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ZIONS NEWZFLASH

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ZIONS CHURCH

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL OPPORTUNITY

According to our church by-laws, all elders are eligible to be members of the Spiritual Council, whether they are current members of Consistory or whether they have served as elders in the past.

In order to have some consistency in attendance so that elders will be up-to-date on issues and plans and so that leaders can be prepared with the correct amount of materials, elders are asked if they desire to be an active member of the Spiritual Council prior to a new year.

An elder does not need to make this annual commitment in order to participate in healing meetings or to occasionally attend elders meetings. Indeed all elders are welcome anytime.

Please take prayerful consideration to this request. If you can make a commitment to faithful attendance of meetings and are willing to take on some possible additional duties, please contact the church office at 610-562-2300. If you do not desire to be an active member of Spiritual Council in 2023, would you please make your decision known so an up-to-date list of all elders of Zion's Church can be maintained.

ZIONS SNOW POLICY

The Sunday morning Worship services will be held if Pastor Bond can drive to the church.

If he cannot make it to the church, the cancellation will be posted on Facebook.

The snow policy for Wednesday night activities is as follows: If Hamburg School District cancels school for the day or has an early dismissal, there will be NO Wednesday night activities.

If the weather is bad after school dismisses at the regular time and Wednesday night activities are canceled, the cancellation will be posted on Facebook.

REDNER'S RECEIPTS

We would like to thank everyone that turned in Redner's Receipts for the Save-a-Tape program. We were able to tally up 970 Receipts and get \$695.07 from Redner's. Thank you everyone who participated in this.

Just as a reminder, for the tape to count toward the Save-a-Tape Program, you need to use your Redner's Reward card for the transaction. You can also punch in your phone number in the payment keypad if you forget your rewards card. If there is no Save-a-Tape total on the receipt at the bottom, the church receives no money for that receipt. Thank you.

BELL CHOIR

Happy New Year, Everyone!

It has been an amazing three months of ringing!

And, as we say "Good-bye to 2022," we thank the Good Lord for His endless blessings and wait with faith and joy to see what He has planned for us in the New Year! We look forward to learning and sharing more music to honor and glorify our Precious Savior!

Thank You, Congregation, for all your support of the handbell choir...

Our Very Best to You for 2023!

January 29th will be our next Sunday of ringing at the 8:15 a.m. worship service.

GRIEF SHARE

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Classes begin on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. here at Zion's Church in Room 201.

ANNUAL REPORT

All articles to be included in the 2022 Annual Report to the congregation must be submitted to Becky Schroeder, Secretary, by Sunday, January 15, 2023.

Team leaders are asked to prepare a report for their area of responsibility.

PRIME TIMERS

1/7/2023	Friendship Circle Breakfast	9 a.m.	3rd St. Café	Hamburg
1/13/2023	Prime Timers Council meeting	1 p.m.	FH	Zion's Church
1/28/2023	Lunch (all Prime Timers invited)	12 noon	Fiore's	Shoemakersville



*There are far, far better things ahead
than any we leave behind.*
-C.S. Lewis

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

**WASHINGTON D.C.
JANUARY 20, 2023**

Last year a group of ladies had the blessing of joining a bus trip down to DC for this event. This year, we are planning to head down again though without the blessing of a bus. It was a cold day, but we all agreed it was worth it. And while maybe you might think it isn't worth it anymore, with the overturning of Roe v. Wade, it's still just as important to continue to stand for life. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." - Psalm 139:13-16. You can visit the March for Life website for the full schedule and all the info. If you're not a subscriber to the inspiredsisters.org Zion's Church Women's Ministry website already, visit and sign-up for information and updates for this and all women's events. We hope you'll consider joining us! Questions? admin@inspiredsisters.org.

SURRENDERING THE SECRET

**AN ABORTION HEALING BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY EVENINGS, STARTING FEB. 28**

Many post-abortive women carry an incredible burden of silence and heartache, and they struggle for years with repressed memories, guilt, shame, and depression. If you feel you have never completely healed or recovered from an abortion experience, we invite you to join Life's Choices for a post-abortive healing group, Surrendering the Secret. Our mission is to provide a supportive and confidential environment that facilitates healing and restoration from a past abortion, as well as brings a sense of hope and purpose for the future.

The Surrendering the Secret study offers an 8-step biblical healing method modeled by women who have been where you are. The study will be led by Katie Bailey, the director of client services from our Kutztown office, and Marie Perry, a former participant who offers personal insight into the struggles faced by women who have experienced abortion. Both Katie and Marie are trained leaders and have led this class in the past. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

For more information or to sign up, contact:
katie.lifeschoices@gmail.com
610.683.8000

THE JOURNEY CAFE

THE JOURNEY CAFE IS EXPANDING!

The Journey Café is Zion's Church's amazing facility located at 320 Pine Street in the heart of Hamburg. The primary use for the Journey since its opening in early 2007 has been as a youth center. While this main purpose continues, we're making concerted efforts to expand the use of the Café for other groups and events. In the past few years, we've hosted all sorts of adult-oriented programs, including post-abortion healing classes, movie nights, a worship night, adult Bible classes, blood drives, parenting classes, addiction recovery groups, a cookie decorating party, and a series of community-outreach game days. We're very excited to see the increase in use of this amazing space and look forward to new and different uses of the space that help spread the Kingdom of God and the Good News of Jesus to the people in our area. If you have an idea for an event or program at the café, please let me know and we can talk about the possibilities of making it happen.

For groups using the Journey Café, we ask a few simple things:

1. Please put all tables and chairs back the way you found them. Also, please put away any other items you may have used or moved.
2. Please take out all trash. Trash goes outside in the red bins in bags (no loose trash in bins).
3. Please take all food and drink that you brought with you when you're done with your event. Please do not leave food and drink in the refrigerator or on the counters.
4. Please wash, dry and put away all mugs, utensils, dishes and coffee pots.
5. Please make sure the A/V system and lights are out, and that all doors and windows are locked when you are finished with your event.

Your help in keeping the Journey a unique, vibrant, clean, and organized space is really appreciated. If you have any questions, ideas or things you'd like to discuss about the Journey Café, please contact me at 610-301-9911 (text me first if possible) or by email at dan.bailey@zionschurch.org.

Sincerely, Dan Bailey, youth minister

ACTIVE ATTACK PREPAREDNESS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

Sponsored by the Zion's Safety Team, this training is different from the Active Shooter Training. AAP Training will give you practical situations with hands-on training.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by January 22 at zionschurch.org/register to reserve your spot.

Snow date: Thursday, February 2, 2023

Snow date is determined if Hamburg School District is cancelled or has an early dismissal on 1/26/2023.