

Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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Good Morning!

*Welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church!*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, by Carol Ann Cash.

Ushering today are Dan Douthett, Gary Hittle, Vikki Young, and Cynthia Snyder.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge for refreshments after the service.

From Re-Member's website.....conditions exist here that should not exist in the middle of the wealthiest country on earth. Our volunteers and other visitors to Pine Ridge are often shocked by what they see.

We believe we can best fulfill our mission of improving reservation life by bringing together volunteers, organizations, and governmental entities both on Pine Ridge and across the nation to help alleviate the most pressing immediate needs of the Oglala Lakota people.

We build outhouses for those without indoor plumbing and ramps for the disabled, beds for people sleeping on floors and skirts for trailers susceptible to South Dakota's unpredictable weather. We grow fresh produce each summer in our community gardens, and distribute firewood every winter to those in need.

The biggest hurdle right now for Re-Member is the frigid temperatures and the snow which makes it difficult to get firewood to those who live on the reservation.

In 2012, a group of 13 volunteers from Zion's spent a week working and learning at Re-Member and some still keep in touch through their Facebook page. It was definitely a trip to remember!



FASNACHT CELEBRATION!

The Fasnacht dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19 after church in Fisher Hall. Fasnacht is known as the last celebration before the seriousness of Lent begins.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the dinner, please notify Julie.



In conjunction with the dinner, The Ministry of Service and Missions is holding a BASKET RAFFLE. **Would you like to donate a themed basket?** A few ideas are sports, car wash items, ingredients to make a dinner, wine and cheese, candy bar basket. Google it! You'll find lots of great ideas!

REMEMBERING RE-MEMBER

Proceeds from the Basket Raffle will go to Re-Member, which is an independent, non-profit organization working with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They improve the quality of life for those who live there, and provide meaningful opportunities to serve and learn for those who volunteer and support their work.

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

January 22, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Josie Harbaugh, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Sydnie Powell, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE "Saint Anthony Chorale" Hayden

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our light and our salvation.

People: Whom then shall we fear?

Leader: God is the strong hold of our lives.

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: We gather in the presence of God.

People: We open our hearts and minds in worship.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 451 "Be Now My Vision"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Often times the things we do keep us from recognizing God's presence in our lives.

People: Yet we hunger for God's presence in our daily living.

Leader: Let us come before God with humble hearts.

People: Together we will seek God's loving presence and comforting grace.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we are convinced you have abandoned us, yet it is we who have moved away. Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us. Forgive us for short memories of your continuous love. Strengthen us in our daily walk with you. Help our unbelief. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God knows us and receives us just as we are.

People: We rejoice in God's unending grace.


All: Thanks be to God.

*A SONG OF PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
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~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "What Does This Tell Us About the Future?"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Tender Mercies" Travis Boyd
Ruth Herrick, Soprano Soloist



INCOME TAX PREPARATION


AARP volunteers will be preparing income taxes for EFILE again this year at 3 Mercer County sites. Greenville, Hickory and West Middlesex VFW's. The service will be available February 6 through April 12, by appointment only. Please dial 211 beginning January 16 to make an appointment. If you have questions, please contact Frank Yokubeak at 724-588-4688.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. DAVID ACKERMAN, PENN WEST CONFERENCE MINISTER.

Support for our Partners in the Philippines

We give thanks to God for the partnership that Penn West Conference has with the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. We ask that you continue to support them through our SHEEP Fund (**Sustaining Hope for Educational Expenses in the Philippines**). Thank you for all the efforts you are doing to share God's love across the globe!

Zion's will receive a special offering on February 12 to support the SHEEP Fund.



SHEEP FUND.....A GIFT FROM THE HEART



COMBINED WORSHIP

Next Sunday we will worship with three local UCC congregations, St. Mark's, Zion's, and St. Paul's. The service will be held here at our regular worship time of 10:30. Leading worship will be Rev. Glenn Sadler, Rev. Nicole Pickens, and Rev. Ericjon Thomas.

We will also invite any singers from the three churches to join us for a combined choir anthem.

After worship we will host a potluck in Fisher Hall. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. The Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship will provide ham, drinks and table service.



The Good Shepherd Center request for January is

PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP AND CEREAL

Barrels are located in the front and back entrances of the church for your donations.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take the items to The Food Pantry each month, please let Julie know.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord, Hear our prayer O Lord, Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 584 "I Am the Light of the World"

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4
Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON "A Nod to Dr. Phil McGraw"

A NEW CREED (The United Church of Canada)

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in the true Man, Jesus,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by his Spirit.
We trust him.**

He calls us to be his church:

**to celebrate his presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Sleeper's Awake" J. S. Bach

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we bring these offerings to you in faith and hope. We ask that you will bless them and use them to further Christ's ministry and to serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 593 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Gavotte" from French Suite #5 J.S.Bach

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, _

_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _

_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _

_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

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