

## STONE VALLEY PARISH

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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  
Ida Anderson  
Sarah Rothermel  
\$1,375.00

### 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  
Sharon Comes  
Cameron Harner  
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The Board  
Altar Guild  
Teachers

Larry Adams, President (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 7 p.m.)  
Patricia Smeltz, RuthAnn Latsha, Kay Romberger, Sharon Comes  
Larry Adams, Sharon Comes, Fran Eure, Kaye Thoma,  
Rick & Shelly Snody, Sam & Linda Wolfe

### Zion Stone Valley

The Board  
Altar Guild  
Ladies Aid Society  
Tape Ministry  
Adult Teachers

Mark Witmer, President (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 7 p.m.)  
Sandy Paul, Coordinator  
Jennie Romberger, Coordinator  
Joan Gasiewski, Coordinator  
Truman Spotts, Betty Schaffner

Memory Keepers  
Prayer Chain

Ida Anderson & Lauren Hackenburg, Coordinators  
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.

A voice from heaven said,  
“This is my Son, the Beloved,  
with whom I am well pleased.”

Alleluia.

Matthew 3:17

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# Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday January 14, 2018

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

## The Gathering

Good morning! So glad you chose to take time to refresh your spirit by participating in worship this morning. It is important to hear the Word of God regularly and vital to share in the sacrament. We hope you will make church attendance a high priority in your life. Every Sunday worship you miss is a good opportunity for the world's values to take over your life.

### *Announcements*

#### *A Time to center and prepare yourself*

God keep me from seeing what I want to see. Even 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* "Come Let Us Worship" by Chris Tomlin Video

*Pray for the Holy Spirit to come into our midst as we worship and ignite the flames of the Spirit.*

### *\*Call to Confession*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

### *\*Prayer of Confession*

Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to

## 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.

Josephine Kobel  
Manor Care  
901 Court Street, Room 223  
Sunbury, PA 17801

**Those in the Church Community:** JHilda Bahner, Joan Bitting, Angela Bitting, Dennis Buffington, Pastor Curtis, Janet Adams, Dale Strawser, Scott Strawser, Turman & Betty Spotts, Paul Feger, Mega Zies, Homer Gross, Alexis Bright, Kim Girton, Deb Leitzel, Susan Rothermel's Mother, and Sister Karen Gerst.

**Those in the extended community:** Frank Pierce, Bob Shipe, Jesse Witmer, Wayne Raup, Lisa Wolfgang, Cindy Maurer, Maria (Haverovich) Lazzarevich. Betty Paul, Samuel Snyder, Sandy Hackenburg, Andy Rebeck, Edward & Annetta Zemencik, James Buffington, Carol Romberger, Todd Snyder, Shirley Maurer, Chase Long, Chase Gilligan, Pastor Fred Faust, Mindy Phillips, Kristin and Adam Brown and family, Eric Erdman, Beth Hoover.

**Military personnel,** Tyler Long , Jonathan Ivey & Kevin Keim US Army from Pillow, Cole Smeltz.

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



celebrate every moment of your life from now until the finale! Our God of resurrecting grace goes with you.

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;

and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*\*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Threefold Amen*

*\*Hymn*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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*\*Postlude*

**know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

*\*Assurance of Pardon*

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God’s love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*\*Opening Hymn*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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*\*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*

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Hymn of Praise*

“Holy Ground”

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*The Word*

See the ‘Celebrate’ Insert for all the readings.

*First Reading*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

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

*Psalm*

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*Second Reading*

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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

*Choir Anthem*

*\*Gospel Acclamation*

*Alleluia. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth. Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel Reading**

John 1:43-51

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

**\*Gospel Response**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

2x

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

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

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

**Hallelujah! Hal- le- lu- jah!**

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*Children’s Message*

*Sermon*

Rev. Curtis H. E. Zemencik, Pastor

**\*Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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*Our Response*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us profess our faith.

Apostles’ 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.**

*Sacrament of Baptism*

*(Liturgy on Insert- Zion Stone Valley Church)*

*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*

Let us pray.

...Have mercy, O God.

*Offertory Service*

*Call to offering*

How generous are the gifts of God, poured out on us that we might know the joy of giving! The psalmist reminds us that it is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice and give to the poor. Our offerings proclaim God’s will in word and deed.

*Musical Offertory*

**\*Song of Dedication**

“Give Thanks”

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Righteous God, accept our gifts of gratitude for the dawning awareness among us of your healing presence. You have satisfied our need in parched places and made our bones strong. Now we wish to offer to the world the amazing wonders we have experienced. Let our righteousness and generosity exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Fill us with yearning for the Spirit of Christ that we might become salt and light and be empowered for good works, to your honor and glory. 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

## 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 Stone Valley are to the Glory of God.

The single pink flower at Stone Valley is in honor of the Baptism of Joeigh Elizabeth Marie Bordner.

### Zion Stone Valley Services

In effort to save on heating cost this year, we will be holding services in the Sunday School room in the back of the church on  
January 21 & 28 \*\*\*\*\* February 4 & 11

### Bible/ Book Study

'Joseph' by Adam Hamilton

**January 11, 18, 25, Feb 1 @7pm**  
**in Stone Valley Church School House**  
Examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Cemetery Association will be on **Wednesday, January 17** at 7:30 PM in the children's **Sunday** School room.



**Family Night**  
**Dinner and a Movie**  
Sunday, January 21, 2017,  
5:00pm,  
at Salem-Zion Church, Pillow.  
"Case for Christ"



### Salem Zion Fundraiser



Salem Zion church is selling Zook's Homemade meat Pies and apple dumplings. We are offering both 6" and 9" pies and single and double apple dumplings.

#### Pricing:

6" chicken pies \$5.00	9" chicken pies \$10.00
6" beef pies \$5.25.	9" beef pies \$10.50
Apple Dumplings:	single \$2.5    double \$5.00

Orders are due by **January 31**, 2018. Delivery will be **February 15**, 2018. Items will be delivered frozen. Please contact Rick or Shelly Snody, 570-758-2660 for order forms or to place an order.

The annual UCC Consistory meeting will be held January 9, 2018 at 6:30 in the Children's Sunday School.

### Zion Stone Valley Church Installation of UCC Consistory Members & Lutheran Council will be held January 21<sup>st</sup> during church service

UCC: Elders: Clarence Masser, Eugene Witmer

Deacons: Rich Bitting Jr, Barry Martz, Lauren Hackenburg, Luke Wilkinson

Trustee: Douglas Fessler

Lutheran Council

Susan Rotherrmel & Robert Ronngren

**2018** Church Calendars are available in the back of the church.

Don't forget to pick up your calendar and see the many services, special events, and special activities we are involved in at our church.

**Souper Bowl of Caring  
Sunday, February 4, 2018**

Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the big Game to help those in need. Sunday, February 4 we will again be placing votes (commercially canned or packaged soup or monetary donations) in the cart or box that represents your team playing in the Big Game. Will your team be the big winner of the day? The people who are recipients of help from the food bank will be the overall winners because of your donations. All donations stay in our area, but a tally of items and monetary donations will be collectively added to the Tulpehocken Conference of USS, ELCA total and then the national totals. All commercially packaged food items will be given to the Line Mt. Food Bank. The monetary donations will help purchase the ingredients for Beat Hunger Project Account.



**Beat Hunger Project Planning Meeting and Dessert  
Sunday, February 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm @ ZSV School House  
Begin Planning the Clay Shoot at Martz's Farm  
Proceeds will benefit the Beat Hunger Account For Future Project**



**Hartman Center Church Camp Offering  
Sunday, February 11, 2018**



**Ash Wednesday  
Ashes on the Go  
Service of Imposition of Ashes and  
Communion  
Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
Zion Stone Valley Church**

**Lenten Bible/ Book Study**

"Made for a Miracle: From Your Ordinary to God's Extraordinary", by Mike Slaughter. Study begins Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we will gather on Thursday nights at 7:00pm, at Zion Stone Valley Church School House.



**Blanket the World with Love  
Special Offering to Purchase Blankets  
for Church World Service  
Sunday, February 18, 2018**



**Shrove Tuesday, "Fat Tuesday"  
Pancake & Sausage Supper  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
Zion Stone Valley Grange Hall**



**Church Vocation Sunday  
Special Offering for  
Lancaster Seminary or Lutheran Seminary  
Sunday, February 25, 2018**

**Parish Fund Raising Team**

The Stone Valley Parish Board is forming a Parish Team who will work together, members of the team, congregational members of each congregation of the Parish. To date Sheryl Gilligan has volunteered from Zion Stone Valley and Sharon Comes from Salem-Zion Church. We need your participation on the team.



Sunday, Jan 14 Bible Study/ Joseph, Zion Stone Valley, 7pm  
 Sunday, Jan 21 Souper Bowl Sunday  
 Wednesday, Jan 31 Salem Zion Fundraiser / Zook's Homemade Pie orders due  
 Thursday, Feb 15 Salem Zion Fundraiser/ Pies delivered



### 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 January 7, 2018	\$ 37,435.50
Balance Needed	\$ 8,596.50

#### Zion Stone Valley

#### Budget 2018

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	\$82,400.00
Amount needed each week to meet budget	\$ 1,608.00
Received through January 7, 2018	\$ 1,375.00
Surplus (Deficit)	( - ) \$ 81,025.00