



Good News From Zion

Connecting People with God's Grace...

June 2020

A Message from Pastor May

When Will the Church Be Open?

Well, let's start here: the Church never closed. Zion never closed. Oh, we stopped gathering at that church building on the corner for a while. But Zion continued to be the Church and ministries continued. Changes have occurred that we did not dream possible, but the Church is still open for business.

We continue to gather in new and different ways. Zoom meetings are becoming rather commonplace now. Worship and Music, Bell and Parish Choirs, Confirmation class, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Finance, and Christian Education have all met. We are gathering for daily live broadcasts that help us to focus on the positive. Even Sunday morning worship is alive and well, though it too looks and feels different.

We are still doing the work of ministry. Financial gifts have been given to our ministry partners, such as Family Promise (where people continue to receive help and healing) and Faith Kitchen (where folks continue to receive a nutritious meal). Cards are going out to military families. Prayers are being offered every day for one another. Gifts to support ministry are arriving by mail and electronically every day.

The question still remains: when will we gather together in-person for worship? **I don't know.** There are still too many concerns. For now, we will continue to gather as we have been; we will continue to be the Church in these most interesting days. I know that you understand the concerns that make the question of returning to our physical gatherings difficult just now:

- Holy Communion is at the center of our worship. We miss what we have taken for granted. But we cannot safely share these sacred elements just yet. I remind you that we still have a Holy Communion, a blessed fellowship of friends we call Zion. Allow it to sustain you in these times.
- Meeting and greeting one another is a part of what we do. Once again, how do we share a greeting and not place another person in danger? For now, it will have to be enough to greet one another at a distance. I miss the casual conversation that takes place before and after (and sometimes during!) worship. I especially miss greeting our children. In the meantime, greet one another safely via phone, computer, snail mail, etc.
- Singing and participating in corporate readings (Lord's Prayer and Creeds) are thought to possibly be a risky activity. That is at the core of what we do when we gather. Hopefully soon the time will come when we know we can safely do these wonderful things of worship. I miss our choirs singing! So sing boldly in your shower, pray the prayers with us in Sunday worship online.
- Others areas of concern include gathering offering, sanitizing space, masks, distancing, etc.

Your Congregation Council met this past Thursday via Zoom. We have agreed that it is not yet time for us to return to in-person worship. We will honor the guidelines that keep us safe and whole. Please feel free to express yourself and any concerns to me or your Congregation Council members.

I do not know when. In the meantime, join together for devotion and worship daily. Together let us continue to be the Church for the sake of the world.

Peace be with you.

Pr. May

Congregation Council Highlights



The Council met via Zoom conference call on May 21. Below are the highlights of that meeting.

- Pastor May reported that there has been a high number of views on Facebook and YouTube for Sunday worship and the daily broadcasts.
- The Property Committee reported that the church lock box has been installed and the faux painting of the windows is complete.
- The Council voted to accept the proposal from Corporate Flooring Solutions, Inc. for the new carpet at the church.
- The Shepherding Committee has been providing masks and hand sanitizer to those in need. Please contact Eric Evers if you know of anyone who could use these items.
- The Social Ministry committee has received many donations for the food pantry, both monetary and non-perishable drop-offs. Thank you to all who continue to support the food pantry.
- Council President Leah Wintemute has spoken to NJ Synod Bishop Tracie Bartholomew regarding next steps in our search for Zion's next installed pastor. The Council has scheduled a Zoom call with Bishop Bartholomew for June 18 to talk about expectations and how to proceed.
- Pastor May made a motion to send \$1,000 to Faith Kitchen for their general needs. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Interview Team for the Youth and Family Ministries position has updated the job description and is ready to interview candidates when the time is right.
- Zion has obtained a loan from the federal Payroll Protection Program which will be used to pay the salaries of Zion's staff for the next two months.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 18. Meetings are open for all to attend.

From the Stewardship Committee

During these difficult times of social isolation, we know that our members continue to be generous with their time, talent and treasures. That generosity comes from knowing we live an abundant life in Christ. Some recent acts of generosity that the Stewardship Committee knows about are:



Two members went to check on Henrietta Siodlowski through the window of her nursing home room. She told them she was OK, but lonely. Thank you to all who sat down and sent cards to Henrietta and others, and please continue to remember those who may be particularly isolated.

Members have used their stimulus checks to make gifts to ministries Zion supports—the food pantries, Family Promise, Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center.

A member looking for a way to help during her time at home joined the Food 2 U program at the Flemington Area Food Pantry. She has two individuals who cannot access the Pantry themselves, so every two weeks she shops for them at the pantry and delivers the food. "I was so excited when I found the canned whole beets she wanted."

And you continue to support Zion's ministries with your gifts. Additional members have signed up for electronic giving and two members were able to complete their 2020 pledge during this time. Zion continues to support the work of the wider church, sending our mission support and our support for Faith Kitchen each month.

Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship Committee

Please share your stories of generosity or stories of when someone generously helped you during these last three months. You can post them in the Friends of Zion Facebook group or send them to parishadministrator@zionoldwick.com.

Congratulations to Zion's 2020 graduates!

Grade School

Maddie Beauregard	Terrill Middle School to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School
Kailey Bredeson	Alexandria Township Middle School to Delaware Valley Regional High School
Jodi Lanka	Woodglen Middle School to Voorhees High School
Mara Livingston	Alexandria Township Middle School to Delaware Valley Regional High School
JT Wieder	Readington Middle School to Hunterdon Central Regional High School

High School

Jonathan Apgar	Hunterdon Central Regional High School to Welding/Diesel Mechanic School
Daniel Appel	Hunterdon Central Regional High School to Raritan Valley Community College
Colin Brogan	Voorhees High School to Operators Union Apprenticeship with V.A. Spatz & Sons
Megan Dalgauer	Hunterdon Central Regional High School to Iona College
Rylie Dalgauer	Hunterdon Central Regional High School to Johnson & Wales University
Dane Livingston	Delaware Valley Regional High School to Montana State University
Erik Maiwaldt	North Hunterdon High School to Loyola University—New Orleans
Andrew Melick	Voorhees High School to Johnson & Wales University
Logan Rogers	North Hunterdon High School to University of Delaware
Will Zerfas	North Hunterdon High School to Raritan Valley Community College—Honors College

College / University

Kailey Brogan	High Point University BS in Business Administration with minor in Psychology
Sarah Dehkes	St. Olaf College BA in Psychology and Education
Lily Mikitiuk	Michigan State University BS in Accounting
Dylan Smith	Rutgers University BS in Finance and Accounting
Lauren Wougk	Rutgers University BS in Mechanical Engineering

Graduate School

Zack Heeman	Rutgers University School of Education Ed.M. in School Counseling
Blair Saunders	Monmouth University MS in Nursing



Update from the Parish Life Committee

Hello from the *Parish Life Committee*!

Hopefully June will have great things -- and much sunnier days in store for all of us. Although we had to put a halt to the in-person plans we had for April and May we worked virtually with the **Social Ministry committee** to get the **Zion Friends and Family Facebook page** and **2020 Military Recognition** started.

The very capable and talented Kailey Bredeson has announced that for her Confirmation project she will spearhead an exciting talent show called **"Zion's Got Talent"**! Kailey will be the lead on the entire project with the adults providing supporting roles at her request. Parish Life will sponsor a dinner beforehand and new member Danny Metz will serve as her behind-the-scenes Technical Director. Danny has already gotten all the necessary lights and sound items donated to help ensure this will be a top-notch production! Please get your act ready and look for more information, including the date to be announced soon!

Coming up for June, Parish Life and Social Ministry will sponsor a **"Front Line Hero"** recognition for folks connected to Zion who have helped to keep things moving during COVID-19. If you would like to nominate someone, please send their name, photo, what they do, and a little bit about why you are nominating them to shellie.eversafe@gmail.com, rmelick@gmail.com, or dkaufman1977@yahoo.com.

As always, if you have any ideas for *Parish Life* activities or want to assist with a current project, please reach out to Shellie or Eric Evers at 804-678-8993 or 908-514-0595. Stay well!



You in the Spotlight.

Zion's Got TALENT

Coming to the CEB this summer.

Get your act ready. Acts ages 4 and over welcome. Stay tuned for details.

Endowment Fund News

Along with our ongoing virtual worship, the Endowment Committee will be having our second Endowment Sunday for 2020 on Father's Day, June 21st! The last Endowment Sunday for 2020 will be All Saints Sunday, November 1st

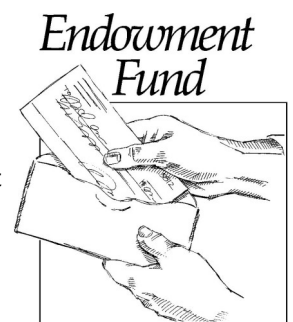
The Endowment Committee would like to thank all who donated on Mother's Day and throughout the year.

Would you please consider mailing a check to the Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund as a tribute to all fathers, or to commemorate and celebrate a significant milestone in your family's church life such as a baptism, confirmation or wedding?

Always keep in mind that the Endowment Fund only grows with contributions from members and friends of Zion. Those who share the vision of not only a living memorial for loved ones, but also recognize that upon maturity, the fund will provide significant monetary grants for many new mission-oriented programs, forever.

There is \$22,776 from the Endowment Fund earnings available for new ministry opportunities in 2020. This is determined by taking 3% of a 3-year average of the fund. The Congregation Council is open to suggestions on ways to use the funds to support our ministries.

Please contact any member of the Endowment Committee (Geof Close, Ted Jermansen and Rick Schroeder) if you have any questions.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - YTD 2020

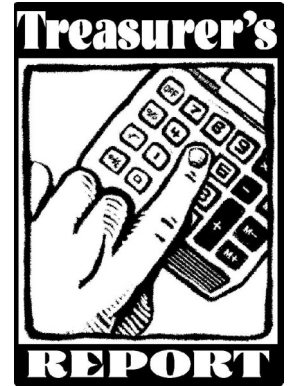
GENERAL FUND	INCOME	EXPENSE	DIFFERENCE
January	\$34,281.28	\$29,374.56	\$4,906.72
February	\$35,792.05	\$31,658.08	\$4,133.97
March	\$25,760.26	\$30,965.46	-\$5,205.20
April	\$32,263.96	\$27,259.26	\$5,004.70
Year To Date Total	\$128,097.55	\$119,257.36	\$8,840.19

TD BANK FUNDS	BALANCE		
Checking Account	\$67,060.08	5/3/2020	Bank Statement
Money Market Plus	\$152,559.99	4/30/2020	Bank Statement
Cash On Hand	\$219,620.07		
Directed Funds	\$162,196.06	4/30/2020	
Operating Funds	\$57,424.01	4/30/2020	
Cash On Hand	\$219,620.07		

ENDOWMENT FUNDS	BALANCE	
CFNJ	\$469,502.82	(2/29/20)
THRIVENT	\$287,662.64	(3/31/20)
TOTAL	\$757,165.46	

ENDOWMENT MISSION OUTREACH

2020 Available Funds	\$22,776
Available Funds for 2020	\$22,776.00
2020 Endowment Funds Remaining	\$22,776.00



Social Ministry News

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off donations for the Food Pantry. Social Ministry has made several trips to the Flemington Food Pantry to deliver those donations. We are continuing to collect non-perishable foods, paper products, cleaning supplies, and health care items for those in need. Please drop off donations at the CEB.

Opportunities to volunteer at Faith Kitchen have been very different during the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no cooking or meal prep happening on-site. Meals must be delivered pre-assembled in brown bags. Thank you to Dalgauer family for taking care of Zion's monthly commitment in April and May by preparing these meals at home and delivering them to Dover.



DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Monday, June 1
Psalm 52
Joshua 8:30-35
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, June 2
Psalm 52
Joshua 24:1-2, 11-28
Romans 3:9-22a

Wednesday, June 3
Psalm 52
Job 28:12-28
Matthew 7:13-20

Thursday, June 4
Psalm 50:7-15
Lamentations 1:7-11
2 Peter 2:17-22

Friday, June 5
Psalm 50:7-15
Lamentations 3:40-58
Acts 28:1-10

Saturday, June 6
Psalm 50:7-15
Exodus 34:1-9
Matthew 9:27-34

The Holy Trinity
Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Monday, June 8
Psalm 40:1-8
Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9
2 Corinthians 6:14—7:2

Tuesday, June 9
Psalm 40:1-8
Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2
Hebrews 13:1-16

Wednesday, June 10
Psalm 40:1-8
Hosea 14:1-9
Matthew 12:1-8

Thursday, June 11
Psalm 100
Exodus 4:18-23
Hebrews 3:1-6

Friday, June 12
Psalm 100
Exodus 4:27-31
Acts 7:35-43

Saturday, June 13
Psalm 100
Exodus 6:28—7:13
Mark 7:1-13

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Monday, June 15
Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Joshua 1:1-11
1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Tuesday, June 16
Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
1 Samuel 3:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5

Wednesday, June 17
Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Proverbs 4:10-27
Luke 6:12-19

Thursday, June 18
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Jeremiah 18:12-17
Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday, June 19
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Jeremiah 18:18-23
Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, June 20
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Jeremiah 20:1-6
Luke 11:53—12:3

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Monday, June 22
Psalm 6
Micah 7:1-7
Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday, June 23
Psalm 6
Jeremiah 26:1-12
Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, June 24
Psalm 6
Jeremiah 38:1-13
Matthew 10:5-23

Thursday, June 25
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Jeremiah 25:1-7
Galatians 5:2-6

Friday, June 26
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Jeremiah 25:8-14
Galatians 5:7-12

Saturday, June 27
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Jeremiah 28:1-4
Luke 17:1-4

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Monday, June 29
Psalm 119:161-168
1 Kings 21:1-16
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, June 30
Psalm 119:161-168
1 Kings 21:17-29
1 John 4:1-6



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/03 Rick Schroeder
6/04 Patricia Craig
6/04 Eleanor Horvath
6/04 Millie Mellblom
6/05 Deborah Levine
6/05 Jeff Livingston
6/05 Craig Rogers
6/06 Grace Kunish
6/07 Carson Ennis
6/07 Peter Melick
6/08 Doris Havran
6/11 Stacy Melick
6/13 Al Forster
6/15 Marianne Brosnan
6/18 Barb Surhoff
6/19 Judy Formalarie

6/20 Nathan Brokaw
6/20 Joe Lovas
6/20 Mara Rainer
6/22 John Minerowicz
6/25 Walt Sandulli
6/27 David Blackwood
6/28 Bob Melick
6/29 Janet Hornich
6/29 Art Snyder IV



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/04/1988 Tony & Lori Koester
6/05/1982 Tom & Sonja Fesenmaier
6/06/1987 Steve & Melanie Hodges
6/06/1992 Gerry Dehkes & Cathy Winter
6/08/1985 Tom & Ginny Gravel
6/08/1996 Mark & Phyllis Diener
6/11/1999 Peter & Denise Melick
6/12/1982 Rick & Carolyn Schroeder
6/12/1993 Mike & Karen Jennison
6/12/2004 John & Stacy Melick
6/15/1963 Harold & Martha Wrede
6/16/1973 Mark & Bonnie Summer
6/16/2017 Jaime & Jodi Ennis
6/17/1953 Bob & Audrey Melick
6/25/1983 Frank & Bonnie Stanski
6/20/1981 Bill & Christine Clark
6/25/2011 Walt & Susie Sandulli
6/29/1991 John & Audrey Ruland

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

- + Linda Herder, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- + Bonnie Summer, who is continuing to improve at home.
- + Ted Talis, who is undergoing rehabilitation at home.
- + Paul Zerfas, who has been diagnosed with 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, 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 suffered a stroke on Easter Sunday.
- + 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, Hunter MacKenzie, David Marvel, Cody McAleer, Gilbert Mercedes, Patty Oelschlager, Kurt Rossi, Elizabeth Snyder, Daniel Wort, Joshua Wort



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