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Thank you



From the Pas-
tor's Desk

Dear Mem-
bers and
Friends of
Stone Valley

Parish,

What an exhausting but truly Exhilarating Holy Week and Celebration of Resurrection Sunday, Easter.

We shared the story of Palm/Passion Sunday with the folks of Pillow by delivering palm branches and the story to the homes of residents of Pillow.

We shared together as a Parish the story of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and stripped the altar area. Preparing for the Good Friday.

We journeyed with the cross on Good Friday as we meditatively walked thru Pillow stopping in intervals to rehear the story of the stations of the cross and end at the large cross in front of the Salem-Zion where Luke Wilkinson and Fran Eure draped the cross with black fabric. The Parish ended the day with participation in the Mahanoy Koinonia Ministerium Service of the Shadows that drew a conclusion that we all are guilty of denying knowing Jesus.

As a Parish we gathered to celebrate the Great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. We began our worship in front of the church building of Salem-Zion Church and kindled a fire in the silver cauldron we use to burn our sins on Ash Wednesday liturgy. From that fire we light the Paschal Candle and talk about the symbols that are imprinted on the large candle. We then processed,

Lifting high the New Fire of the Paschal Candle into the darkened sanctuary. Leading into readings from Creation to the Birth of Jesus to his death. Bringing light into the Sanctuary and revealing the beauty of the Easter Flowers, Reaffirmation of our Baptismal Vows with the sprinkling of water throughout the sanctuary and celebrating the Holy Eucharist. Thank you to all who participated in the special worship experiences and other events of celebration.

Thank you to the members of the Altar Guild for the commitment of and reverence for the preparation of the Altar Area and the preparation of the Communion and proper disposal of the blessed elements.

Thank you for the help of the Communion Assistants who reverently helped in sharing the Holy Meal with those who participated at the banquet table of the Lord. Khristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter
Pastor Curtis Zemencik

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

Sunday, June 4
Pentecost Sunday Celebration

And it is also the day for us to receive the United Church of Christ's Strengthen the Church Offering.

Look for the special Envelope in bulletin

Worship Series Sermon Series

Based on Adam Hamilton's
"The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why. Exploring the Apostles' Creed"

Credo is the first word of the Apostles' Creed in Latin. It means "I believe."

What do we mean when we say believe? How does belief affect the believer? What are the sources of belief—the reasons for belief? What are some of your most deeply held beliefs or convictions? How did you come to hold those convictions.

Many of our beliefs have been shaped by personal experiences, particularly those experiences that most deeply touched our hearts—most painful, but also the most loving, beautiful, or gratifying.

From the earliest times Christians made attempts to summarize their essential beliefs.

For Christians, the beliefs expressed in the Apostles' Creed are foundational.

1. God
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Church and the Communion of Saints
5. The Forgiveness of Sins
6. The Resurrection of the Body

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Greeters	Acolytes	Youth Greeter
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Communion		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Rose Zemencik S-Z	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Nicholas Bahner ZSV	
Sunday, May 14		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Jericho Zemencik S-Z	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Cameron Cinqmars ZSV	Sara Rothermel ZSV
		Jace Hackenburg ZSV
Sunday, May 21		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Karl Troutman S-Z	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Emily Bingaman ZSV	Kyleen Michael ZSV
		Porter Malloy ZSV
Sunday, May 28		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Cameron Harner S-Z	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Cameron Gaw ZSV	Kaleb Styer ZSV
		Reagen Malloy ZSV
May Altar Guild	RuthAnn Latsha S-Z	
	Lois Lenker ZSV	
June Altar Guild		
Sunday, June 4		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Isaac Jackson	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Chance Hackenburg	Taylor Styer ZSV
		Katelyn Michael ZSV

Ushers	Lectors	
Sunday, May 7		
Communion		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Larry Adams S-Z	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Betty Schaffner ZSV	
Sunday, May 14		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Sharon Comes	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Ida Anderson	
Sunday, May 21		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Jeff Latsha	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Shawn Hackenburg	
Sunday, May 28		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Cindy Paul	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Joan Gaswieski	
Sunday, June 4		
Adult Council Members S-Z	Shelly Snody	
Adult Council Members ZSV	Jaylene & Jeremy Barnowsky	

May 2017

	1	2	3 Salem-Zion Council 7pm	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion Food Bank Offering 9:am Salem-Zion Worship 9:15 Adult SS Zion Stone Valley UCC ELCA 10:15am Salem-Zion SS 10:00am Zion Stone Valley Worship	8	9 Zion Stone Valley Council 7pm	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day Socials 8:30am Salem-Zion 9:am S-Z Worship 9:45am Zion Stone Valley 10:30 ZSV Worship	15 Salem-Zion VBS Mtng 7pm	16	17 Upper Sus Synod 2 Church Parish mtng 10:30am	18 SVP Mission Trip Sub delivery 1:pm-3:pm Salem-Zion	19 Pastor at Lancaster Theological Seminary Commencement Wkd	20 Pastor at Lanc Theo Seminary
21 9:am Salem-Zion Worship 9:15 Zion Stone Adult SS 10:15 Salem-Zion SS 10:30 Zion Stone Worship 11:45 Zion Stone Team mtg 6:pm Dinner & Movie S-Z	22	23	24	25 Ascension Day Line Mt Bacc Worship At jr/sr school 7:pm Mission Trip Mtng Salem-Zion 7:pm	26	27

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