Altar Flower sponsor is needed for August 24th and
Bulletin sponsors for August 10th and 17th.
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

Please remember the following in your prayers: Forrest, Margaret, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, and all our members who are homebound.

A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

Welcome!!

Parish office phone number 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 2024 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Amanda Hascin, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Brittany Scalfani Mary Ruth Taylor, Michelle Valentine; and Shelly Woodring; 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, July 20, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament / Baptism

MONDAY

11:00 VBS

5:45 Property Meeting

6:30 Council Meeting

TUESDAY

11:00 VBS

WEDNESDAY

11:00 VBS

THURSDAY

11:00 VBS

FRIDAY

11:00 VBS

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, July 27, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament



Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Bryson Allen Linkhorst, son of Derek and Amber (Heffelfinger) Linkhorst, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Bryson's Godparents are Derek and Amber Hill. He will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparent in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate.

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60; individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00; monies are due when you place your name on the list. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!

Please Note: Melody will be on vacation, August 11th through August 14th. She will be returning on Monday, August 18th. If you need assistance, please call Pastor Cindy at 610-674-2072. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

July 21-25 – Vacation Bible School

August 1 – Blessings Thrift Shop

August 3 – Summer Celebration/ Trinity UCC

August 7 – Hoagie Sale

August 18 – Newsletter Deadline

August 20 – Peach Social

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, August 1st from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Thank you all for your continued support!



Peach Social

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

4:00 until 6:00 or sellout

Cake, Ice cream, and Fresh Peaches –\$6.00

Additional food items will be available.

The culinary crew is asking for your help in providing plain white or yellow cakes with no icing. Help will be needed on Tuesday, August 19th to prepare for the social time TBA. Please contact Glenn at (484) 560-8211 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information. We hope to see you there!

Culinary Hoagie Sale August 7th - deadline to order is August 3rd - Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

We had an INCREDIBLE time at VBS this year! The kids were the first to experience the 2026 VBS program "Snowball Mountain Challenge", which will be rolled out all over the world next summer! The program went so well we will be having it again in July as a Day Program! July 21-25 from 11 am – 2 pm. Lunch will be provided! For more info or to register your kiddo visit zionvbs.mycokesburyvbs.com!!



Please continue to use your Boyer's key tag every time you shop in any Boyer's Markets. If you do not have a Boyer's tag, they are located in the Gathering room. Please use the swipe card, the receipt does not need to be turned in. Thank you for your participation in this program. Keep using those cards!

When submitting Redner's receipts:

1. You must have a Redner's card & swipe the Redner's card upon checkout so the save a tape amount is on the receipt.
2. Please do not cut the information with the save a tape code off the receipt.
3. Please hand in the receipt to our container in the gathering room or mail them to the church office.

If you have any questions, please see Beth Marcavage. Thank you and keep saving!

Summer Celebration – August 3rd – Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAF FN) and the Tamaqua Ministerial Association are hosting a community event featuring Jeremy Goodling, a well-known religious musician throughout Central Pennsylvania. The performance will be Sunday, August 3, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm at Trinity United Church of Christ on Lafayette Street, Tamaqua. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow. A free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome!!