

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
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Rich Bitting, Jr
Reagan Malloy
\$1,017.00

Organists

Choir Director
Reader
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\\
Sharon Comes
Emma Rose Deppen
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The Board

Larry Adams, President (meets 1st Wednesday @ 7 p.m.)

Altar Guild
Teachers

Patricia Smeltz, RuthAnn Latsha, Kay Romberger, Sharon Comes
Larry Adams, Sharon Comes, Fran Eure, Kaye Thoma,
Rick & Shelly Snody, Sam & Linda Wolfe

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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

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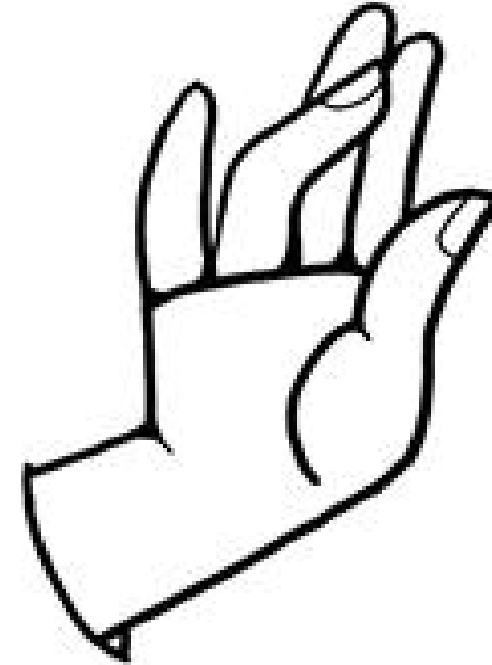
Sextons
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Ida Anderson, Zion Stone Valley 758-2366 (home) 717-645-4240

Pastor Emeritus

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

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Hickory Corners and Pillow, Pennsylvania



Alleluia

If we love one another, God lives in us and

God's love is perfected in us.

Alleluia

1 John 4:12

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

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion / Food Bank
Blanket Sunday
Sunday, October 7, 2018
*Please stand as you are able.**

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.

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Worship Preparation

Prelude "Waiting On the World to Change" video by John Mayer

A Time to center and prepare yourself

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

****Evoking the Mystery***

Lighting of the Candles and Presentation of the Communion

****Opening Hymn*** "All Creatures of our God and King" 63

CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are in care facilities: Harold Hoffman (416), Premier Care at Susquehanna, 990 Medical Rd, Millersburg, PA 17061, Janet Adams, Nottingham Village, 56 Neitz Road, Room 135, Northumberland, Pa 17857, RoseMary Welker, PO Box 154, Pillow, Pa., 17080, Arlene Deppen, PO Box 166, South Pine Street, Pillow, Pa, 17080.

Janet Adams
Nottingham Village
56 Neitz Road
Room 135
Northumberland, PA 17857

Those in the Church Community: Megan Zies & Jeff Tandler and baby Gabriel, Hilda Bahner, Joan Bitting, Dennis Buffington, Pastor Curtis, Betty Spotts, Paul Feger, Homer Gross, Kim Girton, Raymond Welker, Dennis Smeltz, Trish Snyder.

Those in the extended community: Cindy Maurer, Maria (Haverovich) Lazzarevich. Samuel Snyder, Sandy Hackenburg, Andy Rebeck, Edward & Annetta Zemencik, Pastor Fred Faust, Carol Brown, Marlin Schaffer, Ellen Schreffler, Vicki Ryan, Joan Williard. Homer Gross. Pscilion Hatter, The Family of Ceril & Sarah Shaffer, Wellington Shaffer family and friends.

Military personnel: Tyler Long , Jonathan Ivey , Cole Smeltz, Mackenzie Wynn, Tsean Jackson.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers at Salem Zion Church are to the Glory of God. The flowers at Zion Stone Valley are in Memory of my Grandson Chase Gilligan.

Stove Valley Parish Chinese Auction

Saturday, October 27 @ the Mandata Legion

We are also asking the congregation to help in reaching out to Local Businesses for donations. If we each take a few names, and businesses it would help to take the load off one or two people and increase the outreach for donations to make our auction a Hugh success.

Something wonderful is happening in our area! Come meet Alex on **October 11** at Emmanuel Bible Fellowship in Sunbury. Alex is a shoebox recipient from Rwanda and will share his testimony and fellowship with us from 7-8:30pm. .

Don't let this wonderful opportunity pass you by.

Sunday Lunch Bunch will gather Sunday, October 28, 12:30 at "Swing" Lykens Valley Golf Course. Sing up so we can make the reservations.

Zion Stone Valley Congregational Council meeting this Wednesday, October 10, 7pm.

Stone Valley Cemetery Association will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30PM in the children's sunday school room.

Thank you to all who helped with the Bob Neidig Sale, Those who gave time, money, and baked goods. Thank you for all your support in our sales, bake & Soup sales and all we do. Thank You from The Ladies Aid.

A Special Thank You to everyone who helped with The Fall Festival at Wolf's Crossroads Yesterday. It was a great day, so many people attending. We sold out of our Apple Dumplings and Haluski & as always our Baskets were a big hit. Some won by our church members.
Special Thanks for your Support!!!!

Call to Confession

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

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

*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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

*Assurance of Pardon

P: 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.

(As Hymn is sung the Harvest will be presented)

**Hymn of Praise*

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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*Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

See the 'Celebrate' Insert for all the readings.

First Reading

Genesis 2: 18-24

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 8

Second Reading

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

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

Choir Anthem

**Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia. If we love one another, God lives in us and God’s love is perfected in us. *Alleluia.* (1 John 4:12)

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading*

Mark 10: 2-16

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

**Gospel Response*

‘Halle, Halle, Hallelujah’

Halle halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

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

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

Hallehuhjah! Hal- le-lu- jah!

Children’s Message

Sermon

**Sermon Hymn*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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Our Response

Affirmation of Faith

Let us profess our faith **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy

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

Prepare to Listen in the World

Connecting to the World

Announcements and Joys

**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. 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*

**Parting Hymn*

“Now Thank We all Our God”

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**Postlude*

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.

**Invitation to Communion*

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread

Sharing at the Banquet Table

Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer Concerns

(Light a candle and say a prayer for someone or some situation you are concerned about, You will find a tier with votive cups in the rear of sanctuary. Place a battery operated candle in one the votive cups.)

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, ...Your mercy is great

Offertory Service

Call to offering

God is the Giver of life, Christ is the Gift sent to share our life, and the Holy Spirit the power that enables us to continue in generosity, justice and joy. Let us open our hearts and our lives to God and one another.

Musical Offertory

“The Table” video by Chris Tomlin

**Presentation of Our Offering*

**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.

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September Expenses & Receipts**

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| Offerings | \$ 2779.00 | |
| Donation / Food Truck | \$ 200.00 | |
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| Expenses | | |
| PP&L | \$ 104.63 | |
| TDS Phone & Internet | \$ 88.69 | |
| SV Parish | \$2,082.00 | |
| Troutman's Oil | \$ 741.46 | |
| Total Expenses | \$3,015.78 | |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (+) \$ 262.22 | |

**Zion Stone Valley
September Budget 2018**

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| <u>General Fund</u> | | \$82,400.00 |
| Amount needed each week to meet budget | | \$ 1,608.00 |
| Received through September 16 | | \$45,217.88 |
| Received September 23, 2018 | | \$ 1,151.00 |
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