

ZIONS

• Monthly Newsletter •

LETTER FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

We just concluded our nine-week National Bible Bee summer study program at the Journey on Friday, Aug 14. The group had about 25 kids from elementary to high school age participating. Led by Tim and Katie Lytle, the group studied the Book of James through this summer's curriculum entitled Thrive! The program concluded with Proclaim Day on August 14 during which the students recited bible verses and passages. I was very impressed by the kids' recitations and glad that the group all did so well. Students were encouraged to go further and register for the National Bible Bee competition, which is going to be held in Ohio this fall. Here's some feedback from the Bible Bee program: Brandy Pyne (Erica Czimcharo's aunt) said the Bible Bee got her and her son, Xavier Pyne (aged 11), to study the Bible together for the first time ever. The daily lessons/homework assignments helped both Xavier and Brandy to grow in their faith, in their relationship with God, and in their relationship with each other. The two studied together for up to an hour per day on the daily Bible lessons. (There are five lessons per week in the Thrive! study). Another attendee said it was great to have her kids being spiritually enriched during the summer as they memorized Bible verses in a fun way and in a friendly environment. We are hoping to run the Bible Bee program next June.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Café-After-School Program starts - Sept. 8. Open to all middle- & high school students.

Rock Us starts - Sept 9. Also open to all middle- & high school students.

JOURNEY CHURCH

The Journey Church was glad to celebrate the marriage of two of our Journey Church members, Olivia Betz and Andrew Phillips, on August 1. The couple met for the first time at Sunday worship services at the Journey Church a few years ago. We thank God for bringing these two together and pray His blessings over their new married life together!

Also, young adult and Journey Church band member, Will Browder, got baptized with other members of the Men's Knights' group on July 21. We thank God for Will and for his faith in Jesus Christ!

We celebrated even more baptisms on Sunday, August 23 after our Journey Church service. Becky DeLong, Melissa Fazio, Sophia Manahan, Amanda Smith, and Peggy Lee Sterner publicly declared their faith and were baptized into the body of Christ.

God bless you! Dan Bailey, youth minister

MUSICIANS WANTED

I am looking for volunteers to share their musical gifts during the 8:15 AM worship service. Whether you play an instrument or love to sing, your talent helps lead our church in worship. Please call me at 610-756-3476 or email SLS2horses@gmail.com if you are interested.

Your Organist, Sharon Stump

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm
Journey Cafe



Celebrate Recovery (CR) ministry is up and running at the Journey. Our first meeting was on August 13 and about 25 people came out for this inaugural night. CR is a great 12-Step recovery ministry that is totally focused on Jesus and how He can break the chains of life's hurts, hang-ups and habits. Celebrate Recovery offers a safe, confidential community to heal from: Anger, Perfectionism, Control, Depression/Anxiety, Low Self-Esteem, People Pleasing & Co-Dependency, Dysfunctional Relationships, Divorce, Grief & Loss, Domestic or Child Abuse, PTSD/Trauma, Compulsive Eating or Food addiction, Pornography & Sexual addiction, Drug/Alcohol addiction, Cigarette/ Vaping addiction, Gaming or Gambling addiction, Social Media/Scrolling addiction, Compulsive Spending/Shopping addiction.

If you or a loved one is in need of help and support in any of these areas of struggle, the loving CR leaders and attendees would gladly welcome you and your loved ones to join them.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

**September is Emergency
Preparedness Month**

- Know local risks for seasonal storms or hazards.
- Build or refresh a home and workplace "go-bag" or emergency supply kit.
- Review and practice the facility or family emergency action plan.
- Focus on mental health resources, stress management, and coping strategies.
- Promote early fall hygiene and illness prevention (such as handwashing and preparing for flu season).
- Address school zone and pedestrian safety as children return to school.

CONSISTORY CORNER

Save the Date for Wreaths Across America!
We invite you to honor the many veterans in Zion's Cemetery with a special ceremony on Saturday, December 19, 2026 at NOON.
Refreshments will be available in the Fellowship Hall before and after the event.

ZION'S CEMETERY BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting:
September 10, 2026 at 9am
Zions Church: Room 201

Website:
<https://zionsperrytwp.cemetery.network>

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S RETREAT



REGISTER TODAY WITH OUR GROUP!

- Start at: www.camporchardhill.com/mens-retreat/
- Click REGISTER ONLINE and log in or create an account
- Select your name as the attendee and proceed through registration
- Select our church group name from the dropdown menu **GROUP NAME: Matt Ott**
- Complete registration with a \$50 minimum deposit and receive a confirmation email!
- Registration closes on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 4pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION QUESTIONS?

Contact the camp office! (570) 333-4098 x 100 or office@camporchardhill.com



WEEKEND CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Arrive on Friday night at 7pm @ Welcome Center
- ☐ Pack twin bedding plus towel, toiletries, comfortable clothes & warm layers
- ☐ Don't forget your Bible, notebook and pen!
- ☐ Departure on Sunday at 11am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ROOM 108

9:40 AM

Men, be 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

6:30-8:30 PM

Men, join us as we learn what it means to be godly men living for Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"REFLECT" LADIES GATHERING

Friday, September 25th, 6-9:30pm

Join us for a catered Italian meal, fellowship, and worship & message by Elevation Church and Holly Furtick via video simulcast. \$10 per person. RSVP at inspiredsisters.org or sign up at the Welcome Center at Zion's Church.

REFLECT
FOR THE GIRLS

FAMILY LAKE DAY

 September 27 @ Leaser Lake

Pack up the family and join us at the lake from 2:30–sundown. Dinner is provided—just bring along a snack or dessert to share. Want to try kayaking or paddle boarding? Now's your chance! No experience needed. Feel free to bring your own gear or borrow ours. Open to everyone.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ladies of Zion's – You're Invited!
Join us for the Women's Sunday School class each week at 9:40 am in Room 111.

Together we talk through current topics, grow in God's Word, and encourage one another in faith. All women are welcome!

New study starting September 13th!
Questions? Reach out to Katie Keck – 610-406-7441.

LADIES "GET ACTIVE"

- Saturday, September 19th
- 8:30am - 9:30am
- Location: Bartram Trail, Hamburg
- Contact: Katie Keck

SAVE THE DATE

- Ladies Night Out
- Duncan's Corn Maze
- October 16th

NEW ADVENTURES

There are exciting plans in store for the fall with our New Adventurers group!

If you are someone who is looking for a way to connect with others from Zion's, and you have some time available to join a group in activities, lessons, and try some new things, you will want to check out New Adventurers!

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, from 6-8 pm.

Looking ahead:

Sept 14 - Blacksmithing
with Kaylum Reppert

Sept 28 - Painting with Ashley Bond
(\$20 fee per person, select 1, 2, 3 or 4 as painting design)

Coming soon!

Oct 5 - Blacksmithing experience for 4 people (first-come, first-served - \$35/person)

Oct 12 - Soup contest and Card Game night

Oct 26 - Cookie Decorating (\$22/person, cookie designs are still being determined)

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board across from the bathrooms for:

- Painting with Ashley
- Blacksmithing experience for 4
- Cookie Decorating

If you have any questions about this group, speak to Fonda Reppert or Tina Blatt.



CAR SHOW

October 4, 2026

- 12:30pm to 5pm
- Activities for all ages
- People's Choice Awards: People will vote on favorite car, truck or tractor (the three categories)
- Winners will have a small parade to show off the vehicles.
- Funds raised go to Helping Harvest.
- Bring lawn chairs & plan for a day of family fun and socializing!



CHILDREN & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 2026



Planet Shakers

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

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00

Begins September 9th with family meal at 5:45

We'll kick off our first night with a meal for the whole family. The kids' program will begin at 6:30 and include rides on the Alpine Slide. Join us for games, music, and learning with friends.

RSVP for the meal at zionschurch.org/register

Fall Festival

October 3rd

3:30 – 6:30 pm

Free family event

Join us at 3:30 for 200' Alpine slide rides, games, pumpkin decorating, and hayrides. You

won't want to miss the laughter-filled ventriloquist show at 5:00 and the food, campfires, & s'mores to follow

sign up: zionschurch.org/register

B.L.A.S.T. Kids

Being Light and Salt Together

**Sundays at 9:40 am
3 years old – 5th Grade**

**September 20th
Bible gifting**

All 3rd graders will receive a Bible of their own from the church



Moms of the Vine

Where moms & kids share life together & grow in Christ

Watch for upcoming events

More Info

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