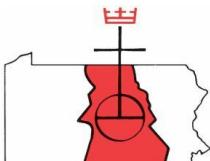


Zion, Blain – 200 Years Celebration

- Sunday, July 23, 2017 - Commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Union Church in Blain
- Joint Worship - **Zion United Church of Christ in Blain and Zion Lutheran Church of Blain**
 - Attended by Zion UCC, Sandy Hill UCC, Zion Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran churches
 - Elements of the Reformed tradition were combined with a Lutheran communion service
 - A potluck luncheon followed, and many requested a joint service each year.
- *History*
 - *Prior to the founding of the Union Church, the two denominations (German Reformed and Lutheran) had been worshiping together unofficially in houses and barn, with an occasional service at the Union Church in Loysville.*
 - *However, in May of 1816 Pastor Heim (Lutheran) and Pastor Helffenstein (Reformed) jointly laid the cornerstone of a stone church that would be completed in July 1817.*
 - *The two denominations worshipped together for eighty years before splitting amicably in 1897 to become two churches.*



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