

THE VISITOR
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Dear Friends,

We continue our review of Margaret Wheatley's core principles of change. The *third principle* is that "We do not see 'reality'; we each create our own interpretation of what is real." One of my favorite quotes comes from Lily Tomlin's one woman show: *In Search of Intelligent Life in the Universe*. In that show her bag lady character says: "What is reality? Reality is nothing more than a collective hunch!" In other words, we all create our own reality. Anyone who has sat through a congregational meeting knows that what they heard and understood will be vastly different than what their neighborhood heard—the after-meeting meetings in the parking lot are proof of this.

Fitting into this principle is my own motto that *perception is everything*. In many ways it does not matter what really happened, or what really was said. All that matters is what people think they heard or saw. Ten spies went into the Promised Land to scout things out for the people. One came back seeing everything that God had promised and opportunities just waiting to be seized. Nine saw fearsome people, fortified cities, and a path wrought with obstacles. They were all in the same land, but one saw the possibilities while the others saw only doom. Of course the people chose to listen only to the nine, and as a result spent 40 years in the Wilderness before they could finally see the possibilities of God's promise.

If we understand that everyone has his or her own perceptions of reality, we can use that to create a stronger and more dynamic vision. If we can learn to listen to other people's perspectives, we can open ourselves to a new way of seeing and thinking. When we know that our views are heard and respected, we feel invested in the process, and can actually come to enjoy the interchange and get excited about creating something new.

Perhaps if the Children of Israel had been aware of this principle, they could have set up a process to discuss their perceptions, and maybe then they could have actually heard God's presentation of the reality God wanted to create with them. Wouldn't it be great to have our next congregational meeting be a time to share our different visions, listen respectfully to everyone, and together, with God, create a new and stronger vision that connects all our realities together? It would be a lot better than screaming so loudly to be heard that we can't hear anyone else, wouldn't it?

Understanding this principle can help us to create a healthier Zion. It can also help us to understand our neighbors during this time of heated political discord. How can that person even think of supporting that candidate? Because their reality is different from ours. When we recognize that, maybe we can begin to work together again as a country and create a new reality that works for the greater good of all. We can dream, can't we?

Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer



“Notes” from the Director of Music

Dear Zion:

Over the last several days it is apparent that summer is finally on its way! What a relief for those of us who completely dread the cold of winter. Pools are being opened, Memorial Day picnics, parades and ceremonies are now just a memory. And although summer is usually a more relaxed atmosphere, there is always a lot going on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of those who took part in our annual Music Sunday service. What a blessing it is for us to have so many talented people in our congregation that are willing to share their gifts with us. From the soloist and groups to all four of our dedicated choirs I could not be happier with the turn out. The Choraliers sang stronger than they have for many years and I was very happy with their performance. I always enjoy hearing a song that combines the Junior and Senior choirs and this year was no different. Once again, thanks to all!

Please keep your eyes open for the dates for our Annual Music Academy. For those of you unfamiliar with this activity, it is a 5 day music “camp” where any school age child is invited to learn a little about music. We have a junior band, senior band, choir, music related crafts, recorder class and other activities and instructions. Students do not need to be musically inclined to join us for this fun event! Dates for the academy will be firmed up in the coming weeks.

Also, keep your eyes open for Zion Opera Workshop events including our Broadway Revue which takes place in the Amphitheater and spreads the talents of our members to even more people.

Musically Yours,

Brad

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Vacation Bible School-2016



Zion's VBS will be held from Sunday, June 12th through Thursday, June 16th from 6:00-8:00 each night. This year's theme is *Cave Quest-Following Jesus, the Light of the World*. VBS is for children Grades K-12. Click on the following link to register a child for this wonderful time of the Summer:

<http://tinyurl.com/2016ZionVBSRegistration>

This year's VBS coordinators are Ashley Fritz and Accaylia Schaeffer. If you are able to assist in any way with this year's program, please call the Church Office at 610-377-1191.

Samson

Please note that there are no longer any seats available for the Board of Christian Education sponsored bus trip to see Samson. For those who have signed up for this day of fun, food and entertainment, the Bieber Bus will be departing from the parking lot next to the Lehigh Area School District's Administration Building at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, July 6th.

Sound System Operator Needed

Our current outstanding sound system operator, Brock Heckman, will begin college in the Fall of this year. The church will need someone to take over the sound system operation from Brock as early as the end of August. Responsibilities include operating the system on Sunday mornings as well as the recording of the 10:15 A.M. Service. Duplicate copies of each recording need to be produced for distribution to our shut-in members. If interested in this volunteer position, please contact the Church Office at 610-377-1191.

Get Well Wishes

By the time you read this newsletter, Pastor Bannerman will have undergone hip replacement surgery and will be recovering at home. A hurry back soon-get well-hope you are fine card can be sent to her at 45 Berry Lane, Jim Thorpe, Pa. 18229.

HOPE

Hope, a Narcotics Anonymous based program is a support group of families of members with narcotic addictions. HOPE is families helping families, families who understand each other in their recovery, families who share personal stories and hope that shared problems lead to common solutions. The group meets each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. at the St. Peter's Community Resource Center, 177 Main Road, Weissport. Come join HOPE and feel the strength that is generated from each other.

Sesquicentennial Activities at Zion

The time is fast approaching for the week-long celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Borough of Lehigh. You will not want to miss two events that will be held at Zion in conjunction with the milestone.

Treat yourself to a beautiful collection of the finest stitchery in the area at a massive Quilt Display in our Sanctuary and Gym on Saturday, June 25th from 11:00-4:00. Contact Gail Klemka at 610-377-2330 for more information.

Festival of Faith Sunday, celebrated on June 26th, will feature a special Sesqui-Prayer during both of our services, Sesqui-Meal Deals for \$ 1.50 in our Dining Room and tours of Zion from 12:00 Noon-4:00 P.M. If you would like to serve as a tour guide, please contact the Church Office at 610-377-1191.

Come and enjoy both events!

Community Center Grand Opening

People's E.C. Church, 177 Main Road, Weissport, will hold a Grand Opening on Saturday, June 11th from 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Numerous service organizations and churches will be on hand at the center to let the folks of our community aware of the programs and ministries that are available for them.

Zion, of course, will be there! We are seizing upon this golden opportunity to reach out to God's children who could benefit from our Feed-A-Neighbor Food Pantry, our monthly Community Meal, weekly Mid-Week Lunch, daily (M-F) Student Summer Lunch program, Summer Day Camp and Dylan & Gavin's Rainbow.

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Mission Moments

Food Pantry Request

Zion's Food Pantry is in need of any type of breakfast cereals, canned fruit and canned soups. Please place your donations in the receptacle in the Narthex. Thank you.

Family Promise of Carbon County



Our next week to host the homeless families and their children from Family Promise of Carbon County is July 17th. There are several ways that you can volunteer to help make the week that the families stay with us a meaningful one. Please consider preparing and/or serving the evening meal, spending time in fellowship with the families after their meal and sleeping over with them. Please contact Nancy Koch at 610-377-5877 to sign up to volunteer to make a difference in the lives of others.

Strengthen the Church Appeal

Thanks to everyone who supported the United Church of Christ's *Strengthen the Church* appeal which raised \$ 203.00 last month. Your gifts to this offering will provide startup funds to newly formed churches, awake new ideas in existing churches and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Your financial support will strengthen the church and allow more and more people to hear the good news that God is Still Speaking!

Student Summer Lunch



Zion will once again host the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's free summer lunch program. This ministry allows us to provide free, nutritious lunches to students who attend Lehigh Area Schools. The program begins on June 1st and continues until the students return to school in September. Lunches are served Monday through Friday from 11:00-12:30 in our Dining Room. Please contact Bob Schaeffer at 610-554-6011 if you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful program.

Fundraiser Reports

Zion held four (4) fundraisers during the month of May. Proceeds and other news from each of them are listed below.

Rummage-Soup-Book & Bake Sale



Another, stellar, epic in the annals of fundraising at Zion concluded on May 3rd. This year's three-day event raised \$ 3,700.00 for our General Operating Budget. Thanks to everyone who spent hours upon hours of their time working to make this sale a HUGE success. See you in October!

Mother's Day Breakfast and Raffle

The Mother's Day Breakfast and Raffle, held on May 8th, netted a profit of \$ 754.02 for our General Operating Budget. Thanks to the Mid-Week Lunch Bunch for spearheading this magical day. Winners of the raffle:

Joan Hochberg	Kitchen Towel Basket
Jodie Hourt	Red Lobster Gift Card
Jen Koch	Bath & Body Basket
Nancy Koch	Origami Owl Gift Certificate
Bob Martin	Tractor Supply Gift Card
Jason Moulthrop	Mini-Golf Passes
Joyce Ricciardi	Outback Steakhouse Gift Card
Ruthann Rittle	Walmart Gift Card
Judy Schaeffer	Prayer Shawl
Bob Schaeffer	Balch's Restaurant Gift Card
Donna Slaw	Cookbook Basket

Bach & Handel Chorale Benefit Concert

The glorious sounds of the Bach & Handel Chorale, under the direction of Randall Perry, filled our Sanctuary on May 14th. The benefit concert raised \$ 400.00 for Zion's General Operating Budget.

May Fish Feast

Our Fabulously fantastic fish feast held on Friday, May 20th was enjoyed by 148 well satisfied diners! The lip smacking treat raised \$ 1,228.69 for Zion's General Operating Budget. Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser and to the small army of volunteers who spent dozens of hours preparing for the event.

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From the Church Records

Baptism

Colton James Davidson, son of James Owen Davidson and Gwendolyn Remaley was baptized by Pastor Bannerman on Sunday, May 1st. Colton opened his eyes to God's beautiful world on August 16, 2015.

Marriage

Jared McEvoy and Katie Frey were united in Holy Matrimony during a service officiated by Pastor Bannerman on May 7, 2016. The Family of Faith of Zion United Church Christ wishes only the best for this young couple as they begin their life journey together.

New Members

Congratulations to Kylie Barrett, Cobe Frycklund, Shawn Gardner, Mitchell Hourt, Alexandria Kemmerer, Jenna Kroboth and Baylee Strausberger, our newest members, who were received into the membership of Zion through the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th.

Death

A Service, celebrating the life of Judy Fatzinger was conducted by Pastor Bannerman on Saturday, May 21st. Judy Fatzinger entered into Eternal Life on May 14th. May God bring comfort to Judy's family members, loved ones and friends during their time of sadness.



Memorial Gifts

The following gifts have been placed in the Memorial Fund at Zion Church. Donations to the Memorial Fund are used at the discretion of the Consistory unless designated by the Donor.

In Memory Of Judy Fatzinger

Donor

Darrayl & Sharon Berger
Ronald & Sandra Fritz
Barton & Patricia Fritzingler
Shirley Harleman
Thomas & Gail Klemka
Beverly Moser

Designated Ministry

Non-Designated
General Operating Budget
Non-Designated
Non-Designated
Non-Designated
Kitchen Fund

Paul R. Smith

Francis Heery
Denise Prowell & Mark Schultz
Janet E. Snyder

Music Fund & ZOW
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Melva Whiteman

Robert Whiteman

Non-Designated

Every effort is made to insure that all donations have been listed in this Visitor and that all information is correct. Should you discover that your donation is not listed or that any information is not correct, please contact the Church Office at 610-377-1191.

Zion Operating Revenue & Expense Summary Actual to Budget

January - March, Current Month=April, and YTD for 2016

	January - March	3 Mths Percent of Annual Budget	April Actual	Month Percent of Annual Budget	YTD Total	Annual Budget	YTD Percent of Budget
		25.00%		8.33%			33.33%
Total Operating Revenue	50,817.50	18.65%	18,538.55	6.80%	69,356.05	272,477.00	25.45%
Outreach Ministries	1,800.00	25.00%	600.00	8.33%	2,400.00	7,200.00	33.33%
Music Ministries	6,123.44	24.42%	1,663.84	6.63%	7,787.28	25,080.00	31.05%
Congregational Life Ministries	2,091.57	21.90%	1,111.06	11.63%	3,202.63	9,550.00	33.54%
Property & Maintenance	21,536.71	26.54%	5,735.55	7.07%	27,272.26	81,137.00	33.61%
Office Costs & Support	9,440.72	23.60%	2,669.87	6.67%	12,110.59	40,003.00	30.27%
Clergy Salary & Benefits	17,778.59	25.53%	5,073.04	7.28%	22,851.63	69,649.00	32.81%
Insurance & Benefits	9,030.52	26.37%	5,553.95	16.22%	14,584.47	34,248.00	42.58%
Payroll Expenses	1,689.98	30.12%	407.38	7.26%	2,097.36	5,610.00	37.39%
Total Operating Expenses	69,491.53	25.50%	22,814.69	8.37%	92,306.22	272,477.00	33.88%
Net (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses	-18,674.03		-4,276.14		-22,950.17	0.00	



ZION UCC SUMMER PROGRAM

Children Grades K-6

2-4 Week Session

June 6, 2016-July 1, 2016

and

July 18, 2016-August 12, 2016

Sign Up for **3** or **5** Days

HOURS

Full Day

8am to 4pm

Half Days

8am-12pm or 12pm-4pm

Students will participate in the Zion UCC Lunch Program

or

They may bring a packed lunch

Questions?

Email Jamie at ZionSummerProgram@yahoo.com

Summer Program fees are based on what type of lunch your child/children receive during the regular school year. All fees are per day.

Zion UCC Summer Program Fee Schedule			
	Regular Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Free Lunch
Full Time	\$30	\$20	\$10
Part Time	\$15	\$10	\$5

Schedule of Weekly Activities

Schedule Subject to Change

Session 1

June 6—June 10
Getting to Know You

June 13—June 17
Favorite Board Games

June 20—June 24
Architecture

June 27—July 1
Backyard Fun

Session 2

July 18—July 22
Arts and Crafts

July 25—July 29
Sports

August 1—August 5
STEM

August 8—August 12
Music

Summer Lunch Program



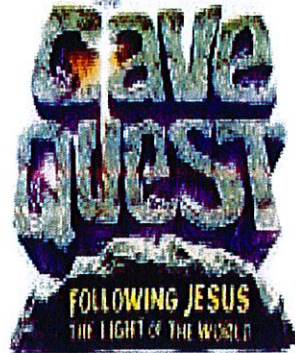
*Free Lunch For Students Who Attend
The Lehighton Area School District*

Dates: June 1st thru September 2nd

Days: Monday thru Friday

Time: 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Where: Zion United Church of Christ
Second & Iron Streets
Lehigh, Pa.



WHAT: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHEN: JUNE 12TH -16TH 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WHERE: ZION UCC, LEHIGHTON

Imagination Station

- ❖ Geode Gems
- ❖ Cave Snot
- ❖ Rock Art

Spelunker Sports & Games

- ❖ Lemon Line
- ❖ Use Your Noodle
- ❖ Cave Golf

KidVid Cinema & Cavern Cafe

- ❖ Maze Mix
- ❖ Fruit Compass
- ❖ Veggie Hug
- ❖ Peachy Power Up

Deep Bible Quests

- ❖ Jesus gives us hope.
- ❖ Jesus gives us courage.
- ❖ Jesus gives us direction.
- ❖ Jesus gives us love.



To register:

Please go to this link and complete our Online Registration:

<http://tinyurl.com/2016ZionVBSRegistration>



ZION CHURCH CALENDAR-JUNE-2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE-8:15 A.M. WORSHIP-SANCTUARY-10:15	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 QUILTING-N-9:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 TOPS-N-4:00	MID-WEEK LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 CHANCEL CHOIR-DR-7:30 PROPERTY COMMITTEE-BCR-7:00	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE-8:15 A.M. WORSHIP-SANCTUARY-10:15 A.M. HONORING GRADS & DADS	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 QUILTING-N-9:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 TOPS-N-4:00 FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG.-BCR-7:00	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 MID-WEEK LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 CHANCEL CHOIR-DR-7:30	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 QUILT SHOW SET-UP 10:00-6:00	SESUI QUILT SHOW SANCTUARY & GYM 11:00-4:00
26	27	28	29	30		
EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE-8:15 A.M. WORSHIP-SANCTUARY-10:15 FESTIVAL OF FAITH SUNDAY SESQUI MEAL-DR-12:00-4:00 TOURS OF CHURCH-12:00-NOON	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 QUILTING-N-9:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 TOPS-N-4:00 CONSISTORY MEETING-BCR-7:00	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 MID-WEEK LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 CHANCEL CHOIR-DR-7:30	SUMMER DAY CAMP-8:00-4:00 STUDENT LUNCH-DR-11:00-12:30 COMMUNITY MEAL-DR-5:30-7:00 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION-6:00-7:00		

LEGEND

BCR=BROOKS-COPE CLASSROOM
 CR=CONFERENCE ROOM
 DR=DINING ROOM/FELLOWSHIP HALL
 D & GK FEC-DYLAN & GAVIN KRUM FAITH EXPLORATION CENTER
 N=NURSERY
 SA=SMITH AUDITORIUM