



# Good News From Zion

Connecting People with God's Grace...

July 2020

## A Message from Pastor May

### Holy Communion Beginning July 5th

Your Congregation Council has been very diligent in caring for questions of our safety during worship. That is why we began to offer online worship opportunities as the sole means of worship at Zion. After careful conversation and consideration, we believe that we can safely receive Holy Communion. Beginning July 5th, you will have the opportunity - should you choose to participate - to come and receive Holy Communion. We will continue to value everyone's safety, and the following items may change as we discover new methods to maintain health and safety. For now, here is our plan:

- We will begin offering a very brief worship of Holy Communion on July 5th.
- You may choose to come to one of two times:
  - 9:00 am - in the church sanctuary
  - 9:30 am - in the CEB
- This service will last 15 minutes and will feature a brief service with Holy Communion as the primary order of service (Confession, prayer, Words of Institution, music, Lord's Prayer). We connect the elements of bread and wine to God's Word in this worship.
- It is understood that for some this will not be their choice, perhaps out of concern for their own health or that of others. Certainly, some are at higher risk than others. Each individual must make their own choice. There is no correct decision as you consider this opportunity. Come when it is right for you. Do not come if you are not well.
- We will continue to offer a pre-recorded worship experience each Sunday.
- We will observe every CDC guideline regarding personal space and distancing, face masks, maximum attendance, etc.
- You are asked to sign-up for a time to come each week, since we must limit the number of worshippers to 50 people by a sign-up/reservation.
- Offer Holy Communion with our best effort to avoid any spread of infection:
  - Individual paper (ketchup-style) cups to hold wafers - worshippers pick them up off a tabletop
  - Individual plastic wine cups - worshippers pick them up off a tabletop
  - Recycling containers next to each table
  - Every preparation is done with full sanitation of hands, including the use of masks and gloves in preparation
- What will not be included? No singing, no sermon, no physical interaction such as shaking hands.
- Masks are to be used as required by CDC guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer is available.
- Sharing a sign of peace is permitted with gestures that maintain personal space and distancing (wave, peace sign, etc.).
- Pastor does not greet before or after worship.
- No greeters.
- Offering plates are placed for the convenience of those who wish to give.
- We will use disposable sheets of paper with the order for worship printed.
- During clean up, great care will be taken in handling trash and unused elements.

I will continue to offer our daily and Sunday worship experiences via Facebook and YouTube. We believe this is a good first step. The Council is committed to moving carefully - which may be a bit slower than some would prefer - so that all may remain healthy. All of this is subject to change as deemed appropriate. Please see the sign-up email from the church office, and join us on July 5th!

## Congregation Council Highlights



The Council met via Zoom conference call on June 18. Below are the highlights of that meeting.

- A conversation was held with Bishop Tracie Bartholomew regarding the Pastoral Call Process. Please see the article below from Council President Leah Wintemute.
- The plan for returning to in-person worship was discussed. The decision was made to offer a 15-minute in-person Communion Service on Sunday mornings for those wishing to participate. Full worship services will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube. Please see Pastor May's message on page 1 for more details.
- The Social Ministry committee reported that food pantry deliveries are continuing, as well as conversations with Family Promise about how Zion can help during this time when guests cannot be hosted at the church. Also, there will be no blood drive this month.
- The Parish Life committee is recognizing frontline heroes on the Zion Friends and Family Facebook page. To have your hero recognized, send an email to shellie.eversafe@gmail.com, rrmelick@gmail.com, or dkaufman1977@yahoo.com. Please include the name, photo, and a brief description of your hero's role during the pandemic.
- The Shepherding committee continues reaching out to elderly members and sending cards to those on the prayer list. Cards have also been sent to active military members.
- The Property committee reported that the new carpet for the church is going to be installed this week.
- The Christian Education committee is looking at ways to resume Sunday School in the fall.
- The Council voted to contribute \$2,500 in Endowment Mission Outreach funds to Crossroads Camp to support this summer's virtual camp experiences.
- The job listing for the Director of Youth & Family Ministries has been posted in several places. Resumes will be received during the month of July and beginning of August.
- Thank you to Karla May for inviting Zion's high school and college graduates to offer the readings for online worship.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council is scheduled for Thursday, July 16. Meetings are open for all to attend.

## Pastoral Call Process — The Path Forward

On Thursday, June 18th, the Congregation Council participated in a Zoom meeting with our New Jersey Synod Bishop Tracie Bartholomew to discuss where we are in the Pastoral Call Process and how we need to proceed to call our next pastor. The Council determined and the Bishop agreed that we are at Step 3 - Mission Exploration Process. This means that the Council, with the help of the members of the congregation, must determine where Zion currently directs its time, talent, and resources to engage in the ministry and mission of the church and determine and define what we hope will be our future priorities and direction. The information that we gather about ourselves during this process will then be formulated into the Ministry Site Profile which will be critical in identifying the attributes and gifts our next pastor must possess to help us achieve our mission and ministry goals.

Once our Ministry Site Profile is submitted to the Bishop, we will appoint a Pastoral Call Committee whose members will reflect the needs and goals highlighted in our Profile. The Council is getting set to develop ways that all members of the congregation can become part of this challenging and exciting time of exploration. You will be hearing from the Council in the near future and the Council is hoping that you will take the time to let them hear from you. So, begin thinking about what makes Zion such a special place for you and how you would like to see our church proceed into the future. We have over 300 years of ministry in our past and we can now make decisions that will affect our path forward.

Leah K. Wintemute, Council President

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY - YTD 2020

GENERAL FUND	INCOME	EXPENSE	DIFFERENCE
January	\$34,281.28	\$29,374.56	\$4,906.72
February	\$35,792.05	\$31,658.08	\$4,133.97
March	\$25,760.26	\$30,965.46	-\$5,205.20
April	\$32,263.96	\$27,259.26	\$5,004.70
May	\$27,194.61	\$30,039.33	-\$2,844.72
June			\$0.00
<b>Year To Date Total</b>	<b>\$155,292.16</b>	<b>\$149,296.69</b>	<b>\$5,995.47</b>



TD BANK FUNDS	BALANCE	
Checking Account PPP \$37,065.00	\$100,554.01	6/3/2020 Bank Statement
Money Market Plus	\$152,639.73	5/31/2020 Bank Statement
<b>Cash On Hand</b>	<b>\$253,193.74</b>	
Directed Funds	\$151,953.11	5/31/2020
Operating Funds	\$101,240.63	5/31/2020
<b>Cash On Hand</b>	<b>\$253,193.74</b>	

ENDOWMENT FUNDS	BALANCE	
CFNJ	\$427,636.04	(2/29/20)
THRIVENT	\$287,662.64	(3/31/20)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$715,298.68</b>	

ENDOWMENT MISSION OUTREACH	
2020 Available Funds	\$22,776
<b>Available Funds for 2020</b>	<b>\$22,776.00</b>
Faith Kitchen	-\$1,000.00 Approved 5/21
<b>2020 Endowment Funds Remaining</b>	<b>\$21,776.00</b>

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

*Wednesday, July 1*  
Psalm 119:161-168  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Matthew 11:20-24

*Thursday, July 2*  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Zechariah 1:1-6  
Romans 7:1-6

*Friday, July 3*  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Zechariah 2:6-13  
Romans 7:7-20

*Saturday, July 4*  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Zechariah 4:1-7  
Luke 10:21-24

*Sunday, July 5*  
Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Monday, July 6*  
Psalm 131  
Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22  
Romans 1:18-25

*Tuesday, July 7*  
Psalm 131  
Jeremiah 28:10-17  
Romans 3:1-8

*Wednesday, July 8*  
Psalm 131  
Jeremiah 13:1-11  
John 13:1-17

*Thursday, July 9*  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Isaiah 48:1-5  
Romans 2:12-16

*Friday, July 10*  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Isaiah 48:6-11  
Romans 15:14-21

*Saturday, July 11*  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Isaiah 52:1-6  
John 12:44-50

*Sunday, July 12*  
Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Monday, July 13*  
Psalm 92  
Leviticus 26:3-20  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

*Tuesday, July 14*  
Psalm 92  
Deuteronomy 28:1-14  
Ephesians 4:17—5:2

*Wednesday, July 15*  
Psalm 92  
Proverbs 11:23-30  
Matthew 13:10-17

*Thursday, July 16*  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Isaiah 41:21-29  
Hebrews 2:1-9

*Friday, July 17*  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Isaiah 44:9-17  
Hebrews 6:13-20

*Saturday, July 18*  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Isaiah 44:18-20  
Matthew 7:15-20

*Sunday, July 19*  
Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Monday, July 20*  
Psalm 75  
Nahum 1:1-13  
Revelation 14:12-20

*Tuesday, July 21*  
Psalm 75  
Zephaniah 3:1-13  
Galatians 4:21—5:1

*Wednesday, July 22*  
Psalm 75  
Daniel 12:1-13  
Matthew 12:15-21

*Thursday, July 23*  
Psalm 119:129-136  
1 Kings 1:28-37  
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

*Friday, July 24*  
Psalm 119:129-136  
1 Kings 1:38-48  
Acts 7:44-53

*Saturday, July 25*  
Psalm 119:129-136  
1 Kings 2:1-4  
Matthew 12:38-42

*Sunday, July 26*  
1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Monday, July 27*  
Psalm 119:121-128  
1 Kings 3:16-28  
James 3:13-18

*Tuesday, July 28*  
Psalm 119:121-128  
1 Kings 4:29-34  
Ephesians 6:10-18

*Wednesday, July 29*  
Psalm 119:121-128  
Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33  
Mark 4:30-34

*Thursday, July 30*  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Proverbs 10:1-5  
Philippians 4:10-15

*Friday, July 31*  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Isaiah 51:17-23  
Romans 9:6-13



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/03	Geoff Close	7/22	Nancy Neuweiler
7/05	Larry Martin	7/22	Richard Schumann
7/06	Haley Conner	7/24	Billy Wallace
7/07	Hudson Keller	7/25	Daniel Appel
7/08	Rich Pepe	7/25	Andrew Melick
7/09	Erik Livingston	7/25	Stefanie Strand
7/10	Kayden O'Connor	7/26	Cody Keister
7/10	Jaxon Piegari	7/28	Elaine Jermansen
7/11	Elizabeth Spann	7/29	Mike Baker
7/11	Margaret Spann	7/29	Chloe Brokaw
7/13	Kelli Harris	7/30	Ellen Dahlquist
7/15	Brooke Bredeson		

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/03/1971	Fred & Linda Herder
7/03/2005	Nova Ahrens & Lou DiCriscio
7/07/1990	Chris & Sarah Treanor
7/08/1967	David & Elizabeth Blackwood
7/11/1970	Bill & Eleanor Kover
7/12/2003	Josh Bryan & Rebecca Melick
7/14/1995	Don & Jen Dalgauer
7/23/1983	Steve & Barb Surhoff
7/29/1978	John & Wendy Minerowicz
7/31/2015	Mick & Alexandra Kunish

### ***This past month, we have been praying for the following members:***

- + Eric Evers, who is recovering from kidney stone surgery.
- + Linda Herder, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- + Betty Lanka, who was hospitalized with a blood infection.
- + Bonnie Summer, who is recovering from kidney stone surgery.
- + Ted Talis, who is undergoing rehabilitation at home.
- + Anita Zarate, who is recovering from back surgery.
- + Paul Zervas, who received a stem cell transplant to combat his multiple myeloma.



### ***Members have requested prayers for the following family and friends:***

- + Carl Evans, friend of Arlene Martin, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer which has spread to a tumor on his pelvis.
- + Bill Gibbs, relative of the Formalarie family, who has ALS.
- + Nathaniel Gilmartin, grandson of Steve & Margaret Griggs, who is thriving at home but still has health issues that will be of concern for a long time. Continued prayers are requested for eventual successful resolution of these ongoing challenges.
- + Rita Gorky, mother of Paul Gorky, who is recovering at home from a stroke and remains unable to communicate.
- + Jeff, friend of Bill & Eleanor Kover, who is in critical condition following a car accident.
- + Jeff, brother-in-law of Robbin Lamo, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.
- + Nancy Kastrup, friend of John & Kathy Rustwick, who is recovering from additional brain tumor surgery.
- + Sally Kohl, mother of Stacey Rothermel, who is struggling with Parkinson's Disease.
- + Martin Simon, friend of the Kunkel and Wintemute families, who had a stroke and is recovering at home with ongoing issues.
- + Mary Ann Wilmoth, relative of Judy Formalarie, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma.

### ***Members, friends, and relatives serving in the military:***

Lindsay Carrick, Christopher Grinnell, Robert Heinke, Heidi Kunkel, Erik Lindquist, Hunter MacKenzie, David Marvel, Cody McAleer, Gilbert Mercedes, Patty Oelschlager, Kurt Rossi, Elizabeth Snyder, Daniel Wort, Joshua Wort



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