

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**October 17, 2021**



Thank you to everyone who made Saturday's Installation service possible. Your presence, the worship, the music, the food were all wonderful and a beautiful celebration of the relationship we are beginning to form here as co-pastors and disciples of Jesus at Zion, Middletown. We will cherish the memories of that day.

Thank you! -Pastor Diane, Pastor Matt, Thomas, and Isaiah

**Zion's Weekly Schedule**

**Saturday - 10/16**

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice  
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Sunday -10/17**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:00 a.m. Faith Connection Time  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
12:30 p.m. First Communion (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Monday - 10/18**

6-8 p.m. GriefShare

**Tuesday - 10/19**

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters  
6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study-  
Stewardship  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters-  
Garden's Edge

**Wednesday - 10/20**

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Welcome & Engagement  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

**Thursday - 10/21**

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday - 10/22**

5:00 p.m. Community Firepit Friday!

**Saturday - 10/23**

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice  
9 - 11:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Open  
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Sunday - 10/24**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:00 a.m. Faith Connection Time  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
12:30 p.m. First Communion (Zoom)

## **Noisy Offering— Today!**

Today's Noisy Offering will benefit the Middletown Community Clothes Closet. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

**A reminder to do your part to get the pandemic under control; the current plan is simple:**

- 1. Get vaccinated**
- 2. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face**
- 3. Please stay home if you are ill**
- 4. For now, if you cannot appropriately social distance, wear a facemask**

The COVID taskforce has modified the matrix to reflect many new developments in this disease and its management. There will be events at Zion where social distancing cannot be maintained, a wider community is participating, and facemasks will be required. Please know that this is being done to care for our neighbors and ourselves. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lois Ahalt, 301-514-5735.

### **Are you Interested in First Communion?**

The Pastors will be offering First Communion classes for all who are interested in having their child have their first communion. The classes will be on Sunday, October 17th & 24th at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Wendi for the Zoom link. . The First Communion will then be given at services the weekend of October 31st. Questions? Contact Pastor Diane; [pastordiane@zionmiddletown.org](mailto:pastordiane@zionmiddletown.org)

### **First Aid and CPR/AED Class—November 11th at 6:30 p.m.**

Zion will be hosting a First Aid and CPR/AED Class on Thursday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. The class will last approximately 2 1/2 hours and you will have your two year CPR/AED certification completed in one evening! If you are interested in participating, please call or email Wendi Kishimoto: 301-371-6500, ext. 203 or [wendik@ziomiddletown.org](mailto:wendik@ziomiddletown.org) Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon!

### **Zoom Stewardship Bible Study on Tuesdays**

On Tuesday nights, we will have discussion and study on Zoom around rethinking stewardship. This is the same study the adult Sunday School class is doing on Sunday morning. Please join Pastor Diane for this time of discussions.

#### **Upcoming dates:**

Oct 19, 2021 06:30 PM

Oct 26, 2021 06:30 PM

A Zoom link was emailed to all members. If you would like further details or the Zoom link, contact Wendi Kishimoto: [wendik@zionmiddletown.org](mailto:wendik@zionmiddletown.org) or 301-371-6500, ext. 203

### **Hope to Faith**

Our next Hope to Faith gathering will be on Monday, October 25th. Meet in the back parking lot of the church at 2:30 p.m. The group will travel to Cracker Barrel for a meal and fellowship. Contact Dixie if you have any questions.



### **Community Firepit Friday—**

#### **October 22nd**

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 22nd Zion invites everyone to join us for Fire-pit Friday! We will provide hot dogs, snacks and s'more kits for everyone! Bring a chair, bring a friend and come ready for fun!

### **Air Conditioning Units—Update!**

The air conditioning units in the Sanctuary, Chapel, Church Office, Garden's Edge and back of the Social Room are not operational. The Sanctuary system is in progress with the outside condenser for the Sanctuary due in early December and the air handlers for that system scheduled to arrive in early January. The Church Office system is scheduled to arrive in mid-November. The units for the Chapel and other areas have recently been ordered and we are awaiting delivery dates for those systems.

Wondering about the heating systems? The Sanctuary furnace has been maintained and certified and all the other heating units are operational and ready for the colder weather.

### **Weekend Backpack Ministry**

The Weekend Backpack Ministry continues to meet the needs of students on the weekends when they do not receive food at school. The critical need item for October is pasta in a can, such as ravioli, stew or Spaghetti-O's. Please consider donating one of those items. The boxes are located on the bench inside the double doors off of the back parking lot and outside of the Chapel.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

As we begin our Operation Christmas Child shoebox, please consider filling a box, or several, for a child who may never have received a gift nor heard of Jesus and His saving grace. If you prefer, monetary donations are welcome; Linda Huckleberry and Linda Sanders will shop for you. They will be going to the Shoebox Supply Warehouse in Shippensburg, PA at the end of October where they may fill a box to the brim with quality items, all for \$15.50. This amount includes the \$9.00 shipping fee requested.

Brochures detailing packing information as well as empty boxes are available in the ramp area. Please note inappropriate items listed in the brochure. It is suggested items be taken out of packaging, which allows more to go into a box and greatly reduces trash in countries where such pickup may be unavailable. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus as we help to put smiles on His children. Please return your filled boxes to Zion by 7 November. Thanks you so much. Linda H and Linda S

## Worship Services

**Saturday:**

**5 p.m. Informal Worship**

**Sunday Services:**

**9 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

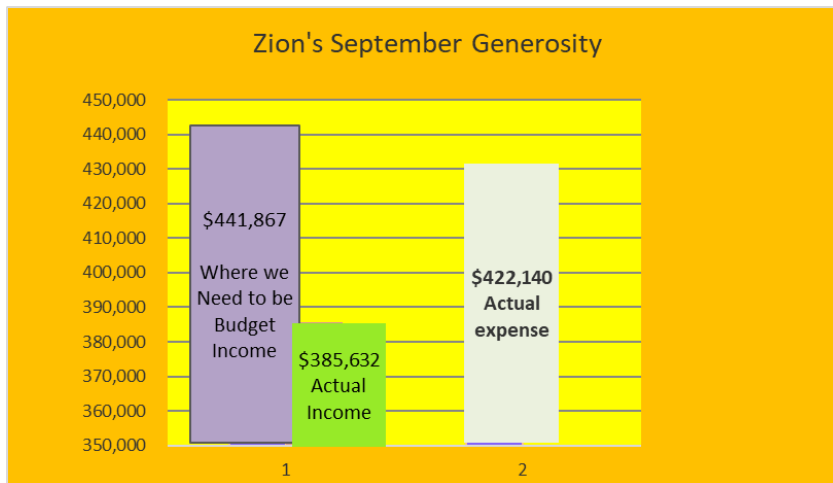
**11 a.m. Traditional Worship**

### 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](http://www.zionmiddletown.org) and it will take you directly to the video. The link for the livestream of each service is on the website, click the link and it will take you directly to the video.

## **Zion Stewardship**

**Zion's Giving Update: Year to Date ~ September 30, 2021**



### **Budget/Income Information– YTD as of September 30, 2021**

YTD proposed budget income \$441,866.77. vs YTD Actual Income \$385,632.07.  
YTD proposed budget expenses \$449,697.12. vs YTD Actual Expenses \$422,140.24  
**\*\*Actual income is less expenses by \$36,508.17 \*\***



#### **Have you signed up for Constant Contact?**

Zion recently discontinued the weekly email letter that was emailed to all members on Wednesdays. We have a Constant Contact weekly email that comes out on Fridays. If you aren't getting it and want to sign up call or email the Church Office: 301-371-6500 or [office@zionmiddletown.org](mailto:office@zionmiddletown.org)