

ZIONS NEWZFLASH



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Letter From Our Pastor

As I write this, our family is back in Greensburg in Westmoreland County, packing up our first U-Haul truck. We are making great progress, and the best feeling is seeing our friends eager to help and eager to spend time with us before we venture out to Hamburg permanently. We're experiencing this strange blend of joy and sadness, and it is quite sad needing to say goodbye to family, friends, our hometown, and the only home that our children have known. We are doing our best to make these last couple weeks here special, especially for Ivah (our four-year old). Last night, Ivah spent her very first night away from mommy and daddy, with her honored hosts, nonna and pa pa, Samantha's mom and dad. Although they called us a little after 9 PM to pick her up, she was able to bravely persevere and have a great night.

Truly, God is proving his goodness and faithfulness around every corner and into each new challenge. As a family, we're learning to trust him together. We haven't stopped calling on Jesus' name to help us, help you, and bless this transition. Thank God that these are the moments that prove the faithfulness of God, if we will not lose heart. Much of our prayer and focus has been on our family's needs, but we aren't forgetting about Zion's Church. You are also truly family, and it is a sobering revelation to realize that we believers are literally the children of God and truly brothers and sisters of each other. Hence, we know that we are blessed to be called to a place where we will be partnering with true and real family.

For now, I'd like to leave you all with a word from the Apostle Paul, and I pray it blesses you: "Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honor of one another. Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward him boiling hot! Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit and let him fill you with excitement as you serve him. Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continual joy. Don't give up in a time of trouble, but commune with God at all times. Take a constant interest in the needs of God's beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home" (Romans 12:10-13). Amen and amen!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Roy and family



Women



Ladies Kayaking Trip on the Schuylkill River, Saturday, June 21, 9:00am

Join us on the beautiful Schuylkill River for a lovely day of floating and laughs with a fun bunch of ladies! We'll meet in Hamburg Park around 9:00am to prepare our landing plans and car-jockeying, and finally putting-in the water around 10:00am. We'll go from Hamburg Park down to Leesport Post Office which generally takes about 6 or more hours total, including the lunch-stop at Bern (Yarnell) and a bunch of (some would say too many) swimming breaks along the way. If you don't have a kayak but would love to join, let us know. Some generous ladies have extras to lend, but please note, if you've never kayaked before, the river is not the best "first-time" to try it. Instead, we have an event in August or September kayaking on a lake, and that's a better option to start with if you're new to this sport. Questions? admin@inspiredsisters.org

Hidden Hearts: A Scripture Memorization Activity for Women

Sign up to participate in this activity designed to help you study and memorize scripture. Psalm 119:11 states, "I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you", highlighting the benefits of memorizing scripture to provide us and others with peace and comfort through the Word. But don't worry—there are no tests or check-ins, this activity is meant to be a personal challenge that allows you to grow at your own speed. Visit inspiredsisters.org to sign up for monthly scripture and a free journal!

Men

9:40 Sunday school

How to find Jesus in the Old Testament

Tuesday Knights Study

Acceptance, Significance, Security, Transformation

June 21st Men's Campfire

Church mound 630pm (For men 18+)
Contact Nate Keck

October 10-12th Men's Retreat

Camp Orchard Hill
Contact Matt Ott or Nate Keck

Prime Timers

Friendship Circle Breakfast

June 7th CANCELLED

Game Day

June 20th 10 am The Journey Cafe

As for me, I look to the Lord for help.
I wait confidently for God to save me,
and my God will certainly hear me.
Micah 7:7

Fightin' Phils: Faith Night

Come on out to the Fightin' Phillies on June 12th for Faith Night! We have managed to get 50 tickets that we are selling at \$15 a piece for Blue Seats. This event starts at 7:00 PM but the Stadium opens at 6:00 PM and will conclude with fireworks. To buy a ticket, sign up online using the QR code or reach out to Fonda Reppert or Amie Ebling and be sure to turn in your payment using the yellow envelopes in the back of the church. Then place that envelope in the offering box. It's sure to be a Fanatic Night!



Consistory Corner

- 1) The Rebranding Committee, at the request of Consistory, has released the brand new logo for Zion's Church. With the subset meaning of Belong, Believe, Become. We hope everyone comes to this church feeling that they Belong here, Believe that Christ loves them, and Becomes a new creation in Him.
- 2) Directories are now available for purchase! Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center to see the 2025 Directory and pick up an order form. It's a 65 page book. Hard Cover: Small \$50 or Large \$75. Soft Cover: Small \$45 or Large \$65. Payment can be handed in using the yellow envelopes in the back of the Church.

The Walk: Lake Day

The Walk Young Adults are having a picnic at Lake Tuscarora on Saturday, June 28th. Pack your swimsuit and a snack! We'll plan to be there from 11am and hang out all afternoon. Recently graduated high school seniors are invited to join us! Have questions? Ask Nate Keck or Faith Benson!

Z-World: Help Needed

Z-World: July 26th & 27th

Volunteers are needed for set-up, tear down, activities, meal prep/ serving, baking, and more.

Contact Jenn Scott at 610-562-2300, option 6 or jennifer.scott@zionschurch.org or pick up a volunteer form in the back of the sanctuary and drop it in the box in the library.

Moms of the Vine: Rock Painting

Please join us on Friday, June 6th from 10-12 in the fellowship hall for fun rock painting!



A Message From Our Youth Minister



JOURNEY café School-Year Wrap-up

We're wrapping up the '24-'25 school year at the Journey Café. We thank God for a really great year. Both our After-School Program & Rock Us youth group were really well-attended this past school year. Each week at Rock Us, we shared the Good News of Jesus with dozens of young people in many engaging and impactful ways. There is no doubt that many spiritual seeds were planted. We also witnessed many excellent "God moments" throughout the year and saw many youths growing and maturing in their faith, especially during our small group discussion times at Rock Us. I want to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to all the excellent volunteers that made this past school year possible and to you, the members of Zion's Church, for supporting all the youth ministry efforts at the Journey over the past 18 years.

IMPACT '25 YOUTH MISSION WEEK

As we begin to move from our school-year schedule into our summer programs, we're getting more and more excited about Impact '25, our week-long youth mission project. This year's Impact, which is scheduled from Sunday July 6 through Friday July 11, will be the eighteenth year of doing our own homegrown, local service/missions project. The main purpose of Impact is to introduce 6th through 12th grade youths to the idea of mission work and serving others by serving the people of our town in the Name of Jesus. This is accomplished through service work primarily at the homes of elderly and disabled people in the Hamburg area.

Another big component of Impact '25 is our "Random Acts of Kindness" outreaches during which we share the love & hope of Jesus in free & fun ways with the people of Hamburg. These include stuff like a free carwash at the Journey, making crafts and giving them to senior citizens in our area, etc.

A super-fun aspect of Impact is where we stay: the Blue Mountain Olivet Camp on Mountain Ave in Hamburg. The camp has all sorts of fun things for the teens to do after our workday, like boating, fishing, swimming, beach volleyball, etc.

Impact costs only \$25/person for the entire week. This fee helps to offset the costs of the projects and includes three meals per day, snacks, drinks, camping, and transportation to and from the campsite for work assignments.

If you'd like more info about Impact '25, please check out our website <https://thejourneycafe.org/events/>, where you can also download the Impact '25 info pack, which contains all the pertinent permission forms for the project. You can also contact Dan Bailey (dan.bailey@zionschurch.org or 610-301-9911 [text me first]) or Greta Perry (gretabailey64@gmail.com or 484-516-8989) to get more info and to sign up your 6th-12th-grade child.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IMPACT '25 YOUTH MISSION WEEK

Would you like to help bless people in our area in the Name of Jesus alongside of some fun & eager Christian youths? If so, we'd love to have you join us as an adult volunteer at Impact '25. The project runs from July 6 through 11, but you don't have to serve the entire time – we are extremely flexible and even helping a day or two would be a great assistance. We also have a variety of ways that you could potentially serve at Impact '25. These include things like meal prep at the camp, helper/supervisor at our work sites, evening camp helper, etc. The only things you need are a willing heart and the appropriate child clearances, which we can help you obtain. Please prayerfully consider this meaningful service opportunity. If you'd like more info, please contact Dan Bailey.

JOURNEY CAFÉ REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Work is well underway with the refurbishment of the Journey. So far, the three old/faulty HVAC units for the main part of the building have been replaced. Work is underway to add 4-season-capable HVAC in the gym portion of the building. New metal siding is being installed and it is now covering much of the rear of the structure; the remaining portions of the building will be sided soon. Five new commercial steel doors have been installed to replace the former inadequate domestic-grade doors. We are also currently in the process of replacing five patio doors which had served as windows with proper commercial windows. The final things to be done will be to install the decorative stonework to the Pine Street and Third Street sides of the building; this will be done after the siding installation is complete in these areas. After this is all completed, the Journey will be a fully-functional, weather-tight building with a fresh, new look. We hope to have a "Grand Reopening" public event sometime after this is all done as well.

THREE STRANDS NEWS

Recently, I was very ill with one of the worst colds that I've ever had. In this condition, I was too sick to help out at the Prime Timers' game day that happens every third Friday at the Journey. In fact, I was so out of it (and bedridden) that I forgot that the game day was even happening. But Katie Riegel of the Three Strands stepped up and hosted the gamers in the main room at the Journey and served them drinks during the event. The attendees were blessed and well-served by Katie. My hat's off to her for helping and stepping up without me even asking her! This is the kind of excellent people that run the Three Strands Gym & Community Center. We are truly blessed to have such fine people right in our midst.

A common sentiment from people coming to the Three Strands in their new location at the Journey Café is: "This is such a happy, positive and welcoming place." One of the main workers helping to refurbish the Journey (a man named Chris) said of the Journey/Three Strands, "This is the happiest place he's ever worked." He was so impressed about the operation that he bought a Three Strands hat to financially support it. I (Dan B) have observed that during the refurbishment of the cafe, the Three Strands people have been very helpful & accommodating to the men working on the Journey. Again, this is a blessing, especially since I couldn't be there all the time when I was sick.

Finally, The Three Strands is helping to really change lives. Recently, a 68-year-old woman began consistently working out at the gym pretty much every day that they're open. She was struggling with weight issues, depression and sleep apnea. The Three Strands people helped her develop a workout routine and it has proven very effective for her. At a recent doctor's visit, her doctor said, "These numbers for your blood work are so different that I feel that I'm looking at someone else's chart!" The best news is now this lady was able to stop taking her anti-depression meds and no longer needs to use the CPAP machine. Her doctors are totally amazed and dumbfounded. After the doctor's visit, the lady hugged Stef Boyer (of Three Strands) and was sobbing in joy & thankfulness. "You people have changed my life!", she said through her tears. This is really amazing stuff! If you'd like to experience some amazing life-change through better fitness and through meeting some folks who love people, love God and want to expand His Kingdom, please consider coming down to the Three Strands.

God bless you,
Dan Bailey, youth minister

CHILDREN & FAMILY EVENTS

June 2025

Sunday School

B.L.A.S.T. Kids

Being Light and Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am

3 years old – 5th grade

Scooters, blacklights, and elephant toothpaste are a few of the things we'll use in our elementary summer series as kids will learn to dare to be like Daniel.

Planet Shakers

Where K-5th graders learn to shake up the world for Jesus

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Summer Break

See you in September

More Info

Jennifer.Scott@zionschurch.org
610-562-2300, option 6

Z-World

July 26th & 27th

Free Family Event

A weekend event filled with time to share laughs & make family memories. Activities include Zipline, 200 ft. Alpine Slide, giant Slip 'n Slide, new Splash Dash obstacle course, pony rides, silly skits, food, camping, & more.

More info or register at
z-world.org



Moms of the Vine

Where moms & kids share life together & grow in Christ

Rock Painting

June 6th 10am – 12 pm

held in the fellowship hall
Facebook: MomsOfTheVine

