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Special points of interest:

- Charge Conference
- YF Pancake Breakfast
- Family Movie Night
- Harvest Home Sunday

Thirsty for the Word Thursdays

Does your week need a bit of a God “pick-me-up”? Then come out to Thirsty for the Word Thursdays at Zion of Iona! As our busy lives get busier and busier, we often do not spend time in God’s word. We put it off, until there is no time left in the day, and our Bible time slips away. If this is true in your life, then join us on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM for an uplifting midweek service and small group time.



Our Thursday evening services vary in structure and format, and are designed to give you a bit of God’s word and teachings to get you through the rest of your week. The service features music, singing, prayer, creative responses to God’s work in our own lives, as well as anything else the Holy Spirit leads us to do! We are called, as Christians, to spend time in His word every day. There are only so many ways God can communicate with us as humans, and if we are not spending time in His word, then we are effectively cutting off one of the most important forms of communication with our Lord! We cannot allow that to happen. In my own experience, God has spoken to me many times in the quiet, solitary time I spend with Him in His word and teachings. I am sure the same can be said for many of you. And still we neglect to make time for Him. Make a commitment to join us on Thursday’s and listen for God’s voice to speak to you!

Directly following the midweek service, we break into our small groups. There are currently two groups meeting on Thursdays, with a third group starting on October 13th:

- ◆ **Nooma Group-** The Nooma series is a collection of short films, created and narrated by Pastor Rob Bell. Each film discusses the world we live in through the eyes of Jesus. The films raise many questions, and the discussion after we watch the films has been AMAZING! This group is led by Miles Dissinger.
- ◆ **102 Topics-** Led by Dave Shenk, this group features 102 different topics ranging from Angels to Prayer, to the significance of the word “Amen”. Each week the group chooses which topic to discuss, and then dive into God’s word to explore what He has to say about each topic! I have heard wonderful things about this group! Join them this week!
- ◆ **Why? Discerning God’s Will for My Life-** Have you ever wondered what God has planned for your life? Do you question how to hear God’s voice amidst all the noise and chaos in your life? Then this group is for you! Beginning on October 13th, Jean Bailey will lead you in study and discussion about

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ZION U. M. CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FUND BALANCES (as of July 31, 2011)

Capital Improvement:			Memorials:		
Capital Imp. (other)	1,153.53		Bachman, Edna	1,500.00	
Windows	-9,010.00		Barnett, Helen	665.00	
Total Capital Imp.:		-7,856.47	Deck, Stanley	576.60	
			Light Mem. (Courtyard)	157.00	
Special Projects:			Miller, Lela	605.00	
Drama Fund	551.75		Reed Mem. (Camping)	1,168.74	
Youth Fellowship	1,342.37		Quigley, Betty	174.00	
Outspoken	7,487.39		McBee, Catherine	200.00	
Children's Church Min	500.00		Total Memorials:		5,046.35
VBS	384.10				
Total Special Projects:		10,265.61			
General Fund:		3,907.49			
Endowment Fund		6,697.25	TOTAL		\$ 18,060.23

Annual Charge Conference Scheduled for October 10

This year's Charge Conference is scheduled for Monday, October 10, at 7 p.m. at the church. All church leaders, council members, and SPR committee members are urged to attend. Everyone is welcome!

Reminder Officers, Leaders, & Committee Chairs

In order to keep the church calendar updated and to avoid any conflicts of scheduling, **please inform the church secretary of any meetings, activities, or events** you or your group is planning.

Also, please be reminded that **you have a mail slot** in the church office that should be checked regularly. The mail slots are alphabetical by your title (not by your name).

If you need a mail slot and do not have one, please call the office at 273-2958 or email ionaoffice@comcast.net.

Birthday Greetings

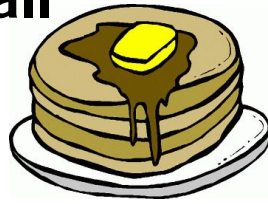
(college, military, homebound, missions)

Oct.. 20 – Nicholas Wolf
22 – Ethan Ginder

**We are working on the new
Birthday Greetings list which
will be available very soon.**

**Please contact the church of-
fice (273-2958 or [ionaof-
fice@comcast.net](mailto:ionaoffice@comcast.net)) with any
changes or additions.**

**Youth Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser in Gable Hall
Saturday, October 15
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.**



Do you love pancakes? So do we!!! Please join the youth group from Zion of Iona for our ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on October 15. We will begin serving at 7 a.m. and the breakfast will run until 11 a.m.

Tell your friends and neighbors and come out for an awesome breakfast and some fellowship with our church community! You will leave with a full stomach and the knowledge that you are helping our church to provide fun and faith growing activities for our youth!

See you on October 15th ... and COME HUNGRY!

Lebanon
**FAMILY
HEALTH**
Services



FREE FLU SHOTS

For anyone 18 years of age and older.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, October 17, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

while supplies last!

WHERE: Lebanon Family Health Services

615 Cumberland Street

Lebanon, PA 17042

For Questions call:

273-6741 or 273-6940

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**Family Movie
Night at Iona**

"Soul Surfer"

October 21, 7 p.m.

Please join us on Friday, October 21, in Gable Hall for ***Soul Surfer***. Doors will open at 6:45 ... movie starts at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks provided. Anyone is welcome to bring a snack to share.

Kids: bring your favorite pillow and blanket to get comfy on the floor. Parents bring a comfy chair.

Soul Surfer is a 2011 American drama film about the life of surfer Bethany Hamilton. At the age of thirteen, Hamilton lost her arm to a shark attack. The film details the events surrounding this attack and her struggle during the aftermath. The film is directed by Sean McNamara, who based the screenplay on Hamilton's autobiography of the same name and on the filmmakers' interviews with the family. The title refers to a term coined in the 1960s to denote someone who surfs purely for pleasure, but the word *soul* has a double meaning as a reference to Hamilton's Christian faith, which helped her recover her surfing career after the attack.



Reasons You Should Join the CHOIR!



There are many reasons why you should want to join the choir. Here are five suggested reasons:

Character – Choir helps build character. People who sing in the choir give up approximately two nights a month and worship faithfully. These people have real character. (Some members are REAL characters.)

Healthy – Choir makes you healthy. How often do you exercise your lungs? Your lungs are important to living. If you really want to enjoy living and be healthier, come and sing with us.

Otherwise – Otherwise, it won't be as much fun if you are not there. Otherwise you'll miss many opportunities to offer God your expressions of praise and adoration.

Interesting – You'll sing interesting music. You'll hear interesting comments about your singing. You'll meet some interesting characters (see letter C). Your interest in worship will increase and grow as you prepare to participate in the Sunday's anthem.

Relaxation – After a stressful day of decision-making – should I sell this, buy that, watch this, cook that – it will be SO relaxing to have someone say to you, "Sing this."

Additional Choir Info:

The Christmas cantata, "The Night Before Christmas" by J. Daniel Smith, will be presented Sunday, December 18. Rehearsals for this will begin on Wednesday, October 5, 7 p.m. in the lounge. Additional music has been ordered. You will be more than welcome to join us. Please consider this. If you have any concerns and/or questions, please do not hesitate to call and speak to Deb Boger at 821-9913.

Thirsty for the Word

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discovering God's specific plan for your life!
The curriculum for this group was written by acclaimed author and pastor, Adam Hamilton, and will be a blessing to all those who choose this group!

God is calling for you to seek Him more closely, to reach out to Him through His word, and to discover the many wonders He has to reveal to you. Please choose to make a commitment to spending more time in God's word today by joining us for Thirsty for the Word Thursday's. If you are new to the small group scene, then please feel comfortable to join any of these three groups! I am looking forward to seeing you on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM. May God continue to bless each one of you, and may the King of Kings forever be your guide.

In His Service

Miles Dissinger

Harvest Home Sunday – October 9



As we continue to revive the traditional celebration of Harvest Home Sunday, we will do so with a sanctuary adorned with fruits of the fields and orchards, thanks to the 4H Friends. On this Sunday we want to give thanks to the Lord for his abundant provisions.

Chris Smith, Director of the Rescue Mission, will deliver the message for the 8:45 a.m. Worship Service and music will be provided by Cynthia Smith (Agape House Director), the Iona Bell Choir, and Joyful Ringers. Pastor Frank give the message at the 11 a.m. Soul Connection Service with music by OUTSPOKEN, Iona's Praise Band.

A Harvest Home Collection for Lebanon County Christian Ministries and LCCM will begin on this Sunday.

SPECIAL HARVEST OFFERING: Bring a special offering for the Iona Church as we try to make up for the low income during the summer months.

OCTOBER SERVICES

2 October – World Communion Sunday

- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – Message by Pastor Frank: “Is God’s Idea of Church the Same as Ours?”
- ◆ Text: Matthew 18:15-20
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Special Music
11 am – Special Music by OUTSPOKEN

9 October – Harvest Home Sunday

- ◆ **Special Harvest Offering:** Bring a special offering for the Iona Church as we try to make up for the low income during the summer time.
- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – Come and join us on this Sunday set aside to give thanks to God for the harvest, for God’s provisions to us. The sanctuary will be decorated again by our 4H group. On this Sunday we will begin our collection of food items for the needy in Lebanon County as we do every year. The items will be given to LCCM and the Lebanon Rescue Mission. Message by Chris Smith, Rescue Mission Director (8:45) and by Pastor Frank (11).
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Cynthia Smith, Agape House Director, Iona Bell Choir, Joyful Ringers
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN

16 October – Stewardship Sunday

- ◆ **Special Harvest Offering:** Bring a special offering for the Iona Church as we try to make up for the low income during the summer time.
- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – Message by Pastor Frank: “Whose Money Is It?”
- ◆ Text: Matthew 22:15-22
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Chancel Choir
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN

23 October – Youth and Children’s Sunday

- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – On this Sunday we will continue to feature a sermon and worship topic chosen by you. Please email your sermon topic suggestion to the office or use the box in the back of the sanctuary. I would like to encourage our youth and children to submit topics as well (especially for this day). Message by Pastor Frank.
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Cherub Choir and Rainbow Ringers
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN

30 October – Reformation Sunday

- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – On this day we want to celebrate our Protestant heritage and glorify God for his grace. Message by Pastor Frank: “Man’s Chief End Is to Glorify God, and to Enjoy Him Forever” (a message based on the Westminster confession).
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Men of Zion
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 World Communion Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Soul Connection Service 4:00 Cherub Choir / Joyful Ringers 4:30 Rainbow Ringers 5:00 Iona Bell Choir / YF	3 6:30 Disciple 1 (lounge)	4 7:00 SPR Committee Meeting	5 6:30 Disciple III (Classroom #1) 7:00 Chancel Choir (lounge)	6 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Small Groups	7 	8 9:00 4H Friends (decorate for Harvest Home)
9 Harvest Home Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Soul Connection Service	10 6:30 Disciple 1 (lounge) 7:00 Charge Conference	11 9:00 Young at Heart Breakfast @ Quentin Haus 6:00 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Administrative Council Meeting	12 6:30 Disciple III (Classroom #1) 7:00 Chancel Choir (lounge)	13 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Small Groups	14 	15 7:00 – 11:00 YF Pancake Breakfast (Gable Hall)
16 Stewardship Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Soul Connection Service 4:00 Cherub Choir / Joyful Ringers 4:30 Rainbow Ringers 5:00 Iona Bell Choir / YF	17 6:30 Disciple 1 (lounge)	18 6:30 Women's Fellowship Group (Gable Hall)	19 6:30 Disciple III (Classroom #1) 7:00 Chancel Choir (lounge)	20 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Small Groups	21 7:00 Family Movie Night in Gable Hall (doors open at 6:45)	22
23 Youth and Children's Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Soul Connection Service 4:00 Joyful Ringers 5:00 Iona Bell Choir	24 6:30 Disciple 1 (lounge)		26 6:30 Disciple III (Classroom #1) 7:00 Chancel Choir (lounge)	27 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Small Groups	28 	29 YF Outing – Corn Maze (more info coming)
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