

ZIONS NEWZFLASH

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Our Zion's Church family,

My heart is full as we enter this month together. Easter is here again, and with it comes the most sacred joy we know. We come back to the empty tomb, back to the risen Christ, back to the unshakable truth that Jesus is alive.

It changes everything for us!

The resurrection isn't just a comfort for hard days. It's the great turning point of history. Jesus didn't merely endure the cross—He conquered through it. He walked into death and came out in victory. Sin was broken. Hell was shattered. The grave was robbed of its claim. Our Savior lives, and because He lives, despair doesn't get the final word, darkness doesn't win, and death itself is not the end.

Because Jesus rose, there is hope for what looks hopeless. There is mercy for the one who has failed. There is freedom for the one who feels bound. There is fresh life for what feels worn down, buried, or beyond repair. It means there is no pit so deep, no heart so cold, no situation so sealed that Christ cannot step in with life and power.

This is our hope. This is our message. This is our victory!

And because of that—nothing is beyond His reach. Not the hardened heart. Not the broken situation. Not the life that feels too far gone. The resurrection declares, once and for all: what seems impossible to us is not impossible to God.

And that truth doesn't stay at a distance. It comes close to us. It reaches into our lives, our callings, and the burdens the Lord places on us. Over the past season, there's been something I've carried before the Lord—a weight that's stayed with me, returned in prayer, and refused to let go. Some of you know that part of that burden has taken shape in a book I've finally finished—*Fire on Broadway: The Definitive Story of David Wilkerson*.

Let me say this carefully. This feels like a burden that's now been released. There are things the Lord places on you that you don't carry because you want to—but because you have to. And when that burden is finally poured out, there is both relief and a sense that it now belongs to the people of God. That's how I feel about this. I want this to become a point of participation—a shared burden, a resource the Lord might use to wake us up, call us deeper, and turn our hearts again toward a more passionate obedience. If the Lord chooses to use this, it will be because hearts are stirred again toward prayer, obedience, and a deeper surrender to Jesus.

This book tells the story of a man who stayed when leaving would have been easier. A man who trusted God when clarity didn't come. A man who obeyed without needing to control where that obedience would lead. But this isn't only about David Wilkerson, it's about the church now—about us. Because we are standing at a crossroads: Comfort or consecration? Reputation or obedience? Control or surrender?

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

Those choices aren't made once. They are made again and again in the hidden places of life, where the Lord calls us to trust Him more deeply than before. One of the great convictions behind this book is that the hour for borrowed fire is over. We can't live on the prayers of another generation. We can't survive on old testimonies, secondhand hunger, or stories of what God once did through people who walked closely with Him. We can honor that fire. We can learn from it. But we can't sustain ourselves on it.

The Lord is calling His people now. He is calling us to seek Him for ourselves—to walk with Him personally, to know His voice, obey His Word, and yield ourselves fully to His Spirit. The real question for us right now is not whether we admire faith from a distance. It is whether we will surrender ourselves to Jesus in a way that costs us something.

Let's be a church that doesn't settle. Let's be a people who don't drift into comfort when God is calling us deeper. Let's stay close to Jesus—listening, responding, and walking with Him in this hour. So as we celebrate Easter this month, my prayer is that we would not only rejoice in the truth that Jesus rose but that we would yield ourselves afresh to the risen Christ.

He is alive! He is reigning! He is still calling people to leave everything and follow Him. He is still able to raise what looks dead. He is still able to do what we have stopped believing could happen.

So let's draw near to Him together. Let's seek Him with fresh hunger. Let's give Him our full yes. Let's not settle for a faith that remembers what God has done if He is calling us to walk with Him now in resurrection power.

I'm grateful to walk that road with you. Happy Easter, brothers and sisters.

—Pastor Roy

How Giving Benefits Us

Giving isn't just something God asks us to do for the church — it's something He uses to shape our hearts. Proverbs 3:9–10 teaches that when we honor the Lord with our resources, He promises to care for our needs. This means giving becomes an act of trust, reminding us that God — not our paycheck — is our provider.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' That means giving actually directs our heart toward God. Every time we give, we practice aligning our priorities with His kingdom.

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:6–11 that generosity produces joy, thanksgiving, and spiritual growth in the giver. It stretches our faith, builds contentment, and frees us from the grip of worry or greed.

And Acts 2 shows that giving strengthens community. When God's people share generously, unity grows and needs are met just like in the early church.

So yes, giving supports God's work — but biblically, it also transforms us. It grows our trust, shapes our character, deepens our gratitude, and draws us closer to Christ and to one another. That's the true blessing of generosity.

Our church offers both online giving and the offering box during worship. As many of us set our giving and rarely think about it again, this can be a meaningful opportunity to revisit that commitment and consider whether God may be calling you to take another step in generosity. Financial circumstances can change for each of us over time. This is an opportunity to ensure that your giving still reflects your current situation. Take that step of faith and see what God does in your life.



Baby Bottle Campaign

Take the opportunity to make a difference by investing in the Sanctity of Human Life with LC Medical. As the body of the church, we can bring awareness to the attacks that are daily waged by the abortion industry.

One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by supporting local pregnancy centers like LC Medical who daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life. Through your support, LC Medical support services can provide:

- No-cost pregnancy tests & ultrasounds
- Baby Bundles for new parents
- A fully stocked Baby Boutique
- Parenting, birthing, & breastfeeding classes
- Support and mentoring for moms & dads
- Whole-person relationship & health education in local middle and high schools

Baby bottles will be available on Sunday, May 17. Simply fill with loose change and return. Thank you for your support & celebrating the gift of life!

Blessings,
The Missions Team

CPR, AED, and First Aid

We're offering CPR training again on April 25, 2026 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall at Zion's Church. The total cost for the training is \$85 per person. The church will cover \$45 of the cost, leaving the participant to pay the remaining \$40. Anybody who would like additional information can call the church office or reach out to Jenn K at henkershner@gmail.com or 610-413-2154.

Z-Bay Update

To better serve our Z-Bay community, we're moving our drop-off and pick-up location.

New Location: Bookcase at the top of the East stairwell

Effective Date: April 1

Going forward, any items left in the church foyer or surrounding areas will be moved to this new location. Please remember to label all items with the name of the person picking them up.

Thank you for your continued support of the Z-Bay website—and for helping keep our church entryway neat and clutter-free!



Women's Ministry

LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ladies, we'd love for you to join us starting April 12th as we begin a new Bible study, Abide by Jen Wilkin. This study walks through 1, 2, and 3 John, helping us slow down, dig into God's Word, and learn what it truly means to abide in Christ. We meet in Room 111 at 9:40 AM—come grow in faith, build meaningful connections, and be encouraged. We'd love to have you with us!

Questions: Connect with Katie Keck
610-406-7441

LADIES HIGH TEA

Join us for our first annual Ladies High Tea—we're so excited!

The event will be held at the Journey Cafe, with doors opening at 2:00 PM for social time. High Tea will run from 2:30–5:00 PM. Enjoy icebreakers, a variety of teas, light sandwiches, sweets, inspiring testimonies, and time reflecting on Psalms—all while connecting with friends!

We're embracing all things tea—frilly, fancy, and Spring-inspired! Feel free to dress up or wear a hat (highly encouraged). There will also be a floral photo area for fun pictures.

We'll provide tea, treats, and both real and paper teacups. If you have a favorite teacup to bring and share, feel free!

Admission is \$10, and this is a pre-registered event so we can warmly welcome each guest. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome center or use the QR code.

Questions:

Connect@inspiredsisters.org



Men's Ministry

9:40 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Men, be inspired and encouraged as we learn from inspiring stories of Christian men living their faith and look to do the same in our own lives.

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Men, join us Tuesdays 6:30–8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall as we learn what it means to be godly men living for Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

FATHER/SON RETREAT

Fathers and sons (ages 6–17) are invited to an adventure-packed weekend, May 15–17. Go to camporchardhill.com/father-son-retreat to register. List group name "Zions" so we will be housed together.

GOLF OUTING

On May 16th we are getting a small golf outing together. Location and time is to be determined.

SPRING CHICKEN 5K

On April 25th, we will gather to run, walk, and celebrate life at the Hamburg Park! We hope you'll join us for a fun morning including a 5K race timed by Pretzel City, Kids Chick Chase (our 12 and under fun run), inflatables, Chick-fil-a sandwiches and more!

Online registration is now open: Visit friendsoflc.org/springchicken.

Early registration is SO worth it! You'll get a race t-shirt, a guaranteed Chick Fil A sandwich and a goodie bag filled with items/info from our race sponsors!

*Race Day Registration begins at 8 a.m.

*9 a.m. Chick Chase Fun Run

(age 12 and under)

*9:30 a.m. Spring Chicken 5k Run/Walk

The Walk

YOUNG ADULT MINI GOLF

Sat. April 18th

Young adults are invited to meet us at Heisler's Dairy in Tamaqua, PA at 11:00am for mini golf and ice cream! Please bring a friend! Talk to Greta or Nate for more info!

IMPORTANT: Current high school seniors are invited to join us for this event!

Library Update

ONLINE LIBRARY

Our librarian, Abigail Scott, has finished entering the inventory for our online library. Check it out at <https://www.libib.com/u/zions>.

There are close to 2,000 titles and all are searchable online and physically available in our church library!

Consistory Corner

IMPACT & Z-WORLD

Keep in mind that we have 2 big events over the summer!

Impact and Z-World!

Impact is our church's homegrown teen missions week. They do housework, yardwork, light construction, etc. locally for those in need. Responsibility meets fun. Hard work meets a heart of service. And all involved are blessed!

Z-World is VBS at a whole different level. Preschool – 5th grade kids learn about Jesus in a summer camp setting. We are together from 1pm Saturday to 1pm Sunday. You can even sleep over on the church property! Families spend time together. We meet community members. And all involved are blessed!

Save the Date:

Impact: June 21 – 26

Z-World: July 25–26

*Please consider volunteering. It takes a village (or a church)!

Zions Cemetery

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 9 at 9 am in Room 201

WEBSITE

zionsperrytwp.cemetery.network

Notes from Pastor Roy

VISITATIONS

If you are homebound or hospitalized and would like a visit from Pastor Roy, please call the church office and he would love to come visit you.

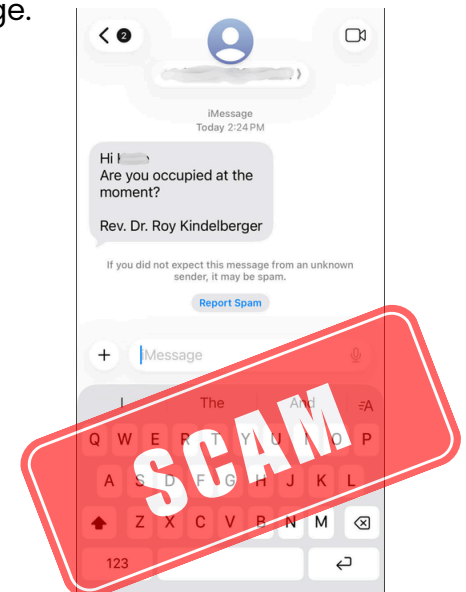
SOLICITATIONS

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS!!

Scammers will try to impersonate Pastor Roy or other church staff to prey on your trust. They will use fake email addresses or phone numbers to ask for money, gift cards, or other confidential assistance, typically in an urgent tone.

Real church staff will never make these kind of requests or ask for private information via text or email. Always slow down and verify.

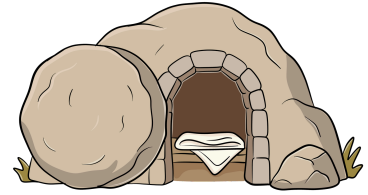
Inspect email addresses and phone numbers for inconsistencies. (Pastoral and office staff emails will come from @zionschurch.org). Verify suspicious conversations independently by initiating contact that is not a reply to the original message.





Children & Families

April 2026



Happy Easter!

Hallelujah, Jesus is alive! As you prepare for Easter, pick up a take home family activity at the check-in station to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior with your family.

B.L.A.S.T. Kids

Being Light & Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am
3 years old - 5th grade
Fun, hands-on classes

Bricktastic Bash

Sunday, April 19th
9:40 am - 1:00 pm

Join us as we learn to build our lives on Jesus

Lego fun for the kids during the Sunday school hour followed by lunch and Lego building challenges for the whole family.

rsvp at zionschurch.org/hub

Planet Shakers

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

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

- April 1st: NO Planet Shakers - Easter break
- April 22nd: Lego night
- April 29th: 5th graders visit Rock - Us

Moms of the Vine

Moms & kids sharing life together

"And on the 6th day..."

April 9th - 10am-12 pm

Celebrate God's creation with a craft and story for the kids and fellowship
for moms

held in the fellowship hall

More info: Jennifer.Scott@zionschurch.org or 610-562-2300, option 6

