

ZION NEWS

For the Members, Family and Friends of Zion Blue Mountain United Church of Christ



Let's talk about church. Fundamentally, church is not a building or place but a people. (Some of you might at this moment be singing Avery and Marsh's "The Church.") More than that, it is a particular people who respond to God. Notice I did not say a people who believe exactly something specific, but rather a people who *respond* to God.

Walter Bruggeman, Ordained in the UCC, and a professor of Old Testament (emeritus) at Columbia Theological Seminary (Emory University), once wrote:

You might think

If you cringe at the boisterous, cocky new sound of religion in politics,

If you worry about the divisiveness of "red" and "blue," and

If you are vexed that too many people claim to be speaking directly for Christ...

You might think that our Christian faith is all about getting the moral issues right and leveraging others to think and act in the right way, as do we. But if you think that, you are very wrong, because such contemporary loud posturing is not so much about faith as it is about anxiety and maintaining control in the world. Our faith, I propose, is not about pinning down moral certitudes. It is, rather, about *openness to wonder* and *awe in glad praise*.

During June we will celebrate Pentecost, and the Confirmation of two on that day. We will celebrate Trinity Sunday, to remember and honor the uniqueness and power of our understanding of God. We will honor the Transition Team, and consecrate the Search Team. A lot is happening (as always) here at Zion Blue Mountain United Church of Christ.

Amidst it all, I pray that during June we might increase our ability to be open to wonder and awe in glad praise of what God is up to around here.

See ya in church,
Pastor Jon

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Cassidy Skylar Hamm, is graduating from Gentle Rain Preschool, she will be attending kindergarten at Conrad Weiser elementary. She is the daughter of Greg & Mary Hamm.

Stephen Neidert, is graduating from Berks Catholic High School. He will be attending Penn State University. His future plans include the Air Force ROTC and following college joining the Air Force. Stephen is the grandson of Laura Keener.

Reid J. Schrack, graduated from Hamburg High School and Berks Career and Technology Center. Reid is currently working a co-op job at Deka and plans to go full time with them after graduation. Reid is the son of Gail Hamm and the grandson of Dennis & Elaine Hamm.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Ross Baver, graduated from Misericordia University in December 2018, with a Doctor of Physical Therapy. Ross is the son of Dennis and Jill Baver and the grandson of Janice Blatt.

Bingo Kitchen June 14

4 – 7 pm	7- close
Help Needed	Help Needed
Ruth Himmelberger	Help Needed
Lisa Shupp	Help Needed
Karen Miller	Karen Miller
5 - 8 pm	Help Needed



Bakers – Adele Dietrich
 Sandy Readinger
 Sue Ehrets
BAKER NEEDED

Hot Pot – Lisa Shupp
 Doris Wagner

**Outdoor worship service
 in the prayer garden
 June 30 at 9 am**

**Next Free Community Dinner
 Friday July 19**

Christmas in JULY

FOOD DRIVE

Help us get a head start to the holidays! During the month of July help us stock our shelves for the holidays with any of the following donations!

Boxed Stuffing Mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Turkey Gravy (Canned or Gravy Mix
Packets)
Canned Yams

Canned Veggies (green beans, corn, peas)
Cornbread Mix
Pumpkin Pie Filling or Fruit Pie Filling
Boxed Pie Crust Mix

Our church welcomes the newly baptized child of God:
Henry Lechner, Son of Andrea & Phillip Lechner, the grandson of
Brad & Robin Faust and the great grandson of Doris Moyer.



Congratulations to Sam & Anthony Moyer on April 29 they welcomed
Gabriella Rose and Dalton Anthony into the world. They are the
grandchildren of Todd & Pat Moyer and the great grandchildren of Doris
Moyer

Congratulations to John & Jenna Emore on the birth of their daughter,
Adeline Elizabeth on May 2. She is the granddaughter of Cindy & Dave
Emore.



A.Y.C.E POT PIE SUPPER

Saturday

June 8

4 - 7 pm

Adult \$9

Children age 6 to 10 - \$5

Under 6 FREE

Includes Corn, Homemade Coleslaw, Rolls, Drinks & Ice Cream

Take Out Meals \$8.00

Quarts sold by PREORDER only

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PREORDER HOMEMADE CHICKEN POT PIE QUARTS - \$ 7.00
(Orders will not be accepted the night of the dinner)

Name _____ Phone # _____

of Quarts _____

Pick up June 8 only 2 - 7 pm

Place orders in the box in the Narthex or mail to PO Box 98 Strausstown PA 19559

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The journey of the confirmation student is an important one within our congregation. It is the culmination of the promises made by their parents and the congregation at their baptism the promise we made to raise them up in the Lord so they might claim Christ as Savior in their life. Confirmation students are asked to choose Christ and to follow Him as their Lord. In this they affirm the commitment made by their parents and the congregation.

On **June 9th**, Zion Blue Mountain will confirm these two young adults into membership of our church.

Ciara Guinther, is a freshman at Hamburg Area High School. She will be attending Berks Vo-Tech for Health Occupations next year. She is the daughter of Pamela & Kenneth Guinther, and the granddaughter of Scott & Marlene Adams. Ciara works for Jane Adams – milking and enjoys playing softball. Her mentor is Robin Faust.

Sara Ruth, is a freshman at Hamburg Area High School. She will be attending Berks Vo-Tech for Health Occupations next year. She is the daughter of Sherry & David Ruth and the sister of Travis and Caitlyn Ruth. Sara works at Kauffman's BBQ Chicken and enjoys going to the gym and watching Netflix. Her mentor is Cindy Emore.

June 19

Mission Statement

"Sharing our love and understanding of Christ through our discipleship, missions and outreach to our community."

6/2 Amber Dietrich
Tori Dietrich
Faye Bigman
6/5 Paige Dodge
Tony Musselman
6/8 Beth Machmer
Kristen Breininger
6/9 Joyce Kline
6/13 Scott Sechler Jr.
6/17 Amber Martinez
6/19 Keith Hamm
6/20 Tammy Davis
6/21 Peg Wagner
6/23 Paul Eaton Jr.
6/25 Kristy Schutt
6/26 Michael Bashore
6/27 Ryan Gebely
6/30 Pinky Himmelberger



Glenn & Cindy Snyder married 42 years on 06/04
Dean & Audrey Kirkhoff married 32 years on 06/06
William & Laura Leshner married 30 years on 06/10
Richard & Amy Yeager married 19 years on 06/17
Dorsen & Cindy Berger married 43 years on 06/19
Kermit & Margaret Wagner married 61 years on 06/21
George & Mary Brown married 51 years on 06/22
Tony & Judy Stafford married 35 years on 06/24
Chad & Alice Kamp married 22 years on 06/28



Tribute gifts for roof repairs:

In memory of Hugh Herb by his wife, Bonnie

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Leshar by, son-in-law and daughter Rose Marie Freed

In memory of Carrie M. Ketner by grandson, David A. Breidigan

In memory of Jean Huntsberger by husband, Abner

In memory of Patricia Stambaugh by her family

In honor of Pat & Vera Breidigan by son, David A. Breidigan



Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After 22 years of child-raising, they are unemployed.

—Erma Bombeck

From the Treasurer- April 2019 Financials

	<i>Actual YTD</i>	<i>Budget YTD</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<i>Receipts</i>	<i>\$103,050</i>	<i>\$109,875</i>	<i>(\$6825)</i>
<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>\$112,964</i>	<i>\$124,300</i>	<i>\$11,336</i>
	<i>(\$9914)</i>	<i>(\$14,425)</i>	<i>\$4511</i>

Thank you to everyone for being active and faithful members of our church community. By giving to your church, you're showing that the church has a meaningful place in your heart. We earnestly appreciate your ongoing support, especially through your donations to the roof project. To date we have collected approximately \$12,000 of the projected \$46,000 needed to complete the roof project. That is awesome, thank you very much for your contributions

To all volunteers, thank you for the ways you serve Christ and his church. This month we especially want to thank the food pantry volunteers that show up monthly to unload, organize and package groceries for the clients of the food pantry. This may look like a lot of people, they don't all show up every month, that is why we can always use more volunteers. Even if it is just twice a year, please step up and help us out! Thank you to everyone who volunteers without you the mission and accomplishments of this church would not be what it is today. Next month we will feature our Bingo volunteers.

Robin Faust
Brad Faust
Karen Miller
Barry Miller
Cindy Berger
Butch Berger
Faye Bigman
Janice Blatt
Steve Shollenberger
Bev Schrack
Jon Schaeffer
Melinda Schaeffer
Bruce Wagner
Doris Wagner



Pat Moyer
Sandy Readinger
Barbara Spohn
Donna Greim
Allen Bashore
Marjorie Bashore
Sue Deisemann
Eileen Deisemann
Alexis Deisemann
Sara Ruth
Ciara Guinther
George Carles
Debbie Carles
Bashore Family





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