



This meeting will give us an opportunity to hear more about food insecurity, discuss needs, where and what we need to accomplish as a steering committee, ask questions, make commitments to the program; financially, physically, food collections, communication, and PRAYER!

Another step has been taken toward achieving the goal of creating a Self-Sustaining Weekend Food Sack Program for the Elementary School Students of the Line Mountain School District.

Is it carved in stone? Not yet, we have many more steps to climb!

Our next step is the gathering of sister congregations from within and some from outside the borders of the Line Mountain School District.

**Tuesday, May 15,
2018**

7:00 P.M.

**Zion Stone Valley
Church**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm seeking your help as, individuals, as community member, and as "The Body of Christ", the church, in creating and maintaining a "Weekend Food Backpack Program" for our elementary students of Line Mountain School District.

Let us put our faith into action! I hope you will attend or send a representative from your congregation to a planning meeting of the whole. My hope is to have our sister congregations gather Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Zion Stone Valley Church, 1899 Mountain Road, Dalmatia, at 7:00pm.

A small committee of people from Line Mountain School; teacher, nutritionist, counselor, principal, and member and Pastor of Stone Valley Parish, Dalmatia area, have met to discuss the problem of food insecurity of our youth and the possibility of alleviating the situation. We all have done research of bordering school districts' solutions; answers and directions of possibilities of creating and funding the same type of program.

Our School Directors and Administration, met on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. The following was presented for approval: To forge ahead as "A Community Run Project" in finding financial funding to begin and sustain a Weekend Backpack Food Program for students of families who agree to participate. The student population who will be invited to participate, free of charge, are those who receive free or reduced meals at school.

We also asked if a space within one of the school facilities could be reserved to store supplies and food products and a location to do the packing of the sacks on a designated scheduled time and if this location is at the Junior/ Senior high building the school will transport to the elementary building.

The Financials will be the total responsibility of the Community Project Steering Committee and a Special Account will be established with a treasurer appointed from the Zion Stone Valley Church, Dalmatia, Pa.

What is being asked of you?

- To assist with financial support on a regular basis and sponsor special collections of individual serving containers/ packages of food items used in the sacks.
- Volunteer to help with packing and sorting food packages.
- Be a volunteer representative to act as point of communication for your congregation, social or civic or honor organization and the planning/ steering committee.
- And most important communication with God.

From the research of other local programs we estimate the cost for a school year is \$15,000 to \$19,000.

Yours in God's service,



ASCENSION DAY

Jesus has been raised from the dead and has appeared in a variety of ways to convince people of God's power. On Ascension Day, Jesus is taken to heaven, but not without promises and action plans for those who remain. Wait here! (Ready?) You will receive power to be witnesses throughout the

whole earth. You will receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God. You will receive an inheritance. (Set . . .) You will know hope. You, the church, are Christ Jesus' body, even as his body disappears from sight. (Go!)

It's like a holy game of tag in which Jesus tags followers, saying, "You're it. Now, you're *me* in the world." These are words we gather in worship to wait for, and we don't have long to wait. As we dip fingers in the font, we touch promises. We're a part of Christ's family. As we meet at the table, we taste promises. We become Christ's body. And next Sunday is Pentecost—Holy Spirit, come—this is the one who comes as promised, to call, bring together, inspire, and make holy.

These promises connected to Jesus' ascension result in the biblical stories about followers who worship, bless God, gain hopeful attitudes and a sense of mission. The two men in white robes urged those gazing up toward heaven to get going! We also need a similar prompt: This living Jesus comes the same way as you saw him go. So watch for the presence of Christ, powerfully making the church his body. Watch for the presence of Christ, whenever the church pours itself out in love for others. As we come to know him and the hope to which he has called us, may we have open minds, enlightened hearts, and be clothed with power from on high.

Ascension Day Thursday, May 10, 2018



In Loving Memory of those who have finished the earthly race and moved onto a life of wholeness

and peace.

Josephine Kobel

Josephine "Jo" was born in Pillow on December 24, 1928, a daughter of the late Blanche and John Zerbe. She died at Sunbury Community Hospital on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Josephine was survived by a daughter, Donna, two sons, George and Barry. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul, Kobel in 2006 and a sister Marie Leitzel.

Josephine was a life long member of Salem-Zion Church Inc. Pillow.

A celebration of her life was celebrated on Saturday, April 14 and laid to rest at Riverview Memorial Park, Halifax.

June Latsha

June M Latsha was born June 20, 1928, in Elizabethtown, a daughter of the later Elmer and Mildred Viola Heim Peifer. She died Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Sunbury Community Hospital.

June was survived by two sons, Jeffrey and RuthAnn Latsha, Michael and Sueann Latsha. Two Daughters Julie and Douglas Harmon, Cynthia and Dennis Lilly and one sister Alfreda Reed. June was preceded in death her husband LaVerne J. Latsha; 3 sisters, Marian, Bernice, Arlea and 1 brother Glenn.

June was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Red Cross.

Celebration of life was Saturday, April 21 at St. Peter's and she was laid to rest in the parish cemetery.



Coffee Socials In Honor of Festival of the Christian Home Mothers' Day Salem-Zion Church

8:30am

A flower will be presented to the women of the congregation during worship in memory of Mary Snyder.

**Zion Stone Valley Church
9:45am**

A live flower will be presented to the women of the congregation during worship

The Social is prepared by the Men/ Dads and children

*Mother's Have a Special Day
and many Blessings be upon
you.*



Weekly Bible/ Book Study

**7:00pm
Salem-Zion Church,
Pillow**



"Twelve Women Of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories For Women Today"

12 Lessons

Based on teaching of Lysa Terkeurst and Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens, Amena Brown, Naomi Zacharias, Johalyn Fincher



**Red Geranium Order Form For
Celebration of Trinity Sunday and
Memorial Day Sunday
May 27, 2018**

**Orders for geraniums may be given to RuthAnn
Latsha Salem-Zion Church
Orders due by Sunday May 13, 2018
Cost per plant: \$3.10
Please complete the form below and place in
offering plate or email to
stonevalleyparish@gmail.com**

Number of Plants: _____

Total: _____

Ordered by: _____

In Honor/ In Memory of: _____



**Graduating
Class of 2018**

**Calling All Graduates
Honoring All who are
Graduating as class of 2018
Sunday, June 17, 2018
During each Congregation's
Regular Worship Service**

If you or someone you know is
graduating from High School,
College, a Technical School or
some other institution of
higher learning, please
complete this form and place
in the offering plate or email
information to
stonevalleyparish@gmail.com



**Rural Life Sunday
May 6, 2018**

Our Parish Congregations will remember the
heritage of our fore parents of this area who
worked hard to till the soil, break ground to
mine, to pool up water for irrigation.
During worship there will be a blessing of tools,
seeds, soil and water.

Blessing for Mother's Day
Under your wings, O Lord, you have
held us, as a mother holds her
young. Look with favor on all those
women who have sheltered children
in their loving care. Guide that they
may lead; strengthen that they may
be tender; grant wisdom that the
people may live; and hold all in your
loving gaze until we see you face to
face. Amen.

**Bread for the day, Daily Bible Readings
and Prayers 2016**



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

— Ephesians 4: 11 – 12

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the **Strengthen the Church offering.**

The **Strengthen the Church** offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

In 2017, your support made possible:

- ◆ 12 awards totaling almost \$350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant program!
- ◆ The Adese Fellowship program launched its first class of 14 future church leaders!
- ◆ The addition of 24 new faith communities to the UCC!

This is in addition to the great ministry happening in your local conference!

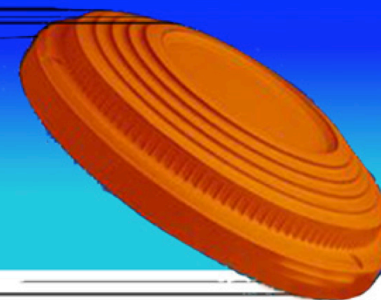


STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Sporting Clay FUN SHOOT

SUNDAY, MAY 20
12 pm ~ 5 pm



Martz's Game Farm
610 Game Farm Road
Dalmatia PA 17017

Sport Raffles, Theme Baskets,
50/50 drawing,
EarlyBird Ticket Sales begin 11
am
Drawing at 4 pm

Big Assortment
of
FOOD &
BEVERAGES
11 am until
close of event

LIMITED to 100 TICKETS!
pre-sale price \$20. / \$25. at the gate
(75 targets, 10 stations, Wobble)

Shooter Must
Provide
Own Shotgun,
Shells,
Ear and Eye
Protection

Hosted by area churches and community groups
Proceeds benefit local

BEAT HUNGER project

* tear off a tab below or



Zion Stone Valley Church *



Calling All Graduates
Honoring All who are Graduating as class of 2018
Sunday, June 17, 2018
During each Congregation's Regular Worship Service

Graduates name: _____

Name of School/College/Tech School: _____

Degree/Diploma/ Major: _____

Future plans: _____

Activities while a student: _____

Parents/ Spouse name: _____

If you or someone you know is graduating from High School, College, a Technical School or some other institution of higher learning, please complete this form and place in the offering plate or email information to **stonevalleyparish@gmail.com**



We need your help in soliciting businesses in our area along with individuals who will donate a special type of theme basket, sporting gift, Gift Certificate for some type of merchandise or services.

Theme Basket Auction/ Raffle
Sunday, May 20, 2018
Martz's Game Farm
12pm to 5pm

Celebrate With Church Family

Fathers' Day
Graduation

Sunday June 17, 2018

In a relaxing Afternoon and
Evening of Amusement Park Rides,
Games, Food, live entertainment



Parish Day In the Park
Knoebels Grove

Worship at our Regular Times in our Own Worship Centers.

Meet at 12:00pm Noon at Zion Stone Valley to Drive in a Pack to the Park
Or Meet for Evening Meal at 5:00pm
At the Round Stand near the Haunted Mansion.

Worshiping Together

One Worship Service

Sunday, May 20, 2018

10:00a.m.

**Martz's Game Farm
Under the Pavilion**



We will need your help to setup before and after worship.

**Pre sale tickets for the Fun Theme Basket Auction
Begins 11:30am**

**Concessions and Refreshments will be ready to sell
and serve to those in attendance.**

**First round of fun Clay Shooting will begin at 12:00
noon.**

Drawing of Theme Basket Tickets will begin at 4:00



The Stone Valley Parish
A Cooperative Union of
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and
the United Church of Christ
Salem Zion UCC, ELCA, Pine and Cherry Streets, Pillow, Pa, 17080
Zion Stone Valley ELCA, UCC, 1899 Mountain Road, Dalmatia, Pa,
17017



Reverend Curtis H. E. Zemencik, Pastor
stonevalleyparish@gmail.com
Parish Phone 570-758-2872,
Pastor Cell 570-640-4818

Dear Local Business Owner,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Stone Valley Parish. Our congregations, with help of the community and local sister churches, are focusing on alleviating the problem of hunger with our children in the Line Mountain School District. Our intent is to create and financially fund a Weekend Food Sack Program for the elementary aged children.

Our first fund raising event for the Weekend Food Sack Program is a Sporting Clay Fun Shoot with Theme Basket Auction and Sports Raffles on Sunday, May 20 at Martz's Gap View Hunting Preserve in Dalmatia, Pa.

We hope you will help us reach our goal by sponsoring a themed raffle basket or an "Outdoor Sporting Gift" to raffle or perhaps sponsor a target station on the day of the event. Any type of financial help is greatly appreciated and will get us closer to our goal of beating hunger with our youth. We, as a Beat Hunger Event Committee, hope to have a long-term effect and have the finances to sustain the program into the future years.

Please see the attached sponsorship form.

Thank you,
Members of the Beat Hunger Weekend Food Sack Program

Sponsorship form
Theme Basket Auction and Sports Raffle
Beat Hunger Project

Theme Basket, Sports Gift, Donations

Your Business name will be displayed on your Theme Basket

You may also fill your own basket and drop it off at the church by, Monday, May 14

Salem-Zion Church, Inc., 119 Cherry Street, Pillow, Pa

Zion Stone Valley Church, 1899 Mountain Road, Dalmatia, Pa

\$25.00 _____

\$50.00 _____

Will Provide raffle basket _____

Sponsor of a Station _____

(Will you contribute toward the expense of the sporting clays by sponsoring a station?)

\$100_____, \$75_____, \$50_____, \$25_____, Other amount\$_____

Make Checks Payable to: Stone Valley Parish Beat Hunger Project

Please include your business card.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>May</div>	<div>2018</div>	<div>1 May Day</div>	<div>2</div> <div>7pm SZ Congregation Council Mtng</div>	<div>3</div> <div>7pm "12 Women Bible Study" @ SZ</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5 Cinco de Mayo</div>
<div>6 6th Sunday of Easter</div> <div>Holy Communion, Food Bank Offering</div> <div>9am Worship @ SZ</div> <div>9:15am Adult SCS @ ZSV</div> <div>10:15am SCS @ SZ</div> <div>10:30am Worship @ ZSV</div> <div>2pm Mace Music Recital @ SZ</div> <div>6:30pm Beat Hunger @ Martz Game Farm</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7pm ZSV Congregation Council Mtng</div>	<div>10 Ascension Day</div> <div>7pm "12 Women Bible Study" @ SZ</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6pm Moyer/ Morgan Wedding Rehearsal</div>	<div>12</div> <div>2pm Moyer/ Morgan Wedding The Barn Hegins Pa</div>
<div>13 7th Sunday of Easter</div> <div>Celebration of the Christian Home</div> <div>8:30am Mother's Day Coffee Social @ SZ</div> <div>9am Worship at SZ</div> <div>9:15am Adult SCS @ ZSV</div> <div>9:45am Mother's Day Coffee Social @ ZSV</div> <div>10:15am SCS @ SZ</div> <div>10:30am Worship @ ZSV</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15 First Day of Ramadan</div> <div>Food Sack Program mtng</div> <div>7pm, Zion Stone Valley</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>7pm "12 Women Bible Study" @ SZ</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>11:00am Honor Those who Served Banners in Pillow</div>
<div>20 Pentecost Sunday</div> <div>Combined Parish Worship Service</div> <div>10:00am @ Martz Game Farm</div> <div>12:00pm Beat Hunger Fun Clay Shoot</div> <div>Volunteer Help is needed for the Event</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>7pm Line Mt Class of 2018 Baccalaureate Service</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>7pm "12 Women Bible Study" @ SZ</div>	<div>25</div> <div>6pm Schwartz Wedding Rehearsal Mahantongo Lodge</div>	<div>26</div> <div>3pm Schwartz Wedding, Mahantongo Lodge</div>
<div>27 Trinity Sunday & Memorial Day Sunday</div> <div>Holy Communion</div> <div>9am Worship @ SZ</div> <div>9:15am Adult SCS @ ZSV</div> <div>10:15am SCS @ SZ</div> <div>10:30am Worship @ ZSV</div>	<div>28 Memorial Day</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>SZ- Salem-Zion Church</div> <div>ZSV- Zion Stone Valley Ch.</div> <div>SCS- Sunday Church School</div>	

May 2018	Scheduled Lectors/ Participants	Scheduled Acolytes/ Altar Servers
Sunday May 6	SZ: Larry Adams	SZ: Isaac Jackson
	ZSV: Deb Leitzel	ZSV: Reagen Malloy
Sunday, May 13	SZ: Sharon Comes	SZ: Rose Zemencik
	ZSV: Ida Anderson	ZSV: Garrett Anderson
Sunday, May 20	SZ: Jeff Latsha	
	ZSV: Shawn Hackenburg	
Sunday, May 27	SZ: Cindy Paul	SZ: Cameron Harner
	ZSV: Joan Gaswieski	ZSV: Cameron Gaw
Greeters		
May 6, 13, 27	SZ: Mills Eure	SZ: Rodney Romberger
	ZSV: Rita & Rich Jr	ZSV: Steve & Rich Sr
May 20- Worship 10am	SZ: Mills Eure	SZ: Rodney Romberger
	ZSV: Rita Glace	ZSV: Steve Bahner
Communion Assistants		
May 6	SZ: Kaye Thoma	SZ: Sharon Comes
	SZ: Rick Snody	SZ: Rodney Romberger
May 6	ZSV: Rita Glace	ZSV: Steve Bahner
	ZSV: Rich Bitting Jr	ZSV: Rich Bitting Sr
May- 20 Worship 10am	SZ: Rodney Romberger	SZ: Kaye Thoma
	ZSV: Rita Glace	ZSV: Steve Bahner

June 2018	Scheduled Lectors/ Participants	Scheduled Acolytes/ Altar Servers
Sunday, June 3	SZ: Shelly Snody	SZ: Rebecca Wolfe
	ZSV: Deb Leitzel	ZSV: Harrison Malloy
Sunday, June 10	SZ: Kaye Thoma	SZ: Karl Troutman
	ZSV: Rich Bitting Jr	ZSV: Jace Hackenburg
Sunday, June 17	SZ: Larry Adams	SZ: EmmaRose Deppen
	ZSV: Joan Gaswieski	ZSV: Nick Bahner
Sunday, June 24		
Greeters		
June 3, 10, 17	SZ: Fran Eure	SZ: Leona Feger
	ZSV: Joan & Mark	ZSV: Susan & Lauren
June 24- Worship 10am	SZ: Fran Eure	SZ: Leona Feger
Salem-Zion Church in		
The Picnic Grove		
Communion Assistants		
June 3	SZ: Fran Eure	SZ: Pat Smeltz
	SZ: Sharon Comes	SZ: Leona Feger
June 3	ZSV: Joan Gaswieski	ZSV: Susan Rothermel
	ZSV: Mark Witmer	ZSV: Lauren Hackenburg