

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

May 2016

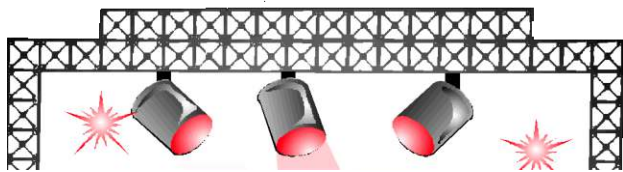
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE MAY "TIDINGS" IS NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH

May's Mission of the Month
Oesterlen Services for Youth

Oesterlen Services for Youth is located in Springfield, Ohio. Oesterlen provides a wide range of services including foster care, intensive home based treatment, community counseling services, crisis and planned respite and secure residential treatment for up to 22 youth. Oesterlen is affiliated with the Northeastern, Northwestern and Southern Ohio Synods of the ELCA.

During the month of May, we will be collecting the following items to donate to Oesterlen. If you are able to help, please place new items in the Oesterlen box in the lounge area of the church. Thank you!

- labels for education (found on many Campbell soup products)
- basketballs and pumps
- footballs
- playground balls
- volleyballs
- combs
- hairbrushes
- soap dishes
- stick deodorant (2.6 oz. or larger)
- decks of playing cards
- board games

- coloring books
- school supplies (pens, lined notebook paper, pocket folders, glue sticks)
- construction paper
- sketch pads
- drawing paper
- craft kits
- boxer shorts - sizes 28-44
- sweatpants - sizes small - X-large



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Another Chancel Choir season comes to an end. Having the chance to direct the choir since January of 2015 has been a rewarding experience. This has also been a great year for the choir. We have had lots of fun! We started off the year with more traditional choral music. The choir performed a great variety of music, trying classical music – Mozart, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Pachelbel as well as seasonal favorites, such as Agnus Dei and A Simple Thanksgiving. We showed off our best soft to very loud dynamics on “It is Well with My Soul” and started Advent by asking the question, “Will We Know Him?” Then, the choir sang “I Saw Three Ships” on Christmas Eve. We opened up Epiphany season, which celebrates the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ, with the hymn “Brightest and Best of the Stars”. During lent we heard a solo by Lisa Sebastian singing “At the Cross” and a fun and fast piece titled “Lift up Your Head”. Easter week

featured the bass section with a somber “Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee”. Last week we heard a little gospel with “Just a little Talk with Jesus”. Now, with only two more Sunday’s to sing, we have “choir Sunday” on 15 May! We plan to do four of our favorites from the year, so come on out and hear us and be pleasantly surprised!

Bill

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PASTOR



MAY 2016

Jackie and I had a great time on vacation in Washington D. C. and the Baltimore area. We saw all we wanted to see and then some. Our trip to Annapolis, Maryland was a highlight for me. The Naval academy is there and since my dad served three years in the Navy during World War II this was a special place for me to visit. The Naval academy is in a picturesque setting along the Chesapeake Bay.

There were so many beautiful buildings, monuments and structures surrounding us throughout our trip. Many of them are continually being worked on in order to keep them maintained or to enhance their physical attractiveness and appearance for tourists to gawk at and say wow!

But when Jackie and I ventured only a few blocks away we saw the other extreme. Poverty hit us and I must admit it made me feel uncomfortable. Then I thought of all the billions of dollars that was being spent on all those magnificent structures yet only a stone throw away people living in poverty that need our help.

I enjoyed those massive structures of beauty and felt safe and secure unlike when I stared at poverty which made me feel uncomfortable in more ways than one. I understand that we all can say that people living in poverty are lazy and don’t want to work. That may be the case in some instances but we are not to judge. God is the only one competent to judge.

Our trip had the two extremes in life, billions of dollars and a couple of dollars right next to each other. I am brought back to the Bible which challenges us to remember the poor and feed those in need. At Zion we end many of our worship services with this saying before we depart, **to remember the poor.**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Dale Schaefer
- 4 Laurie Helke
- 5 Joyce Johnson, Jill Patzek
- 7 Dianne LeGros
- 8 Carol Horn , Genevieve Kinsman, Elijah Johnson, Ruth White
- 13 Kate Pytel
- 15 Jenna Werts
- 16 Irene Miller, John Trey
- 18 Dennis Darrah
- 19 Pastor Jeff Glawe
- 20 Kim Browning
- 21 Jeff Pytel
- 23 Matt Sauls
- 26 Nathan Schall
- 27 Susan Coon
- 28 Zachery Johnson
- 29 Ahdele Young
- 30 Ruth Stollmer
- 31 Pat Cowan



PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FRIENDS IN

PRAYER . . . Marcia Pitts, Jon Thomas Singer, Jerri Duncan, Dorothy Friend, Bob Lenehen, Rhonda Sauer, Joyce Johnson, Bob Stollmer, Little John (Birdie Kitchens new grandson), Nancy McAlexander.

Pray for healing and recovery

Home bound residents specially thought of: **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 another Sunday School term comes to an end. Give thanks for the all of those who helped with the program and the Christian Ed. director Jackie Glawe.***



Our 4 Paws for ability mission in March netted \$375.00 and was delivered to the facility in Xenia along with 4 large bags of used towels – (which were promptly placed in the cupboard in the day -- ---- room). Thanks to all for helping Joe and others receive a life changing partner.
Women of Zion

We, the congregation, wish to thank Hank & Cinda Barthel and Garry Yunker for the time, years, financial needs to Zion Lutheran Church, God's home. We will miss you Cinda & Hank. Garry, you will always be the "Captain of the Ship".
Bless you 3, Boots & Phil Elliott

Dear Zion Church Family,
On behalf of my family and myself we wish to thank you for the cards, words of encouragement and the many prayers for me; before, during and after my surgery. I am happy to report that I am well on my way to being completely back to normal. We are so grateful for all of you.
Love, The Putnam Family

CALDWELL HOUSE OUTREACH

We were blessed to have 18 residents of the Caldwell House at Zion's Sunday worship on April 3. It is a very special time when Babs Wesbecher and Carol Phillips offer communion to all. Mike Werts subbed for Terri as she was in Chicago with her new grandson. Come and join us – we sing all the old hymns we knew as children

and you can help the folks find the page!
The Caldwell Worship Team

Dear Friends,
On behalf of the Burton/Hamberg families, I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to hold the Bridal shower for our Emily Anne at your beautiful facility. It was a fabulous success and the venue was perfect! Our guests felt comfortable and at home!
Again, thank you so much for being there for our family. *Sincerely, Heidi Burton*

"Serving Christ through Serving Others"

Our quilters, famous for the 87 quilts they sent to refugees last year, have done another "serving Christ through serving others" deed. A friend of mine experienced a long stay at a nursing home, needed a "cheer up" event – just as I was thinking this silently, a gal from the quilters said they had made a quilt and the material was too fragile for a refugee camp. What were they to do with it? The rest of the story – a bright and colorful quilt sporting patches of dinosaurs was delivered to a former kindergarten teacher who is very familiar with dinosaurs – **Thanks quilters.** *Ruth White*

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Highlights of the April 12 Meeting

- Council approved the Finance Committee to be the managing function of the Endowment Fund.
- Council sanctioned the actions of the finance committee in managing the various CD's and other funds. The first item was to agree with taking the CD (over \$60K) earning 0.25% at Unity Bank and moving it to Abbey Credit Union, where it will earn over 2%.
- Council voted to move the Church picnic, on August 28th, from West Milton to "the round building" in the Tipp City Park, down from the Church. Phil and Boots Elliot put the deposit down and are donating that (generously) to the Church.

- The decision was made to get an up to date quote on repairing the west wall and adjoining roof line. The last quote was \$15K, but is over 90 days old. Once receiving the new quote, a congregational meeting will be called to vote on approval of the the funds, which will be taken from the Endowment Fund.
- Council has authorized Jeff Slyman to begin negotiating a contract with the attorneys for the Tipp City Enrichment Program.
- The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer, as always.

Mike Merlo, President

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- April 12

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharon Byrd, Boots Elliott, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Alice Repogle, Debbie Turner, Tom Wesbecher, With Webmaster Chuck Powder

AGENDA: ZION WEBSITE: HOW CAN WE MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE?

1. Chuck began with a discussion of using Email as the most efficient means to get any information, articles, dates, updates, etc. from each Zion Committee, to him in a timely manner, to be relevant to the Website.
2. From our existing Email Lists, Chuck would create a separate "Specific Master Email Account" Deb Keppel will work with him to get this started.
3. Chuck would maintain this Outward Bound, Do Not Reply list.
4. Chuck could maintain this master list account in an Excel Format.
5. Each Zion Committee would appoint a liaison "point person" to make sure articles and dates, etc. are emailed to Chuck in time to be relevant to the website. Tom Wesbecher will coordinate with Council.
Peggy McCoy is the liaison for the Communications/Welcoming Committee.

THE COMMITTEES:

1. Christian Education
2. Communications/Welcoming
3. Finance

4. Property
5. Stewardship
6. Worship and Music
7. Women of Zion

AGENDA: PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Boots as always has been dedicated to sending personal notes on behalf of the committee, which include Sympathy Messages, Get Well Wishes, Thinking of You thoughts, as well as Thank You notes.

WE CLOSED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MAY 10 2016 AT 5:00 PM

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 6, 2016

Attending were: Marianne Barnhart, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Lori Sebastian, and Ruth White.

Ruth White opened the meeting in prayer. Lori thanked everyone for the Easter music. All Holy Week services went well. Some suggestions for future years: consider gathering in the narthex (and not entering the sanctuary prior to the service) Palm Sunday. Also, possibly bringing back the hyacinths and tulips so there was variety with the lilies. Liturgical changes were made for Easter season. Alleluias and the This is the Feast were added; and pre and post-communion canticles were adjusted. We will return to Setting 10 for summer (beginning Sunday May 29th) and likely return to Setting 3 or 4 for the fall.

Special services: We plan to have the kids sing for Mothers' Day. We discussed having some kind of flower for all mothers on Mothers' Day. Deb and Ruth were going to follow-up. Pentecost will be Sunday, May 15th; Holy Trinity will be Sunday, May 22nd.

Bill discussed the upcoming choir music. He's picked a wide variety of anthems, and has 4 pieces scheduled for Choir Sunday (also Pentecost) on May 15th. Ruth added the choir breakfast would be at 9AM on Choir Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. All choir members and their families are welcome! Bill has picked choir music for the rest of the choir season. All hymns and service music have also been selected.

The Worship and Music Committee will ask the Light Readers to present their program on Sunday, July 10th. Several options for special music for the summer 2016 were discussed. We plan to ask current members, kids, former members, and some creative partnering. If anyone is interested in providing (or knows of someone willing) special music during the summer months (June through August) – please contact Lori at muscalsebastian@hotmail.com or 937-667-4893.

Lori discussed the status of the organ fund. The fund balance as of Jan. 31st is \$4,315. This includes the money donated from the January Gifts of Zion concert. The amount needed for a new organ depends on whether we consider the purchase of a used or new organ. We also mentioned the new microphones incorporated into the existing sound system have been working well and are pleased with the sound quality during the worship services. No more crackling and popping! **Tentative date for the next worship and music meeting: Weds. Sept. 14th at 4PM.**

PROPERTY COMMITTEE Monday, April 4

Members present: Garry Yunker, Bob Keppel, Dennis Copeland, Jeff Mitchell, Matt Sauls, John Greer, Brent Reedstrom

Items Discussed :

- The committee welcomed Matt Sauls . James Sebastian will also be joining the committee.
- Committee members need to review procedure for doing the monthly elevator checks with the committee's new members, Matt Sauls and James Sebastian.
- Batteries in the exit lights and the Fellowship Hall back-up lights need to be replaced.
- A toilet in the women's restroom near the Fellowship Hall has developed a leak which is proving difficult to repair.
- After this week's strong winds, more shingles are missing from the ridge top vent. The decorative cap is missing and

while water may not be coming in, it will need to be repaired when the weather improves.

- A couple of downspouts are either clogged with debris or are too small for the volume of rain flow. When the roof work is scheduled, we will have the contractors look into this.
- The soffit and fascia board on the west side of the portico needs to be lengthened. Currently these pieces are too short to withstand high winds.
- Starting in May, Matt Sauls will be responsible for the Thursday evening walk-through of the building. For the time being, committee members will take turns with the Saturday evening walk-through. Bob Keppel – April 9; John Greer – April 16, Jeff Mitchell – April 23, Garry Yunker – April 30.
- No report on the pew laminate replacement from Chris Bayman.
- No one has volunteered to take on the grant writing project for procuring funds for restoring our aging building.
- The fence dividing the church lawn west of the building and the properties on Main St. needs to be replaced.
- The grounds Work Day is scheduled for April 30 with a rain date of May 7. A group of boy scouts will be assisting us that day.
- An HVAC check-up will be scheduled with Rieck.
- The boiler was overheating on March 29 with temperatures reaching 88 degrees. Rieck was called to service and adjustment was made. However, on Sunday, April 3, the thermostat was not registering the actual temperature.
- The parking lot lights should be adjusted for summer hours.

The following chores were completed :

- monthly elevator check
- replaced batteries in emergency exits signs and emergency lights
- ballasts and bulbs were replaced in the kitchen

Next meeting : Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Sign-up posters are 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.



Sunday School Gathering time

Prek-4th grade have continued to experience God’s love through stories, crafts and games.
 5th - 8th grade have discussed what it means to have “Integrity”, “Hope” and other themes through interactive bible experiences.
 9th - 12th grade - Rotational Bible study and leading younger class once a month.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE MAY 22ND.

MAY 22nd we recognize our graduating SENIORS
 Please come congratulate our high school seniors:
Julia Helke will be a graduate of Vandalia Butler High School
Nathan Schall will be a graduate of Tippecanoe High School

April 1st YOUTH NIGHT “God’s Not Dead”



13 of us attended the movie “God’s Not Dead” for April Youth night. Great fun and great movie!

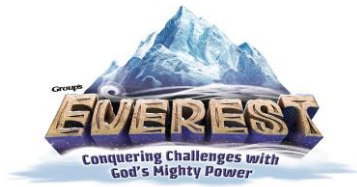
April 24th 8th - 12th grade “RISE UP” concert/worship



6 of us enjoyed an outdoor concert at Wittenberg College
 by Christian artists Rachel Kurtz & Agape.

No YOUTH NIGHT for MAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
Beginning JUNE 1st we will have youth group night for 5th - 12th grade every Wednesday from 7pm-8pm until August when school starts back up. Wednesday evening youth group will consist of fun interactive bible study, games, ping pong, air hockey, snacks and building friendships. I hope you will encourage your youth to attend each Wednesday! ☺



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 27th - 30th

5:30pm-dinner, 6pm-8pm-program

“Conquer challenges with God’s mighty power”

Please have articles in to the church office
by Monday, May 23.

In Search of God’s disciples to help:

- Make decorations
- Lead Bible Expeditions (story)
 - Lead Imagination Station
 - Glacier Games
- Camp sing & play (music & actions)
 - Skit helpers
 - Kitchen
- Registration tables
- Additional helpers where needed
- Food items (to be announced in June)
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SIGN UP sheet located by Walnut St. entrance area. You

can also send me an email at

christianed@ziontipcity.org or im4song@aol.com

THANK YOU ☺

I want to thank the following people of Zion who helped with Sunday School this year:

Terri Darrah, Lilo Myers, Jen Garvic, Melinda Schall, Heidi Coppock, Jessica Lopez, Pam Sauls, Katie Kessler, Deb Fetters, Lisa Phillips, James Sebastian and Lori Sebastian. Also all who took care of the little ones in the nursery. Please know you are making a difference in the lives of others through Christ’s love and you are truly appreciated.

*In Christ’s peace,
Jackie Glawe*

