

STONE VALLEY PARISH

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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

Organists

Choir Director

Acolyte

Offerings

Cindy Enders

\$690.04

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

Mark Witmer, President (meets 2nd 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)

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
(cell)

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

Pastor Emeritus

Rick & Shelly Snody, Salem Zion Pillow 758-2660
Rev. J. Robert Snyder

Salem-Zion Church of Pillow Inc.

9:00 a.m. **Worship** Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Tina Buffington, Becci Mauser &
Yvonne Romberger
Shelly Snody

\$463.00

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Hickory Corners and Pillow, Pennsylvania



Alleluia.

The servant of God took our infirmities and
bore our diseases.

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Matthew 8:17

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday February 4, 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

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, Rosemary Welker, POB 154, Pillow, PA 17080.

Shirley Harris
C/O Emmanuel Center/
Maria Joseph Manor Continuing Care Community
Room 205
600 SchoolHouse Road
Danville, PA 17821

Those in the Church Community: Bennett Bingaman, Shawn Hackenburg, Hilda Bahner, Rich Bitting Sr., Joan Bitting, Angela Bitting, Dennis Buffington, Pastor Curtis, Janet Adams, Truman & Betty Spotts, Paul Feger, Megan Zies, Homer Gross, Kim Girton, Rosemary Welker, Shirley Harris recovering from a fall.

Those in the extended community: 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

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



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*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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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*

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise*

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

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The Word

See the ‘Celebrate’ Insert for all the readings.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Psalm

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

Choir Anthem

**Gospel Acclamation*



Looking forward to Summer!!!!

Alleluia. The servant of God took our infirmities and bore our diseases. *Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

****Gospel Reading***

Mark 1:29-39

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

****Gospel Response***

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

2x

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

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Children's Message

Sermon

Rev. Curtis H. E. Zemencik, Pastor

****Hymn***

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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Our Response

Affirmation of Faith

Let us profess our faith.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Invitation to Communion

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

****Post Communion Prayer***

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me” pg #522

****Postlude***

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*

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.

Joys and Concerns

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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 "Come to the Banquet" Video

**Song of Dedication* "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You" 791

**Prayer of Dedication*

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**The Great Thanksgiving*

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Cereal Boxes

"Praise and thanks for 36 lbs. of cereal boxes on their way to Apparent Project in Haiti!"
Everyone keep up the great work of donating your used boxes. I have a favor to ask- if it's possible for you to remove the flap ends before bringing them in that would be very helpful. AP cannot use that part of the box, so we don't want to send it because it adds to postage cost for us and for them.

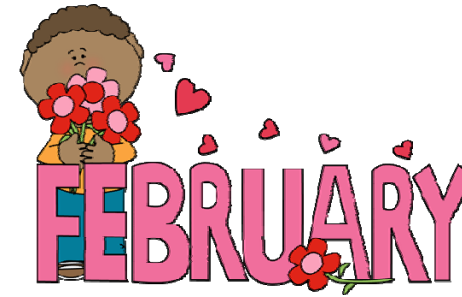
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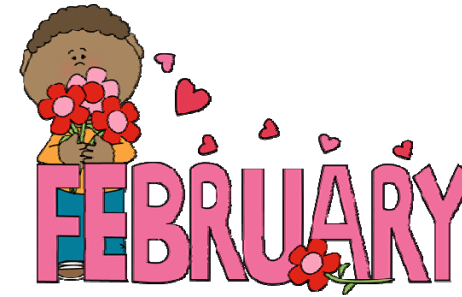
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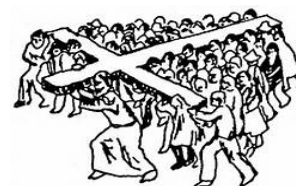
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**Blanket the World with Love
Special Offering to Purchase Blankets
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Sunday, February 18, 2018**



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Pancake & Sausage Supper
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Special Offering for
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*Lenten & Holy Week
Worship Schedule
'Superheroes of Faith'*

Feb 14- Ash Wednesday

5:30am – 12noon Ashes on the Go, Rte. 147 Billow Insurance Agency, Dalmatia

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

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

7Pm @ Trinity, 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.

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, Rebuck, 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 Updegrave 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.

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(press release)

DOUGHNUT DELIGHTS ARE COMING

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*Lenten & Holy Week
Worship Schedule
'Superheroes of Faith'*

Feb 14- Ash Wednesday

5:30am – 12noon Ashes on the Go, Rte. 147 Billow Insurance Agency, Dalmatia

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

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

7Pm @ Trinity, 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.

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, Rebuck, 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.

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