

# Annual Church Picnic



Salem-Zion Church  
Sunday, June 26, 2016  
Maple Dale Park  
Cherry and Pine Streets  
Pillow, Pa

**Worship 10:00am**  
**“Mended Heart”**

Rev. Curtis H.E. Zemencik, Pastor

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**Worship Schedule:**

Salem-Zion Church, Pillow- 9:00am

Zion Stone Valley, Hickory Corners- 10:30am

**Sunday Church School Schedule:**

Zion Stone Valley, Hickory Corners- 9:15am

Salem-Zion Church, Pillow- 10:15am

## **Lunch Menu**

**Church Providing:** Beverages, Pulled Pork, Macaroni and Cheese, Beef BBQ, Hot Dogs and Kraut, dinnerware

## **Shared by Participants**

Side Dishes and Desserts

Fun and Games for Young and Old

**Invite your neighbors!**

**Invite family Members!**

**The Stone Valley Parish**  
**1899 Mountain Road**  
**Dalmatia, Pa 17017**

*Prepared Especially For:*

## Updating Mailing Address Lists, Phone and E-Mail Addresses

### Your Help Is Needed:

Because of recent changes of United States Postal System with closing several community Post Offices we need to make an overall update of congregants' addresses and phone numbers.

Please, if you have an email address will you share it with us the church. We can get messages and newsletters to you by way of computer which saves on postage.

We also are going to purchase time on a One Call System in case of emergencies and cancellations of worship services and other events due to inclement weather.

Your phone number will not be given to anyone but the church. The system will be within our computer and when activated will automatically call all members to give the message. Your cell phone or land line can be used for this call system.

Your information can be given to church secretary, Sheryl Gilligan, called into the Parish Office Phone and leave a message, 570-758-2827, placed in the offering plate or email the information to [stonevalleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:stonevalleyparish@gmail.com).

## VACATION UPDATE

Ida & Sheryl are going to the Beach. We will be leaving June 18 and returning June 25th.

Ida's son Nick will be taking care of the church and picnic grove so, if you have questions or problems call Nick at [570-541-8896](tel:570-541-8896).

If you have any announcements or bulletin updates contact Pastor Curtis.

## Pastor Curtis' Family Vacation

Tuesday August 16 thru Tuesday, August 23, 2016. If there would be a Pastoral Emergency, please contact by phone Pat Smeltz, 1-570-758-8102 and she will notify the Pastor on call.

Hope every one has a great summer with much fun and family fellowship.

## Salem-Zion Church is looking for YOU!

Will you take charge of cleaning and caring for the Interior of your worship center? We are seeking folks who will fill this responsibility for a one month period of time; hoping to have a team of folks. The exterior of the church will remain with Rick Snody like; clearing snow, ringing bell each week etc. A checklist of duties will be compiled and posted in closet for your guidance. A brief orientation of duties and where supplies and equipment are located will be given. All equipment and supplies are provided. You can volunteer your time or be compensated. Remember, all works for the purpose of caring for God's kingdom are important!

Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in back of sanctuary.

## Women's Book/Bible Study :

A 6 session Life Growth Guide, You're Already Amazing: Embracing Who You Are, Becoming All God Created You to Be.

The study Is underway, being facilitated by Betty Schaffner.

The group of nine meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm, in the schoolhouse at Zion Stone Valley. You are welcome to come.

## Women's Convention

Upper Susquehanna Synod Women's Organization Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016, 7:30am to 4:00pm, at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg. Bring you daughters.

**Opportunities to do God's Work with your hands**  
**"Fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that**  
**their abundance may be for your need..." 2 Corinthians 8:13-14**  
**What is the difference between mission work**  
**to people and partnering with them?**

**Dedicated Day of Service 2016**  
**"Freed in Christ to serve"**

The ELCA's dedicated day of service—know as "God's work. Our hands." Sunday—will be Sunday, September 11. The day offers an opportunity for Lutherans to extend the work they do in their communities every day, from preparing and delivering meals to people rendered homeless to thanking emergency responders. This year's day of service will also mark the 15- year anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. Resources designed to help congregations prepare for their day will be available soon at [ELCA.org/dayofservice](http://ELCA.org/dayofservice).

**Poverty**

Is it possible that there is a level of poverty in the United States so deep that no one even knew it existed—until now?

In a new book, "\$2 A Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America," sociologists Katheryn Edin and H. Luke Shaefer tell the stories of families—in Chicago Cleveland, eastern Tennessee and Mississippi—living on less than \$2 per person per day, a measure of deprivation usually associated with the developing world.

Far from an isolated phenomenon, Edin and Shaefer show that his level of subsistence is actually growing and now touches 1.5 million American households, including about 3 million children.

**War, West Virginia Mission Project**

Leaving Church Friday morning, 10/7; returning Monday 10/10 evening at church. Those wanting to stay in in the Mission Dormitory will cost \$25 a night. Others may stay in nearby hotel at their own expense. SVP Meal Team will plan and prepare SVP meals. The experience is open to all folks. Transportation will be car pooling. **Fund Raisers will be held to help defray the cost of meals, and the on site work project.** See the list of items we are seeking to make School/Hygiene Kits, socks, gloves, scarfs, winter caps for all ages. Children's story books mildly used or new to help in their outdoor library or give away.

**Partnership of our Sunday School and the Refuge**

Remember our partnership with The Refuge: help keep their outreach to the youth of Sunbury stocked so the participants can enjoy a hardy healthy meal. We collect and donate paper products, plates, napkins, paper towels... place your donations in the shopping cart in the children's Sunday School room..

The book follows a handful of families living this meager existence, speculates as to why this phenomenon is growing and suggests principles to guide the search for a solution. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the current reality of poverty in America.

The free congregational guide is available at the book's website, [twodollarsaday.com](http://twodollarsaday.com) or by emailing [rfranc15@jhu.edu](mailto:rfranc15@jhu.edu).

# Salem-Zion Vacation Bible School

Will you be on one of the Camp Staff this year at our Camp VBS Salem-Zion? We need all kinds of help to have a great safe time at Camp.

We will gather on the following Tuesday evenings: July 12, 19, 26, 6-8pm, for camp activities and talk about living a life Jesus would like us to observe. Special gatherings for us will be Monday evening July 25, 6-8pm to prepare for Parade night the next day and Sunday, August 7, 9am to share our stories and sing some songs followed by a Camp Party Social Time.

## Salem-Zion Church, Pillow Vacation Bible School Registration Children's Camp Discovery

Deborah Judges with God's Wisdom &  
Jesus Gives Bartimaeus Sight

**Meeting Times: Thursdays 6pm-8:30pm**

**July 12, 19, 25, 26**

**Sunday, August 7, 9:00 am**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Grade just Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact during VBS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any medical problems that VBS staff should be aware of: (i.e. allergies: bee stings, food, etc:**

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**I hereby grant or do not grant (circle one)**

**Salem-Zion Church to use pictures and images of my child on the church Facebook page and in newsletter publications to share information and memories about VBS 2016.**

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**(Print—Parent/Legal Guardian name)**

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**(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)**

## Vacation Bible School Volunteer Registration

**I Would Like To Help In One or More of the Following Areas: (Please Circle)**

Decoration/props	Publicity	Bible Stories	Group Guide	Music
Snacks/Kitchen	Youth Helper	Prayer support	Mission Project	Crafts
Recreation Games	Skits	Special Events	Photographer	Social Media Person

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (Day):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Evening)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZION STONE VALLEY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

If anyone is interested in helping with vacation bible school this summer please contact any teacher or Lauren

Hackenburg: [LHackenburg@gmail.com](mailto:LHackenburg@gmail.com) /

570-780-7119. All willing hands will be put to good use and we would love to have you join our summer team in teaching the children of our church about

**THE PARABLES....**

Just 4 Thursday Evenings for a couple of hours.

Please consider helping!

Parents mark your calendars!

Details and Registration Forms

coming in the bulletin soon but meanwhile note that:

Zion Stone Valley Sunday School will be on Thursdays from 6 – 8:15 on the following dates: Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>\* - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

**Zion Stone Valley Church, Hickory Corners**

**Vacation Bible School Registration**

**Journeying Deep**

**Into the Cave**

**A Study of Parables in the Bible**

**Meeting Times: Thursdays 6pm-8pm**

**June 23, July 7, 14, 21**

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Prayer Support

Mission Project

Crafts

Recreation Games

Skits

Special Events

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Social Media Coordinator

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## **Voting Delegates for Annual Meetings**

Both The USS Synod and PCC Conference will be voting in Bishop and commissioning and installing a new Area Conference Minister, Rev. Betsy Bruaw.

Pastor Curtis will be attending the meeting and recertification continuing Education on Boundary Training to maintain his standing as an ordained clergy of Penn Central Conference, UCC and Tulpehulkan Conference of the ELCA.

The congregations will be represented by Betty Schaffner and Rebecca Zemencik as the layperson delegates and voting members.

### **Thank You Notes**

Grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

On behalf of the First Presbyterian Church and Elijah's Bowl, we want to thank you for your gift of macaroni and cheese. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Your gift enables us to serve those who are hungry in the community every Saturday. Our numbers have been increasing these last few months. During these difficult times, God calls us to help those in need.

Once again, thank you for thinking of Elijah's Bowl. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your gift. May God bless you. In Christ's Service,  
Becky J. Enders, Administrative Assistant

### **Dear Pastor Curtis,**

Schuylkill Community Action (SCA) gratefully acknowledges the donation of 60 cases of Macaroni and Cheese to the Schuylkill County Food Pantry Network.

Schuylkill Community Action has seen a steady increase over the years in households requesting food assistance through our Food Pantry Network. SCA can attribute much of the success of its programming to community support. Several of SCA's programs are operated by volunteers, and significant portion of funding is provided by businesses, organizations, and individuals in the community.

Thank you continued

### **Dear Friends of Salem-Zion Church and Zion Stone Valley UCC**

Thank you for your gift to Our Church's Wider Mission. We are deeply grateful for your congregation's gift.

Your support of OCWM permits us to provide for operating expenses, equip leaders, support clergy in ministry, foster healthy and vital congregations, advocate and witness for justice, respond to disasters and tragedies, send help around the world, and preach a welcoming and open understanding Christian faith.

Thank you for your vital support and faithful partnership. Please accept our sincere thanks and good wishes.

Faithfully,

Mary A Paxton,

Director, Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship

Frolic resources help children take their first steps of faith

Frolic enables congregations to connect with and support young families as their children take their first steps of faith.

Frolic Online provides tools for congregations to create an active and lively ministry right in their nurseries. There are leader guides for parent-child classes focused on childhood development.

The Frolic First Bible contains 20 Bible stories, from the creation to the resurrection, retold with simple and direct language accompanied by artwork.

In addition to the Bible, the Frolic board and picture books, introduce children to an array of developmentally appropriate stories. The books feature a story world inhabited by animal characters and set against a biblically reminiscent backdrop.

Frolic's stories and characters provide relatable challenges and developmental milestones that connect with the daily lives of children. Each book introduces spiritual concepts that explain how our faith is formed in the little moments of our lives.

Find out more at [frolicfirstfaith.org](http://frolicfirstfaith.org).

# Congratulations to our Graduates



## 2016 Graduate

### **Olivia Elia**

Capital Area School for the Arts

Parent: Anessa Renn

Grandparents: Rodney & Jean Deppen

Continuing Education at Point Park University

### **Abigail Wilkinson**

Line Mountain School District

Parents: Luke & Kristen Wilkinson

Grandparents: Richard & Joan Bitting

Will attend Alvernia University to obtain a Bachelor Degree in Nursing and plans to work her way to a Doctorate Degree specializing in Dermatology.

While a student at Line Mountain; Abigail participated in marching band, concert band, wind ensemble, crochet club, science club, campus club, student council, basketball, served as vice president of art club, and FBLA. Abigail competed in local, and state level FBLA and has earned a place in competition on the national level this June 2016.

**We would like to extend a big**

**Congratulations**

**to our Graduates!**

**We also celebrate the completion of Pre-School for Anastasia Phillips and Logan Witmer.**

## **Our New 2016 Spring Project**

### **Zion Stone Valley New Roof Campaign**

**The roof will need to be replaced on the main sanctuary building. This does not include the children's church school building. Estimates are being sought. The goal of the congregational council is to have it replaced this spring. Please, help us raise the funds to raze the old roof. Mark your offering envelope designated amount to the new roof. Thank you.**

**Roof Donations to Date: \$6,366.00**

*SALEM ZION*  
*Outdoor Worship*  
*"Mended Heart"*

*Sunday, June 26, 2016*  
*Worship begins 10:00am*



*Zion Stone Valley Church*  
*Outdoor Worship*  
*"Gifts of Many"*  
*Sunday, August 14, 2016*  
*Worship begins at 11:00am*





## Coffee House in the Grove

Sunday, July 31, 2016

2:00pm

Zion Stone Valley Grove

### "Swing and a Miss"

Come enjoy an afternoon with friends  
Listening to great music and sharing in  
some great Snack Foods  
Love Offering will be taken for an  
Outreach Project Purpose



## You're Invited To A Movie in the Park

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016

8:00pm

Maple Grove Park  
Salem-Zion Church  
Cherry Street, Pillow

### "Finding Phil: A Story of Survival"

Bring a blanket, pillow,  
beanbag chair, Chair in a Bag

Enjoy popcorn, drinks,  
and other snacks.

## Hard Work and Commitment

We applaud Garrett Kieffer on his accomplishments  
this year in Wrestling for titles for himself and team  
Line Mountain Eagles.

### Garrett's Seasonal Record and Special Tournaments

Season's Record: 39-7  
Southern Sectional Champ  
District IV 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Northeast Regional Champ  
PIAA State Qualifier

Top Hat Tournament in Williamsport 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
New Oxford Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
X caliber Tournament 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Congratulations Garrett**