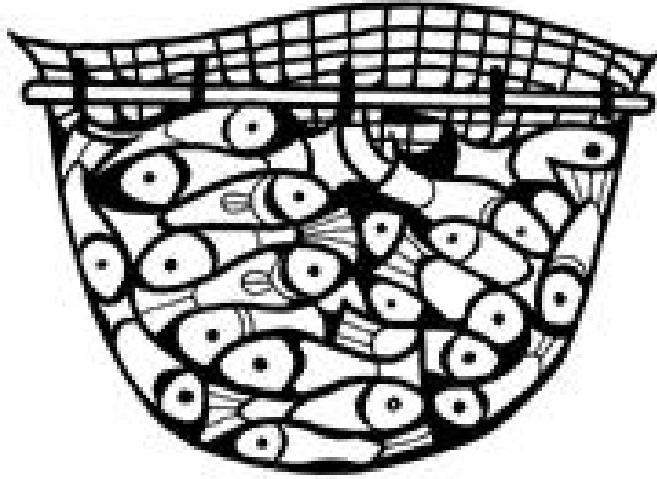


STONE VALLEY PARISH
Hickory Corners and Pillow, Pennsylvania



Alleluia

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.

Alleluia.

Mark 1:15

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday January 21, 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

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

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*

“O Zion, Haste”

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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*

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise*

“This Is the Day”

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The Word

See the ‘Celebrate’ Insert for all the readings.

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

Choir Anthem

**Gospel Acclamation*

(3)

Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Alleluia.*
The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading*

Mark 1:14-20

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*

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

see insert

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.

Installation of Congregational Council/Consistory Members and Officers from Salem-Zion and 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.)

Special Prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving for our Student Athletes of Line Mt. Schools

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 "The Word" by Amy Grant

**Song of Dedication* "Give Thanks" 170

**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

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*

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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**Postlude*

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 Emmanuel Center/ Maria Joseph Manor Continuing Care Community Room 205, 600 Schoolhouse Road, Danville, 17821, Josephine Kobel, ManorCare, Room 223, 901 Court Street, Sunbury, Pa 17801. Janet Adams, Nottingham Village, 56 Neitz Road, Northumberland, Pa 17857.

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Those in the Church Community: Hilda 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, Family of Leah Witmer.

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 Rebuck, 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, Jerry Bowman.

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



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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
Taylor Styer
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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
Rebecca Wolfe
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The Board

Altar Guild
Teachers

Larry Adams, President (meets 1st 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
Memory Keepers
Prayer Chain

Mark Witmer, President (meets 2nd Wednesday @ 7 p.m.)

Sandy Paul, Coordinator
Jennie Romberger, Coordinator
Joan Gasiewski, Coordinator
Truman Spotts, Betty Schaffner
Ida Anderson & Lauren Hackenburg, Coordinators
Yvonne Romberger—SZ (758-4597); Rita Glace—ZSV (758-9270)

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Sheryl Gilligan, 357 North Main Street, Herndon PA 17830
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Rick & Shelly Snody, Salem Zion Pillow 758-2660

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. J. Robert Snyder

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.

A very special Thank You from Joan Bitting for her cards, phone calls and prayers during her recovery. It was very special and nice to know others care so much.

Praying for the family of Leah Witmer . Leah passed away on Sunday, January 14th. Leah resided at Nottingham Village in Northumberland. Praying for Kane & Jackie , Ron & Tina and family. The family is grateful for all the greeting cards that Leah received by many members of both congregations. Leah had them all and, sorted by year and kept in box in her room.

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 25, Feb 1 @7pm

in Stone Valley Church School House

Examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph.



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.

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Zion Stone Valley Church Installation of UCC Consistory Members & Lutheran Council will be held January 21st 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 Rothermel & 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
Billow Insurance Agency
4350 State Route 147, Dalmatia
5:30am to 12:00pm

Imposition of Ashes and Communion

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 7:00pm
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 15th, we will gather on Thursday nights at 7:00pm, at Zion Stone Valley Church School House. Please place your name on the Signup sheet and check which book you would prefer. The cost is regular print is \$13.00, Large Print Edition is \$13.75, if you are interested in purchasing the eBook [ePub] from Cokesbury \$12.79.



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 21	Installation of Congregational Council
Thursday, Jan 25	Bible Study, Stone Valley
Wednesday, Jan 31	Salem Zion Fundraiser / Zook's Homemade Pie orders due
Sunday, Feb 4	Souper Bowl Sunday
Wednesday, Feb 7	Salem-Zion Council Meeting 7pm
Tuesday, Feb 13	Shrove Tuesday " Fat Tuesday
Wednesday Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, Feb 15	Salem Zion Fundraiser/ Pies delivered
Sunday, Feb 18	Blanket Sunday

Lenten & Worship

'Superheroes

Feb 14- Ash

5:30am – 12noon

Insurance Agency,

7:00pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion @Zion Stone Valley

Feb 21- Mid Week Lenten Worship, 'Pet Patrols', Rev. Zemencik

7Pm @ Trinity, Dalmatia



Holy Week Schedule of Faith'

Wednesday

Ashes on the Go, Rte. 147 Billow

Dalmatia

Feb 28- Mid Week Lenten Worship, ‘Batman’, Rev. Albright
7pm @ Salem-Zion, Pillow

Mar 7- Mid Week Lenten Worship, ‘The Flash’, Rev. Faust
7pm @ Emmanuel Luth, Hunter Station

Mar 14- Mid Week Lenten Worship, ‘Superman’, Rev. Compton
7pm @ David’s, Hebe

Mar 21- Mid Week Lenten Worship, ‘Guardians of the Galaxy’, Pastor Baxley
7pm @ Himmels Church, Dornsife

Mar 25- Palm/ Passion Sunday, Blessing and Distribution of Palms
9am @ Salem-Zion, Pillow
10:30am @ Zion Stone Valley
2pm- Distribute of Palms in Pillow

Mar 29- Holy Thursday Worship, Foot Washing and Holy Communion
7pm @ Salem-Zion, Pillow

Mar 30- Good Friday
1pm Journey with the Cross, Pillow
7pm @ St. Paul’s, Urban, ‘ObiWan Kenobi’, Rev. Miller

Mar 31- Holy Saturday, Holy Communion
7:30pm Easter Vigil Worship @ZSV

All are invited and urged to participate in the Mid Week Worship Services at our sister congregations. After each worship service everyone is invited to share in a time of Fellowship and Socializing during an ‘AfterGlow’ Social.

In the event of BAD WEATHER, the host pastor will make the decision as to whether to cancel the worship service. The host pastor will notify other members of the Ministerium, and each pastor will arrange for contact with regular attenders from his/her congregation. The host pastor should notify Station WKOK radio to make cancelation announcement.

Epiphany Service

Penn Central Conference Epiphany Service

Tuesday, January 23, @6:30pm

Mt. Zion UCC, York, Pa

The service will be live-streamed at <http://www.mtzionucc.org/services-online.html> or there will be an opportunity to view the live-stream with others at our two viewing locations: St. John’s UCC – 218 N. Church Street, Boalsburg, PA 16827 and Saint Paul’s UCC – 433 High Street, West Milton, PA 17856.

ARTS COUNCIL PLANS PEACE CONCERT

On Sunday, April 22nd, 2018, the Line Mountain Council for the Arts and Humanities will present “A Peace of Spring” at Himmels Church, Rebeck, PA. This concert is a response to a society that has been increasingly influenced by hate and discord. Singers of all ages are needed to prepare and perform this ‘feel good’ concert of the year.

Rehearsal dates will be held on the following Sundays:

March 11th., March 18th., April 8th., April 15th. at 2:00 P.M., and also on the day of the concert, April 22nd.

Judy White will direct the adults, and Judy Updegrove will lead the children/youth.

Participants need to register no later than February 1st. by e-mailing jensnyder@tds.net, by texting 570-850-7558, or by calling 570-758-4010. For more information, call Jenny Snyder at 570-758-4010.