

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

NOVEMBER 2016

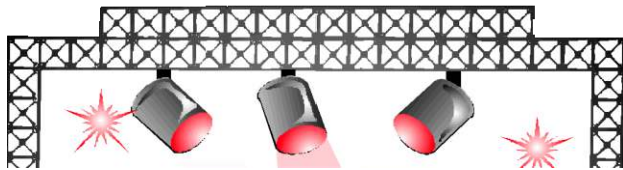
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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER "TIDINGS" IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 21.



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY



Toward the end of November, a Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children. Watch the bulletins in November for more information.



Thanksgiving Dinner & Congregational Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Please bring a covered dish and your own table service. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall so we are sure to have plenty of turkey! **Let's give thanks together.**

WOMEN OF ZION CHRISTMAS DINNER

WHEN: Thursday, December 1

WHERE: Zion's Fellowship Hall

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Our entertainment for the evening will be the Troy Tones from Troy High School. Women are asked to bring a children's book to donate. Menu choices and cost will be available by early November. Watch for more information in the bulletins and on the sign-up board.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN NOVEMBER FROM THE PASTOR



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There are so many things I like about Tipp City and one of these is being a member of the Tipp City Rotary. The Tipp City Rotary is full of good citizens who are making our community a better place to live. Each week we feature a speaker usually from our community who shares with the Rotary how they are making the world a better place.

Last week I was formally introduced to the three Goon Brothers organization. If the name doesn't catch your attention I hope what they are

doing in our community will grab your attention and make you more determined in doing the same.

The Goon Brothers is a three brother charitable organization that is helping our teens and parents in our area form a healthy and fun loving bond together by providing scavenger hunts in and around the Tipp City area. Here is how it works. The Goon Brothers come up with the scavenger clues and hide gift cards, concert and event tickets and sometimes cash to those who reach the designated clues the fastest. These scavenger hunts are catching on and participation is increasing amongst the parents and their teenage children.

The three Goon Brothers came up with this idea because they would hear teenagers say to them we wish there was more to do in Tipp. These out of the box thinking brothers decided they were going to create more fun for parents with their children. They also stated they wanted to give back and share the love of Jesus with our young children. The reason they are called the Goon Brothers besides the name being fun is they do not want to be found out as they serve others in anonymity by wearing Gorilla masks. Their hope is others in our community will think outside the box in making our community a healthy place to live. The brothers said giving is fun and they hope what they started is contagious to not only our community but the greater world. Thanks Goon Brothers this is awesome



November Birthdays:

- 4 Betty Jackson, Jeffrey Slyman
- 7 Mike Merlo, Crystal Kister
- 11 Herb Johnson, Betty VanHorn
- 12 Dick Turner, Alex Garvic
- 15 Chalmer Mader
- 20 Gladys Johnson
- 21 Marissa Kessler, Thomas Knick
- 25 Dennis Copeland, John Greer,
Alyssa Holderman
- 28 Melanie Schall



PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN

**PRAYER . . . O Healer, touch our frail bodies
and troubled souls with your divine grace,
through Christ. Amen.**

Neil Sonnanstine, Felicia Young, Ahdele (Peggy Young), Wanda Lenehan, Sue Cook, Kelly Lemon, Adeline & Gabriel Devendra, Beth & Brian, Phil & Boots Elliott.

Our Sunday School and Confirmation Youth and those adults guiding them through the process of learning about making decisions with regard to friendships and keeping God first in their lives.

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 Posey.**



Dear Friends:

On behalf of Dayton's Ronald McDonald House Charities, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00, and the collection of pull tabs. All proceeds support the RMH of Dayton and help to offer stability and resources to the families of children facing serious medical crises. We want you to know that our guest families are very grateful.

Thank you for helping RMHC keep families close!

Sincerely, Karen Dempsey Volke
Chief Development Officer

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your generosity to Wittenberg University. Please know that your gift from the Southern Ohio Synod, of \$50.00 to the

Scholarship for Ohio Lutherans is greatly valued by the students, faculty and staff.

These are exciting times here at Wittenberg. With your support, we look ahead with great confidence.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Staci J. Maine, Gift Processor

Dear Women of Zion:

Thank you for the donation. We so appreciate your help. We invite any and all to come observe.

God's Blessings,

Eagles' Wings Stable

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: Sept. 12, 2016

Items Discussed :

At August 1st meeting, Tipp City Police Department officer, Kelly Rynders spoke to the Property Committee and Pastor Jeff about maintaining a safe environment for Zion. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to discuss a security check-up.

Allen Refrigeration serviced the ice machine in the kitchen and returned to change the filter. We are now on their schedule for a yearly cleaning and filter change.

Thysen Krupp Elevator serviced the rear elevator door for the second time. They will be writing a recommendation for replacing the sensor in the door.

The boiler inspection was completed by the state in August.

A new dehumidifier was purchased to replace one of the two needed in the basement.

JG Signs and Services checked the parking lot lights. They have not been working for some time.

It was thought that the timer needed to be replaced but the timer is working for the sconces on the building, so it appears the problems is electrical. **Boyce Electric** will be coming to check out the electric to the lights.

Enterprise Roofing submitted estimates to roof the old and new buildings. These estimates will be taken to church council.

Zion is now designated as an American Red Cross Disaster Facility.

Facility maintenance tasks were completed.

The next Property Committee meeting will be *Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: October 3, 2016

Boyce Electric was able to fix the parking lots lights by reconnecting some wires that were not functioning properly. In addition the timer was replaced with a user-friendly model. General Preservation Corporation may not be able to fix the south and west walls of the old church building this fall as inclement weather has put them behind schedule. If the repairs are not done this fall, work will commence in the spring. A meeting is planned with Officer Kelly from the Tipp City Police Department for Wednesday, October 5th to discuss physical security at Zion.

Facility maintenance tasks were completed.

The next Property Committee will be Monday, November 7.

WOMEN OF ZION – October 9, 2016

Members present: 12

Devotions by Ruth White, from Daily Stepping Stones

Garage Sale: Total profits taken in \$2,361.25
Suggestions for 2017: More people needed to help price on Monday & Tuesday. Possible preview day for congregation on Wed. in order to stop donations after Tues. More people needed to clean up on Sat. morning, preferably people with trucks.

Shoes for Shoeless raised \$180.00 and received 15 pairs of shoes.

NEW Business: Garage Sale profit Distribution

- Mission Quilters - \$400
- Eagles Wings - \$300
- Family Abuse Shelter - \$100

- House of Hope - \$200
- Needy Basket - \$300
- Youth Fund - \$300
- Outreach for Kevin Greer & Dustin Brewer \$400 to be kept in fund
- Jeremiah's Letter - \$100
- College Kid Care Package - \$200

The Christmas Dinner will be held on Thurs., Dec. 1. Molly Saulbeemer will cater. Troy Tones will perform. Books will be collected to give to Children's Medical Center.

An effort will be made to invite new people to the dinner. \$100 will be given to the Troy Tones for their music program and a small gift to each.

Outreach schedule: Nov. & Dec./Adopt a family, Jan./Souper Bowl of Caring, Feb./Food for the Poor.

Plans for the Women's Retreat, scheduled for March 11, 2017, will be worked on in November.

Next Meeting: Nov. 13 at 5:00 p.m. / same day as the Congregational Mtg. and Thanksgiving Dinner.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- Oct. 11

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Miriam Comer, Sharon Byrd, Boots Elliott, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Peggy McCoy, Tom Wesbecher

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

WELCOMING:

1. Euchre will be the game of choice on Game and Pizza Night Saturday October 22. Jill and Miriam will bring extra decks of cards. Wayne will arrange for the Pizza, based on the number of people signed up.

2. We discussed again ways of encouraging recent visitors to special occasions such as Thanksgiving Dinner and WOZ Christmas Dinner. Council is discussing the time for the Thanksgiving Dinner and Congregational Meeting on Nov 13th.

3. Pastor has a bulletin item and is encouraging recent visitors to become members.

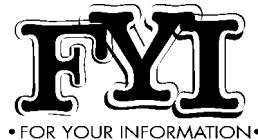
WEBSITE AND EMAIL COMMUNICATION:

1. Pastor received a Website Inquiry from Sharon Buse regarding Holiday Greeters and Volunteers for the annual Tipp City Holiday Tour of Homes coming up on December 3rd. Pending further discussion.
2. Committee Chairpersons always encouraged to get their schedules and other information submitted.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

BRAINSTORMING: Will need chairpersons to organize. Will need photographers. Will need updated information. Will need sign-up sheets. Capability to print in-house using special paper required. Will require multiple dates for photos and updated information sheets compilation. Will need Binders for new people. Further discussion in future meetings to determine when we want to schedule.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AT 5:00



NEW HOME PHONE NUMBER

Please make the following change in your directory:

Phil & Boots Elliott have a new phone number 552-7796. In case you missed the announcement their new address is: 1434 Farnham Rd., Troy, OH 45373



Please have articles in to the church office by Monday, November 21 for the December Tidings.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

PreK Kindergarten has been enjoying learning about God's love and power with their leader Jen Garvic through stories of the Old Testament.

Alex Garvic, Annie Olt, Abby Olt

1st – 4th Graders have been lead by Jackie Glawe through stories, games and crafts learning about keeping God first when making decisions including friendships. One Sunday each month the youth enjoy having the High School class come and lead them in their Sunday School time.

5th – 8th Graders have been learning about what it is to have true friendships and keeping God first in their decision making. They have enjoyed being lead by Lilo Myers and some Sundays Chris Frame. One of the Sundays Lilo lead them in making a True Covenant with God and each other as God's children.

9th – 12th Grade class began the video "Not a Fan". Terri has challenged them with discussions about whether we are a Fan/Spectator of Jesus or whether we are a Follower of Jesus. They have also enjoyed hot chocolate and devotionals and teaching the 1st – 4th graders once a month.

Adult Sunday School has been engaging in wonderful discussions as James Sebastian leads with the video series "Remembering the Forgotten God" by Francis Chan. It's never too late to join in on the video and the discussions Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Shoes4theshoeless

This program was extremely grateful for the 15 pairs of shoes and the check for \$180.00 that we delivered to them from Zion Lutheran Church. I found out this non-profit group provides approximately 900 shoes a month to children in need in 6 surrounding counties including Miami County. They go by referrals from the school systems in these counties. They are also always in need of volunteers. For more information go to their website at shoes4theshoeless.org.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who made donations and also those who made it out to the Quarter Auction with charity donations going to our Zion Youth Gathering Fund. It was a fun night and a great success. We made \$586.00 !!!

Thank you again, Jackie



Highlights from the October 11 Meeting

Mike Merlo, President

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY COMMITTEE

MINUTES - October 19, 2016