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Special points of interest:

- Easter/Holy Week
- Egg Hunt
- Adult SS



## Confirmation

*Commitment to Christ . . . Surrender of Self . . .  
Joy In The Journey!*

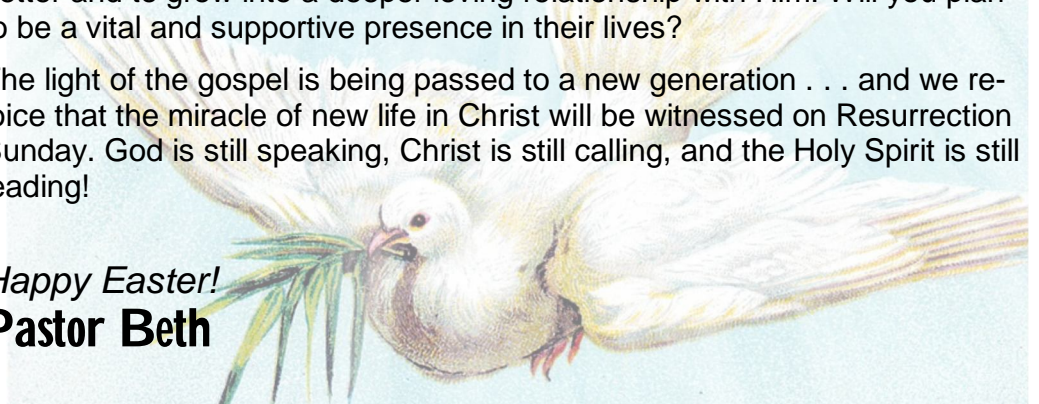
In just a few weeks, on Easter Sunday, we are looking forward to receiving three new members to Zion Church! These young people are Jake Barrett, Emily Steckbeck, and Ali Bossler. They all have been regularly meeting with Pastor Beth and Jeff Steckbeck in preparation for making this important life decision of faith to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

In our times together, we have been challenged to think about the Triune God, the Truth of the Bible, Morality, Creation, Prayer, God in Real Life, How to Handle Difficult Times, The Best Way to Live, and the Differences of the Methodist Church as compared to other churches. These young people have received information about what it means to be a United Methodist so that they can truly decide if this church is for them. We have shared the times when God has been particularly near to us as well as the times when we have gone astray. And, we conclude that God is always faithful and true. But the decision to become a Disciple is up to each one of us. The gospel we believe is that Christ died for our sins and that when we are in need of forgiveness he is always ready to help us.

And so, during our Easter Sunday Morning Worship service, you may indeed find these three wonderful young people and their families standing before you as they take their vows of full membership into the church. Since you are a part of this covenant also . . . you should prepare to commit yourself to helping them grow continually in faith, hope and love. You are privileged as well as responsible to help them in all ways to know God better and to grow into a deeper loving relationship with Him. Will you plan to be a vital and supportive presence in their lives?

The light of the gospel is being passed to a new generation . . . and we rejoice that the miracle of new life in Christ will be witnessed on Resurrection Sunday. God is still speaking, Christ is still calling, and the Holy Spirit is still leading!

*Happy Easter!*  
**Pastor Beth**



# EASTER and HOLY WEEK Worship Opportunities

*Our traditional worship opportunities during Holy Week will continue again this year.*

A quiet time of meaningful contemplation and Holy Communion is planned for **Maundy Thursday** evening at 7:00 p.m. We will join our Lord around His table and remember the events that changed the course of history that night so long ago.



Also, we plan to hold our traditional **Resurrection Celebration Worship Service** Easter Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. This celebration will include our Bell Choir, Dramatic Readings as well as the Confirmation of new church members! Plan to attend this exciting time as we remember our Risen Lord as well as look forward to entrusting the gospel message to a new generation!



Additionally, we wish to thank all who responded to our recent survey regarding the possibility of an **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST**. Unfortunately, due to a very low response, the Worship Committee did not feel there was enough interest this year in either of these two events.

So we encourage everyone to invite your friends and neighbors to our 10:00 a.m. Worship where we plan to meet God and His Christ in all His Resurrection Glory! You know . . . "Seeing Is Believing" . . . and we can't wait to discover the ways God has planned to reveal Himself to us on Easter Sunday as well as every other Sunday morning throughout the entire year!

## Iona Egg Hunt Coming Soon!!!

**April 15, 10 a.m.**



We will have an *eggstra* special time at Iona Church celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. The entire family is invited to hear the *eggstremely* important events of Easter in an *eggceptional* story presentation. There will be singing led by an *eggscellent* song leader.

Children and adults will have the opportunity to hunt *eggstensively* for hidden eggs which should be *eggssamined* for special prizes.

This event is to celebrate the *eggstravagant* gift of salvation that Jesus gave us when He died and rose again.

**Invite your friends, neighbors, and family.**



## Easter Flower Orders

If you would like to order flowers to adorn the sanctuary for the Easter Season, order forms are available in the Sunday worship bulletin. Complete the form and place it, along with your payment, in the box on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Available are mums for \$7 each (white, lavender, yellow); lilies for \$6.50 each; and azaleas for \$8 each (red, pink, white).

If you wish to place the flowers in honor of in memory of a loved one, that can be indicated on the order form.

**Orders must be placed by Sunday, April 2.**

If you are unable to attend worship and wish to place an order, please contact Suzie Bachman (949-3949).

# Servants of Worship Schedules for April

**Thank you** to all those volunteering their service for Sunday Worship. Below are the schedules for **April 2017**. If you are unable to serve on the date or time you are scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute (*call someone from the volunteers list*). Let us know of the swap or if you have trouble finding a substitute. Chuck and Christina Watson (717-270-6667 or watsoncc@comcast.net)

<b>Greeters</b>	
Apr. 2	Fred & Diana Beaver
Apr. 9	Chuck & Christina Watson
Apr. 16	Jeff & Susan Steckbeck
Apr. 23	Tom & Peggy Hombach
Apr. 30	Kary & Barb Weyand

<b>Sound Technicians</b>	
Apr. 2	Kathleen Steckbeck
Apr. 9	Jake Barrett
Apr. 16	Kathleen Steckbeck
Apr. 23	Christina Watson
Apr. 30	Ray Arnold

<b>Nursery (contact Sue Light with changes)</b>	
Apr. 2	Christina Watson & Linda Hower
Apr. 9	Amy Donnachie & Suzie Bachman
Apr. 16	Margery Deck & Deb Smith
Apr. 23	Bev Henry & Janet Swift
Apr. 30	Sue Light & Janice Kingsley

<b>Announcers</b>	
Apr. 2	Janet Nelson
Apr. 9	Wendy Barrett
Apr. 16	Robert Beamon
Apr. 23	Sherie Donnachie
Apr. 30	Jeff Steckbeck

<b>Refreshments</b>	
Apr. 2	Ted Holcombe
Apr. 9	Maryellen Martin
Apr. 16	Aaron Robinson
Apr. 23	Deb Smith
Apr. 30	Jeff & Susan Steckbeck

## Zion Iona UMC Financial Info *as of February 2017*

	Monthly	YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 26,610.00	\$ 26,077.00
Expenses	\$ 14,449.00	\$ 21,861.00	\$ 25,674.00
Net	--\$ 1,799.00	\$ 4,749.00	\$ 403.00

Average Attendance for the Month (February): 57

# Summer Camp 2017

Summer camp is rapidly approaching. We're excited about this year's summer camp theme "Jesus Is". Campers will explore who Jesus is and how Jesus can be part of their everyday life. Jesus is: The Son of God, Our Healer, Our Teacher, Our Savior, & Our Friend!



The Eastern PA Conference owns and operates four unique, scenic camp and retreat centers spread across different regions of the conference: **Pocono Plateau** in the upper Northeast; **Carson-Simpson Farm** just north of Philadelphia; **Innabah**, more centrally located in Spring City; and **Gretna Glen** in the Northwest area. They are all now accepting registrations for Summer Camp 2017, as well as applications for staff and volunteers.

All four centers truly come alive during Summer Camp, with hundreds of excited children and youth learning, playing, being nurtured and making friendships and lifetime memories. But three sites—Pocono Plateau, Innabah and Gretna Glen—are busy year-round, hosting retreats, picnics, confirmation classes and other special events of all kinds.

Our Camp & Retreat Ministry centers are places where people of all ages and backgrounds can experience God's love and creation together in a caring Christian community, as they grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. Children, youth and families who sign up can look forward to thrilling, creative adventures and possibly life-changing encounters for campers of all ages and abilities.

EPA Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry is a primary resource for churches and communities for making, connecting, and renewing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Contact them today to plan or register for an event. **Visit their Web sites at: [innabah.org](http://innabah.org), [gretnaglen.org](http://gretnaglen.org), [poconoplateau.org](http://poconoplateau.org) and [csfarm.org](http://csfarm.org).**

Brochures for Gretna Glen and Pocono Plateau summer camps are available at the church on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

## Thank You...

...for all the prayers, food, transportation and beautiful prayer shawl.

See you soon! *Doris Shyda*

## Is Anyone Familiar with Charleston, SC?

Yale Maier, student at Lebanon Valley College, has a clinical assignment this summer in Charleston and needs a place to stay for 7 weeks (May 14-June 29).

If anyone knows of a place, has any connections or information, please contact Pat Maier (717-270-0321).

## Adult Sunday School

***New 12-week Study begins April 9***

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT is probably the best-known part of the teachings of Jesus, though it is the least understood. Starting next week at 9:00 a.m., for the next 12 weeks, we will be discussing what life looks like in the kingdom of God. Join us in the Library when you can.



# April 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Confirmation Class 4:00 Bell Choir (Gable Hall)	<b>3</b> 4:00 LCEHS Mtg. (Lounge) 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:30 Vision Team Meeting	<b>5</b> 7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b> 7:00 Finance Committee Mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 8
<b>9 Palm/Passion Sunday</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bell Choir (Gable Hall)	<b>10</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9:00 Young at Heart Breakfast @ Quentin Haus 6:00 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Administrative Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>14 Good Friday</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt at Iona
<b>16 Easter Sunday</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship Confirmation	<b>17</b> 3:30 Worship Committee 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 SPR Committee Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00 Cub Scouts Highway Cleanup (Prep & Return in Gable Hall) 9:30 4H Friends (Gable Hall)
<b>23 Second Sunday of Easter</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bell Choir (Gable Hall)	<b>24</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Administrative Professionals Day</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 National Arbor Day</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00 Gable Hall & Kitchen (Private Event)
<b>30 Third Sunday of Easter</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bell Choir (Gable Hall)						