



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

JANUARY 2016

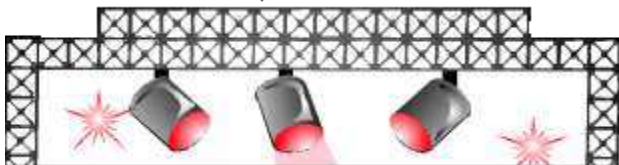
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY "TIDINGS" IS NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 29



SPOTLIGHT ON THE JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH



Lets all support Zion youth as they collect donations during the month of January for THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.

Donations of money or non-perishable food items are requested. Funds collected will go to **PROJECT BELIEVE** and food items will be given to **NEEDY BASKET**.

MR FIX-IT IS AT IT AGAIN

Since we now enjoy a fellowship hall and state-of-the-art kitchen, the basement of the old church building is rarely used and has been a bit neglected. Garry Yunker has been busy providing some much needed TLC. He has spent many hours spackling and painting walls, gluing ceiling tiles, sprucing up the restrooms, etc.



What a guy!!! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO, GARRY



CONCERT



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 3:00 PM

Come join us to "Enjoy the Musical Gifts of Zion." on **Sunday January 24 at 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have musical performances by people you know. The music will include selections of the performers, both religious and secular. Refreshments will be served during the intermission, and that is always worth coming for! A free will offering will be accepted to help fund the purchase of a new organ by the church.

Anyone who can bake a pie to serve with the refreshments should sign up by the church office or contact Debbie Turner at 667-4761



LET'S CLEAN THE KITCHEN



On Wednesday, January 19, 2016 from 10:00 to noon WOZ are sponsoring a workday to clean the kitchen. We will be cleaning cupboards, the refrigerator and freezer, straightening and organizing the pantry and doing whatever needs done in the kitchen. There is something for everyone to do. Come for the entire time or whatever time you can manage. Please bring cleaning supplies. See you there!

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

FROM THE PASTOR



JANUARY 2016

The New Year of 2016 is upon us. Have you made your New Year resolutions? Have the New Year resolutions survived the first week of 2016? I did make a New Year resolution, but I must admit it already started in the second half of 2015. My resolution is the continuation of losing weight in 2016. I must admit New Year resolutions never held much weight with me; yes the pastor is trying to be funny.

As your pastor I pray that in 2016 all of you grow, not through the waist line, but spiritually with Jesus. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit touches each of your lives this year and you notice the growth in your faith walk in 2016. My other prayer is connected to the first prayer. I pray that we grow together as a church community at Zion. That our church community is empowered by the Holy Spirit and we enhance and move forward in our mission statement of **SERVING CHRIST THROUGH SERVING OTHERS**

I do know that the New Year of 2016 will bring some rough patches and some joyful moments for us individually and as a church community. My prayer as your pastor is that we know that God is with us as we grow together in Jesus Christ. May the Lord be with you each day of the New Year!

**CHRISTMAS
AT
ZION**



Grace Place

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2016

Hoping everyone had a spirit filled Christmas!

The Sunday School youth did a wonderful job on the Christmas program! I am so proud of each one of them and how they helped us all understand how important the birth of our Savior is through experiencing Advent and the hymns and just remembering to slow down and "Be Still" for Jesus' arrival. And thank you so much to all the parents and costume helpers!

Sunday School and Confirmation

Sunday School and Confirmation class resume on Jan 10th at 9:00am.

Prek-8th will continue with Kingdom Quest bible experiences.

9th - 12th gr will continue with their normal bible study activity rotation with the exception of Jan 10th when they will finish out the movie "Saving Christmas" instead of the video series.

Youth Night in December was a service project with Project Believe. Eight youth and four adults participated in this wonderful opportunity to help others.

YOUTH NIGHT 5th - 12th grade

Jan 15th - Movie night more details to follow.

Winter Youth Retreat 9th - 12th grade

Capital University Ministries has invited our 9th - 12th graders to an overnight Youth Event which will involve group bible activities. Jan 29th-Jan 30th. All 9th-12th graders have received information in the mail and email.

Deadline to submit completed registration forms to Jackie is Jan 11th.

Thank you again for all the wonderful snack donations for Sunday School. We are pretty set for food, however, we can still use more Apple Juice and half gallons of white 2% Milk as we seem to run out of those items a little faster. And if anyone is ever interested in bringing in fresh fruit donations those are always appreciated as well.

In Christ,

Jackie Glawe, Christian Education Director

CAROLS COME TO LIFE



Memorial Gifts Given

In Loving Memory of...



BETTY SAULS

by

Dave and Sue Cook

Phil & Boots Elliott

Miriam Comer

Cindy Johnson

JMR

Vince Borchers

John & Barbra Kruse

Hank & Cinda Barthel

Karen Smeal

Tom & Alice Replogle

Bob & Wanda Lenehan

Jeff & Jaque Mitchell

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Brown

Mary Rogers

Dean & Kelly Ruwe

Sue Benzies

Rachel Derr

Tiffanie & Alan Gustin

Tom & Sharon Knick

Bill & Anne Nicholes



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

We come to the end of another Advent/Christmas season. We started Advent by asking the question, "Will We Know Him?" We celebrated the season with "Hark, The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes" and a Christmas party with goodies of all kinds and the singing of carols. Then, the choir sang "I Saw Three Ships" on Christmas Eve. There was one section in the arrangement that makes the choir sound like "bells" ringing. It is a traditional and popular Christmas carol from England.

The theme for January is traditional hymns. We will open Epiphany season, which celebrates the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ, with the hymn "Brightest and Best of the Stars". Throughout the month we will do other hymn based anthems, such as "Immortal, Invisible" and "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need".

We continue to rehearse on Wednesdays at 7PM and warm up briefly on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM. There is ALWAYS an extra seat available in the choir for those who love to sing!

Bill



VALENTINE BUNCO SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

Don't worry if you don't know how to play. It's easy and there will be "technical support"!

Saturday, February 6th following the Saturday evening service

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pizza will be provided. Please bring a beverage, snack or dessert to share.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Lois Glawe (Pastor Glawe's mother), **Gloria Rice** (friend of Pat Cowan), **Nancy Cook**, **Wayne Fronzak**, **Sue Cook**, **Bruce Goodwin** (Melinda Schall's father).



Home bound residents specially thought of this month: **Ramona Watkins**, **Mary Sue Helke**, **Bill Posey**, **Bob Kuhls**, **Patsy Furrow**

Youths of the month: **Meghan Kauffmann**, **Kaylynn Fetters**, **Rachel Sebastian**, **Zach Kauffmann**, **Julia Helke**

Dear Lord, inspire our worship and hear our prayers, through Christ. Amen

WOMEN OF ZION

The annual Christmas dinner was held on December 3 in the Fellowship Hall and was once again a wonderful evening of fellowship, music and giving.

There is a change in the previously announced schedule for Missions of the month. The Mission of the Month for February will be the Wernle Family Treatment Center and March will be 4 Paws for Ability.

The Zion History Corner in the narthex is almost complete. Be sure to check it out. The paintings Bill Posey painted of the four buildings that have housed Zion over the years are hung, a scrapbook containing many artifacts detailing "Zion Lutheran Church through the Years" is now displayed, the 1847 deed to the property where Zion now stands is displayed showing cost of \$1.00. Special thanks to Colleen Keppel Flayer who took time out of her brief holiday visit home to share her talents and do the lettering on the scrapbook.

The Brat Sauerkraut Supper is scheduled for February 27. This is a church wide project and everyone is needed to pitch in. Watch for the sign-up sheet to indicate how you plan to help.

Many of the items made at "Heart to Heart" and by members of our congregation are given to the American Legion Auxiliary to be distributed to our service men and women. The following note was received from Dorothy Prater of the American Legion Auxiliary.

(Women of Zion cont'd)

"As you may have guessed we have been very busy. We shipped 16 boxes to our troops with personal care items, **your cards**, lots of snacks and of course **your red hearts**. Also had Christmas party at the VA for the homeless veterans. Gave out **121 ditty bags that your gals sewed filled with personal care items and cards that your group decorated and wrote**. We bought \$400.00 worth of belts for the veterans and still didn't have enough. Love to all of you and have a great New Year.

Dorothy Prater, American Legion Auxiliary

The next meeting of WOZ will be Sunday, January 10 at 5:00 PM. Please plan to attend as we have a lot of planning to do for 2016 and important decisions to make.

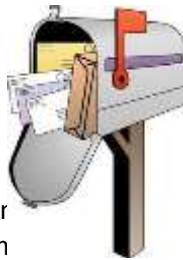
FROM THE ZION MAILBOX.....

Dear Zion Family,

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. It is truly a comfort to receive so much love at a time like this.

A special thanks to all the men and women who worked so hard in the kitchen. It is so much more than "just a meal"! You all really know how to show the love of Christ. We will always remember how much comfort, love, peace and joy we feel here at Zion.

The Sauls Family



From the Dictionary-

Cheer (*chir*) *n.* Anything that gives joy or happiness. Cheer can also be used as a verb – and we cheer for those who organized the cheer plates and delivered them. Thanks to the Zion cheerleaders!

Norm and Marianne Barnhart

Many, many thanks to Carol Phillips for redoing the music books we use at Zion's monthly service at the Troy Caldwell House. We are now all "on the same page".

Zion's Caldwell House Team

Thank you so much for the use of the church for our Christmas party.

Cub Scout Pack 395

Blessings to Randy & Debbie Turner and their elves for the delicious cheer basket and visit to John.

Barb Kruse

Cheer Plate organizers and volunteers,

Thank you so much for the delicious cheer plate. What a pleasant surprise! You are all so kind to think of us. We truly appreciate it.

Bill and Kim Jones

Thank you very much for the Cheer Plate. It was so very thoughtful. The cookies and candy were so good. The fruit was also delicious. I so appreciated the goodies.

Thanks again. Patsy Farrow

Dear Zion Saints,

Your prayers, telephone calls, get-well cards, snack & goody plates were a real lift for me during my recent and long recovery from the shingle virus. Thank you for all your Christian love and compassion. A special thanks also goes to Pastor Jeff for his visits and telephone calls.

With love, Betty VanHorn

Dear Friends at Zion,

First of all I want to thank the Women of Zion for the most delicious Cheer Plate brought to Stewart and me here at Caldwell House. Everything was so good and it didn't last very long.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank those who have sent me cards and notes occasionally and also Pastor Glawe for his visits with communion. They are all appreciated.

Thanks you for remembering me.

God bless you all, Mary Jean King

Zion Family,

As one of the chair persons of the Cheer Plates, I wish to say Chairs Debbie Turner and Jill Greer did a marvelous and well organized job. Thanks also to Jack, Sharon & Amy Byrd, Laura Roeth, Brian Sebold, Jackie Glawe, Judy Bailey, Phil Elliott, Randy Turner and Bob Lenahan who worked to make up the plates and deliver them. Those to whom Phil and I delivered plates were so, so, grateful with tears in their eyes. Many of these shut-ins have served Zion in their younger years, such as, to name only 3 –Mary Jean King (organist and choir), Betty Van Horn (programs) and Mary Sue Helke (taught Sunday school for years!)

God gave the Cheer Plate workers **two** gifts! A wonderful abundance of food and fruit from **you**, "His people" and decent weather.

Again, thank you. Boots Elliott

Editor's note: Special thanks also to Boots and Phil Elliott who put together treat plates for the Sunday School children.

Wow!!! Thirty four cheer plates were assembled and delivered this year. Thank you very much: Jack & Sharon Byrd, Jackie Glawe, Laura Roeth, Brian Sebold, Randy Turner, Judy Bailey, Phil and Boots Elliott. Also, special thanks to Boots Elliott for your touching notes, Mary Jean King for your lovely red hearts, Donna Slyman for the containers, Bob Lenahan for delivering, and all the wonderful Zion bakers and fruit donors.

God Bless.

Debbie Turner

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL – December 8

Our Treasurer, Sue Rambeau, reported that our November revenue was \$18,668.98 and expenses were \$15,801.86. Starting in 2016, the finance committee has been asked by council to prepare an update each month for the newsletter, telling the congregation how we stand with finances and how the situation is with our mortgage. At the present, there is sufficient money in the building fund to cover any shortfall in the monthly giving to the fund (about \$345 per month on the average) and pay off our mortgage in a timely fashion, as long as giving doesn't drop off dramatically.

Pastor reported that new council members (James Sebastian, Pam Sauls, Wayne Kauffmann, and Melinda Schall) will be installed at the January 10, 2016 service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - December

December meeting was conducted through emails.

The Sunday School children were involved in stories, crafts, activities and Christmas program practice throughout December.

High School youth will continue their various group activities with some changes due to the holidays. On Dec 20th they will watch the movie "Saving Christmas" and will watch the other half on Jan 10th. Youth Night for November was cancelled as the movies available at the cinemas were not ideal. Youth Night for Dec will be Dec 10th - Project Believe for 5th - 12th graders.

The fundraiser with Bob Evans Nov 11th - 16th went well and we received \$109.00 which was deposited into the Youth Fund on Dec 7th. We are discussing what months we should do this fundraiser throughout 2016.

Operation Christmas Child - 54 boxes were collected. Souper Bowl of Caring will be the January Mission of the Month. We will collect change for Project Believe and non-perishable food items for Needy Basket.

Confirmation has been going well. No Confirmation classes Dec 27th and Jan 3rd.

We were invited to a Winter Youth Retreat for 9th-12th graders at Capital University on January 29 & 30, 2016. According to the letter three meals and accommodations in the dorms would be provided by Capital Chapel Ministries. I sent out letters to the youth and have had several interested so I sent for the additional information and the info sent back states there is a \$35.00 cost per student which includes a t-shirt and \$10.00 per chaperone. I contacted the person who sent the letters and they said some letters were sent out in error without the charge added. So we have agreed to have the \$35.00 paid out of the Youth Fund and any chaperones that attend will pay their own \$10.00.

For Youth Night for January we originally discussed Winter Jam in Columbus, however, I would not be able to attend. We do not have chaperones for that event and we haven't had much interest so Youth Night for Jan will be a movie night on Jan. 15th.

Responses and discussions were received back from Jennifer Kauffmann, Heidi Coppock, Susan Pytel, Melinda Schall.

Next meeting will be Jan 19th at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Jackie Glawe

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- No Dec. meeting

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – No Dec. meeting

OUTREACH-SEE WOMEN OF ZION ARTICLE

PROPERTY – December 7, 2015

A proposal was received from General Preservation Corporation to restore and repair the brick walls on the old building. There was some concern regarding a clause in the contract regarding liability. Hank Barthel will contact the company to discuss this issue and also contact other churches for whom the company worked.

There was much discussion on concerns regarding the renting of the facilities. The outside door from Walnut St. has been found unlocked on several occasions which is a major concern. Also there are concerns regarding the use of the Audio-Visual equipment in the loft. Outside groups use the equipment, change the settings and then problems result. It was suggested that maybe a committee needs to be reinstated to review contracts before they are finalized and to provide a liaison to any outside group using the facility especially if they will be using the kitchen and/or audio visual equipment to be sure the guidelines are followed and if necessary, be sure the building is secure when they leave.

Security checkers were reminded to be sure the space heaters on the 3rd floor are off, check the stove to be sure all pilot lights are lit and the oven and vent fan are off and spread rock salt if needed at the Walnut St. entrance.

Zion History Corner – Garry Yunker has removed the coat rack over the display case, moved the mirror on the register to the women's bathroom in the basement and hung the original deed for the property on the wall over the register. Bob Keppel has provided a display table for the scrapbook containing many artifacts, old pictures and clippings.

Once again the settings on the console in the audio-visual loft have been changed causing problems with the microphones. Dennis Copeland has worked to solve the problems and all is well. What would we do without Dennis??? Will look at ways to prevent this from happening again.