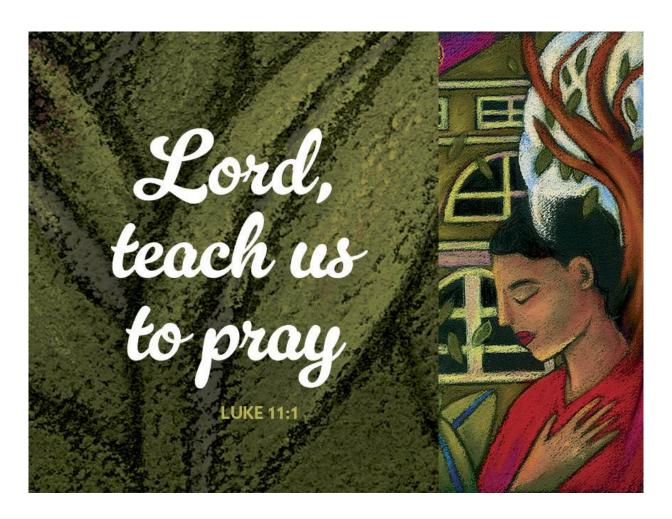
Welcome!



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 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

*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

"When All Your Mercies, O My God"

No. 264

* 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 No. 175)

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

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

* The Prayer of the Day

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Spoken) And also with you.

LET US PRAY:

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Special Music – Hannah Betz

~The Word~

The First Lesson Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 138 Tune "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No.294

I thank you, Lord, with all my soul; Your blessed name I e'er extol.

I THANK YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR CONSTANT LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT YOUR NAME AND YOUR COMMANDS ARE SUPREME.

You answered when I called in need; Your strength became my strength indeed.

ALL THE KINGS IN THE WORLD WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, BECAUSE THEY HAVE HEARD YOUR PROMISES. THEY WILL SING ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND ABOUT YOUR GREAT GLORY.

Behold us from your throne on high; With steadfast love fore'er be nigh.

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SO HIGH ABOVE, YOU CARE FOR THE LOWLY, AND THE PROUD CANNOT HIDE FROM YOU.

I thank you, Lord, with all my soul; Your blessed name I e'er extol.

WHEN I AM SURROUNDED BY TROUBLES, YOU KEEP ME SAFE. YOU OPPOSE MY ANGRY ENEMIES AND SAVE ME BY YOUR POWER.

You answered when I called in need; Your strength became my strength indeed.

YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING YOU HAVE PROMISED. LORD. YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL; COMPLETE THE WORK YOU HAVE BEGUN.

Behold us from your throne on high; With steadfast love fore'er be nigh.

The Second Lesson Colossians 2:6-19

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

(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 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 11TH CHAPTER:

(Spoken) Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(Spoken) Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Michael Haspe, LLMC

*The Hymn of the Day

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

WOV No. 781

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

(Refrain) No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

* 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

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.

LOVING GOD, CREATE IN YOUR CHURCH A DESIRE FOR UNION WITH YOU IN PRAYER. RAISE UP LEADERS TO TEACH CHRIST'S DEVOTION TO PRAYER AND MODEL CHRIST'S WAY OF PRAYER, UNTIL ALL PEOPLE EXPERIENCE PRAYERFUL INTIMACY WITH YOU. GOD OF GRACE.

hear our prayer.

REVEAL TO HUMANITY THE SACREDNESS OF ALL CREATION. WITH THE BREATH OF YOUR SPIRIT, REALIGN THE BALANCES OF NATURE. GRANT PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE SAKE OF THE EARTH, OUR COMMON HOME. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

TEACH RULERS OF THE EARTH TO SING OF YOUR WAYS, CARING FOR THE LOWLY AND HAVING NO PREFERENCE FOR THE POWERFUL. DIRECT THE HEART OF EVERY PERSON TO SEEK YOUR WILL ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

TO ALL WHOSE PRAYERS ARE CRIES FOR HELP, GIVE YOUR GOOD GIFTS, AND SATISFY THEIR DEEPEST NEEDS. WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GATHER THEM TO YOUR CONSTANT, LOVING PRESENCE, THAT THEY MAY REST IN THE CONFIDENCE OF LIFE WITH YOU. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

CENTER THE MINISTRIES OF THIS ASSEMBLY ON PRAYER AND SERVICE. GUIDE OUR RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY, BEING READY TO ASSIST THOSE WHO SEEK HELP. STRENGTHEN FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND HOUSING MINISTRIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS. GOD OF GRACE.

hear our prayer.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. MAY WE TRUST YOUR STEADFAST LOVE AND CONTINUE IN HOPE UNTIL WE ARE UNITED WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS. 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 "Go, My Children, With My Blessings" WOV No. 721

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

"I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.

Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 – Not Printed Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19 – Not Printed Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

- ³ Give us each day our daily bread.
- ⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

August 3, 2025 readings are: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 26-27, 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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Arbutus "Beauty" White- Hargis by George and Mary Ruth Taylor

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my father, Clair Gerber, given by daughter Marlene McLaughlin & family

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Charles Klingaman on his birthday with love by wife, Cathy & daughter, Valerie

An Altar Flower sponsor is needed for August 24th and A Bulletin sponsor for August 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.

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 27, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, August 3, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament / Baptism

6:00 Summer Celebration/ Trinity UCC

Supporting Zion's Ministries

"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"

Received 7/20/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$0.00 From Thrift Store \$0.00 From Endowment (other) \$0.00 From Culinary \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00 Received for Capital Campaign: \$0.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$72,551.16 From Thrift Store: \$3,803.11* From Endowment: \$22,905.00 From Culinary: \$9,800.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$109,059.27

Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

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

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.

^{*} Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$7,606.22

Upcoming Events

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!!

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 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!

Blessings Thrift — Please ensure items being donated are "gently" used. Clothing and bedding should be free of holes, stains and pet hair. We cannot accept items with company names, advertisements or personal name labels (such as those from nursing homes or hospitals). Electronics and small appliances should be in good working order. Toys and games must include all pieces. Due to an overabundance of donations, we ask that you call the church office at (570) 668-2180 and leave your contact information. Your name will be put on a list, and someone will contact you when we are able to accept your items. Please DO NOT leave bags or boxes at random places in the church, on the stage or outside of the building. Thank you for your cooperation. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Summer Celebration – August 3rd – Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAFFN) 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!!