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Message from our Youth Minister

Celebrating Help, Hope and Healing in Christ at the Journey

It may be hard to believe it, but the Journey Café will be celebrating its 20th anniversary of full operations in about four months. Since February of 2007, the Journey has served as a beacon of God's help, hope and healing in Jesus Christ for the Borough of Hamburg. God has used the Journey's many programs and its faith-filled volunteers in mighty ways primarily to bless middle- and high school students. However, in the past few years, the Journey ministry has greatly expanded to reach out to young adults and older ones too. We've added a Sunday worship service (the Journey Church), a gym (Three Strands), and now an adult recovery group (Celebrate Recovery). Here are some recent highlights:

Café After-School Program (CASP): We have seen some of the biggest turn outs of kids at the Journey in recent memory. Besides seeing a new group of 6th-graders, we are seeing many new older kids too. This may be a result of a new incentive program that rewards kids for bringing their friends. Also, every new kid that come to the CASP gets a short speech on the history of the Journey, how the CASP functions, what Rock Us is all about, and presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For listening to this speech, each new kid also gets one freebee at the snack bar.

Rock Us: We've slightly modified our program at Rock Us this new school year to maximize our time with the students and to increase participation in the small groups. So far, this has been a great success, and we are seeing much higher percentage of students participating in the small group discussion times which are near the final part of the Rock Us program schedule. If you have a middle- or high school student in your family, please consider sending them down to Rock Us Wednesday evenings for some excellent fun, fellowship and discipleship in Jesus Christ

Journey Church (JC): On August 23, five people were baptized at the Journey Church service! This was a huge moment for them and for the JC attendees. I'm also really encouraged to see quite a few current Rock Us teens at the JC and a good number of Rock Us graduates too. These all serve as great evidence that God is working and moving at the JC. Our satellite campus of the Zion's Church family is truly working to help extend God's Kingdom in the town of Hamburg.

Celebrate Recovery (CR): This excellent group has now been meeting for the past two months. The group has covered some really important topics like denial, powerlessness, hope, and sanity. A number of very powerful, Christian testimonies have also been shared at CR. If you or a loved one is struggling with hurts, habits or hang-ups and want the victory that only Jesus alone can deliver, please check out CR on Thursday nights at the Journey at 7:00pm.

Many thanks to you, the members of Zion's Church for supporting all of this over the last nearly two decades! Please pray for us (the workers there) and for all in attendance. If you ever want to experience what God is doing at the Journey, please feel free to stop down and check it out too; you're more than welcomed to come!

Sincerely, Dan Bailey, youth minister

Young Adult Ministry

ALL Zion's Church members are invited to join us October 17th for our annual **HAYRIDE!!** Cookies and hot cocoa for the ride, and a campfire and s'mores at the church when we get back! Be sure to sign up with the QR code or the link below before the wagons fill up!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hayride-hosted-by-zions-church-young-adults-registration-199888778417?aff=affiliate1>



Women's Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Fall Fun Night

Oct. 16, 2026 ~ 6 pm

- Duncan's Corn Maze
- \$20 Includes: Dinner, Wagon Ride to the Baby Barn, Corn Maze, and Fellowship around a Private Campfire
- RSVP at inspiredsisters.org

* Trail Walk

Oct. 17, 2026 ~ 8:30 am

- Bartram Trail, Hamburg

* LC Medical Banquet

Oct. 20, 2026 ~ 5:15 pm

- DoubleTree Hotel, Reading
- Contact Marie Perry to attend.

Zion's Cemetery

The Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 9 AM in Room 201.

Website:

zionsperrytwp.cemetery.network

Men's Ministry



Tuesday Nights

FELLOWSHIP HALL

6:30-8:30 PM

-For Men ages 18+

-Email us at

DrivenMensMinistry@gmail.com

-Optional \$25 cost for book and graduation material

Men's Retreat

CAMP ORCHARD HILL

October 9 - 11

Program Includes:

Cornhole Tournament, Pedal Carts, Wiffleball Fall Classic, Basketball, Volleyball, Archery, Fishing, Boating, Paintball, late night card games, and more!

Consistory Corner

Consistory will be meeting on October 13th, the second Tuesday of the month, instead of the usual 3rd Tuesday next month. The meeting will be at 6:30 pm in Room 108.

We will be returning to a weekly bulletin schedule, instead of the newer monthly handouts, in the near future.

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child

It is that season again... Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!!

A shoebox brings the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children all around the world. Even better, it brings the MEANING of Christmas. The gospel message is presented at each shoebox distribution.

Be sure to make your gift fun! Include a WOW item (e.g. soccer ball or football (deflated with an air pump included), doll, or an instrument). Make sure it is FULL-packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal hygiene items (toothbrush, hair brush, comb) and make it PERSONALIZED- pray over it and add a note and/or photo (which are often the child's favorite items)!!

Be sure to grab a shoebox on the way out today.

COLLECTION DATE: November 8

OOPS! I FORGOT! November 15

****Special Note**** Samaritan's Purse requests that you pay the shipping cost of your box if at all possible. Shipping is \$10/box. You can do this by scanning the QR code on your sticker label OR by putting an envelope with cash or check (made payable to Samaritan's Purse) on TOP of your items in the shoebox. For checks, please write Operation Christmas Child on the memo line.

THANK YOU!



Get Involved!

Help sort the shoeboxes at the **processing center** in Maryland. Every shoebox is dismantled, checked for fullness and appropriate items, and then reassembled. They are then packed into large boxes and loaded into shipping containers for their final destination.

Zion's is taking a group on Saturday, **November 28** to sort from 2-6 pm. If you can help, please sign up!

2026 Theme: Remember Me

Wreaths Across America

Zion's Cemetery of Perry Township is a registered location for W.A.A. for the third year! Please join us on Saturday, December 19, 2026 at Noon in the cemetery to honor our veterans by placing a wreath on the veteran's grave. Our theme for this year is "Remember Me." As we continue to celebrate our country's 250th anniversary, let's also remember how individual veterans contributed and served to help build an independent nation. If you would like to suggest a veteran interred at Zion's Cemetery for us to spotlight this year, please contact W.A.A. volunteer location coordinator Michelle Koletar at (610)-781-4037 or email m68m79@yahoo.com. We ask that you do so before November 8th 2026 so we may plan our ceremony's itinerary to include the individual veteran's story on 12/19/2026.

Nationwide in 2025 W.A.A. volunteers placed more than 3.1 million veteran wreaths at over 5,500 locations! Please consider sponsoring a veteran wreath, volunteering to place wreaths on Saturday, 12/19/2026, or joining us at Zion's Cemetery for our Ceremony at 12:00 noon. We will have light refreshments and restrooms available in the fellowship hall in the lower level of Zion's Church immediately following the wreath placements. We have 278 veterans interred at the cemetery and a wreath sponsorship is only \$17.00. Sponsorships can be done on the W.A.A. website for Zion's Cemetery (location ID# PAZTPT) through the Boy Scout Troop. (Sponsorship group ID# 0868)

Everyone is welcome to join us at 12:00 on Saturday 12/19/2026 in the cemetery. Let's remember and honor our veterans together as America's 250th anniversary comes to an end! We hope to see you all on Saturday 12/19/2026!

www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

Emergency Response Team

October Safety Tips

Fire Prevention & Safety

- Smoke Alarms: Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries.
- Fire Extinguishers: Inspect extinguishers and review the P.A.S.S. method (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep).
- Escape Plans: Design and practice clear home and workplace evacuation routes and hold fire drills.
- Kitchen Safety: Never leave cooking unattended and keep clutter away from stoves or heating equipment.

Seasonal Autumn Hazards

- Slips and Falls: Clear wet, fallen leaves from walkways and entryways.
- Ladder Safety: Maintain three points of contact when cleaning gutters or hanging outdoor decorations.
- Illness Prevention: Prepare for flu season by promoting hygiene and encouraging vaccinations.
- Vehicle Readiness: Check tire pressure, wiper blades, and emergency kits as weather cools.

Bell Choir

Zion's Bells... It's Time to Get Back to Work!!!

We'll Be Busy Malleting...Singing...Swinging...Ringing!!!

REHEARSALS BEGIN ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 6 P.M.

I can't wait to get back to work!!!

Linda Hartman

P.S. We are planning to ring in church on November 1st at the 8:15 a.m. service.

"For the Lord your God is living among you.

He is a mighty savior.

He will take delight in you with gladness.

With his love, he will calm all your fears.

He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

—Zephaniah 3:17

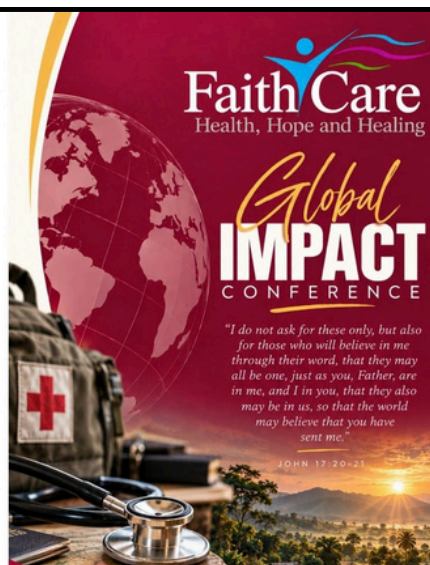
FaithCare Conference & Banquet

2026 Global Impact Conference and Annual FaithCare Banquet

FaithCare Global Impact Conference
October 9, Noon - October 10, 3:30 pm
Location: Reading Hospital
 School of Health Sciences
 1025 Old Wyomissing Road
 Reading, PA 19611

Annual FaithCare Fundraiser Banquet
October 10, 5:30 pm
Location: Trinity Bible Fellowship Church
 220 Main Street, Blandon, PA 19611

FaithCare
 Health, Hope and Healing



Zion's is hosting a table at the banquet! Come on out and support local and international medical missions! For a FREE seat, call the church office or contact Emily Adams.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

October 2026

Weekly Programs

B.L.A.S.T. Kids

Being Light and Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am

Sunday school classes for
nursery through high school

Planet Shakers

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

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Harvest celebration: Oct. 7th

Pajama night: Oct. 28th

Serving Opportunity

Opportunities available to
serve in the nursery on
Wednesday nights and be a
blessing to parents.

Contact Jenn Scott for details

Family Fall Festival

October 3rd

3:30 – 6:30 pm

Join us at 3:30 for Alpine slide
rides, games, pumpkin
decorating, & hayrides. You
won't want to miss the
laughter-filled ventriloquist
show at 5:00 & the food,
campfires, & s'mores to follow

sign up: zionschurch.org/register

Save the Date

Life-Sized Candyland

December 5th

1:00 – 4:00 pm

A sweet celebration of
Christmas

More Information

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