

Zion Lutheran Church

November 30, 2025



COMBINED December 6 and 7

Sunday Morning Worship
10 a.m.

&

Saturday Worship
at 5 p.m.

Join us on Sunday Morning at 10 a.m. for the Christmas Pageant.

After worship, we are going to take a photo to update our church family photo.



New Star

Pageant rehearsals will be held during the Sunday School hour. If your child cannot make the rehearsals, don't worry. We will find a place for them!

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 11/29

8:30 a.m. One God, One Voice
9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday - 11/30

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Class—The Power of the Holy Spirit's Name
10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Practice
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 12/1

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Lectio Divina Fb Live

Tuesday - 12/2

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. GriefShare
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday - 12/3

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Dinner
7:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Worship

Thursday - 12/4

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Table Talk

Friday - 12/5

4:00 p.m. Valley Urbanites
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 12/6

8:30 a.m. One God, One Voice
9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
4:00 p.m. Christmas In the Valley
5:00 p.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday - 12/7

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship with Children's Christmas Pageant
11:00 a.m. Congregational Picture
11:00 a.m. Servants of Christ Project
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Advent Family Night
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group



A Monthly
Community Service Ministry
of Zion

Sunday, December 7, after the Worship Service

We will be making "Christmas Card" boxes and filling them with candy!

The boxes will be given to the Food Bank for distribution to the families they serve.

Advent Pause

Hoping with Intention in a Troubled World

Wednesday in Advent

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Children's Activities begin at 6:30 p.m.

Worship begins at 7 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Christmas Cookie Exchange

COME FILL UP YOUR COOKIE JAR!

December 18, 6-8 p.m. at Jamie Derr's Home

7800A Picnic Woods Rd, Middletown

RSVP to Jamie at 301-305-9796

Cookie baking is optional, so please come even if you don't bake!

For cookie exchange, bring 5 dozen cookies of your choice (10 bags with 6 cookies in each bag).

Christmas In the Valley



Saturday, December 6, 7pm

Volunteers Needed— We need approximately 10-15 adult volunteers to help at the church with ushering before and during the concert, as well as afterwards in the Social Room to help with cookies and punch. **If you can help, please contact Jen Caulk, 240-446-4788 or Mary Ann Marcantonio, 240-675-1140.**

The Altar Flower Chart for 2026 is posted outside the Living Library. The cost of two arrangements \$72.00. Thank you to all the members of the congregation who donated altar flowers this year. They are always appreciated!



Advent

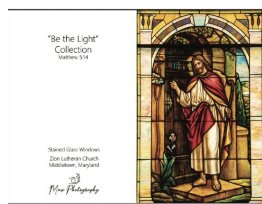
CRAFT & Game Night

Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m.

Bring a game to share. We will have a Wii set up in the social room. We will have some crafts you can do to help you celebrate Advent. We will have a taco bar for dinner.

Take Zion's treasured windows home with you!

Perfect Christmas gift for friends, family or yourself. Keepsake box includes 12 blank note cards (2 of each window). Photographed by a local artist, Reanna Muse. \$25.00 per box. **You can purchase the Cards in the Church office.** All proceeds go to "With Open Arms" Mar-Lu-Ridge Renovation Project and Zion's Tanzania Support Project.



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.

We will meet in the church parking lot and load up on a tractor and wagon so that we can go around town to sing carols. We will also have the church van for those who might need it. We plan to get back to church a little after 7 p.m. for some hot chocolate and cookies.



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection this year! From monetary donations six Zion members filled 72 boxes at the Shippensburg, PA warehouse. 167 boxes were delivered to the processing center where they will be distributed to boys and girls who may never have received a gift. **Thank You!!**



The family of John Burrier want to express our deep appreciation to the church for the many ways that we were supported during Dad's illness and passing. We thank the Lord for the awesome faith community at Zion.

Worship Services

Saturday: 5 p.m. Informal Worship

Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Christian Education: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Zion Worship Service Viewing Options:

To view our weekly recorded worship service any time during the week, you can just click on the webpage link at www.zionmiddletown.org and it will take you directly to the video. The link for the livestream of one service each week is on the website; click the link and it will take you directly to the video.



Weekend Food Program meets the needs of students on the weekends when they do not receive food at school.
Critical Needs: December: it is chicken noodle & tomato soup.

MVPHP Holiday Assistance Program—Provides assistance for local families with toys, gift cards and holiday meals.

For details on donating to help families in need this holiday season please visit www.mvphp.org/2025-holiday-program



Please contact MVPHP at mvphpmd@gmail.com or call 301-371-3119 if you have questions.

Budget/Income Information-YTD as of October 31, 2025

YTD Proposed Budget income \$516,261.

vs YTD Actual Income \$412,563.

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$532,392. vs

YTD Actual Expenses \$486,188.

Actual YTD Income is less expenses in October 2025 by \$73,625.

October Noisy Offering to Frederick Rescue Mission—\$250.31

