

**STONE VALLEY PARISH**  
**1899 Mountain Rd., Dalmatia PA 17017 758-2872**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and United Church of Christ**  
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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  
 Jace Hackenburg

**Organists**  
 Choir Director  
**Readers**  
**Acolyte**  
**Door Greeters**  
**Offerings**

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

9:00 a.m. **Worship** Service  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 Tina Buffington, Becci Mauser &  
 Yvonne Romberger  
 Jeff Latsha  
**Isaac Jackson**

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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

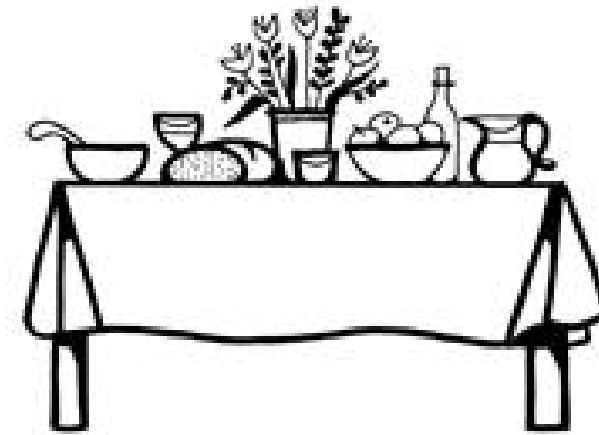
**Zion Stone Valley**

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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 Rev. J. Robert Snyder

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



Alleluia.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
 let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

Alleluia.

Isaiah 25:9

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

## *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday October 15, 2017**

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

### *The Gathering*

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

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

### *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, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

#### *\*Prayer of Confession*

**Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Those who are in care facilities:** 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.

Shirley Harris  
C/O Maria Joseph Manor  
Continuing Care Community  
Room 102  
875 Montour Blvd.  
Danville, PA 17821

**Those in the Church Community:** Barry Rissinger, Hilda Bahner, Kay Romberger, Joan Bitting, Dennis Buffington, Pastor Curtis, Janet Adams, Scott Strawser, Dale Strawser, Betty Spotts, Paul Feger, Jane Troutman, Megan Zies, Homer Gross, Alexis Bright.

**Those in the extended community:** Frank Pierce, Jesse Witmer, Cindy Maurer, Maria (Haverovich) Lazzarevich, Dean Schaffner, Cathy as they continue their treatment plans for cancer. Betty Paul, Samuel Snyder, Sandy Hackenberg, Andy Rebeck, Edward & Annetta Zemencik, James Buffington, Carol Romberger, Todd Snyder, Shirley Maurer, Chase Long.

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

**Disasters:** Hurricanes- Caribbean Islands, Florida Keys, Florida Louisiana, Texas, Wildfires in the west, Earthquake in Mexico, flooding in India.

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



## PARISH 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.

### Angel Closet Ministries

While we are in the midst of summer, the sponsors of the Angel Closet clothing bank have already begun to turn their attention towards fall and back-to-school time for children. Donations of fall clothing, especially for children, will be appreciated at this time. And it is not too early to be thinking about the need for warm blankets and coats for families in need during the soon-to-follow winter months. As always, your donations are much appreciated. Donations to Angel Closet should be bagged and can be dropped off at Himmel's and left inside one of the doors. We sort before delivery. Donations should be gently used and clean.



Line Mountain Holiday Craft Fair

**NOVEMBER 4TH**

9:00 – 2:00pm

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*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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*\*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:*

**Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Hymn of Praise*

“Here I am Lord”

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*The Word*

See the ‘Celebrate’ Insert for all the readings.

*First Reading*

Isaiah 25:1-9

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

*Psalm*

Psalm 23

*Second Reading*

Philippians 4:1-9

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

*Choir Anthem*

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

*Alleluia.* This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation. *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*\*Gospel Reading*

Matthew 22:1-14

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

*\*Assurance of Pardon*

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## *A Children's Message*

### *Sermon*

#### *\*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*

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

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*Joys and Concerns (single image of people praying or candles burning or picture with the words of prayer on it, lifting hands up to prayer)*

*(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*

God provides generously for all of us. We are blessed with pure water and nourishing food. We have found joy in the faith that sustains our spirits. Let us now expand the circle of opportunity as we share what God has promised.

#### *Musical Offertory*

#### *\*Presentation of our Offering*

"Because He Lives(Amen) Matt Maher

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#### *\*Prayer of Dedication*

*Let us pray together:*

Accept our offering of praise and our offering of ourselves, O God, along with our tithes and contributions toward our church's mission. You have given us life and guidance for living. You have made us partakers of your own Spirit. We rejoice in the opportunity to receive and share your Word. May the ministry in which all of us have a share bear much fruit, bringing in an abundant harvest for your realm. 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. God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

#### *\*The Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### *\*Threefold Amen*

#### *\*Sending Hymn*

"Are You Washed in the Blood?"

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#### *\*Postlude*

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*Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*9- 2*  
*Pillow Borough Building*



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Tutoring Program

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The plan is to begin one day a week. Wednesday afternoons, 4:15pm to 5:15pm is the day until more days are needed. The elementary children will be met at the bus stop at the Post Office and walked down to church. The participants will have a snack and then begin working on the schoolwork they need help to complete.

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Save this date and plan to participate

Operation Christmas Child  
Texas Road House  
Fund Raising Night  
10% of your total food purchases  
Gift cards and take-out purchases included  
Monday, October 16, 2017  
3pm to 10pm  
1565 North Susquehanna Trail  
Shamokin Dam, PA  
See the coupon



*It's that time of year, time to reach out and fill a shoebox for a special girl or boy. Boxes are available and are at entrances to our churches. Information is available with boxes with all information what items are allowed this year for your box. Take your box and make it a special project and fill a box. We will not have a fill your box day this year!!*

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# Stone Valley Announcements



Zion Stone Valley  
"The Falling of Leaves Festivity"  
Will be Rescheduled to November  
Watch for Dates to Come!!!!

## Fall Festival Update

We had an amazing day, the weather was beautiful, perfect day for a fall festival. We raised \$1,323.00 for our Parish. WOW , we Stone Valley Parish did an amazing job. The apple dumplings, haluski, peanut butter ritz crackers covered with chocolate, mustard, and all the baskets were a big hit. Some of the baskets were won by our members of our church. Congratulations!!!!

A very special THANK YOU to everyone for all your help, your support, and your donations. We could not have done this without you.



## October 1st – 31st, 2017

**Please Note: This year the WGRC Bible Drive drop locations will be taking donations of Bibles only.**

Your donations of new or used (in good condition) Bibles will be sent to Ghana and possibly other nations abroad!

Place your Bibles in the boxes in the back of church and they will be collected and delivered to WGRC RADIO in Lewisburg.  
Sheryl will deliver Bibles.



**Remembering the Reformation of the Church**  
**The year 2017 is the celebration of 500th Anniversary of the**  
**Reformation**

**The Stone Valley Parish Remembers**  
**Reformation during month of October**

**A Weekly Study of some of the Reformation's Central Claims**  
**Each gathering will be Sunday, evenings 6:30pm to 8:00pm**  
**Zion Stone Valley School House.**  
**There will be time to socialize with refreshments and desserts.**

**Sunday, October 15- Session 3: Hot Buttons**  
**'Total Depravity'; Predestination**

**Sunday, October 22- Session 4: Summing Up**  
**Saints and Sinners; Luther's Sins—and Ours; The Protestant Principle**

**Books for Study available at 3.75. Check the back of Sanctuary in both**  
**congregations.**

**Sunday, October 29**  
**500th Anniversary Celebration MASS**

**Holy Communion**  
**Special Homilist:**

The Rev. Betsy E. Martin Bruaw, Designated Associate Conference  
Minister for Congregational Discernment/Search and Call Penn Central  
Conference

**'Ongoing Reformation'**

Offering will be designated to Disaster Relief of Hurricanes  
3:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church  
(Pillow Historical Society)

**Dinner and Movie**

5:00pm Covered Dish Meal followed by

**'Martin Luther Movie'**

Salem-Zion Church Social Room and Sanctuary  
Children's Themed Movie Downstairs Sunday School Room





Sunday, October 15, 2017

Dedication

Pillow Fire Company

&

EMS Services



We want to take this day to say a special

**“Thank You “**

for your dedication.

We all share in our appreciation for your endless hours of training, dedication, and giving of your time away from your family and putting your life in danger's way to help others.

Let this be a special day for us to Honor each of You.

May God Bless You

&

Keep you Safe