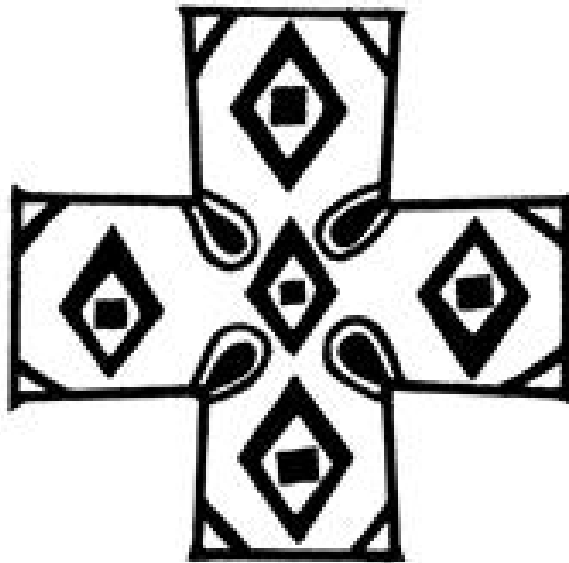


*STONE VALLEY PARISH*  
*Hickory Corners and Pillow, Pennsylvania*



Alleluia

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia

1 Corinthians 5: 7-8

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**The Day of Resurrection**

**Sunday, April 17, 2022**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**The Gathering**

**Happy Easter! Christ is Risen Alleluia!**

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**A Time to center and prepare yourself**

God keep me from seeing what I want to see. Even if it is hard for me, open my eyes to see what I need to understand. Do not let my own fear or privilege hide reality from me. Let me be willing to change, to grow, to understand. Let me take the time it requires to put aside old attitudes to develop new appreciations. I am ready to let go of what shelters me. I am able to walk with you to welcome the stranger. Bring me out of the cave of my comfort and show me the wideness of your world, the variety of your people, the neighbors I never know. AMEN

***SERVICE OF THE NEW FIRE***

*(Congregation turn to face back of sanctuary)*

***Prayer***

**One:** Creator of all that is, You know about beginning. You began everything: the world, life, love and relationship. As we light this fire let this be a symbol of new beginnings for us your sons and daughters as your gift of new life which we celebrate in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. **Many: Amen.**

## *Lighting of the New Fire*

*(Pastor and Acolyte Process to Altar Area)*

### *The Paschal Candle*

**One:** Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs all time and all ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.

**Many: Amen**

### *The Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

**One:** The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**One:** The light of Christ.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**One:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Many: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**One:** In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

**One:** We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.  
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.  
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.  
Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.  
To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### *\*Call to Confession*

**One:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

### **\*Silently we confess our own personal sin, using the Pronoun "I"**

*I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Therefore, I pray to you, Have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge or in ignorance.*

### *\*Prayer of Confession We pray as the Body of Christ*

**Many:** God of life,  
by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### *\* Kyrie Eleison Response*

**One:** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Many:** **Lord have mercy upon us.**

**One:** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
**Many:** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**One:** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Many:** **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*\*Assurance of Pardon*

**One:** People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. **Amen.**

*\*Praise Song*

“Glory Be to the Father”

#813

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

**TEXT:** Gloria Patri; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century

**MUSIC:** Henry W. Greatorex

**TUNE:** GREATOREX

**METER:** Irregular meter

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*\*Greeting*

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

*\*Prayer of the Day*

**Let us pray together:**

**Many:** **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Opening Hymn*

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”.

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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

**TEXT:** Charles Wesley

**MUSIC:** Lyra Davidica 1708

**TUNE:** EASTER HYMN

**METER: 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias**

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**THE WORD**

See the 'Celebrate' Insert for all the readings.

***First Reading***

**Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

**Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm***

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the <sup>1</sup> Lord is good;  
God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel <sup>1</sup> now declare,  
"God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength <sup>1</sup> and my song,

and has become <sup>l</sup> my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents <sup>l</sup> of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the <sup>l</sup> Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord <sup>l</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the <sup>l</sup> Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not <sup>l</sup> die, but live,  
and declare the works <sup>l</sup> of the Lord. R**

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed pun- <sup>l</sup> ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- <sup>l</sup> ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the <sup>l</sup> gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks <sup>l</sup> to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate <sup>l</sup> of the Lord;  
here the righ- <sup>l</sup> teous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have <sup>l</sup> answered me  
and you have become <sup>l</sup> my salvation. R**

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- <sup>l</sup> ers rejected  
has become the chief <sup>l</sup> cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the Lord has <sup>l</sup> this been done;  
it is marvelous <sup>l</sup> in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the <sup>l</sup> Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be <sup>l</sup> glad in it. R

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

## *Second Reading*

## **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God’s victorious rule over all.*

### **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his

coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Gospel Reading*

**Luke 24:1-12**

**One:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Many: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

**Luke 24:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**One:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**Many: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*\*Gospel Response*

'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'

**Halle, halle, hal- le- lu- jah!**

**Halle, halle, hal- le- lu- jah!**

**Halle, halle, hal- le- lu- jah!**

**Halleluhjah! Hal- le- lu- jah!**

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**The Sermon      Rev. Curtis H. E. Zemencik, Pastor**



*\*Hymn of the Day*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#45

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

**TEXT: Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring**

**MUSIC: George J. Elvery, Chorale Ending William David Young**

**TUNE: DIADEMATA**

**METER: S.M.D.**

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*OUR RESPONSE*

*Affirmation of Faith*

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*One:* With the whole church, let us confess our faith    Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Prayer Concerns* (See Announcements)

*Prayers of the People and Intercessions*

God of ceaseless new beginnings, we rejoice that through your powerful love Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. In the resurrection you have shown that neither trouble nor persecution, hardship nor poverty, danger nor death can separate us from your love. Free us to trust in you that we may live in the confidence of your children.

In the resurrection you were victorious over sin violence, and oppression. Free us to risk ourselves in the struggle for justice and peace that we may be your partners in restoring all creation to your will.

In the resurrection you have opened the gates of eternal life. Free us from the fear of death that we may serve you with courage.

In the resurrection you bring new possibilities out of hopeless situation. Free us from all despair that we may bring your hope to those who have lost heart.

Through the presence of Jesus Christ among us, draw us into a community of freedom, hope, and love. Work your new creation among us that we may serve you without fear.

God Most Holy, God Most Loving, God Most knowing, we praise your name for ever; through Jesus our risen Christ and Savior. Amen.

*Prayer Response* “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

*TEXT: Ken Medema*

*MUSIC: Medema*

*TUNE: CHILDREN PRAYING*

*METER: Irregular*

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## OFFERTORY SERVICE

### *Call to offering*

We have come together today to give thanks for God’s steadfast love. Each one of us is an expression of that love. By the way we live and the way we give, that love is carried into the lives of others who have had little experience of God’s care. May our offerings represent an outpouring of thanksgiving.

### *Musical Offertory*

*\*Presentation of Offerings*

“Change My Heart, O God” #654

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

**TEXT: Eddie Espinosa**

**MUSIC: Eddie Espinosa**

**TUNE: CHANGE MY HEART**

**METER: Irregular Meter**

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*\*Prayer of Dedication of Offering*

Many: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*\*The Great Thanksgiving*

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

**One:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**One:** We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; He stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection.

### *\*The Words of Institution*

**One:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

*(Take your communion and hold it in your hands feel the spirit flow through us as the Body of Christ as I pray the prayer of consecration)*

### *\*The Prayer of Consecration*

**One:** Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

### *\*The Lord's Prayer*

**Let us pray together:**

**Many: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### *Invitation to Communion*

**One:** The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

### *\*Communion Meditation Music*

### *\*Post Communion Prayer*

**One:** We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### *\*Commission & Benediction*

**One:** Our worship is ended, but now our service begins! Go from this place for you are the body of Christ and the whole world awaits you; So live passionately, love faithfully, and celebrate every moment of your life from now until the finale! Our God of resurrecting grace goes with you.  
God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### *\*Threefold Amen*

### *\* Sending Hymn*

“Victory in Jesus”

#353

VICTORY IN JESUS

**TEXT: Eugene M. Bartlett**

**MUSIC: Eugene M. Bartlett**

**TUNE: HARTFORD**

**METER: Irregular meter**

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### *\*The Dismissal*

**One:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Many:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**One:** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### *\*Sung Dismissal*

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart” 231

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart

**TEXT: DENNY CAGLE; BASED ON COLOSSIANS 3:15**

**MUSIC: DENNY CAGLE**

**TUNE: PEACE OF CHRIST**

**METER: IRREGULAR METER**

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*\*Postlude*

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**Zion Stone Valley, Hickory Corners**

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Cindy Enders, Becci Mauser

Cindy Enders  
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10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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**Welcome! We are glad you are here with us and invite you to come again!**

**This is the day that the Lord has Made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Welcome to this time of giving God praise and thanksgiving. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Creator God, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.**

The flowers at Salem Zion are to the Glory of God. The flowers at Stone Valley are to the Glory of the Risen Savior & in loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Paul & Mr. & Mrs. John Peifer and our brothers and sisters by Mr. & Mrs. Dean Paul and family.

**Many thanks for the Get Well Cards and the Prayers. Thanking you for being a big part in my journey to health by your concerns and prayers and uplifting cards. Pastor Curtis**

### **New Gathering Standards**

The Health Department reports indicate that we are in the midst of another surge. If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, please stay home and consult with your physicians about the need for testing, quarantine, etc. We are reliant upon each other to get through this “season” with minimal community spread. The congregation is urged to wear masks while moving about in the church building. Once seated, if you wish, you are invited to remove your mask or if you feel more comfortable wearing your mask we invite you and respect your decision. The distancing of seating in the pews: try to stay in family groupings, and leave comfortable space between 1 grouping and the next. Thank you.

\*\* Please pray for those who are ill, and those who are caring for them- especially our doctors, nurses, and other health care staff.

\*\*Keep your eyes on Christ...and be gentle with one another.

## **Holy Communion will be**

Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday SZ & ZSV

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Sunday, June 5, 2022, Pentecost Sunday wear red, orange, yellow

Those worshipping virtually are asked to prepare your own family communion, by having grain (bread or cracker) "THE BODY", and a vessels from the vine (wine or grape juice) "THE BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT". At the time of blessing of the communion we will ask you to hold the bread up and then the cup up for the mystical blessing thru space.

Those unable to attend "in Sanctuary" or virtually, please contact Pastor Curtis and he will make a time to gather with you or prepare a blessed communion packet and prayers that will be delivered to you that day.

## **Parish Concern for Latex Allergies & Communion**

There is some concern about preparing Communion for Service & serving. We would like to let you know we are using Non-Latex Deli Gloves to prepare and serve communion. We are taking all measures to keep you safe.

## **Today We Dedication and Bless the Clothing Offering of our Lenten Fast**

The clothing will go to the Angel Clothing Closet that serves the Line Mt., Trevorton, Shamokin and Coal Township areas.

**Holocaust Remembrance Day- Yom Ha Shoah** is observed on the Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

## **Sunday May 1**

**We celebrate** all the folks who were born in the month of May in worship and have a social time afterward with refreshments.

**We Dedicate and bless all the Baby/Toddler Pantry** Items for Life/Line and Expectant Women Agencies. All will be delivered to its perspective locations for the people for Mother's Day. Thank you for your loving donations.

## **Monthly Congregational Council Meetings**

Congregational Council Meeting Salem-Zion Wednesday, May 4 @7PM

Congregational Council Meeting Zion Stone Valley Wednesday, May 11 @7PM

### **Current Needs For Line Mountain Food Bank:**

Large and small boxes of facial tissues, boxes of Tuna Helper, Boxes of Spaghetti, Cans of spaghetti sauce (prefer cans over jars), cans or cartons of chicken broth, regular or low sodium, boxes of cake mix and cans of icing, boxed potatoes, especially scalloped and au gratin potatoes, Ketchup, Mustard, Baked Beans, Chili Magic.

### **Backpack Needs**

Canned Pasta dinners, Canned Tuna, Chicken, Little Veggie Cups (like the single serving applesauce) or single serving canned veggies, Ramen Noodles, Slim Jim's, Pop Tarts, Beanies/Weenies single serving cans, Juice Boxes, Animal Crackers, Crackers (such as Lance or Ritz), Applesauce, Fruit cups, Mac & Cheese cups, hot chocolate mix, raisins, individual oatmeal packets, cereal cups, boxes/ pouches, Vienna Sausages, Juice boxes, small drink bottles, Popcorn, Snack packs of nuts/ trail mix, Jello Cups.

### **Penn Central Conference Workshop Offering:**

Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, ACM for Congregational Transitions, is planning Small Church Vitality Workshops. **These workshops are for any church that self-identifies as "small."** Small refers to size and not importance or robustness! Typically, small churches are less than 100 members and/or cannot afford a fulltime minister.

**Workshop will take place on: Saturday, May 14, @ St. John's UCC, 1050 Buffalo Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837.**

**10:00AM to 1PM, Bring a lunch or a snack. If COVID prevents us from meeting in person, we will meet by ZOOM. To register, contact:**

[mlaviola@pccucc.org](mailto:mlaviola@pccucc.org)

### **Ways to Support the People of Ukraine**

Below is some specific information about ways we can assist those in Ukraine. The Global Ministries staff at the national UCC setting has worked diligently to make connections with mission partners in the area and there are several opportunities for giving as well as joining in prayer.

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-issues-appeal-for-ukraine-calls-on-u-s-to-provide-humanitarian-aid/>

<https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/>

**Outdoor Ministries/ Church Camp Opportunities for all ages**  
**Summer Camp Brochure**

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure.pdf>

**Afternoon of Youth Activity**

For Mahanoy Koininia Congregations' Youth and friends. There will be active games as well fellowship time and planning of upcoming events if there is an interest. Gathering April 23, 3:00pm at St. Paul's UCC, Urban.

**Parish Picnic Dates**

Salem-Zion Church of Pillow will gather in Maple Dale Park, for worship at 10:30, followed by a shared meal.

Zion Stone Valley Church will gather at the Picnic Grove, for worship at 11:00am, followed by a shared meal.

**2022 Zion Stone Valley Budget**

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		<b>\$80,000.00</b>
<b>Received through April 3, 2022</b>		<b>\$21,215.00</b>
<b>Received April 10, 2022</b>		<b>\$ 1,925.00</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>( - )</b>	<b>\$56,860.00</b>



Happy Easter to each of you.  
I hope your day is blessed with  
our faith, family, and friends.