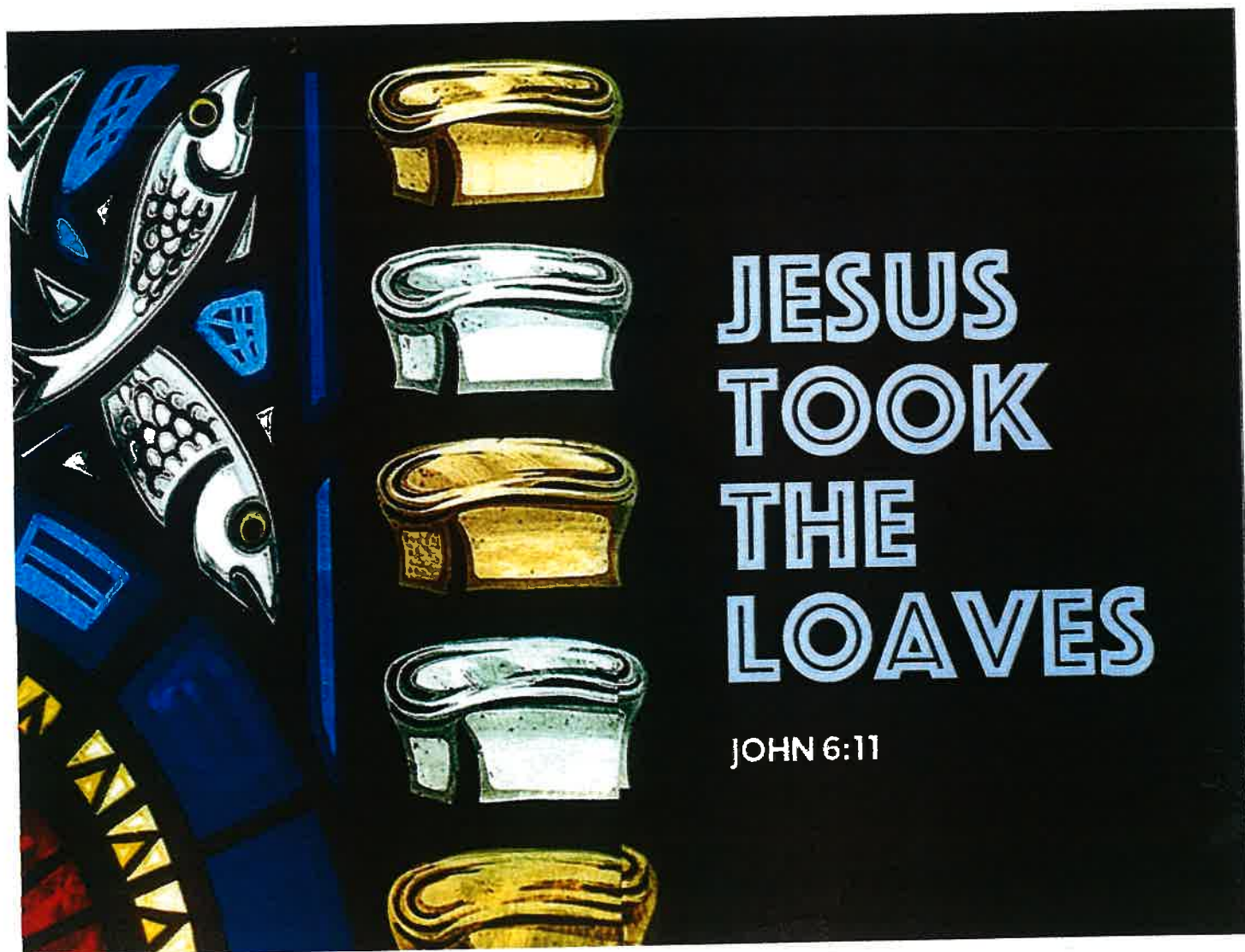


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 N. Greenwood Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

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

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

The Service of Word and Prayer

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, † ONE GOD, THE GOD OF MANNA, THE GOD OF MIRACLES, THE GOD OF MERCY.

Amen.

DRAWN TO CHRIST AND SEEKING GOD'S ABUNDANCE, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Please kneel if able.

GOD, OUR PROVIDER,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD: IN JESUS, THE MANNA FROM HEAVEN, YOU ARE FED AND NOURISHED. BY JESUS, THE WORKER OF MIRACLES, THERE IS ALWAYS MORE THAN ENOUGH. THROUGH JESUS, † THE BREAD OF LIFE, YOU ARE SHOWN GOD'S MERCY: YOU ARE FORGIVEN AND LOVED INTO ABUNDANT LIFE.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

"Just As I Am"

No. 296 Stanzas 1,2,3,6

*** 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:

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* **The Hymn**

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

WOV No. 711 Stanzas 1,2,3

(Refrain) **You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.**

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam’ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (Refrain)**

**With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav’nly food. (Refrain)**

**Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)**

~The Word~

The First Lesson 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today’s reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 145:10-18 Tune “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” No.147

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES, AND MERCIFUL IN ALL HIS ACTS.

I will praise you, God my King; Ev’ry day my thanks I’ll raise.

ALL LIVING THINGS LOOK HOPEFULLY TO YOU, AND YOU GIVE THEM FOOD WHEN THEY NEED IT.

Let the whole world join to sing Songs of your exalted praise.

YOU GIVE THEM ENOUGH AND SATISFY THE NEEDS OF ALL.

Let all creatures, great and small, Praise the Lord, who cares for all!

THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS IN ALL HE DOES, AND MERCIFUL IN ALL HIS ACTS.

I will praise you, God my King; Ev’ry day my thanks I’ll raise.

HE IS NEAR TO THOSE WHO CALL TO HIM, WHO CALL TO HIM WITH SINCERITY. HE SUPPLIES THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO HONOR HIM; HE HEARS THEIR CRIES AND SAVES THEM.

Let the whole world join to sing Songs of your exalted praise.

HE PROTECTS EVERYONE WHO LOVES HIM. I WILL ALWAYS PRAISE THE LORD.

Let all creatures, great and small, Praise the Lord, who cares for all!

The Second Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

(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. John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 6TH 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**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

No. 235

* **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 Offertory~

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 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: JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, YOU HAVE SET THIS TABLE WITH YOUR VERY SELF, AND CALLED US TO THE FEAST OF PLENTY. GATHER WHAT HAS BEEN SOWN AMONG US, AND STRENGTHEN US IN THIS MEAL. MAKE US TO BE WHAT WE RECEIVE HERE, YOUR BODY FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

Amen.

The Special Music – *Elena Coleman*

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

ONE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE JOIN OUR VOICES IN PRAYER.

A brief silence.

GOD OF GENERATIONS, YOU WORK IN US FAR MORE THAN WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE. BLESS THE CHURCH YOU HAVE CALLED INTO BEING ACROSS TIME AND SPACE, AND FILL IT WITH THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT FOR LOVING SERVICE. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF FIELD AND FOREST, STREAMS AND SEAS, YOU ARE THE FULLNESS OF ALL THINGS. AS GRAINS OF WHEAT GROW UPON THE EARTH AND FISH SWIM IN THE WATERS, SUSTAIN YOUR CREATION. PROTECT HARVESTS AND GIVE EVERY PERSON FOOD IN DUE SEASON. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD BEYOND BORDERS, YOU RULE ALL IN ALL. BLESS THE WORK OF HUMANITARIANS AND PEACEKEEPERS, SHIELD THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK, OR SERVE IN HARM’S WAY, AND BRING AN END TO WAR AND CONFLICT. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF HEALING, YOU OPEN WIDE YOUR HAND AND SATISFY THE DESIRE OF EVERY LIVING THING. WE REMEMBER ANY WHO ARE SICK OR SUFFERING ESPECIALLY EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND, FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ENDURE HUNGER, THOSE WHO SEEK ASYLUM OR CITIZENSHIP, AND OUR BELOVED FOR WHOM DEATH IS NEAR. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE, YOU ROOT US AND GROUND US IN LOVE. AS YOU INSPIRED OUR ANCESTORS IN THIS PLACE IN THEIR MINISTRY, SUSTAIN US ALSO IN NEW ENDEAVORS, THAT YOUR GLORY MAY BE MADE KNOWN, AND YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS SHARED ANEW. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF ALL, YOUR LOVE IN CHRIST SURPASSES ALL KNOWLEDGE. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE DEPARTED WHO HAVE COME TO KNOW THE FULLNESS OF YOUR GRACE. JOIN OUR VOICES WITH THEIRS AND ALL THE SAINTS IN SINGING YOUR PRAISES. IN YOUR MERCY,

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. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MERCIFUL: INTO YOUR OUTSTRETCHED ARMS WE COMMEND OURSELVES AND ALL FOR WHOM WE PRAY, TRUSTING IN THE ONE WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

*** 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 Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE BLESSING OF GOD, WHO PROVIDES FOR US, FEEDS US, AND JOURNEYS WITH US, † BE UPON YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

(Spoken) **Amen.**

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessings”

No. 221

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First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³ But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’ ” ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 6:1-21

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

August 4, 2024 readings are:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4:1-16

Psalms 78:23-29

John 6:24-35

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 27-28, 2024

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

In loving memory of Bob and Madeline Trakes on their 70th Anniversary and in honor of the July birthdays of Mike, Noah and Ollie 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

For the prosperity of our church in our hometown & community by Stacei Faust & Emily Stahler

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

Please remember the following in your prayers: Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, 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 2024 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritzky, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Steve Ristila, Brittany Scalfani 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, July 28, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Prayer

WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

7:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting

FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, August 4, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 7/21/24 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$0.00

From Thrift Store \$0.00

From Endowment (other) \$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: \$80,353.61

From Thrift Store: \$5,085.31*

From Endowment: \$22,006.00

From Culinary: \$11,765.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$119,209.92

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$10,170.61

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.

DEADLINE: All information for the **September 2024 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, August 19, 2024**. You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Charles L. Klingaman on his birthday by Cathy and Valerie

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

In loving memory of F. Peter Muhr by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Laura Fulmer & Chris Fulmer

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

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In loving memory of my cousin Fern Huegel Rudenko by Beverley & David Knoebel

In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by Sean & Amy Shamany

Upcoming Events

August 2 – Blessings Thrift Store

August 8 – Hoagie Sale

August 18 - Godspell

August 19 – Newsletter Deadline

August 21 – Peach Social

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, August 2nd 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!

There will be worship and music committee meeting on **Wednesday, July 31 at 7:00 PM** in the library. Anyone interested in planning for the year ahead is welcome to join us. We would love your ideas, too. Thank you, Sandy Mehalko

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.

Godspell - Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAFFN) and the Tamaqua Ministerial Association are hosting an ecumenical community event featuring Sing for America performing Godspell, the Gospel story comes alive through music, laughter, tears and hope. The performance will be Sunday, August 18, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity United Church of Christ on Lafayette Street, Tamaqua. A time of fellowship with refreshments follows the performance. A free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome.

Culinary Hoagie Sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by August 4th, at www.ziontamaqua.com or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, August 8th from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!

Please Note: Melody will be on vacation, August 5th through August 12th. She will be returning on Tuesday, August 13th. If you are in need of assistance, please call Pastor Cindy at 610-674-2072. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Note Date Change:

Peach Social - Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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 20th 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!