



The Rosette

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If there is anything we all might agree on these days, it would be the weather. There is no doubt about it: this has been a long hot, and dry summer in the Susquehanna Valley (and its only August!). Heat and scant precipitation combine to make the grass wither and flowers fade. High temperatures, soaring humidity, and dry soil make all of us long for gentle, healing rain. When the rain does come to renew the face of the earth, we give thanks for the re-creating, life giving power of water.

Spiritually speaking, we need water too. We need the life-giving waters of baptism to cleanse and renew the soul. There are times when we are prone to long dry spells, (spiritually speaking), times when our eyes and ears and hearts are closed off from God. Throughout our lives, there are times when we wander alone, as if in the wilderness, and times when we separate ourselves from the community of God's people. We need water! Specifically, we need the waters of baptism. "In the waters of baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life." (Baptismal liturgy, LBW p. 121)

For plants, life without water equals stress. Without water, many plants stop growing and cease to bear fruit or flowers. Inexplicably though, the weeds in my yard and garden have continued to grow and thrive this summer, despite the heat and lack of rain. Spiritually speaking, our lives are like that too. As Christians we need the waters of baptism to grow and bear fruit. Unless we stay rooted near a source of water, weeds will grow up in our lives, choking out the seeds of God's word and God's grace.

Where do we find the water we need? In regular worship and prayer. In the joy of giving. In song and praise. In bread and wine. In community in the Body of Christ. In remembering our baptisms! Baptism is not just a one-time event, but a way of life, exercised daily. In Holy Baptism, you are marked with the cross of Christ forever, and sealed with the Holy Spirit. In the waters of baptism, God blesses us with the promise of life, and we are claimed at the font for a life of obedience and commitment to Jesus Christ. In this hot, dry, summer season, may we be renewed by the life-giving waters of baptism. May we be empowered by the promise of redemption. May we commit ourselves anew to lives of faith and ministry here in this place.

Pastor Kate

Church Office Summer Hours

Summer hours for the church office are in effect through Labor Day. Donna is available Monday – Thursday from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Please note: the office will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer. Her regular hours will resume again beginning September 3rd.



Summer Lunch Program



Zion's Summer Lunch Program runs through August 28th. We continue to serve 150 meals in our parking lot each Wednesday. Anticipated meals for August are:

Aug 7	Chicken
Aug 14	Baked Ziti
Aug 21	Chili (provided by Trinity, Colebrook)
Aug 28	Ham sandwiches

Thanks to everyone who makes our summer lunch program possible. Together we serve!

Food Pantry Needs

During the month of August, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for Canned chili, canned beef stew, cream of chicken soup, canned carrots, baked beans, spaghetti sauce, cereal, diapers, applesauce, Spam, and canned fruit.



Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Put donations in the cart outside the church office or drop them in the box on the porch of the food pantry at 334 W. Gramby St., Manheim. Monetary donations may also be sent to the MC Food Pantry, c/o Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N. Penn St., Manheim, PA 17545.

Property Updates

In preparation for the coming season of cold weather, work has begun to replace our ancient steam boiler. Demolition of the old boiler and piping, and setting a concrete pad for placement of the new unit are underway as we wait for the new boiler to arrive.

In the meantime, two of our four air conditioning units are no longer functional, and we are looking at options for replacements. The units are 20 years old, and our intention had been to replace one/year over time, but the boiler replacement became a priority in 2024. No decisions have been made at this point, but the a/c techs have said that we would be okay to replace one unit this year (giving us 3 functional units), and wait until funds are available to replace the fourth.

On Sunday mornings, if the sanctuary and Rose Parlor feel warm, this is the reason: we are functioning with 2 a/c units rather than four.

Come take a JOURNEY IN FAITH and experience God's Grace and Love.

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase that means *Way of Christ*. Via de Cristo is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the teachings and works of Jesus Christ to communicate and reinforce basic Christian truths. The objectives of this renewal movement are to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities; and to form a Christian community of people working together to share Christ in the world by spreading God's love, forgiveness, and encouragement to others. The Via de Cristo ministry includes a three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of adult Christians. Participants attend free of charge to worship, discuss, sing, and learn from God's Word about this wonderful free gift God has given us. Both clergy and lay persons present a program based on the topics of Grace, Christian living and the church. There are opportunities for reflection, prayer, sharing, spiritual counsel, communion and fellowship.



A Lutheran version of Via de Cristo in our region, which includes Northern Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania, is called Journey in Faith. The next **Journey in Faith weekend will be held October 10 - 13, 2024**. Learn how can you be the person Christ calls you to be by strengthening you as a Christian and gain tools to study and grow to further deepen your faith based on the Lutheran understanding of scriptures and grace.

Registration forms for participating in the Oct. weekend are available in the Rose Parlor as well as in the office.



Our family would like to thank everyone for the prayers during Earl's short hospital stay and for the cards and phone calls after his passing. Thank you to Pastor Kate for visiting him in the hospital and your support to our family during this very difficult time. Dad will be greatly missed by our family. We are very blessed to have a loving church family.

Arlene Gernert

Cheryl & Terry Fry

Sharon, Dave, Ben and Chris Lynes

Dwayne, Ann, Ashley and Mason Gernert

LWR Personal Care Kits Needed

Cleanliness may not be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable, and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a personal care kit provide much needed self-care, critical germ-fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

This year, we are accepting purchased items to assemble in the kits. They may be placed in the marked box outside of the church office. **(Please take notice of the requested size of each item. If they do not meet the size requirement, they cannot be used for the kits.)** This year's requested items include:

*Light-weight bath-size towels **in dark colors**
(between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")

*Bath-size bars of gentle soap
(4 or 5oz. in original wrapping)

*Metal nail clippers
(attached file optional)



Monetary donations will also be accepted for the kits. Donations can be placed in your church envelope and marked "Personal Care Kits" on the "Other" memo line. The last day for collection will be Sunday, September 15th. We will assemble the kits at the Daughters of Zion meeting on September 16th. We will bless the kits on "Ingathering Sunday, Oct. 6. We thank you for all your donations for this collection.

Pack-A-Backpack Day

Can you believe that school is right around the corner? For the first time ever Teen Central will be hosting a two day event called “Pack-A-Backpack Day”. They would like to invite any school-aged students (grades K-12) within the Manheim Central School District and their parents to join them for a school supply giveaway happening on both August 5th and 6th at the Teen Central building between 5-7 PM. During these two times students can bring their own backpack or bag to Teen Central to be filled with various school supplies and personal hygiene items that will help prepare them for the upcoming school year. Types of supplies being provided include but are not limited to pencils, erasers, notebooks, binders, folders, rulers, scissors, shampoos and conditioners, body wash, hand sanitizer, tissues, and many more essential back-to-school items. It is their goal to provide free school supplies and hygiene items to approximately 200 students across all grade levels and to introduce their neighbors to our building and ministry here in Manheim. Like what you hear and want to join them as they give local families a head start with their back-to-school shopping? Here’s a few ways that you can partner with them!

1. Through their Amazon Gift List. All items that they are collecting can be found in this gift list and by shopping through your Amazon account, you have a chance to purchase the exact supplies they will be collecting and send them directly to us there at Teen Central. If interested in this option, you can find the gift list by following this link

(<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/19NJB3II14L2>), or by going to the Find a Gift or Registry link under Your Lists in your Amazon account and searching “Teen Central Manheim”. From there a direct link to their gift list entitled “Teen Central Pack-A-Backpack Day Needs List 2024” will be available to click on, taking you right to their live needs list! When purchasing items, please select to directly ship items to the address provided (Janelle Heying, Middletown, PA)

2. By donations to this specific event. Checks or cash can be sent to them there at Teen Central (Teen Central, 15 S. Wolf Street, Manheim, PA 17545) to help their organization cover the cost of the remaining items that need purchased to complete their list. Checks can be made payable to “Teen Central” with “Pack-A-Backpack Day” on the memo line. Thank you for considering supporting this new school supply initiative!

3. Purchasing supplies on your own and dropping them off at Teen Central. Like to shop? Then this option is for you! If you would like to view their supply needs lists, please either visit their Amazon gift list for specific details, check out their website (<https://teencentralmanheim.org/pack-a-backpack-day-august-5-6/>), or contact Janelle for the full supply list (janelleh@teencentralmanheim.org). To arrange a drop-off time of the items you purchase, please contact Janelle.

***Please Note:** The last date to purchase and send supplies will be Thursday, August 1st. Any leftover supplies from this year’s item collection will be saved and stored to either give out with their annual Christmas Stocking giveaway, or saved for next year’s Pack-A-Backpack event. If you have any questions about their 2024 “Pack-A-Backpack Day,” please don’t hesitate to reach out to Janelle! We are excited to see how God will use this event to make an impact in our community.

Daughters of Zion



Our meeting on July 15th was a fun time together with 14+ in attendance (the + were two male members who also attended, Dan Rambler & Denny Shafnisky). We sang hymns from the “Old Time Favorites” booklet and played “Name that Tune” in between where people tried to name some of the other older hymn tunes.

The ladies were invited to come to this meeting with their summer attire and hats, thus the adjacent group picture of them.

We had a wonderful summer treat – an ice cream social with all the toppings, provided by Dot Longenecker & Jean Rambler. Such a refreshing treat on a hot and muggy afternoon!

Our August 19th “Daughters” meeting is going to be held in the Gathering Place at Pleasant View Community! ***Please note: the time has been changed to 1:00-3:00 for this meeting.*** The space has been reserved for us so we can re-connect with our long-time members Rubye Barto and Violet Geib, residents at PVC. Many thanks to Jean Rambler for arranging this special event!

And yes, never fear, we will still be treated to Doris Adair’s wonderful peach pies!! In addition, it’s been the custom for us to bring peach-related canned goods to the meeting on that “peach of a day”, and if you still want to donate a peach product to the food bank, please bring those items to the church on Sunday, August 18th and place in the food cart outside the church office. (We don’t want to carry any more in or out of Pleasant View than we need to.)

Please mark the date for this special meeting on your calendars! The Gathering Place is located inside the main entrance to Pleasant View. It’s just across the lounge as you enter the front door. Please join us! We’d love to see you!

Daughters of Zion –

Committed to serving the Manheim Community

Just a reminder: Upper Room daily devotional booklets are available, both on the table in the Rose parlor and on the bookcase in the hallway. Prices are marked beside the display.

August Birthdays

- 8/1 Cathy May
- 8/2 Doris Adair
- 8/6 Mary Ann Greiner
- 8/9 Lucy Kauffman
- 8/10 Paul Caplinger
- 8/15 Nadine Mozingo
Dave Wise
- 8/19 Amy Kulp
Verna Landry
- 8/20 Marci Clingenpeel
- 8/22 Blanche Kauffman
- 8/27 Bob Lancaster
- 8/28 Bob Greiner



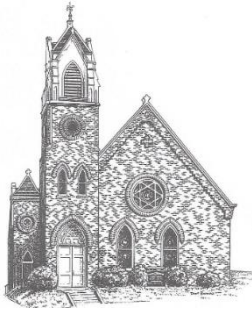
August Anniversaries

- 8/4 John & Kate Eichelberger
- 8/5 Doug & Sue Shaw
- 8/24 Martin & Denny Valins

Thanks so much for your donation of Wish List Items for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House! How kind of you to take the time to make a difference in the lives of families with critically ill and injured children. We are extremely grateful for your generosity!



Ronald McDonald House Charities



Parish Registry

New Address – Violet Geib, 141 Terrace Gardens, Manheim, PA 17545
New Address - Erma May – (temporarily at Brethren Village)
Village Manor #105, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17606
717-581-5638

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

<i>OFFERINGS</i>	Mo. Total	Budget
June General Fund offering	21,884	23,704
June Greater Zion Fund offering	17,307	---
July General Fund offering	21,348	18,963
July Greater Zion Fund offering	12,416	---



Prayer Chain

The Expanded Prayer List is published at the beginning of each month. Printed copies are available at the church. **Please contact Linda Keiffer @ 742-2149** to add a name to the list and to initiate the prayer chain. She will, in turn, notify the church office of the name and the reason for prayer.

Current Prayer Warriors to Zion’s Prayer Chain include: Holly Brosey, Linda Keiffer, Norm Drescher, and Yvonne Kreider. If you would like to join the team as an additional prayer warrior, please contact Linda Keiffer. We could certainly use a few more members to make phone calls.

Take note: Please have permission from the person whose name you are placing on the list for prayer. The name of the contact person and phone number are also important for updates and further information about the person being prayed for.

August Readings

8/1	Psalm 78:23-29 Exodus 12:33-42 1 Corinthians 11:17-22	8/10	Psalm 34:1-8 1 Kings 2:1-9 Matthew 7:7-11
8/2	Psalm 78:23-29 Exodus 12:43-13:2 1 Corinthians 11:27-34	8/11	12th Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
8/3	Psalm 78:23-29 Exodus 13:3-10 Matthew 16:5-12	8/12	Psalm 81 1 Kings 17:1-16 Ephesians 5:1-14
8/4	11th Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	8/13	Psalm 81 Ruth 2:1-23 2 Peter 3:14-18
8/5	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32 Ephesians 4:17-24	8/14	Psalm 81 Jeremiah 31:1-6 John 6:35-40
8/6	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Deuteronomy 8:1-20 1 Corinthians 12:27-31	8/15	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 11:1-20 Acts 6:8-15
8/7	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Isaiah 55:1-9 Mark 8:1-10	8/16	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 12:1-25 Romans 16:17-20
8/8	Psalm 34:1-8 1 Samuel 28:20-25 Romans 15:1-6	8/17	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 13:1-19 John 4:7-26
8/9	Psalm 34:1-8 2 Samuel 17:15-29 Galatians 6:1-10	8/18	13th Sunday after Pentecost Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

August Readings, cont'd

8/19 Psalm 36
Genesis 43:1-15
Acts 6:1-7

8/28 Psalm 119:97-104
Isaiah 33:10-16
John 15:16-25

8/20 Psalm 36
Genesis 45:1-15
Acts 7:9-16

8/29 Psalm 15
Exodus 32:1-14
James 1:1-8

8/21 Psalm 36
Genesis 47:13-26
Mark 8:14-21

8/30 Psalm 15
Exodus 32:15-35
James 1:9-16

8/22 Psalm 34:15-22
Joshua 22:1-9
1 Thess. 5:1-11

8/31 Psalm 15
Exodus 34:8-28
John 18:28-32

8/23 Psalm 34:15-22
Joshua 22:10-20
Romans 13:11-14

8/24 Psalm 34:15-22
Joshua 22:21-34
Luke 11:5-13

8/25 **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20

8/26 Psalm 119:97-104
Nehemiah 9:1-15
Ephesians 5:21-6:9

8/27 Psalm 119:97-104
Nehemiah 9:16-31
Ephesians 6:21-24



Share God's Word

Altar Flowers



Aug 4 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Aug 11 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Aug 18 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Aug 25 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Note: Flowers are \$40 per week and must be paid to the church by the beginning of the month for the flowers you are sponsoring. Thank you.

Bulletin Sponsors

Month of August – *This space available.*

Please call office at 665-5880.

Bulletins are - \$9.00 per week



Worship Help Schedule

We need helpers for this position. Please sign on the volunteer sheet outside the church office.

Date	Greeters/Ushers	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants
8/4	Dennis Obetz	Kyle Spohn	
8/11	Donna Moore	Sue Shaw	Lenny Burns
8/18	Sandy Quesenberry	Carol Atherholt	
8/25	Dave & Betty Wise	Denny Valins	
9/1	Stan Rohrer	Ronda Moore	
9/8	Dave & Sharon Lynes	Donna Moore	
9/15	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Brian Miller	
9/22	Mike & Kathy Connelly	Fay Varner	
9/29	Doug & Sue Shaw	Paul Caplinger	

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Ruby Barto	John Blanck	Kate Eichelberger
Barbara Grunenberger	Verna Landry	Carol Mackley
Erma May	Jackie McKinney	Betty Minnich
Sue Murray	Margie Root	Dennis Shafnisky
Nic & Stefan Spohn	Mary Welliver	

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Emily Bair	Daryl Barry	Edna Barto
Neil Bartsch	Karen Becker	Becky
Tom Beil	Beth & Jordan	Mary Bisking
David Bradfield	Judi Brosey	Kathy Brosey
Donnie Burns	Winnie Cammauf	Hana Caye
Barry Diffenderfer	Bill Duncan	Jaxson Eberly
Lewis Ettinger	Dave Faus	Mason Heishman
Diane Lord	Doug Lowry	Yasir Makki
Pamela Nester	Sandy Pennell	Diane Repp
Brandy Rhodes	Abby Shipe	Frank Smith
Rachel Toole	Thad Toole	Tom Welliver

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

