

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Friends of Harrold Zion,

Grace to you and peace.

Here we are, looking at the month of January. The end of the month will mark the anniversary of our work together.

Looking back on the year that was, it was remarkable. We emerged from a lock down, we opened our doors to in person worship, and improved our online presence. We got accustomed to working together. It was a season of adjustments. We learned how to be skillful in adapting to change. As a result, you are better equipped to welcome your next senior pastor because you practiced with me.

Intentional interim ministry is just like regular ministry but completely different because it begins with a good bye and ends with a hello.

There is still work to be done. Constitution review, membership roster update, position descriptions for the staff, to mention the top three. We will also have a chance to look back on tomorrow as we prepare for the 250th Anniversary of the congregation. Your identity and purpose will become clear as you celebrate your history. While financial experts will say, "Past performance is no guarantee of future results.", when it comes to Christ's Church, the past is a very good indicator of what the future will bring. After all, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow." (Hebrews 13:8, NRSV)

Here's to another year of grace.

Pray for me as I pray for you, always in Christ Jesus.

Pastor James

Worship

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 - NEW YEAR'S DAY– No 5:00 PM Saturday service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 – One worship service at 9:30 AM

We will celebrate the second Sunday of Christmas with communion.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 – THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

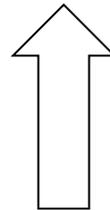
We will celebrate with a renewal of our Baptism

DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We will be offering the “drive thru” communion distribution Wednesday, December 29 and Wednesday, January 26, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

Christian Education

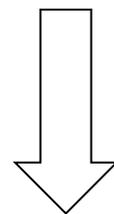
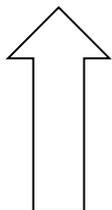
HIGH SCHOOLERS! YOU ASKED, SO...WE HAVE A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR YOU! Please join us for high school Christian education class beginning January 16, 2022 at 9:15 AM. We will gather in the Meeting Room , next to the elevator. Using the curriculum from the ELCA, we will discuss how today’s world relates to the Bible. Please contact Pastor Caroline for information at pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com or 724-837-7327.



Outreach & Ministry

USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to usher at all services. Ushering at Harrold Zion involves the following: Passing out bulletins in the Narthex as people enter the church, assisting people with finding the hearing devices, etc., passing the offering plates, dismissing people from their pew for communion, etc. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please sign up in the Communication Center. You can also call Rob Hepler at 724-446-2174.



CLOTHING DRIVE

Due to Covid restrictions in effect at the Salvation Army Office in Greensburg, the January Clothing Drive will not be held at the Church. If you have clothing items you wish to donate to the Salvation Army, you can take them to their parking lot and put them in the large outside receptacles at any time.

COMPASSION CORNER

The following is a portion of a letter from Steve in Haiti, one of our young people Harrold Zion sponsors through your donations to Compassion. We have sponsored Steve since he was 7 years old, and he is now 20:

"Dear Friends - I am extremely happy every time I have the chance to hear from you. Everything is going well for me by the grace of God. My country has serious social and political problems, even greater since our president was assassinated by strangers at home. My area and Compassion are going well. I am learning electricity and tiling. I received your gift, and I bought a device that will allow me to cut tiles. I thank you for the opportunity you give to me for a better life. With your help and your participation, I am learning day-by-day. I am proud of your love and your assistance. You will always be in my heart as I thank you for your love and help and prayers. Please pray for me to be successful in my state exams, and for me to be protected by the Lord. Please pray for my family and my country. Your son, Steve Joseph Rincher"

God bless all who continue to faithfully donate to this worthy outreach that has changed the lives of third world country needy children because of your help.

Fun & Social Gatherings

Axe Throwing at Valhalla Westmoreland Mall Saturday January 29th at 2:00 – 4:30 PM

Join your Harrold Zion family for a fun afternoon at Valhalla Indoor Axe Throwing at Westmoreland Mall located on the first floor outside the indoor Casino entrance. The activity is for ages 10 + and price is \$35 per person for a 2.5 hour session. They have waiver forms which must be signed. Their staff will teach and model for our group proper axe throwing techniques and styles. They will organize competitions and games once our group has become good at throwing (or at least coming near the targets). We will receive a group discount if we have 15 or more participants. Sign up must be by Sunday January 2nd so we can book the required number of lanes. The event will be canceled if there is not enough interest. Following the event, we may go out for dinner at a local establishment (Edo Hibachi/Mall food court/Cowboy Restaurant with mechanical riding bull) if there are interested families.

SONSHINERS

The Sonshiners will not meet for lunch in January. The next scheduled lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 9. The time and place will be announced in upcoming Bulletins.



Participant Name _____

Grade _____

Emergency Contact # _____

Shirt Size (please circle) Youth: small medium large
Adult: small medium large X-large



OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the New Year, the church office will be closed Friday, December 31. The office will re-open at 9:00 AM, Monday, January 3, 2022.

SNOW DAYS

Please note, if the Hempfield Area School District is closed for a snow day, the church office will be closed as well. Worship services will continue unless there is a state of emergency forbidding people to be on the road.

FROM THE CEMETERY

Please note that the cemetery fees for grave sites and opening graves have increased as follows:

- \$1,200 for an adult burial
- \$700 for a cremation or infant
- There will be an additional charge for weekends and holidays:
 - \$300 for full grave
 - \$200 for cremation

If you have any questions or would like to purchase a plot, please call Art Flock.

Church Meetings

JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Property Committee - Monday, January 3, at 6:30 PM

Fellowship Committee - Sunday, January 9, at 11:45 AM

Evangelism Committee - Sunday, January 16, at 11:30 AM

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY 2022 ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY 9:00 AM, JANUARY 15, 2022.

Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@gmail.com or placed in the mailbox on the Secretary's office door. Thank you!

THE FOLLOWING WERE MARRIED AT HARROLD ZION:

Jaqualynn Anderson & Brandon Durbin, were married December 11, 2021.

May your marriage be filled with God's blessings.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Jean Brunot and family, on the death of Jean's sister, Elaine McKay

Justin & Kylie Burns and family, on the death of Justin's father, R. Everett Burns.

Jeff Moyer, Mandy Kanouff and family, on the death of Jeff's mother and Mandy's grandmother, Marian Moyer.

Sarah Detar and family, on the death of Sarah's granddaughter, Kiley Detar Couchenour.

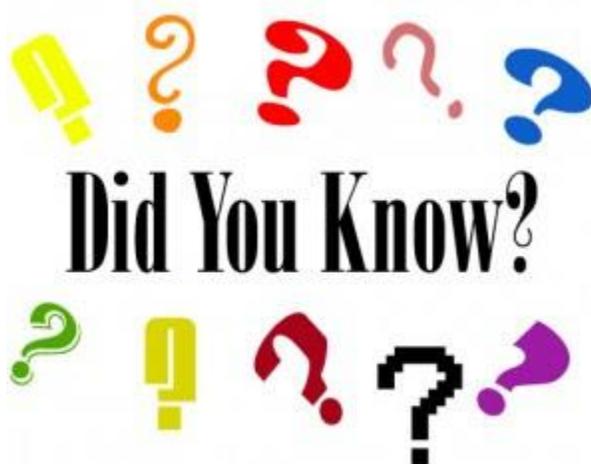
May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

A GIFT HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO THE MEMORIAL FUND in loving memory of Elaine McKay

by: Curt & Rita Heasley, Karen & Denny Henry, Samuel & Joann Black, Donna Merritts, Joyce Carter.

DID YOU KNOW?

- that according to our church bylaws, an active member is defined by receiving Holy Communion AND making a contribution (any amount) of record at least once per year?
- that many people forget to let the church office know their new address when they move?
- that many people forget to let the church office know when they have a change of phone number or have disconnected the land line and only use a cell phone number?
- that Pastor James and Pastor Caroline welcome you to reach out to them anytime? Please call just to chat or to discuss any ideas or concerns you may have.
- that the first Sunday of the month we offer Holy Communion (sometimes the Saturday evening service is the last of a month according to how it falls on the calendar...we always count by the Sundays)
- that the second weekend of each month is our Compassion Children collection. We have two children that we sponsor, Steve and Nit. See the Compassion bulletin board, on the left as you leave the Sanctuary to the Christian Education hallway.
- that the third weekend of each month our 10:30 AM worship service is a Joyful Noise service? This service has the usual liturgy but has more contemporary music with several instrumentalists including guitarist, timpani, keyboard, etc. and a small choir.
- that Harrold Zion offers multiple options for online giving? There is a program called Simply Giving that can be set up to have the offering automatically deducted from your bank account. We also offer online donations that you can do from the church website on an as desired basis. (see next page for more details)
- that Harrold Zion has a Facebook page? Not only can you enjoy worship services on this page, but you can be kept up to date on various events. Many times the site will have daily prayers or prayers pertaining to worldly news.
- that Harrold Zion has a You Tube channel? Our YouTube channel is another option to enjoy our worship services. You can also find videos from Pastors, staff and Miss Sheri's kid videos!
- that we are always happy to see new people? Whether you are here to be active in a group such as Quilting Ministry, Knitting Ministry, Gardening, Bible Study, Men's Breakfast Group, and the list goes on...or you are here as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Sunday School, Ushering, Lectoring, Altar Guild, Communion Assistant, Wedding Coordinator, etc., we love to see your smiling face! If you want more information about joining a group or volunteering, please call the church office at 724-837-7327.
- that newsletter articles are due in the church office by 9:00 AM on the 15th of each month?
- that the weekly bulletin is copied on Thursdays? All articles for the bulletin are due in the church office by 9:00 AM Wednesday morning.
- that all of the committees of the church are happy to receive new members with fresh ideas. Reach out to your council liaison for more information about the committees of interest (you can find the council liaison per committee in a box near the end of each newsletter)



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

Harrold Zion offers various ways for you to “give”. In addition to volunteering your time, you can make monetary donations via these three ways:

1. The offering envelope

- use your assigned envelope or a pew envelope.
- If using a pew envelope, please be sure to write your name or number on the envelope so we can credit you appropriately.
- Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church (671 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg, PA 15601).

2. Simply Giving

- this is a great option if you want to be sure your donations are received at the church on a scheduled basis (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly).
- After this account is set up with your preferences, there is nothing else you need to do.
- If you would like to tithe via Simply Giving, call Tammy at 724-837-7327 and she will mail you the form. Once you complete the form, you send it back to Tammy (or put in an envelope and place in the offering plate) and she will set up your account and preferences.
- From there, your specified donation automatically deducts from your checking or savings on the scheduled time you chose (weekly, bi-weekly or monthly).

3. Online donations – this requires you to go on the website each time you would like to donate. This is a great option for those who are away traveling or who those who don't like automatic withdrawal such as the program mentioned above. Go to www.harroldzion.org and scroll to the bottom – it will look like this:

From there, follow these steps:

- Complete the “Give Now” section
- Click “add donation”
- Click “next”
- Complete the “pay by Credit/Debit card” or “pay by Checking/Savings”
- Enter the information accordingly
- Click “next”
- Confirm your information and select if you want an emailed receipt
- Click “donate now”
- Congratulations, you just donated online!

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Growing in Faith through Giving". At the top right, there is a "Sign In / Sign Up" link. The main section is "Give Now" and contains the following fields and buttons:

- "Select Fund" dropdown menu
- "One Time" dropdown menu
- "\$ Amount" input field
- "Add Donation" button

Below these fields is a table with two columns: "Fund" and "Amount". The table is currently empty. At the bottom left of the table area, it says "Total: \$0.00". At the bottom right, there is a "Next" button. In the bottom right corner of the page, there is a "SECURE" icon.

Thank you

Susan and Rick Yaksic want to **thank** everyone for their thoughts and prayers during our recent illness.

Thank you to Chad Altman, Susie Eicher, Joanne Gebhardt, Melissa Houston, Fred Wineman, Denise and Heather Harshman, and anyone else who helped to decorate the church for Christmas. The Sanctuary looks gorgeous!

HARVEST HOME/MEALS ON WHEELS COLLECTION

The total collected for Meals on Wheels this November is \$1755. **Thank you** for your generous donations to this worthy HZ outreach.

CHRISTMAS CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to all who sponsored needy children through Harrold Zion's Christmas Child Sponsorship outreach. Because of the generosity of members from our church as well as those outside Harrold Zion, we were able to sponsor 52 Hempfield Township school children. God Bless all of you for blessings these children and making their Christmas merrier!

HANNAH'S SOCKS

Dear Harrold Zion Family,

I praise God for the heart of Harrold Zion. I am writing to say THANK YOU! I would also like to thank the pre-school and all who took part in the collection and parting and delivering of the socks during our campaign. All the hands that contributed in any way. This season we collected 1,582 pair. Praise God! These socks have gone to 52 families in need in our area. Also, several cases have gone to the salvation army in Greensburg, the Men's Union Mission in Latrobe, and 2 cases to Hannah's socks. The joy and love of Christmas has been sent by you!

Have a blessed holiday!

Donna

Among our members

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRANDON COPE! Brandon had his *Court of Honor* on Sunday, December 5, 2021 and has earned his *Eagle Scout!* Well done Brandon!!

All About Kids

Happy New Year to one and all from All About Kids Preschool!!

The classes will start back Tuesday, January 4th and Wednesday, January 5th with all our students bringing one Christmas show and tell to show their classmates. We will also be working on preschool report cards through-out January for all of our students.

The middle of January will bring Summer Camp and Fall 2022 Preschool registration. Our classes our as follows:

M, W, F Pre- K only 9am-12, \$165 per month. This class is full with 18 students.

M, T, Th 12:30 pm -3pm. This is a mixed class for students ages 3-5. This class is full with 16 students. The cost is \$145 per month.

Our Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-11:30 am class is for first year students only, it's \$125 per month. This class is full with 16 students.

Please call Lisa Zundel at 412-554-4736 to receive a registration packet or to be put on our mailing list.

Thanks so much,
All About Kids

Looking ahead...

SOUPER BOWL VALENTINES LUNCHEON

February, 13th, 2022 at 11:30pm to 2:00pm

Grab your sweetheart or friend and join us for a lunch of homemade soups and hoagies. Hosted by the ELCA National Youth Gathering Participants and the Fellowship Committee.

ATTENTION USHERS

Please find below the usher scheduled through April 2022.
If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please contact Rob Hepler.
If you are interested in serving as an usher and are not on the schedule,
please call Rob Hepler or the church office, 724-837-7327.

Note: we will begin passing the offering plates on Christmas Eve
and hope to continue this tradition from there on.

Guidelines for serving as an usher can be found on the yellow,
laminated page in the attendance book which can be found in the Narthex.

December 2021	8:00 AM Regis Bombach, Jeff Lydic 10:30 AM Frank Rassmann, Ken Kibler, Rick Yaksic, Rob Hepler
January 2022	8:00 AM Bonny Free, Judy Markle 10:30 AM David Cronin, Alex Hayes, Bob Majcher, Brad Zundel
February 2022	8:00 AM Regis Bombach, Bob Eicher 10:30 AM Matt Berkebile, Stacey Winfield, Cheryl Eckles
March 2022	8:00 AM Pat Boyer, Linda Boyer 10:30 AM Rick Yaksic, Jason Barnhart, Barb Kebe
April 2022	8:00 AM Barb Appleby, Dorinda Stempfer 10:30 AM Diane Ihlenfeld, Jerry Starenchak

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

We are always looking for volunteers!
If you are looking for a way to serve at Harrold Zion, please call the church office and talk to Tammy.

We are always in need of volunteers in the following areas:

Office Help (covering phones & door when Tammy is off)

Lectors (reading the lessons at a service)

Acolytes (lighting candles and helping with offering plates at a service)

Youth & Family (creative ideas for events)

All Committees (always looking for a fresh perspective and new ideas)

JANUARY 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).*

January 2 9:30 AM John Millward

January 8/9 5:00 PM Denise Nenni
8:00 AM Ross Thompson; 10:30 AM Tony Gacek

January 15/16 5:00 PM Nancy Pienody
8:00 AM Bernie Zundel; 10:30 AM Fred Wineman

January 22/23 5:00 PM Josh Chenoweth
8:00 AM Linda Boyer; 10:30 AM Linda Thompson

January 29/30 5:00 PM Jonathan Totin
8:00 AM Ross Thompson; 10:30 AM Kelly Perry

ACOLYTES

January 2 9:30 AM Emily Dansak

January 9 8:00 AM Anna Dansak; 10:30 AM Hailey Uhrinek

January 16 8:00 AM Katelyn Holsopple; 10:30 AM Ella Kanouff

January 23 8:00 AM Cooper Anderson; 10:30 AM Lily Carlucci

January 30 8:00 AM Emily Dansak; 10:30 AM Nina Tyler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

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

January 2 9:30 AM Bernie Zundel, Tom Kubinec

January 9 8:00 AM Bob & Susie Eicher; 10:30 AM John Millward, Jack Molnar

JANUARY USHERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

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

8:00 AM Bonny Free, Judy Markle
10:30 AM David Cronin, Alex Hayes, Bob Majcher, Brad Zundel

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Susie Eicher, Dorothy Henry

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to Christmas and the timing of this January newsletter, the November council minutes will be made available in the Communication Center following the December 14 council meeting.

The November financial information will accompany the council minutes.

The 2022 Council Members are listed below. The February newsletter will also list the officers and the committees that each council member serves.

2022 Church Council and Committees Served

Shawn Carolan
Josh Chenoweth, Secretary
Bob Eicher
Kim Elias
Bonny Free
Don Freeman
Joanne Gebhardt
Bob Majcher
John Millward
Jack Molnar
Ross Thompson
Rick Yaksic

HARROLD ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a family of believers who seek to provide an open and caring environment where all are welcome and can experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, we believe the Lutheran Confessions to be a faithful interpretation of Scripture, and our ministry revolves around the "Word and Sacraments".

We are committed to being good stewards of God's creation by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed. Thus we respond to human need with acts of love and compassion, as we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 05:00 PM-No 5:00 PM Worship
2 Communion 09:30 AM-One worship service	3 10:00 AM-Quilting Ministry 01:00 PM-Quilting Ministry 06:30 PM-Property Committee	4	5 05:30 PM-Youth Choir Rehearsal 06:00 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 09:30 AM-Epiphany worship service 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts	7 10:00 AM-Ladies Bible Study	8 08:00 AM-Men's Breakfast Group Baptism of Our Lord Communion
9 Baptism of Our Lord Communion 11:45 AM-Fellowship Committee	10 08:00 AM-Annual reports due 07:00 PM-Thyme for Herbs	11 10:00 AM-Knitting Ministry 07:30 PM- Compassionate Friends	12 05:30 PM-Youth Choir Rehearsal 06:00 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 06:30 PM-Food 2 Go packing 07:00 PM-Adult Choir Rehearsal	13 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts	14 10:00 AM-Ladies Bible Study	15 Newsletter articles due 01:00 PM-Winter VBS
16 11:30 AM-Evangelism Committee	17 No Preschool	18 No Preschool	19 05:30 PM-Youth Choir Rehearsal 06:00 PM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Adult Choir Rehearsal	20 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts	21 10:00 AM-Ladies Bible Study	22
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"Certainly the faithful love of the
Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's
compassion isn't through!
They are renewed every morning.
Great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23