

STONE VALLEY PARISH
Hickory Corners and Pillow, Pennsylvania



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in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called
you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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A Cooperative Union of the United Church of Christ and
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 2, 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.

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Announcements

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

**Call to Confession*

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

**Prayer of Confession*

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn* "God has spoken by His prophets" Pg 407

**Greeting*

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*

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

See the 'Celebrate' Insert for all the readings.

First Reading

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

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

Second Reading

Romans 6: 12-13

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

Choir Anthem

**Gospel Acclamation:*

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading*

Matthew 10: 40-42

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

**Hymn of Praise* "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

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

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

Hallelujah! Hal- le- lu- jah!
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Children's Message

Sermon

"The Creed, Continued"

Rev. Curtis H. E. Zemencik, Pastor

Our Response

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.

**Sermon Hymn*

"Just as I am" Pg 488

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

Hear us, O God

...Your mercy is great

Offertory Service⁽⁴⁾

Call to offering

Musical Offertory "One Bread, One Body" By John Michael Talbot

**Prayer of Dedication*

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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.

The Prayer of Consecration

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:

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.

**Post Communion Prayer*

Let us pray together:

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

The Sending

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, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Threefold Amen*

**Sending Hymn*

"Here I am, Lord" Pg 589

**Postlude*

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 C/O Maria Joseph Manor Continuing Care Community Room 102, 875 Montour Blvd. 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

Lena Kissinger
Manor at Susquehanna Village
900 Medical Road
Millersburg, PA 17061

Those in the Church Community: Hilda Bahner, 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, Jenny & Lee Romberger & Megan Zies.

Those in the extended community: Frank Pierce, 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., Alexis Bright, Mark Bright.

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
 Sheryl Gilligan
 Phil Phillips
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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
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 Larry Adams
 Jericho Zemencik
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Salem Zion

The Board

Larry Adams, President (meets 1st 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 2nd 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)

Staff

Parish Board Secretary

Sheryl Gilligan, 357 North Main Street, Herndon PA 17830
 Home Phone: 758-2990 Cell: 274-0845 E-mail: gilli1@tds.net

Sextons

Ida Anderson, Zion Stone Valley 758-2366 (home) 717-645-4240 (cell)
 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.

Total Roof Bill	\$ 46,032.00
Total Donations Received through May 21	\$ 25,456.50
Balance Needed	\$ 20,575.50

Upcoming Ladies Aid Events:

- Sept 8 &9 Our Annual Soup & Bake Sale. Order sheets will be place in church at a later date. Donations of Baked Goods/Soup Ingredients appreciated.
- Sept 16 Virginia Rhoades Sale Lunch Stand – Donations of Baked Goods / or monetary to purchase items for sale.
- October 10 Last Hoagie Sale for 2017

Zion Stone Valley	
Budget 2017	
<u>General Fund</u>	\$80,000.00
Amount need each we meet budget	\$ 1,569.00
Received through May 21, 2017	\$32,069.93
Received May 28, 2017	\$ 905.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(-) \$ 47,025.07

Acolyte
Schedule For
July
July 2: SZ-
Jericho
Zemencik
and ZSV-
Phil Phillips
July 9: SZ-
Cameron
Harner and
ZSV- Sarah
Rothermel
July 16: SZ-

Karl Troutman and ZSV-Jace Hackenburg
July 23: SZ- Isaac Jackson and ZSV- Kyleen Michael
July 30: SZ- Rebecca Wolfe and ZSV- Porter Malloy

Upcoming Services and Events at a Glance

Sun, July 2	Communion, Food Bank
Wed. July 5	Salem-Zion VBS work night @7pm
Sun. July 9	Movie "The Shack" @7pm Salem-Zion Church Upstairs Social Room
Tues, July 11	Maker Fun Factory, VBS Salem Zion 6:30-8:30
Tues, July 18	Maker Fun Factory, VBS Salem Zion 6:30-8:30
Mon, July 24	Pre Parade Float & Lesson 6:30 – 8:30
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SALEM ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Available

At Salem-Zion Church we invite you and your babies and children to be in our midst during worship but, we have available an infant and parent area for those times when privacy is needed. There is a changing table, bassinet, play area, and a rocker for the parent to comfort themselves and infant. The area is located in the large social room at the end of the hall close to rest rooms, refrigerator, and microwave

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May Expenses**

Offerings		\$ 2,878.00
Expenses		\$ 2,715.92
Surplus (Deficit)	(+)	\$ 162.08
Installation		\$ 310.00
War West Virginia Mission		\$ 885.00
Food Bank		\$ 10.00



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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.

You are
WELCOME


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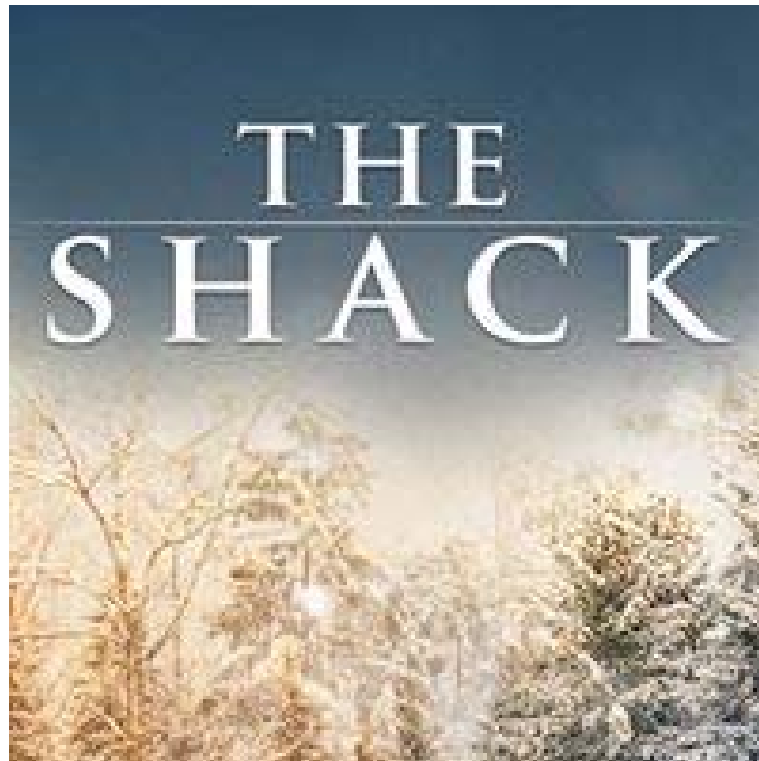
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ZSV- Reagen Malloy & Chris Malloy**



Movie Night to view the movie

“The Shack”

Sunday, July 9, 2017 @7pm

Salem-Zion Church Upstairs Social Room

Bring lawn chairs or chairs in a bag for comfortable seating

5 WEEK STUDY

Thur. July 13, @7pm, Salem-Zion Church in Upstairs Social Room
(Where is God when I need Him most?)

Thur. July 20, @7pm, Salem-Zion Church in Upstairs Social Room
(How does God see me?)

Thur. Aug. 3, @7pm, Salem-Zion Church in Upstairs Social Room
(Why are you doing this to me?)

Thur. Aug. 10, @7pm, Salem-Zion Church in Upstairs Social Room
(How can I know the heart of the Father?)

Thur. Aug. 17, @7pm, Salem-Zion Church in Upstairs Social Room
(So you just let Him get away with it?)

A study guide book is available, the cost is \$7.00. To obtain a copy see
Pastor Curtis.

