

The Shepherd's Staff

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Zion Choral to Present Concert

**October 14
3:00 p.m.**

Zion Choral will perform in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. **Zion Choral** originated in 1929 as a male chorus under the direction of J. Claude Harwick. Women were included a few years later. At first it was a combination of choirs. The name came from Harwick's church, Zion Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he was the organist and choir director. The church is still their home base and the choir practices there weekly before the concert season begins.

Zion Choral has ministered in many churches in eastern Pennsylvania as well as Florida and New Jersey. Ensembles of Zion have also sung with the Christmas concerts of Andy Williams and Steve Green. Choir members range in age from teenagers to those in their 80s and are from all walks of life and many different denominations.

Christmas Stocking Project Starts in October

Once again we will be preparing Christmas stockings for the children served by Metro Ministries in Brooklyn, New York. Metro Ministries serves over 25,000 children each weekend with "on the street" Sunday schools as well as many other programs which bring God's hope and love to children of poverty and crime-ridden urban settings. For most of these children the Christmas stocking you prepare will be their only Christmas gift. "The children are amazed that someone who never met them would send them a gift." The deadline to bring filled stockings to the church is Sunday, November 5. Beginning October 8 instructions for the stockings, along with some ready-to-fill stockings will be available at a special display in the church foyer. The instruction sheet has the pattern for those who want to make their own stockings. Suggestions for what to put in the stockings include (but not limited to):



Boys

Games	Handball
Small cars	Small Army figures
Small trucks	Socks
Trading cards	Watches

Girls

Hair Clips	Jump Rope
Socks	Coin purse
Jewelry	Stickers
Watches	Jacks

Remember! These stockings are for elementary age children — so think of ages 6-12 when filling them.

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Current Sermon Series: Revelation

Recent Topics

September 2: The Loss of Peace
September 9: High Ground in Low times
September 16: The Eye of the Storm”
September 23: Tribulation Trumpets”
September 30: Organized Chaos



Prime Timer Activities

**PRIME
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LUNCH**



Ox Roast Fellowship Lunch

Saturday, Oct.. 20, 9:30 a.m.

Witmer Fire Company

\$15—due by Oct. 14

Register on the Welcome Card



October 7

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people’s spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the First Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



H2O

6:00—8:30 p.m.

Shepherd’s Den

A well-shaken tree



For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.

—Martin Luther

Youth Club

Wednesdays, 6:15—8:30 p.m.

Session One: Sept. 13—Dec. 12

For K through Grade 6

Hallelujah Night

Saturday, October 31

5:30 p.m.

Children’s Church

Pre-K to Grade 4—every Sunday
during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Missions Commitment

The Mission Commitment Project for October is Will and Rhoda Longenecker of WEC International. Although they recently retired from active duty they continue to be involved through care and concern for the Muslim population. They have decades of experience in knowing how to reach Muslims for Christ.



Will & Rhoda Longenecker

The **Vision Project** for October is Luke and Alyssa Miller of New Mission Systems International. They are currently training to serve in Chiang Mai, Thailand where they will be working with at-risk youth living in homes in the city without parents.

Missionary News: With sadness we report the death of Clara Kimmel on September 26. Clara and her husband Harold ran the Gospel Mission Center in Manchester, Kentucky. For many years SOTH sent summer mission teams to work with the Kimmel's ministry.



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Please fill only the number of stockings which you can do in a nice way. Aim to get a mix of “sensible” and “fun” items for the child. Please avoid large items such as big coloring books, etc. Do not put in any “dark” items such as things decorated with skulls, witches, etc.

Decorating the stockings is a great way to make it more fun and exciting for the child receiving it. Just be sure your decorations are stitched or firmly glued to the felt. Please do not use “press-on” foam stickers. They do not stay on. **NO GLITTER PLEASE!! Important! Nothing may stick out the top. The stockings MUST be able to be closed. Oversized items will be removed.** Helpful hint: to save space trim cardboard packaging, or remove it totally if it does not carry instructions.

Coming Events

Daylight Saving time Ends
November 4

Veteran's Day
November 11

Thanksgiving Day
November 22

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Toddler—2 years—Room 14

3 years—K—Room 12

Grades 1-6—Room 24

Grades 9—12—Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8) Library

Adult—Room 22

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual growth—FH



Care Room is now available during the 8:00 a.m. worship service for children 4th Grade and under. Children should be registered in Room 14 prior to the start of the service.

The End of Summer Luau was enjoyed by those who attended. The Allan Scott Band was the featured musical attraction.

A 3-Session Membership Class will be offered Sundays, October 14, 21 and 28 in the fellowship hall at Noon.

The Upper Room is available at the literature rack in each foyer. A donation is requested (they cost about \$1.00 each.) Use the small envelope attached to the booklet and drop it in the mail slot on the church office door.

Radio station Hope FM, 90.5, now airs our Sunday sermons on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

The Preschool Hallelujah Harvest will be held Friday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Club Hallelujah Nite will be held Saturday, October 27, 5:30 p.m.

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Logistics Ministry

According to the New Testament, deacons are responsible for operational aspects of the church. We read in Acts 6:1-6 the calling of the first deacons. They were selected based on their stature in the community; men who were filled with the Spirit and who demonstrated wisdom in practical matters. Deacons are responsible to see that the general needs of the congregation are not neglected.

Deacons are elected by the congregation for a 3-year term. They meet monthly to discuss matters regarding property and finance. Shepherd of the Hills is blessed to have such a dedicated group of men and women serving in this role and working towards the betterment of our church body.



L to R: Ken Nase, Debbie Ellwanger, Mark Fryer, Paul Little: Absent from the picture: Jeannette Korchowsky

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

Magnify!



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