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Rising Waters cause much damage and move people from their homes.

Having Social Media really gives one an insider view of the world around you and the situations people find themselves in because of natural disasters or personal and family disturbances.

Towns all around my family were being flooded by the week's worth of heavy rain. The Main streets and homes and public buildings were being flooded by the rush of mighty waters coming down from mountains, and rising creek/ streams and river tributaries that flowed through their towns.

After viewing the pictures and reading the posts of the residences of my neighboring town of Klingerstown, I was moved to help in some way. I thought now would be a time that Pillow neighbors and others could come together to help with getting meals and cleanup and possibly supplies to help make life and cleanup just a little easier. I said, "Beck I think I'm getting in contact with EMS folks and Pastor Jenkins of Klingerstown." After securing information on condition of roads and accessibility to town my family and I went into the field. I was overwhelmed at what I saw. My heart hurt for the people. Rosie saw for the first time what was meant when a town is flooded and people are chased from their homes with belongings sitting on higher ground.

After thinking about possible physical needs of the people. I thought about the kits our congregations had created for Church World Service. Here is a way to get help for the people. I contacted the offices at New Windsor Maryland. I received the application to request needed disaster emergency kits and went to town to talk to the people. Through the CWS I was able to

Secure emergency Cleanup buckets, light weight blankets, hygiene kits, and school kits for the residences to use. What was not disbursed was then stored in Shiffer's home in Klingerstown. This way items will be there and ready when the high water hits again.

Our team of Carpenter's Hands readied the food truck with needed food items all donated by church members.

Sunday after worship, the team headed to Klingerstown to the parking lot of St. Michaels Lutheran Church and set up shop. Food was prepared. Team members with the help of local church representative, Beckie Kline went into town to greet the residents, offer physical labor, invite them to come up to get free food, being prepared and to offer a listening ear.

By the end of the day, we were able to help a person salvage meat that was thawing from a flooded freezer motor by precooking and repackaging so to refreeze. Help move some heavy items, and serve food for the town. Some remained to eat in the social hall of the church others took food along to have for the day after and also the evening meal.

We received the following response from the town's people:
Pastor Curtis, Please extend our thanks to your team for the gifts of food and fellowship here in Klingerstown yesterday. Our people received more than they knew they needed. Grace abounded!

As I see the situation, I doubt that more clean up kits are needed. I don't know if there's a way to cancel the order or put

It on hold.

At this point, the Emergency Relief Committee is arranging for dumpsters to remove the huge amount of trash. That seems to be the priority of the moment.

I'll keep you informed as matters develop. I thank God, and I am not the only one, for what your crew was able to do.

Peace, Pastor Jonathan Jenkins

See some pics from the experience inside the newsletter

Thank you to the team and to all who donated food and drink items and the time and physical labor.

Tremont Gets Hit a Second Time with Flooding waters that take out even more homes and buildings and streets.

Becky and I attended the Borough Council meeting August 14th. The agenda was cut short for a Town Hall meeting; so residents could voice their concerns and needs. After the meeting I sat down and just thought about their devastation. I knew also that we had another opportunity with the team from Carpenter's Hands to reach out to our sisters and brothers in crisis.

My post August 15:

Pray for our sisters and brothers in distress! Last evening I attended the Tremont Council and town hall meeting. The devastation of the residents. Two floods only days apart. Loss of homes, automobiles, life long memories, and even some stamina and yet hope, thinking and planning for future.

Questions!

Frustration!

Anger!

Real needs, this minute, today, not tomorrow not months or years from now!!! Who hears their struggle? In many ways local governing board's hands are tired, wanting to do all possible to right this struggle but financially unable. Must rely on big government agencies and the red tape. Who hears? Who is listening?

GOD!

Giving strength, endurance, discernment to local elected leaders, general public leaders, unity with community members, help coming from near and far; physically and financially and daily necessity needs being given.

GOD hears our cry!

Psalm 34

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; Let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant, And their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps Around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
For those who fear him have no lack!

On Sunday, August 19 a team of Carpenter's Hands gathered together and went to help some residents in Tremont. One family was away on a vacation when the 2nd flood hit. At that point neighbors helped them to tie down their automobiles and other large yard sheds. They believed that trying to return home would not have saved anything.

They stayed the rest of the vacation and came home that weekend to a flooded out basement, an above ground pool that showed signs of almost collapsing. The sheds that stored many of their motorized equipment and a new motorcycle took on water and actually caused unfixable

Damage to the motorcycle and lawn equipment. Mud settled everywhere. The basement storage was destroyed along with the furnace and electric panels.

After our team helped to clear out the basement, they began to rinse down the walls and flush the floor of mud. Then the drain clogged and they had to get a plumber in to open the drain. They also began to spray the walls with clorox and water to help prevent the growth of mold.

Our team then moved on to the second family to help clean up their yard. The couple were hit very hard on this 2nd flood with water up into main floors. Family members helped their parents to cleanup the basement and main level as well as take care of their home and place of employment there in Tremont. The couple we helped had recent surgery and other health issues.

The town has now to begun to form a Fund Raising Committee to help put together funding to help residents in getting their needs and met with repairs and lost appliances.

Line Mountain Food Bank

The following items are needed to help fill the shelves with inventory for our clients:

Breakfast Cereal
Canned fruit
Canned and dehydrated Soups
Tissues
Bathroom Tissue
Paper Towel

Looking for a Freezer either chest or upright to help keep frozen foods. One of the freezers is not working correctly. Donation of one would be greatly appreciated.

Are you gifted in keeping inventory, helping to prepare for deliveries to clients? Do you have time to help in this capacity? Are you being called to be a servant in this outreach to the community?

Please contact Pat Smeltz at 570 758-8102.

Angel Closet Ministries

Still accepting winter clothing, coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, blankets.

Asking for lightly used, washed and in all sizes for both male and female.

This items can be taken to Himmels Church, Rebuck.

The Clothing Closet is located at the Roman Catholic Church on Main Street, Trevorton, PA



Back Pack Program- for those inquiring of the finances of the program:

At our last meeting on January 21 the LMNETS Account is \$18,000.00. Income has come from grants from UCC, UU of Susquehanna Valley, MI Charitable Foundation, Private Individual contributions, sister congregations' financial donations, Zion Stone Valley from the earmarked Beat Hunger Campaign, local Congregations that have done special ingathering events to collect food items, local congregation members have used Thrivent to purchase and donate cases of food products, Partnership with Central PA Food Bank.

There was a snafoo in the filing of 501(c)3. We are a Non-Profit Organization and a corporated entity with the documents in the IRS waiting its verification of our organization as a 501-(c)3 non-profit. We, LMNETS, are very grateful for Attorney Joel Wiest for his direction and also his pro bono work and gift of charges of \$600 for the 501-(c)3 verification.

The first distribution was Jan. 11, 2019. There is always the need to keep a list of people with clearances and willing to help in packing on Wednesday afternoons. Contact: LMnets@yahoo.com see clearance info further in Newsletter.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 3, 2019

Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities around



the time of the big Game to help those in need. Sunday, February 4 we will again be placing votes (commercially canned or packaged soup or monetary donations) in the cart or box that represents your team playing in the Big Game. Will your team be the big winner of the day? The people who are recipients of help from the food bank will be the overall winners because of your donations. All donations stay in our area, but a tally of items and monetary donations will be collectively added to the Tulpehocken Conference of USS, ELCA total and then the national totals. All commercially packaged food items will be given to the Line Mt. Food Bank. The monetary donations will help purchase the ingredients for Beat Hunger Project Account.



Love Offering for Camp Hartman Center the UCC Son Shine Place

Sunday, February 10, 2019
Check for special Offering Envelope in Sunday Bulletin
Seminary/ Vocation Sunday

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Special Offering to help the men and women who are in their years of discernment and study at a accredited seminary. Studying for ministry in various forms: Parish, Chaplain, Educator, Institutional and many others forms of specialized ministry.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party



Check your Sunday Worship Bulletin for ideas to begin collecting items for your sponsored boxes to the children of the world.

February

Accessories: sunglasses. Hair ties, watches, necklaces, ribbons, bracelets, rings

2019 Bible/ Book Study Thursday, February 7 - February 21, 2019

Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton

If there ever was a time when Christians needed to build bridges with others, seeking peace in our world, loving our neighbors, and finding positive ways to share the gospel, it is now. In Christianity and World Religions, Revised Edition, Adam Hamilton deals with question so many of us have about the four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. In his trademark honest and open writing style, Hamilton helps answer questions such as: Why are there so many different religions? How should we view their beliefs? What is the fate of those who have these beliefs?



Thursday, March 7 - April 11, 2019 Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple, by Adam Hamilton

He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. And that's the point of Simon Peter, a six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

Please make checks payable to Stone Valley Parish, \$14.00 all
are large print.



Marianna's Subs and Pizzas

to benefit Salem-Zion church budget Place order on the order blanket in the middle window in rear of sanctuary at Zion Stone Valley. An order blank will be in rear of sanctuary in Salem-Zion church. Orders due February 22 and delivered March 4. Price Subs- \$7 Pizzas- \$8.

Order form will be at Stone Valley to support our sister church.



Thirty-One Large Utility Totes

Thirty-One Large Utility Tote Fundraiser to benefit Zion Stone Valley Church Budget. The order blanks with picture of color and patterns are located in the back of each of the sanctuaries. The Large utility Tote with the tax and shipping included is \$40. See the order form for further ordering instructions. Orders along with payment must be submitted to Becky Zemencik by February 10, 2019.

Dinner and Movie



Sunday, February 17, 2019
“Christopher Robins”
Shared Dinner begins 5pm
Movie follows
Salem-Zion Church,
Pillow.



Sunday Lunch Bunch
Kissinger's Family Restaurant, Gratz
Sunday, February 24, 2019 @
12:30pm
All are welcome! Please sign up with
your intention of attending

Photo Gallery of shots from work projects of the Carpenter's Hands Outreach & Mission 2018

Floods of 2018 Klingerstown and Tremont, Lawn Care for elderly woman, Ramp into home





February 2019	Scheduled Lectors/ Participants	Scheduled Acolytes/ Altar Servers
Sunday, Feb 3	SZ: Shelly Snody ZSV: Deb Leitzel	SZ: Cameron Harner ZSV: Maddie Bingaman
Sunday, Feb 10	SZ: Kaye Thoma ZSV: Rich Bitting, Jr	SZ: Isaac Jackson ZSV: Garrett Anderson
Sunday, Feb 17	SZ: Larry Adams ZSV: Joan Gasiewski	SZ: Rebecca Wolfe ZSV: Sarah Rothermel
Sunday, Feb 24	SZ: Sharon Comes ZSV: Sheryl Gilligan	SZ: Rose Zemencik ZSV: Jace Hackenburg
Sunday,	SZ: ZSV:	SZ: ZSV:
Greeters		
February 3, 10, 17, 24	SZ: Pat Smeltz ZSV: Mark Witmer ZSV:	SZ: Sharon Comes ZSV: Deb Leitzel ZSV:
Altar Guild	SZ: ZSV:	ZSV: ZSV:
Communion Assistants		
February 3	SZ: Pat Smeltz SZ: Rick Snody	SZ: Sharon Comes SZ: Larry Adams
February 3	ZSV: Mark Witmer ZSV:	ZSV: Deb Leitzel ZSV:

March 2019	Scheduled Lectors/ Participants	Scheduled Acolytes/ Altar Servers
Sunday, March 3	SZ: Jeff Latsha ZSV: Ida Anderson	SZ: EmmaRose Deppen ZSV: Kyleen Michael
Sunday, March 10	SZ: Cindy Paul ZSV: Shawn Hackenburg	SZ: Cameron Harner ZSV: Nicholas Rothermel
Sunday, March 17	SZ: Shelly Snody ZSV:	SZ: Isaac Jackson ZSV: Porter Malloy
Sunday, March 24	SZ: Kaye Thoma ZSV: Rich Bitting, Jr	SZ: Rebecca Wolfe ZSV: Kaleb Styer
Sunday, March 31	SZ: Larry Adams ZSV: Deb Leitzel	SZ: Rose Zemencik ZSV: Reagen Malloy
Greeters		
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	SZ: Larry Adams ZSV: Truman Spotts ZSV:	SZ: Mills Eure ZSV: Clarence Masser ZSV:
Communion Assistants		
March 3, 6, 10	SZ: Rick Snody SZ: Rodney Romberger	SZ: Larry Adams SZ: Mills Eure
March 3, 10	ZSV: Truman Spotts ZSV:	ZSV: Clarence Masser ZSV:
Altar Guild		ZSV: Tina Martz ZSV: Susan Rothermel
	SZ: Kay Romberger	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		February	2019		1	2 Groundhog Day
3 4 th Sun after Epiphany Holy Communion & Food Bank Donation Souper Bowl Challenge Collection Worship- @SZ @9am ASCS- @ZSV @9:15am Worship- @ZSV @10:30am SCS- @SZ @ 10:15am	4	5	6 7pm Cong Council @SZ	7 7pm Bible/Book Study @SZ	8	9
10 5 th Sun after Epiphany Worship- @SZ @9am ASCS- @ZSV @9:15am Worship- @ZSV @10:30am SCS- @SZ @ 10:15am Spring Fun Shoot Plng mtg @ZSV @3pm 31-Tote order due to B.Zemencik	11	12	13 7pm Cong Council @ZSV	14 7pm Bible/Book Study @SZ	15	16
17 6 th Sun after Epiphany Hartman Center Love Offering Worship- @SZ @9am ASCS- @ZSV @9:15am Worship- @ZSV @10:30am SCS- @SZ @ 10:15am D&M @SZ @5pm	18 7pm LMNETS mtng@SZ	19	20	21 7pm Bible/Book Study @SZ	22 Marianna Sub Orders due to Shelly Snody for ¾ delivery	23
24 7 th Sun after Epiphany Vocations Sunday Offering Worship- @SZ @9am ASCS- @ZSV @9:15am Worship- @ZSV @10:30am SCS- @SZ @ 10:15am SLB @ Kissingers@1pm	25	26	27	28		

**Jesus never rejected anyone and
neither do we.**

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Worship & Church School Schedules:

Salem-Zion Church
Pillow, Pa
9:00am Worship Service
10:15am Church School

Zion Stone Valley Church
Hickory Corners- Dalmatia
9:15am Adult Church School
10:30am Worship Service

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