
ZIONS NEWZFLASH

SUNDAY SERVICE

8:15 AM Traditional
9:40 AM Contemporary
11:05 AM Contemporary

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JOURNEY CHURCH

Sundays at 11 AM

Journey Cafe
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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Zion's Church family,

As we continue this Year of Seeking, I want to encourage you with something simple: don't underestimate the power of a faithful next step. Sometimes we imagine spiritual growth as something dramatic, but much of our walk with Jesus happens in the ordinary places—one prayer offered, one burden surrendered, one act of obedience, one person encouraged, one door opened to the Holy Spirit that we had been keeping closed.

The risen Christ is still leading His people. And often, He leads us one step at a time. So this month, let's pursue Him with our whole hearts. Let's listen for His voice in the middle of full schedules, family responsibilities, church life, work, weariness, and all the normal demands we carry. Let's not wait until everything feels clear before we obey. Let's simply ask, "Lord, what is the next faithful thing You're asking of me?"

For some, that next step may be prayer. For others, forgiveness. For others, serving, giving, reaching out, returning to Scripture, or making space again for the presence of God. For some of us, it will be the simple step of getting to the Ministry Fair on May 3rd and being open to whatever area of service the Spirit puts his finger on. Whatever it is, say yes.

A church is strengthened when the people of God keep responding to Jesus—not only in big moments but in daily faithfulness. I'm grateful to be walking with you as we seek the heart of God together.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Roy

Women's Ministry

5/9 - Get Active with Us!

Join us on May 9th at 8:30 AM for a refreshing walk at the Bartram Trail (meet at the parking area). Enjoy the trail at your own pace, soak in the fresh air, and connect with other ladies.

Feel free to bring a friend—or friendly dogs are welcome too! 🐾

5/17 - Ladies River Paddle

Join us on May 17th for a fun afternoon on the river! We'll meet at 12:45 PM at the Yarnell Boat Ramp - Bern Bridge (Water Street & 5 Locks Road, Shoemakersville) to enjoy a light lunch together at the pavilion before launching towards Leesport. We'll be on the water by 2:00 PM, paddling at a relaxed pace. Feel free to join us for the whole adventure or just come for the lunch portion of fellowship. Be sure to bring a packed lunch, snack and drinks.

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 the lake, and that's a better option to start with if you're new to the sport.

More details regarding Women's Ministry events are available on the inspiredsisters.org website.

Questions? Connect@inspiredsisters.org



Volleyball Night



Ladies River Paddle



Golf Outing

Men's Ministry

9:40 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Room 108

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

Fellowship Hall

Men, join us Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm 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 having a small golf outing. Early afternoon Tee Off. Contact Bob Crawford.

The Walk: Young Adults

Volleyball Night at Zion's Church

Sun. May 9th, 5pm in the Zion's ballfield (lowest parking lot)
Campfire, hot dogs and s'mores will be enjoyed alongside some friendly games!

IMPORTANT NOTE: High School Seniors Invited!

Bell Choir

Time flies when you're having fun...
 our handbell ringing time has absolutely flown by!!!
 We close our ringing season on May 31st at the 8:15 a.m.
 service.
 (We'll be back in fall!)
 One of our songs, "Fairest Lord Jesus," incorporates a
 most beautiful handbell technique...the singing bell
 technique!!!
 Let's talk about that technique for a minute!
 The handbell ringer "stirs" the outer rim of the handbell
 with a dowel rod until the bell starts to sing!
 When I listen to it, it reminds me of I Kings 19:11-13.
 " 'Go out and stand before me on top of the mountain,'
 the Lord said to him. Then the Lord passed by and sent a
 furious wind that split the hills... then there was an
 earthquake...after the earthquake there was a fire – but the
 Lord was not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire. After
 the fire there was the soft whisper of a voice."
 That is what the singing bell technique feels like to me...
 I hope you feel it, too!!!
 But don't stop listening after the singing bell part is over...
 the "twinkling" ending is pretty cool, too!
 Honestly, I LOVE THE ENTIRE SONG!!! It's a Keeper!!!
 And speaking of KEEPERS, words cannot express how
 much I appreciate and love this incredible group of
 ringers!
 They never back down from a challenge;
 are anxious to learn new techniques and "tweak" old ones.
 They are talented...kind...fun...cooperative...dedicated
 BLESSINGS OF LOVE!
 I am truly honored and humbled to share the Joy of Music
 with them.
 With sincere gratitude and humble appreciation for
 everything and everyone,
 Linda

Consistory Corner

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Join us for our upcoming Ministry Fair- an
 exciting opportunity to discover how you can get
 connected, serve, and grow within our church
 community. Whether you're new or have been
 attending for years, this is the perfect time to
 explore the many ministries that make our
 church family thrive. From children's & youth
 programs to outreach, worship, and behind the
 scenes support, there's a place for everyone to
 belong, believe, and become. Come meet
 ministry leaders, ask questions, and find where
 your gifts can make a difference.
 We can't wait to serve alongside you!
 -Stephen & Amie Ebling, Volunteer Coordinators

MOTHER'S DAY

The Fellowship Team is getting ready to bless all
 the mothers of our Church this Mother's Day,
 with gifts and a special prayer table in the
 Welcome Center for those with pain on that day.
 We pray God's Blessing on our Church and for
 those with hurting hearts.

Safety Team

May is National Electrical Safety Month

Inspect Cords: Do not use damaged extension
 cords, and avoid running them under rugs or
 through doorways.

Avoid Overloading: Do not plug space heaters or
 multiple extension cords together.

GFCI Protection: Ensure Ground Fault Circuit
 Interrupters (GFCIs) are used in areas where
 water is present.

Zion's Cemetery

Zion's Cemetery Company, of Perry Township Inc.

The Monthly Board meetings are held at Zion's Church at 9 AM
 in the Meeting Room 201.

May 14, 2026

Our website: <https://zionsperrytwp.cemetery.network>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER: YOU WERE MADE TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN YOUR WORLD!

Did you ever wonder: is this all that my life has for me: work, bills, chores, taxes, doomscrolling on Facebook, or following my sports team into another disappointing season? Let's face it, we all sometimes feel like this, like we're just going through the motions. Sometimes even church can seem stale, like an obligatory checkbox. But that's not how God intended life to go for His children. He calls us into a new life, an invigorated life in Him and in His Body (the Church). Listen to what God says about you in Ephesians 2:10: For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. You are God's highest creation! You're not some kind of mindless drone, worker bee or robot. God calls you His masterpiece and He gives you new life in Christ so that you can impact people for His Kingdom; these are the 'good things' He calls us to do in Eph 2:10.

Serving (or doing good things in God's Kingdom) is a synergistic positive-feedback loop: it blesses those we serve, it blesses God, and you receive blessings too. Also, when you're feeling useless, uninspired, or you're in a moment of struggle or time of challenge, helping somebody out can serve to snap you out of your momentary troubled mindset. Serving helps shows people an important part of Jesus' character: selflessness. It also shows people how they should live. I've noticed this particularly with young people, teens, and such. Serving others has helped many teens at Impact (our youth mission week described below) realize that life doesn't revolve around them. It helps them to realize that everyone is important to God. Serving others helps them to see that life is more than what you get, it's about what you give.

Finally, think about this: doing good in the Name of Jesus Christ can even help to change lives eternally. Helping impacts people. It shows them the heart of Christ. It can even be a door that helps open a human heart to the Gospel. I've heard it said: "People won't care about how much you know until they know how much you care."

You can have this serving, helping, others-centered lifestyle, too. But you have to make a move- you have to get involved. You have to make an active decision and not passively let life slip by you in the mundane, humdrum, repetitive ways that it normally can. God made you for more – *He made you to make an impact in your world*. So as this summer season approaches, please consider getting involved in helping, serving, and blessing somebody. Make a move to get out of your comfort zone, off the couch and off the phone. Believe me, you will not regret helping someone, blessing someone, serving someone in Jesus' Name for His Kingdom. Once you start to do this, God will ignite a fire in your heart that you will crave and cherish. Serving can also set your faith on fire and give you a spiritual jump-start! Our church has numerous ways to get involved in serving. Two big serve opportunities for this summer are Z-World & Impact (see more below).

IMPACT '26 YOUTH MISSION WEEK

Impact '26 is our week-long youth mission project. The main purpose of Impact is to introduce middle- and high school students 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. We also serve at a number of Christian and civic-focused, non-profit organizations. This year's Impact, which is scheduled from Sunday June 21 to Friday June 26, will be the nineteenth year of doing our own homegrown, local service/missions project.

Another unique aspect of Impact '26 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 holding a free carwash at the Journey, making crafts and giving them to senior citizens in our area, blessing our local First Responders with care packages, 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.

This is a great opportunity for your middle- or high-school aged child to grow in Christ, serve along other teens, and expand their horizons beyond themselves. If you'd like more info about Impact '26, please check out our website: thejourneycafe.org/events where you can also download the Impact '26 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 or sign up your 6th - 12th grade child.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IMPACT '26 YOUTH MISSION WEEK

We need adult volunteers at Impact '26. The project runs from June 21-26, but you don't have to serve the entire time. We're extremely flexible and even helping a day or two would be a great assistance. We have a variety of ways that you could potentially serve at Impact '26. These include things like:

-Meal prep at the camp - Work site helper/supervisor -Evening/nighttime camp helper

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 me.

Sincerely, Dan Bailey

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

May 2026

Weekly Programs

B.L.A.S.T. Kids

Sunday School

Being Light and Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am
3 years old - 5th grade
nursery also available

Planet Shakers

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

Wednesdays - 6:30 pm

Year end celebration May 13th

- Family meal at 5:45
- A celebration of all we learned this year and Alpine slide rides for the kids at 6:30

Z-World

The Quest for the King July 25th & 26th

A free family event

Activities include silly skits,
zipline, Alpine Slide, Splash
Dash, camping, & more

register at z-world.org

Moms of the Vine

Moms & kids growing together
in Christ

Bring Your Wheels May 2nd - 10am - 12pm

Join us in the lower parking
lot with your bike, scooter,
skates, etc.

More Info

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