

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

April 2016

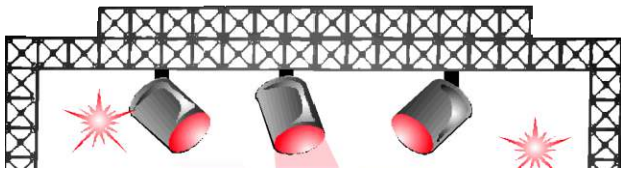
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE MAY "TIDINGS" IS NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH

BABY BUCKS STORE

April's Mission of the Month is a Baby Shower for the Miami County Health Department's Baby Bucks Store. Expectant parents may shop for needed baby items using *Baby Bucks* at the Baby Bucks Store located at the Health Department in Troy. *Baby Bucks* are earned by attending parenting and child care classes taught by the Health Department staff. In the lounge area, there is a "Giving Tree" decorated with ornaments. Each ornament has a baby item that you may purchase and return to the lounge area by May 1. Please do not wrap these items. If you would rather donate money toward the purchase of a more costly item, please place your gift in the baby gift bag hanging on the tree. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to *Women of Zion*.

**HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE ZION WEBSITE LATELY?
CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.ZIONLUTHERANTIPPCITY.ORG**



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Continuing on with more "traditional" choir music, March anthems had some great variety. Easter week was a great success with a well appreciated appropriate anthem for Maundy Thursday, titled "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee". It featured the bass section. As we sang "Thine is the Glory" for Easter, I was struck with the thought of how well the lyrics went with the scriptures. Now, after a well-deserved week off, the choir is in its

final "cycle" of music. We will be covering an old-time favorite "Look at the World", trying a little gospel with keyboard/guitar as we have "Just a little Talk With Jesus" and try another guitar/keyboard anthem titled "Lord, Listen to Your Children". 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

TIPP CITY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

At the congregational meeting on Sunday March 13 the congregation voted to approve the motion to support the Church Council in entering into a partnership agreement with the Tipp City Enrichment Program. The vote was 75% for and 25% against. A question that has been asked by some of our members, "Since the school levy did not pass does that mean we won't enter into a partnership"? The answer is we are still in a partnership with TCEP but they probably will not move into our facility until the levy passes. Melissa Price program director of TCEP may make some improvements per council approval to the areas she will be using in the meantime. If you have any questions about this partnership please contact council president Mike Merlo.

2016 Brat/Kraut Dinner report

We had another successful Brat/Kraut dinner this year. 130 tickets were sold. We made \$900. A special thank you to all who helped with or contributed to the dinner. It was an enjoyable evening working together. Donna Slyman



APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

- 2 John Sebastian
- 3 Katie Kessler
- 5 Sharon Knick, Pat Posey
- 9 Ramona Watkins
- 12 Mark Browning
- 14 Gary Groth, Alex & Zack Kauffmann,
Lisa Kinsman, Roger Kister, Lisa Sebastian
- 17 Bob Kuhls
- 18 John LeGros, Trapper Phillips
- 19 Neil Sonnanstine
- 23 Randy Turner
- 24 Alyxandria Grube, Logan Phillips
- 26 Scot Coppock, Tyler Fetters, Debbie Keppel
- 28 Judy Bailey

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Mike Kovacs, Laurie Reedstrom, Tina Putnam, Bob Lenehan

Family and friends of those who have entered the Church Triumphant: Barbara Manning, Kim Jones mother, who passed away March 6. Nancy Cook who passed away March 19 (Dave Cook's sister-in-law), Mike Werts sister, Charlene Werts, common law husband passed away suddenly on March 1. Please keep these families in your prayers.



Home bound residents specially thought of this month: **Mary Sue Helke, Ramona Watkins, Ruth Miller, John Kruse, Hap Johnson, Bob Kuhls, Patsy Furrow, Ahdele Young, Mary Jean King, Bill & Pat Posey.**

Prayers for the youth in our Sunday School program as well as the teachers and director.



Given In Loving Memory of: *Maxene Suerdieck* from Tom & Shirley Rawlins, Dave & Sue Cook,

Zion Chancel Choir, Barry & Julie Burns, Debra Bringman, Rosemary Murphy, Janet Becht, Becky Bertsch, Julie Moore, Rosemary Murphy, Sandy Stallard, Jeff & Jaque Mitchell, John & Barb Kruse, Phil & Boots Elliott, Neal & Mary Jane Frame, Kim & Jim Wharton, Dean & Kelly Ruwe.



THANKS to everyone who donated towels to "Wernle Family Treatment Center". It was a beautiful collection! The following items were delivered to "Wernle" of Richmond, IN: 31 Bath towels, 47 Wash cloths, and 8 Hand towels.

Zion Evangelical Church,
Needy Basket of Southern Miami County wishes to thank you for touching the lives of those in need by your generous donation of \$150 from the Youth Superbowl collection and \$20 from a member.

Jim Sommer, Chairman

Dear Friends,
Thank you for all of the prayers, thoughts, visits, cards, and gifts during this journey of the passing of our Mother. Your support and kindness have eased the pain for us all. We truly appreciate it.

Sincerely, The family of Barbara Manning

Dear Members of Zion:
Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards we received on the death of our mother, Maxene Suerdieck. A special thanks goes to Pastor Glawe for the times he sat with mom while she was at Stonespring. She greatly enjoyed those visits, and she always remembered when you stopped by, especially if you brought flowers. Thank you for helping us arrange a beautiful service.
A special thanks also goes to the Bereavement Committee for preparing food for the lunch after the service. Thanks to Ruth, Laura and Brian, Jack & Sharon, and Gary (I don't think I missed anyone) for coordinating and transporting everything back and forth for the meal at the Hotel Gallery. It was not the usual situation, but it was a wonderful time to remember mom with our family and friends.

Mom missed not being at Zion these last few years, and she talked about that often. I know she was happy to be back there one last time.

*Thank you, Carla, Chris, Lauren and Daniel Frame
Kim Burns, Bixby, LeighAnn Hartley & T.J. Suerdieck*

On behalf of the *Tippecanoe Community Foundation and the Troy Foundation*, I want to thank you for your contribution of \$289.66 to the Project Believe fund. Your gift will assist the Foundation in meeting the ever-changing needs within our community. Thank you again and be assured that his gift will be used to help us meet the goal of "Sowing the Seeds for a Better Tomorrow."

*Sincerely, Melissa A. Kleptz, Executive Director, The Troy Foundation and Tammie Rafferty,
Executive Director, Project Believe*

A BIG THANK YOU to all who help support the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt with your food, candy and monetary donations! It was a great community event with lots of fun had by all! The youth group donations came up to \$280.00 and at least 30 children and more hunted for 500 stuffed eggs.

Easter blessings, Jackie

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – March 7

Church council approved the operating income and expenses as of January 31, 2016. January revenue was \$ 16,310.86 while January expenses were 17,195.57. The building fund balance as of January 31, 2016 is \$ 65,039.53. If you want more detailed financial information there are copies on the table as you exit or enter the sanctuary.

Council discussed the upcoming congregational meeting on March 13 and the motion to be voted on at the meeting. The motion is to support church council in entering into a partnership with the Tipp City Enrichment program. The vote will be taken by a yes or no ballot vote. No other business is on the agenda for this congregational meeting.

Council believes our seven ministry committees or teams are serving our mission statement of serving Christ through serving others. The seven ministries are:

1. *Communications/Welcoming*
2. *Worship & Music*
3. *Christian Education*
4. *Outreach (WOZ)*
5. *Stewardship*
6. *Property*
7. *Finance.*

All other teams that existed at one time at Zion have been dissolved by Church Council. A motion was made and seconded and approved to only list these seven committees as the only operating teams at Zion.

Church council discussed the possible approval of a paid Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary would be responsible for posting all incoming financials every Monday. Church council will work with the Finance team on this motion.

Council approved the transfer of Dale and Ginger Schaefer as new members. Council approved the written request of Hank and Cinda Barthel to be released from membership at Zion Lutheran. We also discussed having a few names of people from Zion that would be willing to show groups utilizing our facility on how to operate the audio/ visual equipment in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- March 8

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Miriam Comer, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Wayne Kauffmann, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Debbie Turner, Tom Wesbecher

PASTOR opened with prayer, and reported on this month's Attendance Register Sheets.

WELCOMING:

**BUNCO AND SOUP NIGHT SATURDAY APRIL 16TH
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Wayne will do the sign-up sheet. Debbie Turner has arranged for Christine to help with the Bunco again.

The committee will provide soups, plus bread and crackers. Desserts and Beverages will be on the Sign-Up Sheet.

Wayne is investigating the possibility of staffing a Nursery.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

* We need to be more pro-active in getting items to Chuck Powder for the Zion Website; possibly a "point-person" responsible? The Website is a key

factor in attracting younger families, particularly in view of possible TCEP families.

Perhaps an Email Link to The Tidings? To be discussed further.

GARRY YUNKER . . . a BIG THANK YOU for
your dedicated service!

A letter from Garry . . .

For the past 15 years I have been the Chairman of the Property Committee. Being over 80 years of age I am resigning my post as of April 30th to a younger person. I would like to thank all of you great people who have worked with me to keep Zion a comfortable and inviting house of worship. I would like to say a few things about the Church you may think about when you walk into our doors. It takes a lot of T.L.C. to keep a 120 year old building maintained on the outside and inside.
To read Gary's complete letter, it is posted on the bulletin board as you exit the sanctuary.



Zion's "**outdoor beautify your church day**" will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. The rain date will be Saturday, May 7. If you have them, please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, brooms, etc. A sign-up sheet is posted on the wall at the main entrance of the church.

Sign-up posters are also available for those who can help with the **Zion Lawn mowing** and the **Cemetery Lawn mowing**. A trailer is available in the Zion garage for transporting equipment to the cemetery. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Keppel at 667-2228 or 689-3892. See Linda in the church office or Bob for the garage key.

Christian Education Ministry

Meeting minutes

March 23, 2016

In attendance were: Susan Pytel, Melinda Schall, Heidi Coppock, Jen Kauffmann and Jackie Glawe.

The meeting began with a prayer.

Jackie reviewed with everyone that the Prek-4th grade will start on the Spring year 2 of Kingdom Quest Curriculum.

We discussed that the 5th-8th grade joined the high school class in watching the movie "Woodlawn" and that the high school class will have a discussion about the movie in April. The rest of April they will follow their normal rotation.

Pastor has completed the first session of Confirmation with the 6th & 7th graders and will resume again in the fall. The 6th & 7th graders will rejoin the 5th-8th grade class for Sunday School.

We discussed that the Youth Night for Feb was the Brat Supper community event and that the youth did great! There were 14 youth helpers throughout the evening. The Youth Night for April will be April 1st when we will attend the movie "God's Not Dead 2" in Piqua.

Jackie brought up to the group that she would like to have a Youth Group night each Wednesday night once Sunday School is over and school is out for the summer. The group agreed that the Youth group night will officially start June 1st and will be each Wednesday 7pm-8pm until Aug. Wednesday night youth group night will consist of an interactive faith based activity and bible lesson. We discussed an opportunity of attending something called the Rise Up Tour - April 24th (Sunday) 5pm - free concert. We will make this open for 8th-12th graders.

It was discussed to have the youth lead a service project-Shoe drive for Shoes4theShoeless during Sept since that will be the mission of the month. (possible clothes drive for the Clothesline)

We discussed fundraisers with the idea of Dragon game tickets and Premier Jewelry. Jackie will call to see if there is a minimum order on the Dragons

tickets. We are waiting the results of Bob Evans March 9th-14th. We will have the next Bob Evans event in May.

Closed in Prayer.



Sunday School Gathering time

Prek-Kindergarten has been learning about the events of Holy week through story, crafts, songs and games.

1st - 4th grade learned about Jesus journey through Holy Week and made their own palms for Palm Sunday.

5th - 8th grade joined the high school class for the month and watched the faith based movie "Woodlawn". They will return back to their regular classroom for April with interactive lessons about God's love.

9th - 12th grade - Watched the faith based movie "Woodlawn" and will have discussion starting in April and then back to their regular rotation.

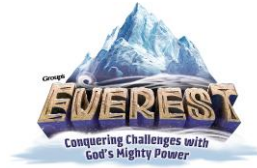
April YOUTH NIGHT 5th - 12th grade

April 1st, 7:45pm - attend movie "God's Not Dead 2" at Cinemark Theatre-Piqua.

We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:45pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend. (Parents are also invited to attend)

Thank you to all the youth and parents that came out and helped with the Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt! The youth fund received \$280.00 in donations. Thank you to all who helped support this fun community event.

Look where we will be going this summer in VBS!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 27th - 30th
5:30pm-dinner, 6pm-8pm-program

(in search of people who love children, fun and Jesus to come help the children of our community experience God's love and learn how to "Conquer challenges with God's mighty power", through the VBS EVEREST) Look for the sign-up sheet coming in April. If you already know you want to help in

some way please send me an email at christianed@ziontippcity.org or im4song@aol.com

*Easter Blessings,
Jackie*



This is the Prek-Kindergarten class waving their palm leaves they made for Palm Sunday.

Alex Garvic, Olivia Phillips, Hannah Kessler, Mason Lopez and Alex Deiderich

