



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

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!

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,



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



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 Elizabethville, 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.

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



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.



"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

Weekly Bible/ Book Study

7:00pm

Salem-Zion Church, Pillow





Kea 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: _____



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.

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

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!



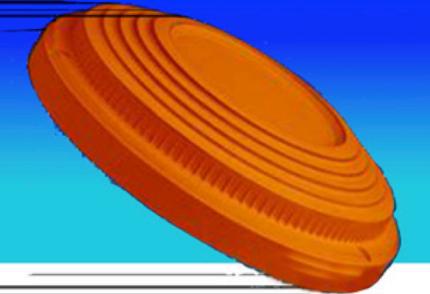
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

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

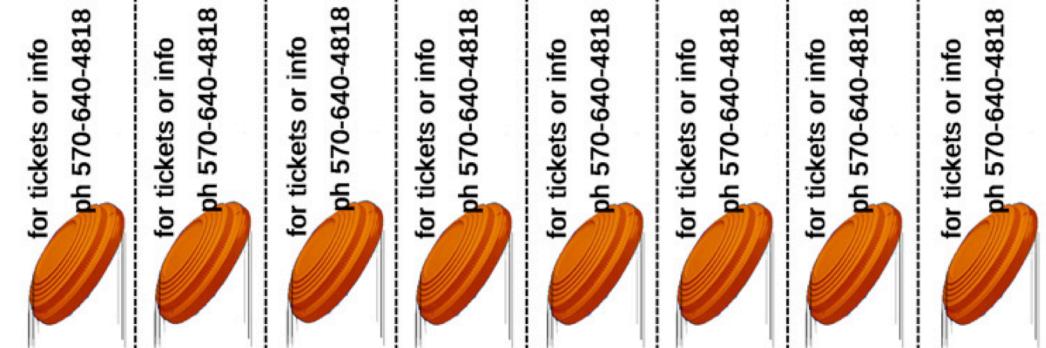
*Hosted by area churches and community groups
Proceeds benefit local*

BEAT HUNGER project



Zion Stone Valley Church *

* tear off a tab below or



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



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.

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**

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

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

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