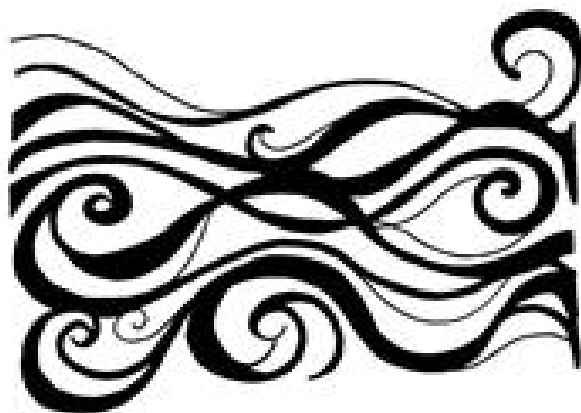


*STONE VALLEY PARISH*  
*Hickory Corners and Pillow, Pennsylvania*



*Alleluía.*

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

*Alleluía.*

*John 14:23*

A Cooperative Union of the United Church of Christ and  
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## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Sunday May 21, 2017**

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

### *The Gathering*

Good morning! Welcome to the celebration of the Word of God. We hope you find it a time of inspiration, healing, and rejuvenation to begin a new week in the world.

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

### *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.

### *Prelude*

#### *\*Opening Prayer*

*Let us pray together:*

**Let the sound of praising you be heard among us today, and in all the places of your dominion, O God. We believe you are present with us even when we cannot feel or see or hear you as we would like. We thank you for the times when you have caught our attention. We ask for one of those times today. O God, we confess that we have love our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us close to you and the caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to evoke opposition or cause us to suffer. Shake us out of our complacency and our cherished iniquities. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us. You are not left to struggle alone. You have an Advocate who is always with you. You are not rejected. God hears your prayers and offers you steadfast love in all circumstances. Do not be afraid to hope, and to share that hope with others around you. Claim God's gifts. Amen.**

*\*Opening Hymn* "Come, Thou Mighty King" 8

*\*Greeting*

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

*\*Prayer of the Day*

*Let us pray together:*

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

*\*Praise Hymn* "O Lord, You're Beautiful" 643

### *The Word*

See the 'Celebrate' Insert for all the readings.

*First Reading* Acts 17: 22-31

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

*Psalm* Psalm 66: 8-20

*Second Reading* I Peter: 13:13-22

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

*Choir Anthem*

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*(Congregation Says in Unison The Gospel Acclamation:)*

**Alleluia. – Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. --Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*\*Gospel Reading*

John 14:15-21

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sermon*

“The Creed Continued” Mrs. Betty Schaffner

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us profess our faith.

Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*Hymn*

“Abide With Me”

642

*Joys and Concerns*

*(Light a candle and say a prayer for someone or some situation you have concern about. You will find a tier with votive cups in the rear of sanctuary. Place a battery operated candle in one of the votive cups.)*

*Pastor Curtis request:*

*Pray for me as I pray for you.*

*Prayers of the People*

### OFFERTORY SERVICE

*Call to Offering*

*Musical Offertory* “Blessings” by Laura Story

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*\*Presentation of our Offering*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*Let us pray together:*

May all that we give today be used to express your love among us and beyond us, God of all people. We are thankful for your gift to us in Christ Jesus, who was so committed to sharing your love that he risked rejection and death. We are grateful that even though his suffering resulted in death in the flesh you made him alive in the spirit. May Christ live today in us, in our caring, in our giving, in our speaking, in our doing. We rededicate ourselves to your service. Amen.

*\*The Lord's Prayer*

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.

*The Sending*

*\*Commission & Benediction*

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. May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

*\*The Dismissal*

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

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

**P:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*\*Threefold Amen*

*\*Sending Hymn*

“Go, My Children, with my Blessing”

Insert

*\*Postlude*

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

We welcome everyone to worship this morning. Please reach out to welcome our sisters and brothers showing God's hospitality.

The flowers at Salem Zion are to the Glory of God.. The flowers at Zion Stone Valley are to the Glory of God.

### **. Acolyte Schedule for May 2017**

May 28- Salem-Zion- Cameron Harner; Zion Stone Valley- Cameron Gaw



### **Graduation Sunday Information**

If you have a family member who is graduating from high School, college, or a secondary school or program, please fill out Graduation Form found in the back of church and give it to Pastor Curtis.. We want to celebrate this milestone with your family and honor the work and dedication.

Sunday, June 11 we will have a special presentation from Professor Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary on the movie "The Shack". This will be a part of worship service. Mark your calendars, save the date!

Whoopie Pie Fund Raiser for Mission Trip to War West Virginia. \$2.00 a pie. Choc/ white, Choc/ peanut butter, Oatmeal, Choc chip. Place order by June 21 deliver is June 28.

Bake Sale items needed for Elizabethville Yard Sale. All proceeds to help with the Mission Project in War West Virginia. Call Shell or Rick Snody 758-2660, concerning collection of baked goods and possible work times for the sale, Friday and Saturday June 2 & 3.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Those who are in care facilities:** Lena Kissinger (814), Harold Hoffman (207), Manor at Susquehanna Village, 990 Medical Rd, Millersburg, PA 17061, Shirley Harris, Welsh Heights, 202 Fleming Ave, Danville, Pa, 17821, Josephine Kobel, ManorCare, Room 223, 901 Court Street, Sunbury, Pa 17801. Leah Witmer, Nottingham Village, Heather Court # 310, 56 Neitz Road, Northumberland, PA 17857. Janet Adams, Nottingham Village, 56 Neitz Road, Northumberland, Pa 17857, Steve and Pam Wynn 1306 Toad Valley Road, Dalmatia, PA 17017.

Our featured person of the week to be showered with cards is

Steve & Pam Wynn  
1306 Toad Valley Road  
Dalmatia, PA 17017

**Those in the Church Community:** Kay Romberger, Joan Bitting, Dennis Buffington, Pastor Curtis, Janet Adams, Scott Strawser, Dale Strawser, Betty Spotts , Bob Gilligan, Paul Feger, Jane Troutman, Steve & Pam Wynn, Kelly Eure,

**Those in the extended community:** Frank Pierce, Kim Koppenhaver, Bob Shipe, Jesse Witmer, Cindy Maurer, Maria (Haverovich) Lazzarevich, Dean Schaffner as they continue their treatment plans for cancer. Betty Paul, Samuel Snyder, Sandy Hackenburg, Andy Rebeck, Edward & Annetta Zemencik, Doug Schreffler, Carol Romberger, Todd Snyder, Shirley Maurer, Donald Martz.

**Military personnel** Cole Smeltz, Tyler Long , Jonathan Ivey , Kevin Keim , Justin Eroh

The Parish Prayer Team will have a monthly Prayer Time and lift these concerns and others we are told or receive in Red Prayer Bowls in prayer. We will still be lifting joys and concerns up during our regular worship



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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  
 Shawn Hackenburg  
 Emily Bingaman  
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**Organists**

**Choir Director**

**Readers**

**Acolyte**

**Offerings**

**Salem-Zion Church of Pillow Inc.**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 Tina Buffington, Becci Mauser &  
 Yvonne Romberger  
 Yvonne Romberger  
 Jeff Latsha  
 Karl Troutman  
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**Salem Zion**

The Board

Larry Adams, President (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 7 p.m.)

Altar Guild

Patricia Smeltz, RuthAnn Latsha, Kay Romberger, Sharon Comes

Teachers

Larry Adams, Sharon Comes, Fran Eure, Kaye Thoma,  
 Rick & Shelly Snody, Sam & Linda Wolfe

**Zion Stone Valley**

The Board

Mark Witmer, President (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7 p.m.)

Altar Guild

Sandy Paul, Coordinator

Ladies Aid Society

Jennie Romberger, Coordinator

Tape Ministry

Joan Gasiewski, Coordinator

Adult Teachers

Truman Spotts, Betty Schaffner

Memory Keepers

Ida Anderson & Lauren Hackenburg, Coordinators

Prayer Chain

Yvonne Romberger—SZ (758-4597); Rita Glace—ZSV (758-9270)

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 Rick & Shelly Snody, Salem Zion Pillow 758-2660

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. J. Robert Snyder



## **STONE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**The roof has been replaced on the main sanctuary building.. Please, help us raise the funds to cover the cost of the new roof. Mark your offering envelope designated amount to the new roof.**

<b>Total Roof Bill</b>	<b>\$ 46,032.00</b>
<b>Total Donations Received through April 16</b>	<b>\$ 24,690.50</b>
<b>Balance Needed</b>	<b>\$ 21,341.50</b>

<b>Zion Stone Valley</b>		
<b>Budget 2017</b>		
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		<b>\$80,000.00</b>
<b>Amount need each we meet budget</b>		<b>\$ 1,569.00</b>
<b>Received through April 30, 2017</b>		<b>\$26,076.21</b>
<b>Received May 7, 2017</b>		<b>\$ 1,509.52</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>( - )</b>	<b>\$ 52,414.27</b>

## Upcoming Services and Events at a Glance

Sun. May 21	Stone Valley Parish Team Meeting @11:45am @ZSV Lite Dinner and a Movie "God's Club" @Salem-Zion @6pm
Thu. May 25	Ascension Day Mission Trip Meeting @Salem-Zion Church @7pm Line Mt. Class of 2017 Baccalaureate Worship @ Line Mt. Jr/Sr @7pm
Tue. May 30	Salem-Zion Team Meeting @7:00pm
Fri. June 2-3	Elizabethville Yard Sale Bake Sale Mission Trip
Sun. June 4	Pentecost Sunday Communion Wear Red Mace Music Recital at Salem-Zion Church 2:pm
Fri June 9-10	UCC Annual Conference Meeting at Sus. Univ.
Sun. June 11	Worship with Presentation from Prof Barrett on the Shack
Wed. June 14	Tulp Conf. Youth Day Knoebels Grove Parish Team Food Sale at Witmer Sale

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/1869113873307335/>



#### War ,West Virginia Mission Trip

. A meeting was held for the Mission Trip to War, West Virginia and we would like to do a drive each month for items to hand out at the Mission, Big Creek People in Action.

• **May: Hygiene products including feminine products / shampoo, soap, deodorant**

• **June:** Barbie dolls , matchboxes, NEW, can be generic

• **July:** School supplies

• **August:** Blankets

• **September:** Food items for the mission team to eat while on the trip.

**Bring your items to church and they will be cleaned and packed for our trip.**



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**emergency announcements, closings, newsletter, special worship services, activities, events  
of parish and community**

## **Seeking for both congregations Information Tech Person**

**Young or Old or somewhere in between. Interested in helping to lead worship; work close  
with Pastor Curtis and Sound Tech Person. Must be Responsible and be present at worship  
when scheduled. Participation in worship a must. Can have flexible schedule if we have a  
team.**

