

# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY "TIDINGS" on Monday, December 19.**

the plates.



## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

This year the members of Zion are adopting two local families for Christmas. Our first family includes a mother with two sons, ages 9 and 15. Our other family is a mother with a 6 year old daughter. The Giving Tree is set up in the lounge outside the sanctuary. You are invited to remove one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) and **return them to the tree no later than Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Unless the ornament indicated otherwise, please do not wrap the presents. Please attach the ornament to the item when you return your gift to the tree.



## CHEER PLATES

Preparing and delivering Cheer Plates to our shut-ins is an annual Christmas tradition at Zion. Debbie Turner has requested that baked goods (cake, cookies, brownies, fudge, etc.), fruit and other Christmas treats for the plates be dropped off at the church on December 15 & 16.

**Assembly and delivery will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendars and joins us to prepare and delivery



It is the Holiday season! The beginning of preparation, planning, cleaning, cooking and last minute details to shore up and with all that on our plate stress and worry can take over our Holiday season and we can quickly lose our joyful spirit.

Well the pastor has an idea on how to reduce stress this Holiday season and keep your spirits up. It begins and ends with one word **THANKFUL**. This time of the year requires preparation and planning and so I am challenging all of us to prepare and plan by preparing a list of thankfals and plan to share those thankfals with people who have made your list. This preparing and planning list will hopefully bring you some joy during the Holiday season and may even reduce a little stress in your life.

I pray that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to the birth of our Savior and King on Christmas day. I am sure that Jesus all made our **THANKFUL** list.



**Red Poinsettia plants can be ordered now through Dec. 4.** They are \$7.00 per plant. Order forms are

available in the back of the church as well as in the church office.

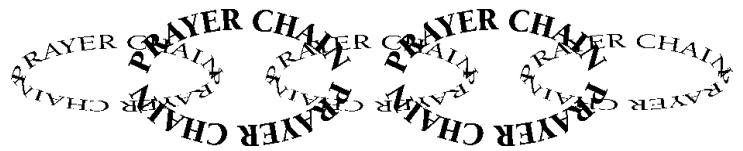


The 2017 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write your name under "presented by". You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Altar flowers are ordered from Tipp Florist and are \$40.00 for two vases. Color preference may also be requested. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (designate "altar flowers").

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



- 1 Jacob Pytel
- 2 Susan Pytel
- 3 Maggie Powder
- 5 Carol Phillips
- 8 Lisa Phillips
- 9 Carla Frame
- 10 Ginger Schaefer
- 13 Jean Turner
- 15 Lieselotte Myers, Mark Sauls
- 17 Shirley Rawlins
- 19 Noah Garvic
- 20 Mary Ann Gross
- 21 Gabrielle Place, Alice Replogle
- 26 Stewart King
- 29 Jennifer Johnson



*Pray for healing and recovery*

Sue Cook, Belia Parrish, Tony Bumgardner, Hazel Furlong, Cathy Cline, Bessie Montgomery

**Good News:** Wanda Lenehan has been released from the doctor. Thank you for all your prayers.

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



To the Women of Zion Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you! Your recent donation dated Oct. 26 has been received and is greatly appreciated. The staff and volunteers at *Jeremiah's Letter* are grateful for your sharing of the proceeds from your garage sale. It is through this caring support we are able to make a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.

We are blessed to provide over 1,200 hot meals each month, and supply an average of 900 Hygiene packages to the men, women and children who gather to break bread with us. We assist an average of 30 families and individuals per month in the process of obtaining birth certificates for housing, school enrollment, employment and identification needs.

May God bless you and thank you on behalf of the more than 2000 individuals we are able to help each year.

*Sincerely, Pastor Terry O. Bruns  
Executive Director*

Thank you's continued . . .

Women of Zion,

Needy Basket of Southern Miami County wishes to thank you for touching the lives of those in need by your generous donation of \$300.00

*Jim Somner, Chairman*

At Thanksgiving more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. and in this spirit we say, simply but sincerely . . . **Thank You and Best Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.** We appreciate your support of our agency.

*Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County  
Board of Directors and Staff*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kits. Last spring a shipment of Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Baby items traveled to Peru. LWR staff and our partner, CARITAS, distributed the items to men, women and children across the country. Mountain dwelling families especially benefitted from the quilts as winter temperatures began to set in.

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve together, please accept our appreciation for your gift and all that it will do.

*Warm Regards,  
Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**



### **Highlights from the November 10 Meeting**

- Approved October council minutes with minor changes.
- Approved treasury report for September.
- Discussed annual meeting coming up on November 13.

- Two things on annual meeting agenda voting on three council positions, Mike Merlo and Melinda Schall have agreed to run for their second term on council and Susan Smith has agreed to have her name on ballot for third position. Other nominations will be accepted on the floor during annual meeting. Thanked Gail Hotchkin for her service on council.
- Council approved the certificate of transfer of Nancy Clark to Zion Lutheran.
- Council was informed by property team that the bulbs went out on the big projector in fellowship hall property team is determining whether it is cost effective to replace bulbs or buy a new projector.
- Council is very thankful for the quilting ministry and will invite the quilting team to our next meeting on December 13 to hear some challenges they face in continuing their ministry.
- On Friday, December 2 the council invites and encourages all to attend the lighting of the community Christmas tree on the outside lawn of the church on the southeast corner. The lighting will take place at 6pm followed by Christmas carols and the Tipp City Community band concert in the fellowship hall with refreshments.

## **COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING**

### **MEETING NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Miriam Comer, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Tom Wesbecher

## PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

### WELCOMING

- \* 22 people had fun playing euchre and other games on Game Night, October 22.
- \* Women Of Zion will be making phone calls, mailed notes or emails inviting women to the annual Women's Christmas dinner and program to be held on December 1st.

### ZION WEBSITE AND EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

- \* A recent emailed request for paper towels for the Family Abuse Shelter was a big success! Thanks to Chuck Powder for getting the word out!

### PHOTO DIRECTORY

- \* We want to begin this project after Christmas
- \* What will the cost be? We have enough in our \$600 budget to complete; we will also ask for donations to cover the cost of the printing and requested new binders.

### DECISIONS TO BE MADE:

- \* Chairpersons
- \* Photographers: Volunteers to use their phones to take the pictures. We discussed using the Welcome Center Sign as the photo background.
- \* Person to work with Linda in the office for updated information.
- \* Photo Copy each existing page and put in mailboxes with a form to ask for corrections – want new photo?
- \* Sign Up Sheets
- \* Someone to inventory paper, binders, and order needed supplies

### **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 5:00**

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### **Wednesday, November 2, 2016 @ 1:30 P.M.**

In attendance were: Marianne Barnhart, Pastor Jeff Glawe, Deb Keppel, Lori Sebastian, and Ruth White.

Pastor Glawe began with a prayer. We discussed fall music. We switched liturgies to Setting 4. We have received numerous compliments on the prelude moving to after the sharing of the peace. This reduced the talking and

allowed people to prepare their hearts for worship. We will continue this! The choir has resumed singing at Sunday services. The chimes performed in October.

**For advent**, Ruth White will recruit families to handle the advent candle lighting and special readings. Lori will explore making minor liturgical changes to the service that are appropriate for advent and Christmas. Whatever is selected will be similar through the Epiphany season. During Epiphany, we will utilize the Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace canticle.

We discussed **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service**. The committee suggests 2 Christmas Eve services: 5PM and 7:30PM. Communion will be offered at both Christmas Eve services; the choir will sing at the 7:30PM service; if we have adequate kids, chimes will ring at the 5PM service. Christmas Day falls on Sunday, and service will be held at 10AM. This Christmas Day service will be somewhat simplified and focus on carols; **we will not offer communion Christmas Day**.

The choir music has been selected through the remainder of the year. Terri has been very flexible in working with the involved people. Comments were made by members how much they enjoyed the choir music Reformation Sunday (Onward Christian Soldiers and Let Faith Be My Shield). Terri will continue giving an explanation of the anthems prior to the choir singing to aid the congregation's focus on the words.

Marianne discussed the altar committee and the commitments. Kudos have been given to Tipp Florist for the fine job they are doing with the weekly flower arrangements. Deb Keppel will help coordinate much of the Christmas preparations: the Chrismon tree, advent wreath set up, banners, manger scene, and poinsettias. Lori will get the battery operated candles ready for Christmas Eve.

Pastor Glawe discussed upcoming events – All Saints Day, annual meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> communion classes, and a December 11<sup>th</sup> baptism. Also, we mentioned the community band would be lighting the tree (at Zion) surrounding the community band performance on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> – that is hosted by the Downtown Tipp Partnership. Some discussion was given to the organ fund. Norm Willoughby, the organ technician, believes a good used Allen organ can be found for

\$5,000. A new organ would begin at approximately \$40,000 and go upwards in price. Lori will continue dialoguing with him. She will explore costs associated with moving and installation, to ensure we have adequate dollars in the organ fund to accomplish. We are hoping to replace our existing Baldwin organ sometime late spring 2017 to early summer 2017, pending how the Baldwin continues and pending the right Allen organ becoming available.

**Our next meeting will be held Weds. January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M.**

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Monday, November 7, 2016**

### **Items Discussed:**

- The Fellowship Hall, Adult Sunday School room and hallway carpet was cleaned on Nov. 3 at a cost of \$484.00.
- The committee is looking at replacing the projector in the Fellowship Hall as the bulbs for the existing one are cost prohibitive to replace.
- The snow removal contract with Monroe Grounds Maintenance was reviewed for the upcoming winter.
- The Rieck Services (heating and air conditioning service company) annual contract was reviewed.
- The committee will look into replacing the soap dispensers in the main floor restrooms. Women of Zion have agreed to purchase new ones.
- Facility maintenance tasks were completed along with winter preparation for our building.

**Next meeting: Monday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

## **WOMEN OF ZION**

**November 13, 2016**

Members present: 12

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance: \$8,758.38 as of 4:59 p.m.  
on November 13.

**Operation Christmas Child** – received 55 boxes to ship. Shipping has been included.

**The Shoes for the Shoeless** program was presented by Jackie Glawe. 6 counties are served. Children in need are referred by their school. Volunteers are needed. The warehouse is located in Kettering.

**Kitchen Clean Up** day will be Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will sponsor 2 children in the **Backpack Program** in Troy. \$160.00 will be given. This could be a Mission of the Month in 2017.

**Adopt a Family** tree will be up Nov. 19 to Dec. 4. Details will be in the bulletins.

**Chrismon** trees will be set up on Nov. 20 by Bob & Deb Keppel and decorated by Deb Keppel and Kathy Groth on Tues., Nov. 22.

**Women's Christmas Gathering** is on Dec. 1. Donna Slyman will provide appetizers & punch. Jill Greer will get goody bags for the Troy Tones and a donation of \$100.00 will be given for the Troy music program.

**December 2** is the Christmas concert and tree lighting. Workers are needed.

**Women's Retreat** plans are coming together after an organizational meeting was held on Nov. 6.

**Cheer Plates** will be assembled Sat., Dec. 17 at 10:00 a.m. Deb Turner & Donna Slyman will coordinate this project. Deb will ask Boots to write notes for each plate.

**Turkey soup making** will take place on Tuesday, February 7. Ruth White can use any help you can give.

**Arts Council Show** will be Feb. 11. Zion will serve muffins & coffee and soup and sandwiches for the workers.

The **Amazon Smiles** program was shared by Sue Rambeau. Log in to Amazon Smiles, pick your charity (Zion Lutheran Church). A portion of your purchase (.5%) will be given to the Zion youth. **You must log in to the Amazon Smiles first.**

*The next meeting will be Jan. 8 at 5:00 p.m.*

# GRACE PLACE NEWS

## Sunday School News:

**Pre-K** class have been experiencing some of the stories of the Old Testament you may have seen them wearing their Queen Esther crown one Sunday morning.

**1st - 4th** grade class have also been studying the Old Testament including King David.

**5th & 6th** graders have been looking at friendships and how to chose good friends and be a good friend in Christ.

**7th & 8th** grade Confirmation with Pastor

**9th - 12th** grade are looking at the difference between being "a fan" of Jesus to being "a follower" of Jesus with the video series "Not a Fan" as well as working through various devotionals.



BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

## "A KING'S BIRTHDAY"

The children's Christmas program will take place Sunday, December 11th during the 10:00 am worship service. I Hope everyone will join us in celebrating our King's birthday!



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Night for December will be Project Believe.

Project Believe seeks to provide comfort and support to youth orphaned by mental, emotional, and behavioral challenges. One of the ways they do this is by wrapping Christmas gifts that have been donated by the community and presenting them to over 200 children.

**We will meet at church at 5:30pm on Dec 8th**, or adults can also accompany their youth and try to

arrive at Broadway Elementary in Tipp City by 5:45pm.

**What:** Project Believe Wrapping party

**Date:** Thursday, December 8th, 2016

**Time:** 5:30pm - meet at church - (starts at 6pm)

**Where:** Meet at Zion Church - we will travel over to Broadway Elementary, Tipp City

**RSVP:** Let me know if your youth or you and your youth will be joining us so I have enough drivers

**by Dec 7th.**

\*\*When we arrive we receive children's ages and bags. We walk around to various tables picking out items for them for Christmas. We then wrap each individual item for that child. The youth that have attended in the past years have really enjoyed this event which is a wonderful way to help make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Any questions fill free to contact Jackie Glawe



As Christmas gets closer I'm sure many purchases will be made not only in stores but also on the internet. If you make purchases through Amazon we now have a way to benefit our Youth for their Youth Gathering at no cost to you. Instead of just logging onto Amazon.com to make your purchases instead log onto [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) ... they will ask you what charity you would like to support. You will need to choose Zion Lutheran Church, Tipp City, Oh.

The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible Amazon Smile purchases.

Any questions you can contact Jackie Glawe or see the Amazonsmile website.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*Please have articles in to the church office by Monday, December 19 for the January Tidings.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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DEADLINE