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## Special points of interest:

- Vacation Bible School
- Summer Musicians
- Website Coordinator
- Package in the Mail

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR !



The Bible tells us that when God created the earth . . . everything he created was *very good!* And yet . . . still today . . . we look out upon the landscape and muse to ourselves that everything *still* seems to be very good and exceedingly pleasing to our eyes! Can you imagine how wonderful the original creation must have been?

I marvel at the color of the flowers, the green of the grass . . . the delicate beauty of tiny hummingbirds and the strength of massive mules that pull Amish wagons through the fields. The sweetness of corn and the incomparable taste of homegrown tomatoes will soon grace our tables once again.

Even though the first sin caused destruction we can't even imagine . . . God's fingerprints are still all over our world. The simple truth is that if our world is still so beautiful and pleasant to us . . . can we imagine the loving beauty of our Creator Himself?

Not only is He all-knowing, all-powerful, just, merciful, forgiving, and perfect . . . we may not often think of Him as a Painter, a Poet, or a Composer. The joy and thrill we experience from everything earthly that delights our senses . . . He created as the Artist Extraordinaire. So . . . during this season of beauty and warmth . . . as we enjoy nature and the outdoors . . . remember the words of this familiar hymn and remember that God has seen colors that are still unknown to us. He has heard angelic choirs. And, one day, will know the ultimate triumph over sin and evil when all of creation will celebrate a new heaven and the new

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*All children ages 3 to 5th grade*

are invited to grab your passport for an unforgettable  
VBS Trek and join us at Zion Iona UMC for

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 26 - 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

- ◆ Hike cloud-shrouded ruins of Machu Picchu.
- ◆ Savor exotic flavors of the Amazon.
- ◆ Hear what daily life is like from kids in Peru.
- ◆ Immerse yourself in this vibrant culture where we will discover God's good gifts for us all.

***PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN***  
***Forms are available on our website or at the church***  
***on the table at the back of the sanctuary.***  
***Please complete and return to the church.***

Please contact Jen Beamon or Amy Donnachie if  
interested in helping or have any questions.

## VBS Donations

Donations for VBS are being accepted. Please check the bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for items that we need to collect to make our VBS a success.

Some items can be borrowed and returned. Those are marked accordingly. We ask that all donations be collected in the back of the sanctuary by June 11th so that we can purchase anything that is left on the board.



Monetary donations will also be accepted!

## VBS Planning Meeting

*Monday, June 12*  
*6:30 PM*

Anyone planning to help in any way should attend to ensure we have all necessary equipment/items for your area.

Please contact Jen Beamon or Amy Donnachie if you cannot attend.



# Special Charge Conference

On Sunday, May 21, following worship a Special Charge Conference was held for the purpose of electing additional Trustees to our Church Leadership.

The following people were approved and added to the Trustees: Cliff Swisher, Aaron Robinson and Margie Deck. They will complete the term for 2017 as well as two additional years. Their terms will expire in 2020.

# Summer Musicians

We are looking for special singers and instrumentalists for the summer months. There is great flexibility in morning worship to include individuals or groups who can bless our fellowship with special music.

If you can volunteer, or if you know of someone you would like to invite as a "Musical Guest," please let Pastor Beth or Dave Shenk know. All "varieties" of music are welcome!



# Congratulations Graduate!



On Sunday, May 21, during worship we recognized Aaron Donnachie, who received his Masters of Business Administration from Penn State University.

# Seeking Website Coordinator

We are looking for an individual interested in helping with the further development and upkeep of our church website. If interested or you would like more info, please contact Pastor Beth.

## Summer Office Hours and Secretary's Vacation

### **Hours Beginning May 30 through August:**

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Of course, due to vacations, holidays, etc. there will sometimes be exceptions to this schedule.

Bonnie will be on vacation from June 9 through June 18 and resume summer office hours on June 19.

**Please have all info for the June 11 and 18 bulletins to the church office by 9:30 am on Tuesday, June 6.**

Phone: 273-2958; Email: ionaoffice@comcast.net.

# Spring Is in the Air

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earth! Until then, we still know and see our magnificent Creator present in our world by the beauty of his handiwork.

All things bright and beautiful . . .  
All creatures great and small . . .  
All things wise and wonderful . . .  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens . . .  
Each little bird that sings . . .  
He made their glowing colors . . .  
He made their tiny wings.

The tall trees in the greenwood . . .  
The meadows where we play . . .  
The rushes by the water . . .  
To gather every day.

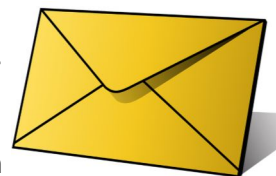
He gave us eyes to see them . . .  
And lips that we might tell . . .  
How great is God Almighty . . .  
Who has made all things well.

"And they were astonished beyond measure saying, "He has done all things well." Mark 7:37

~ Pastor Beth

# A Package in the Mail!

Members of the congregation involved in serving the youth/children of the church



will be receiving a package in the mail with the materials necessary to obtain your Child Abuse Clearance Checks.

If you have any questions or need more information, please see Jeff Steckbeck or any member of the SPRC Committee.

# Servants of Worship Schedules for June

**Thank you** to all those volunteering their service for Sunday Worship. Below are the schedules for **June 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>	
June 4	Jim & Dianne Miller
June 11	Cliff & Betsy Swisher
June 18	Tim & Rachel Turley
June 25	Margery Deck & Maryellen Martin

<b>Sound Technicians</b>	
June 4	Jake Barrett
June 11	Kathleen Steckbeck
June 18	Christina Watson
June 25	Ray Arnold

<b>Nursery (contact Sue Light with changes)</b>	
June 4	Christina Watson & Deb Smith
June 11	Sue Light & Amy Donnachie
June 18	Suzie Bachman & Janice Kingsley
June 25	Bev Henry & Janet Swift

<b>Announcers</b>	
June 4	Wendy Barrett
June 11	Jeff Steckbeck
June 18	Bev Henry
June 25	Sherie Donnachie

<b>Refreshments</b>	
June 4	Maryellen Martin
June 11	Aaron Robinson
June 18	Deb Smith
June 25	Jeff & Sue Steckbeck

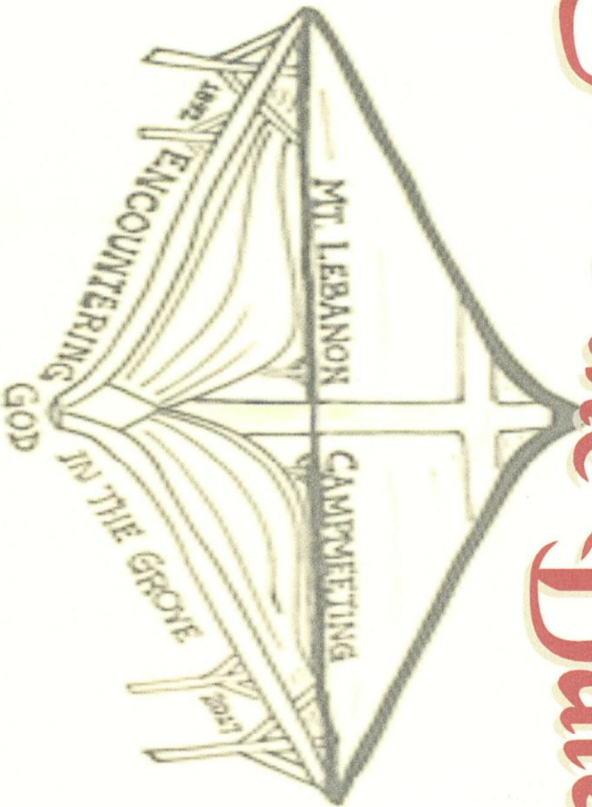
## Zion Iona UMC Financial Info as of April 2017

	Monthly	YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$ 20,509.00	\$ 60,642.00	\$ 52,153.00
Expenses	\$ 12,294.00	\$ 46,399.00	\$ 40,308.00
Net	\$ 8,215.00	\$ 14,243.00	\$ 11,845.00

Average Attendance for the Month (April): 57

# Mount Lebanon Campmeeting

## Save the Date



### 125th Anniversary

## Campmeeting Week

### July 9 - 16, 2017

Contact Information...

[www.mtlebanoncampmeeting.org](http://www.mtlebanoncampmeeting.org)

Phone: 717-274-1206

#### Family Fridays...

June 16<sup>th</sup> -- 6:45 pm Jeremy the Illusionist

June 23<sup>rd</sup> -- 6:45 pm Chris Ivey "The Juggler"

#### 125<sup>th</sup> Campmeeting Week... July 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

\* July 9<sup>th</sup> ...Multimedia Pageant: Encountering

God in the Grove for 125 years and

Illumination of the Grove

\* July 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> ...

\* Bible Study for Adults, Children and Youth

\* Crafts, cottage porch activities

\* Tours of the grove, tabernacle and museum

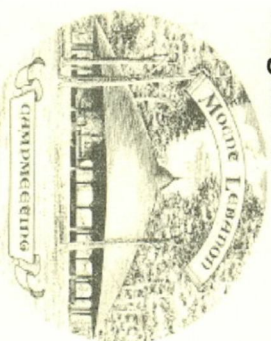
\* Evening meals

\* Evangelistic services with hymn sings,

preaching and praise music

#### Saturday Night Musical Concerts...

\* July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 26<sup>th</sup>



*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have  
everlasting life." John 3:16*

# JUNE 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
<b>4 Pentecost</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Communion Worship	5 4:00 LCEHS Mtg. (Lounge) 6:30 Women's Bible Study	6 7:00 Pack 405 Committee Mtg.	7	8	9	10
<b>11 Trinity Sunday</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	12 6:30 VBS Planning Meeting	13 9:00 Young at Heart Breakfast @ Quentin Haus	<b>14 Flag Day</b>	15	16	17 10:00 Cub Scouts Dad & Me Challenge (Pavilion)
<b>18 Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	19 3:30 Worship Committee 6:30 Women's Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25 Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	26 6:30 Vacation Bible School	27 6:30 Vacation Bible School	28 6:30 Vacation Bible School	29	30	