

**FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you all in the name of our Maker, Keeper and Sustainer God!

There was some joking that occurred after the conclusion of VBS. As the “new guy,” I was asking about preparing for the Saturday Evening Eucharist in terms of logistics with the backdrop joyfully remaining. A person who will remain nameless joked that it was a shame that we couldn’t get special edition space crackers and Tang for the Communion elements (to go along with the “Stellar” theme). It was also shared that Tang can be hard to find and expensive. Rarity or scarcity is not a desirable attribute for communion elements. Jesus picked deliberately common staples for every household. The transformation of the common to the holy is a wonderful mystery! Jesus own body shows this, as an ordinary man that is also the eternal Word.

This got me thinking. I don’t think that we emphasize this enough. The common made holy is a deep and rich well for meaning. Here are just a few for your consideration. (1) Jesus is an ordinary man (there is no description of him being particularly anything else), and yet is the eternal Logos (Word) and Almighty God. (2) The Twelve were also ordinary people who were transformed (along with all of the other followers) into a tremendous movement. (3) Each day we are invited by Creation to witness sunrises and sunsets. They are quite ordinary. They happen every day. Yet, even in their fairly uniform set of colors possess a unique and inspiring image which can be memorable, valued, and considered beautiful. (4) Paul describes in Romans 5, that rarely someone might actually choose to die for a really good person. Yet, God’s Way of love does not practice in rarity or scarcity—God loves all of us sinners!

These are some of the many reasons that we celebrate God’s gift of Holy Communion with more frequency. It doesn’t get old or any less special, because it is supposed to be ordinary that is the very Body and Blood of Christ. It will come to each of us differently and as each of us needs it, and yet will look very much the same. The Meal is a concrete bit of hope that we can hang on to that no matter how non-special we might feel—God loves you!

Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in July (the 16<sup>th</sup>), we will begin to share the Sacrament of the Altar in the Sunday morning worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month, and festivals.

May you become more and more aware of how richly you are fed and nourished by our God!

In the peace and love of Christ,

Pastor Andrew Fitch

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The passage I'm including was part of our lessons from June 11<sup>th</sup> but made a major impression on me because it reminded me of my call to be a pastor and to come here to Harrold Zion. The following passage comes from Matthew 9:9:

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

The call process to become a pastor is long and arduous, because bishops want to ensure we really have a call for ministry and to teach us how to be pastors. It takes enormous faith to follow a call, so it's hard to see how Jesus just says, "follow me," and the disciples just get up and follow; but we also don't know if there was discussion beforehand, and their training was as they went. And part of that trust to fully follow God has to do with making a living. It took me six years of study, a candidacy committee, and two years of waiting to have a call extended to me. I worked all that time, until about a month before I was called to Harrold Zion in July 2018. I was fortunate that I was employed all that time so I would not be saddled with a mountain of debt. But it took 4 months for me to start as a pastor, and I had to have faith and trust I would still be able to support myself in the meantime; I had to use funds from my retirement account to survive. But I trusted that God was going to care for me until I began, and that somehow, with the reduced income as a pastor, I would be able to live. And yes, it all worked out.

And calls from God are not just for pastors. According to Barbara Brown Taylor, "Our baptisms are our ordinations, the moments at which we are set apart as God's people to share Christ's ministry, whether we ever wear clerical collars around our necks or not." Maybe God is calling you to something to serve God and utilize your talents in a way to make the world a better place; it doesn't have to be for ministry.

Part of having a call is trusting God to be there with you. For Harrold Zion, with summer here, income typically goes down in the church because we take vacations and don't attend as often, so remember to continue giving. We here at the church need to trust and have faith that God will continue to bless us – it may take until the end of year to see the fruits of that trust. May God bless us with love, faith, and hope to trust in God.

Blessings, Pr. Caroline

## REGULAR WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays – 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Communion is offered every Saturday evening,  
the first and third Sundays of each month,  
and on church festival weekends.

## MONTHLY JOYFUL NOISE WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16, at 10:30 AM

This service is a bit more contemporary and  
is accompanied by various instrumentalists and vocalists.

### REMINDER: WE DO NOT KNOW IF YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL UNLESS YOU TELL US...

Due to HIPAA privacy laws, we are unable to contact the hospital to find out if any Harrold Zion members have been admitted. That said, please call the church office at 724-837-7327 to let us know if you or a loved one are in the hospital. Please also call the church office to let us know if there is an upcoming surgery or if you would like a Pastor to visit you at home. Sometimes we do hear things "through the grapevine" but we much prefer hearing from you or your loved ones. Thank you!



### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This group will continue to meet at Harrold Zion through July 27, at 3:00 PM. An Excelsa bereavement counselor, Maureen Ceidro, leads this group, and Pastor Caroline also participates. We may have other groups after this group ends. All are welcome to come to as many meetings as you would like. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pr. Caroline at [pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com) or call the church office.

### SUMMER BOOK CLASS

This book study is based on the book titled, "Believe: Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus", edited by Randy Frazee. If you have not been able to attend in June, you are welcome to join us anytime. Please contact Pastor Caroline at [pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com) or Deb Mertz at [deb\\_mertz@att.net](mailto:deb_mertz@att.net) if you are interested. We are having the class on Tuesdays, at 6:30 PM, here at the church. The class will continue through August 29 (we will be off July 4).

**PLEASE CALL**  
★ Thank You ★



**THE LITTLE RASCALS**



### **OUTDOOR MOVIE EVENT**

The outdoor movie event will be held on Friday, July 14 around 9:00 PM. The classic 1994 *The Little Rascals* will be the featured movie. All your favorite movie snacks – popcorn, candy, chips and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Bring a blanket or chair. If it rains, we will be inside in the Social Hall.

### **THE ONGOING LILY PROJECT**

This ministry, which began in April 2019, provides “going home” clothing for patients undergoing forensic examination at Excelsa Hospitals in Latrobe, Mount Pleasant, and Greensburg. In order to continue this project, your help is needed to keep inventory levels filled and available for patients. Please see below for a list of items needed or you can pick up a list in the Communication Center. Donations can be placed in the bins in the Communication Center.

Items needed: New Clothing in Unisex styles (muted colors, no logos or words)

- Tops must open down the front (zippers or buttons)
- Pants should be loose with elastic waistband
- Women’s clothing should be Large to XXXLarge
- Men’s clothing should be Medium to XXXLarge

### **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THRIVENT? HAVE YOU DESIGNATED YOUR THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANT FOR 2023?**

These grants are available through Thrivent as a way to give back to our church and our community. Each Thrivent member is entitled to two \$250 grants per year to support an activity or mission project. This equals several thousand dollars of Action Team grants available through the number of Thrivent members we have within our congregation. Let us be good stewards by not letting this money pass us by. Grants can be used for service projects, fundraisers, education events or studies. Such as the following upcoming events: Splash VBS, Book study, devotionals, Rally Day, Quilting Ministry, Knitting Ministry, etc. Please contact your Thrivent representative for more information or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Blood donations are down and are much needed. Please consider donating at our July Blood Drive. If you are attending church on that Sunday, you might schedule before or after either services. (There needs to be 57 days since you recently donated.) We are scheduled for Sunday, July 30, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Appointments are recommended. You may sign up on the sheet in the Communication Center or via the Vitalent web site: [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and search with Account Code UG0030141 or by zip code. You may also call 412-209-7000 or 1-877-25VITAL, or visit Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.





## Vacation Bible School was STELLAR!

Thank you to Harrold Zion for all the donations, prayers and support. You are the reason this ministry continues.

STELLAR collected over 300 boxes of Mac & Cheese for the Westmoreland Co. Food Bank!

COMING  
JUNE 10 - 14, 2024



FOREVER  
Thankful  
ALWAYS  
Grateful  
ABUNDANTLY  
Blessed

It takes a lot of hands to make each VBS a success. I could not do it without all of my volunteers. I am blessed by the overwhelming support. Thank you to all the youth and adult helpers. Thank you to Wendy and Donna for making magic once again. Thank you to Pastor Andrew Fitch for your willingness to be dumped on (not only with water). Thank you to the HZ staff for always having my back. Last, but never least, THANK YOU to Cooper for being my personal minion. You shine Jesus' light brightly. Love ~ Ms. Sheri

**Sunday, July 30th 2023**

**2:00pm until our fingers are prunie!**

A decorative graphic of a blue water splash with white highlights, located at the top of the poster.

# **SPLASH DAY**

**Grab your swimsuits  
and sunscreen!**

**Water games, Freezer pops  
and the HZ famous giant  
Slip and Slide.**

A decorative graphic of white bubbles of various sizes on a blue background, located at the bottom of the poster.



Plans for the 2023 Rally Day Carnival on September 10<sup>th</sup> are in the works. We'll have the Burger Bash and food, but we're wanting to make this year's the best ever by having more events...and more people involved. YOU can help make this a fun and light-hearted event to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of Fall. How can you help? Give it some thought. Look for something you can do that will give you a good feeling, knowing that you've helped make this the best Rally Day ever. If you can't come up with an idea of your own, here's some ideas for your consideration...

- Make some desserts...like cookies or cupcakes...for a Dessert Bar
- Share your smiling face and pass out ice cream at the Ice Cream Bar
- Make us laugh...or cry. We'd love to hear a few of your favorite jokes...even if it's just a couple. Share your gift!
- Let the artist in you shine and be a face painter
- Read some poetry or short essay that you've created
- Sing a few songs or play an instrument as we eat (5-10 minutes).
- Help with a game or two...like Bingo, Musical Chairs, Volleyball, or Kick-Ball
- Pop Popcorn at the Popcorn Machine
- Create your own table or interactive game for others to enjoy
- The sky's the limit. What can you come up with?

A sheet will be in the Communication Center for you to sign-up. And we'd love it if you'd share your idea with someone on the Evangelism Committee...John Millward, Mary Lou Millward, Deb Mertz, Linda Boyer, Rick Yaksic, Sue Yaksic, Joanne Gebhardt, Kelly Perry, or Ross Thompson.

# Important Dates

## JULY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 13, at 7:00 PM

## JULY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Fellowship Committee – Sunday, July 9, 11:45 AM
- Evangelism Committee – Sunday, July 16, 11:45 AM
- Property Committee – Monday, July 24, 6:30 PM

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Articles for the August newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, July 15, 9:00 AM. Articles can be emailed to [tammyhzlc@gmail.com](mailto:tammyhzlc@gmail.com) or placed in Tammy's mailbox on her office door.

## THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day. Thank you to all who have served and currently do serve!

# THANK YOU

Thank you to Frank Dalicandro for donating his colorful home-grown zinnia plants to the Garden Angels that have been planted in the beds at the church.

Thank you to Rita Heasley for washing and ironing the acolyte robes. You are greatly appreciated for keeping the acolytes looking good.



# AMONG OUR MEMBERS

## WE REJOICE AS THE FOLLOWING CHILD WAS BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST:

Harper Lee Shank, daughter of Alexis Babines and Christian Shank, was baptized June 11.

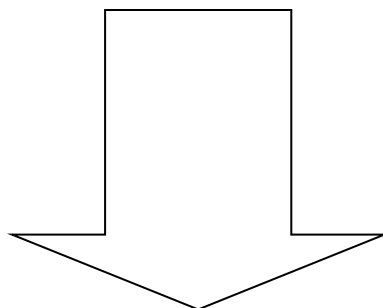
## THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES SYMPATHY

to the family of Cliff Heasley. We also extend our sympathy to Jim Hooks on the death of his brother, Allen Hooks. May the hope of the resurrection bring them peace.

## THE FOLLOWING GIFTED TO THE HARROLD ZION MEMORIAL FUND IN

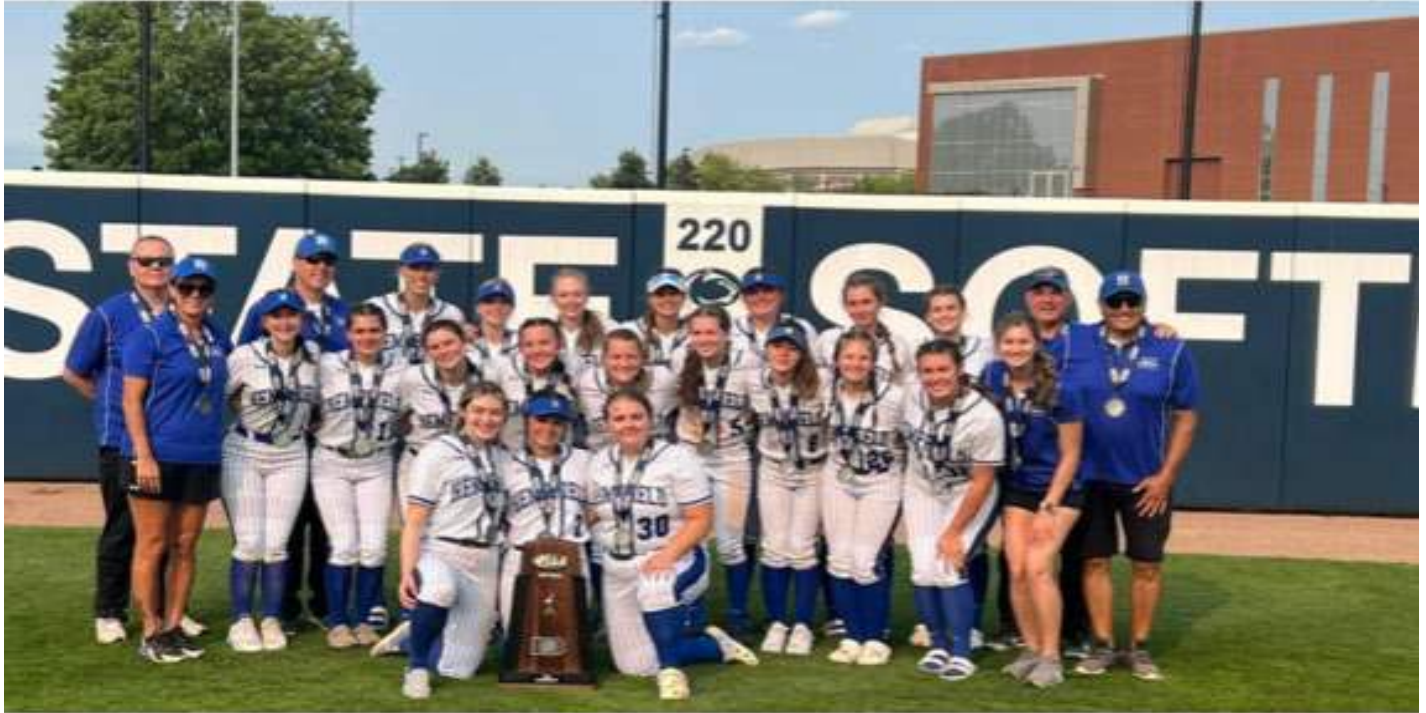
MEMORY of Cliff Heasley by: Curtis, Rita Heasley & family, Kathleen Herrod & family, Mary Jane Diffenderfer, Toni Ackerman

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** the Hempfield Area High School Varsity softball team for a fantastic season. They are WPIAL champions and State runner-up. Harrold Zion is home to a few of their players. Please see the article on the next page.





Lady Spartans PIAA 6A Runners Up. Girls played a heck of a game losing 1-0 to North Penn. We are so proud of you ladies for everything you accomplished this season. 104 6A teams in Pennsylvania Spartans take 2nd. Congratulations to our seniors and best of luck ladies !!!



## All About Kids Preschool

Happy summer all! We are doing well at preschool and all classes are full for the Fall with a waiting list. We will be starting regular classes again after Labor Day. If your child is signed up to begin in the Fall, you will receive information in early July for orientation.

Please contact Lisa Zundel at 412-554-4736 for more information or to get on our wait list.

We do have some space in each summer camp: July 18 & 20 and August 8 & 10. Summer camp is ages 3-5. Please contact Lisa Zundel to register.

Thanks so much,  
All About Kids Preschool

## **MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING, June 9th, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Council members present include Shawn Carolan, Kim Elias, \*Bonny Free, Don Freeman, Joanne Gebhardt, Bob Majcher, Deb Mertz, John Millward, Jason Nestor, \*Ross Thompson, Rick Yaksic and Brad Zundel. Others present were Pastor Andrew and Pastor Caroline. The meeting was called to order by John Millward at 7:00 pm with a devotion by Pastor Caroline. \*Members who were excused from this month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes were approved as correct.

TREASURER REPORT: Bob Majcher reviewed the finance reports. A motion was made to accept the treasurer report by Shawn C with a second by Jason N. Motion carried.

PASTOR Andrew's REPORT: This has been another busy month of getting things set up and doing ministry! It is good to be here with you all! I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve in this place with you all. Outside of the numbers and narratives, the Fitch family continues to get settled in. I am thankful for your support and prayers! We are certainly blessed as a congregation to be 250+ Strong during this time! Worship: I have set up a template for summer worship services and baptisms with Tammy and Pastor Caroline. I have led and planned various small tweaks and additions to worship. I have preached and assisted in worship. I have met with Pastor Caroline regularly for coordination, mentoring and administration. I attended the Lutherlyn Camp Blast and assisted with the Holy Communion part of the opening worship service. Faith Formation: I attended different Sunday School classes. I co-officiated the Affirmation of Baptism-Confirmation of our students. I look forward to leading and being a part of VBS--the mission central (Bible Stories)! The ministry team will be meeting after VBS to plan for some upcoming events and activities! Administration: I have coordinated and led with the staff—we had a fruitful Eastertide! We met weekly and discussed visioning and goal setting. The staff continues to communicate effectively. So, we will meet monthly through the better part of the summer. We have two incoming new member families! There were lots of other miscellaneous administrative moments (a significant amount of my time went into this category): Phone voicemail greeting, logs and note template, office set-up, etc. Membership & Community Life: Change in membership status-Voting Members: Eli Bitner, Anna Dansak, Emily Dansak, Taylor Eperesi, Noah Hammond, Alexander Hayes, Audrey Henry, Kendyl Kurimsky, Ava Maccarelli, Rylee Sherbondy, Anthony Totin. I am looking forward to meeting with and officiating for the transfer (ELCA Lutherans) of the Mellons and the Saylor's (Affirmation of Baptism for Olivea and Ryan and Baptism for Connor). Baptism of Remi Jade Dawson on May 21. Pastoral Care: I have set up a protocol for Pastor Caroline and myself to carry out pastoral care visits and contacts in a pattern that will be efficient and fruitful. We will be publishing who is the on-call pastor. This month was a little quieter for emergencies until recently. Please pray for Kay Stevenson (and All!) during this time. I have done a number of visits, along with home visits with Holy Communion. I continue to have a significant number of office visits and informal conversations along with phone calls and check-ins by text or email. Continuing Education: I engaged in the "Festival of Homiletics" (May15-18). There are still a number of sermons and lectures that I will be viewing over the next few weeks as I have time. I will have earned 17 CE credits from this very helpful experience. I have also been enjoying "Bonhoeffer and the Future of Faith"- an online class which finishes up next week. The discussion videos are on YouTube. Let me know if you are interested in viewing the materials. I am considering doing a few sessions on Dietrich if you all think that would be fruitful (I am envisioning less nerdy and more everyday life applications). Other/Misc.: I will be attending the Synod Assembly this year online due to the week of VBS and our Saturday Worship preparations. We are still in need of Voting Members! Vacation Planned: June 19-25 using 3 days and 1 Sunday

PASTOR Caroline's REPORT: Preaching & Worship: Pr. Andrew and I have worked out a preaching schedule for the summer. We have also been discussing options for worship. Visitation: Visitation has been busy again this month, due to hospital visits and people on hospice. Visits include in person, at the church, home or hospital, and over the phone for all types of visitations. I've been averaging 20 visits per month. Pr. Andrew and I are working on how visits will be handled regularly. Special Events: The main event was for Sonshiners on May 25. It went well; they played Bingo and had a lunch catered by Sheri Anderson. VBS is taking place in a week, and I will help in games. I am going to have a grief support group beginning June 22. An Excelsa bereavement counselor,

Maureen Ceidro, will be co-leading with me; the group will last 6 weeks. Christian Education: This summer I am planning to do a class on the book "Believe" edited by Randy Frazee. I will co-lead with Deb Mertz; the class will begin on June 20 and go for 10 weeks. Sheri and I will take the LWR personal hygiene kits to Baltimore; the Sonshiners will be doing school kits in July, so we plan to take both in late July. We completed 100 personal hygiene kits. We collected more than was needed for the hygiene kits, so the rest of the materials will be donated to shelters, etc. Meetings: Care and Leadership for Rostered Ministers Committee meetings did not meet. The synod ministerium meets monthly, the first Wednesday of the month. Synod assembly will be June 16 & 17; I have chosen to attend by Zoom because of VBS the week before. Greensburg Lutheran Cluster: Pastor bible study on a weekly basis, on Tuesdays. Church committee meetings: This year I will be working on doing the most recent update for the constitution based on the synod's model constitution that was updated in 2022. I have also been attending Worship and Music, executive council, investment, and stewardship meetings. I am on the Social Ministry Outreach Committee and kept up communication with the chair, Linda Boyer. Mutual ministry committees will be changing this summer, so we will not meet for now. More from Pr. Andrew. Staff meetings: We have weekly staff meetings in order to communicate about worship and other things that need to be attended to at the church. This summer we are going to try having one meeting per month. Funerals, Baptisms, and Weddings: PF did a baptism last month, and I will do a baptism this month. We have another baptism scheduled, one for August 2023, and possibly more later this year. We have three weddings scheduled for this year, in July, August, and October. I will officiate two, and Pr. Fitch will officiate one. I am meeting with both couples to go over final details. We had two funerals, one for Debbie Harrold and one for Cliff Heasley; both were at funeral homes. Highlights: Funerals and baptisms happened, and weddings will take place later in the summer and into the fall. I took vacation from May 1-6; since a Sunday was not included, I will use a Sunday another time (I have not used any Sundays so far this year). Preparations for VBS are underway; I will participate with the games this year. A grief support group will begin June 22 for 6 weeks, and a class on the book "Believe" will begin June 20 for 10 weeks.

Family Ministry Coordinator REPORT: "It's the most wonderful time of the year" ...Vacation Bible School!

Past: May brought the wrap up of Sunday Bible study classes. I am grateful for the leaders who dedication their time to this ministry. Confirmation class ended with a banquet. Students shared their Different Maker projects. My hope is for the Evangelism Committee is to continue their encouragement, and offer this project yearly. 11 youth affirmed their baptismal promises during Pentecost worship. I was honored to lead them through this faith journey. My prayer for them is to continue their faith formation, rely on the Holy Spirit to guide them, and for the congregation to lift them in prayer and support. Present: Vacation Bible School, is my main focus for the next 3 weeks. I am hopeful that we will have another successful year, with pre-covid numbers. I am planning summer event; splash day, promoting summer bingo and a Jesus Revolution cross-gen hippy event. Future: Immediately after VBS; claiming my office back. I plan to meet with both Pastors to plan for the fall curriculum, backpack blessing and teacher instillation. Also, Pet Blessing, scheduling and National Youth Gathering. Personally: I will be registering for fall classes; in order to continue my call. Self-care will be a focus moving forward such as, using vacation time and taking a Sabbath day.

COMMUNICATIONS: None shared

AUDIT REPORT: Completed

CALL COMMITTEE: not active

CEMETERY: No report

CHILDREN AND YOUTH/Family Ministry: Hosted the Confirmation banquet. Scheduling a National Youth Gathering Meeting

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Stellar VBS, June 12th – 16th. Sunday Bible Studies is on summer recess, Friday Morning Ladies Bible Study is on summer recess. Adult Sunday Bible Studies is on summer recess. Rally Day is September 10th 2023 with classes resuming Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

PROPERTY: We upgraded the lighting in the Church Office to LEDs. A pothole at the end of the driveway was patched. Plans and estimated cost for a storage closet/locking bell closet were made for in the Music Room. An electrical outlet has been moved to do this. Bookshelves have been put in Pastor Fitch's Office. We need to check the Pavilion gutter due to improper drainage. The cement slab outside of the right front Sanctuary and Flower Room doors is sloping toward the building causing water to seep in during heavy rain. We need to determine a permanent solution. The frame for the portable quilting table has had damage welded. A safe for our old records has been put in the Social Hall.

EVANGELISM: No report

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: The Wild Things baseball event was canceled due to a lack of 15+ members to achieve the group discount rate. The July outdoor movie event will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> around 9:00 PM. The classic 1994 *The Little Rascals* will be the featured movie. All your favorite movie snacks – popcorn, candy, chips, and drinks will be provided by the fellowship committee. If it rains, we will be inside the social hall. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Information shared on current operating expense and projections for the year.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: No report

MISSION & VISION COMMITTEE: No report

MUTUAL MINISTRY: No report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Active in fall. Need to emphasize synod assembly voting members for next year.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Personnel Committee will meet in July to discuss recommendations regarding staffing wages after Council has made its recommendations in June.

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE: Happy summer all! We are doing well at preschool and all classes are full for Fall with a waiting list. We will be starting regular classes again after Labor Day. If your child is signed up for Fall, you will receive information in early July for orientation. Please contact Lisa Zundel for more information or to get on our waitlist - 412-554-4736. We do have some space in each summer camp: July 18th and 20th and August 8th and 10th. Summer camp is ages 3-5. Contact Lisa Zundel to register.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

Sonshiners - A luncheon was held in the social hall on Thursday, May 25 to honor, celebrate, and remember all mothers, fathers, and grandparents. There were 42 people in attendance. Trivia facts and information were read about Mother's Day and Father's Day. Heartfelt quotes from grandparents were also shared. Bingo was enjoyed by those in attendance, as was a delicious catered lunch. A total of \$370 was given by members as a donation from the Sonshiners to the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: No report

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: Music Ministry Report – Season is wrapping up. Last Choir Rehearsal is Wednesdays 5/24. Joyful Noise will continue through the summer on the 3rd Sunday at 10:30 am. Acolyte Report: Joanne brought up the possibility of having acolyte service a requirement for Confirmation. Communion Asst. Report: Discussion of rail vs continuous communion. Will be continuous at all services for now. Possible compromises will be discussed. Senior Pastor will advise on changes. All in One Communion Kits are available in the narthex for those with mobility issues. The pastors will then lead pew communion for those with the kits. Offering Plates: will continue to be passed on Sundays. One offering plate for Saturday nights. Saturday Night Services: appreciation for use of continuous communion appreciated. Volunteer for a 2nd assistant to improve flow. Discussed where to place piano for use of both sides. Bell tables will no longer be constantly up, therefore the flow across front would improve. Lent Review: Ash Wednesday – all three services were well attended Wednesdays in Lent – Holden Evening Prayer used. Minimum attendance. Possible pulling children for kid's bells in 2024. Palm Sunday – Plenty of Palms Cooper Anderson did a great job as crucifer

Maunday Thursday – Attendance 65 Foot Washing went more smoothly as part of the sermon. Bread used.  
 Good Friday – Attendance 87 Tenebrae Service used and well received Candleabra – Thank you Pastor Caroline  
 Easter – Attendance up a little from 2022  
 Plant sponsorship down: possibly because of shortened ordering time. Compliments on plant arranging, and tomb.  
 Oil Candles for Candleabra dedicated at 8:45 am. The remaining Lilys will be planted by Garden Angels in 2024.  
 Looking Ahead: Pentecost – Salvia Ordered. Confirmation at all services. Encouraging members to read as  
 lectures during services. Memorial Day – service to conclude on the Memorial Pad. Summer Worship –  
 Communion Sundays will be the first and third weekends. Service Setting – Pastor Andrew considering which to  
 use at this point.  
 Miscellaneous A request to use a SBH service for one Sunday discussed. Discussion of placement of Prayers of  
 the Faithful.

OLD BUSINESS: The committee met on May 21st to decide what to do with leftover revenue from the 250th  
 Anniversary Celebration. We had a balance \$3,335.67. It was decided to get a good quality fire resistant safe in  
 which to store our oldest records and anything else of value. The remainder of the funds will be given toward the  
 purchase of a new sign for the church. A safe was purchased for \$1,299.99 leaving \$2,035.68 for the sign. Deb  
 made a motion to give a \$300 thank-you to the non-pastoral staff for all of their hard work for the previous years.  
 Seconded by Jason N, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion of switching from Power church to Tithely ensued. Rick Y made a motion to adopt  
 Tithely for the amount of \$588 per year with a \$99 setup fee, seconded by Deb M – motion carried. Bob M made a  
 motion to lease a new color copier of a total package of \$462.14 + copies exceeding 20,000 per month + color  
 copies used each month, seconded by Kim E – motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Shawn C and seconded by Kim E. Motion carried. Council  
 adjourned at 8:18 PM with the Lord’s Prayer. The next meeting will be held on July 13th, 2023 at 7:00PM.

<b>2023 Church Council and Committees Served</b>	
Shawn Carolan, Vice President - Preschool	
Kim Elias – Social Ministry	
Bonny Free – Call, Investment, Finance, Fellowship	
Don Freeman - Stewardship	
Joanne Gebhardt – Worship & Music	
Bob Majcher, Treasurer – Finance, Investment	
Deb Mertz –Evangelism, Personnel	
John Millward, President – Property	
Jason Nestor - Property	
Ross Thompson - Evangelism	
Rick Yaksic – Mission & Vision	
Brad Zundel, Secretary – Fellowship, Cemetery	

<b><u>HARROLD ZION’S 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT</u></b>	
May operating income:	\$29,638.59
May operating expense:	<u>\$49,611.68</u>
	\$-19,973.09
YTD operating income:	\$158,720.74
YTD operating expense:	<u>\$153,341.53</u>
	\$ 5,379.21

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULES

**LECTORS** - *\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please call or email Tammy in the office (724-837-7327 or tammyhzlc@gmail.com).*

July 2 8:00 AM Linda Boyer, 10:30 AM Linda Thompson  
July 9 8:00 AM Krissy Korona, 10:30 AM Jack Molnar  
July 16 8:00 AM Bernie Zundel, 10:30 AM Mandy Kanouff  
July 23 8:00 AM Linda Boyer, 10:30 AM Ross Thompson  
July 30 8:00 AM Louise Henry, 10:30 AM Doris McAlister

## **ACOLYTES**

July 2 8:00 AM Eli Bitner, 10:30 AM Hailey Uhrinek  
July 9 8:00 AM Cooper Anderson, 10:30 AM Nina Tyler  
July 16 8:00 AM Heidi Koehl, 10:30 AM Caleb Heasley  
July 23 8:00 AM Katelyn Holsopple, 10:30 AM Kelsey Coppetti  
July 30 8:00 AM Grace Dansak, 10:30 AM Ella Kanouff

## **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please call Susie Eicher.*

July 2 8:00 AM Linda Boyer, Don Freeman  
10:30 AM Mandy Kanouff, Cooper Anderson

July 16 8:00 AM Bob Eicher, Susie Eicher  
10:30 AM Sheri Anderson, Cooper Anderson

July 22 5:00 PM Susan Yaksic

## **USHERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES**

*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please call Rob Hepler.*

8:00 AM Bob Eicher  
10:30 AM Cheryl Eckles, Lloyd Fait

**ALTAR GUILD:** Ann Wineman, Lori Farrell

## **HARROLD ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

To Worship and Serve God,  
Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 08:00 AM-COMMUNION 08:00 AM-Sanctuary Reserved 09:00 AM-SOCIAL HALL RESERVED
<b>2</b> 08:00 AM-COMMUNION 12:00 PM-Social Hall Reserved	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM-QUILTING	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 09:00 AM-SHI & Pavilion reserved 03:00 PM-Grief Support	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 08:00 AM-MEN'S BREAKFAST 08:00 AM-Sanctuary Reserved 09:00 AM-Social Hall Reserved
<b>9</b> 11:45 AM-FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE 12:00 PM-SOCIAL HALL RESERVED	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM-KNITTING 06:30 PM-Book Study 07:30 PM-COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 03:00 PM-Grief Support 07:00 PM-Council Meeting 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 07:00 PM-Outdoor movie night	<b>15</b> 08:00 AM-Sanctuary Reserved 09:00 AM-NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 09:00 AM-SH & PAVILION RESERVED
<b>16</b> 08:00 AM-COMMUNION 10:30 AM-Joyful Noise Worship 11:45 AM-Evangelism Committee	<b>17</b> 06:30 PM-WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE	<b>18</b> 09:00 AM-PS SUMMER CAMP 06:00 PM-Mutual Ministry 06:30 PM-Book Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 09:00 AM-PS SUMMER CAMP 03:00 PM-Grief Support 06:30 PM-Investment Committee	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 08:00 AM-Sanctuary Reserved 09:00 AM-SH & PAVILION RESERVED
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 06:30 PM-PROPERTY	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM-Knitting Ministry 06:30 PM-Book Study	<b>26</b> 09:30 AM-Staff Meeting 10:00 AM-NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>27</b> 03:00 PM-Grief Support	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 07:00 AM-WEDDING 08:00 AM-Sanctuary Reserved 09:00 AM-Social Hall Reserved
<b>30</b> 09:15 AM-BLOOD DRIVE	<b>31</b> 10:00 AM-QUILTING					

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*“Live as people who are free,  
not using your freedom as a  
cover-up for evil, but living  
as servants of God.”*

*1 Peter 2:16*