

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

January, 2017

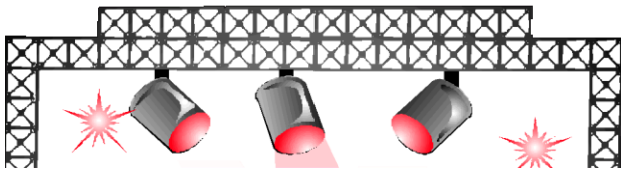
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE February "TIDINGS" ON Monday, January 23, 2017.



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH

January's Mission of the Month

The Sunday School children will bring their offering as well as ask the Zion congregation to bring their change in the month of January for **The Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit "WITH GOD'S GRACE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY"**.

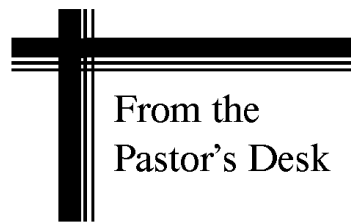
"With God's Grace" is a mobile food pantry that goes to scheduled locations where people in need in the community can come and receive food and some other small necessities to help members of their household. Every \$1.00 donated = 4 meals. Watch for the BIG RED BOWL in the back of the church starting in January where you can make donations for this wonderful cause. Their motto is: *We show people we care, that they have value, and that they are loved – by us and by God. It is our intention that they receive not only food for their physical hunger, but generous portions of kindness and grace to feed their spiritual and emotional hungers.*

We believe the words of Jesus that this is one way we can respond directly to God's love for us: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I

was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

Any questions contact Jackie Glawe. You can also go on their website for additional information:

<http://withgodsgracepantry.org>



From the
Pastor's Desk

January 2017

A New Year means a fresh start! I was reading an article the other day titled what is life all about. The article was summarized by saying life is about knowing you make a difference in the world. That is one of the things I struggle with because at times I think I am not making much of a difference in people's lives. At times I feel like I should be doing more to help people.

There are many ways and avenues in how to make a difference in people's lives. We can do it through our occupation or volunteering but whatever way we make a difference in the world it will take our time and resources we are equipped with to help make the world a better place.

The people of Zion Lutheran Church have made a big difference in my lift. Your Godly spirit inspires me to become a better pastor. Jesus calls us all to make a difference for others in the way

you live your life. May God's spirit fill us all this New Year to make a difference for Jesus and god's people!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 Lauren Frame
- 2 Melissa Garvic
- 7 Cyndi Grube, Terrie Werts
- 9 Joe Delaplane
- 10 Dave Cook, Laurie Reedstrom, Tom Wesbecher
- 11 Linda Shutt
- 12 Babs Wesbecher
- 17 Erin Brooks, Mason Lopez
- 19 Cole Coppock
- 21 Bob Stollmer
- 22 Norm Barnhart
- 24 Birdie Kitchen
- 27 Anna Marie Stover
- 28 Miriam Comer, Larry Nichols
- 29 Greg Fetters



Pray for healing and recovery

Sue Cook, Wanda Lenahan, Cathy Cline, Hazel Furlong, Neal Sonnanstine, Jeff Shellhammer

The family of Bill Dearing who passed away recently. (Bill was Wayne Fronczak's brother-in-law)

Home bound residents specially thought of:

Freda Ferguson, Patsy Furrow, Mary Ann Gross, Mary Sue Helke, Sheffield Hyde, Gladys Johnson, Herb Johnson, Mary Jean King, John Kruse, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish, Bill Posey, Barb Stafford, Ramona Watkins and Peggy Young.

Individuals struggling with ongoing health issues or life issues:

Darryl & Nancy Bendickson, Dave & Sue Cook, Ina Crenshaw, Roger & Crystal Kister, Laura Roeth, Russ & Betty VanHorn.

WOMEN OF ZION JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, January 8 at 5:00 p.m.:** New Year Planning Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m.:** Kitchen Clean-up

ALL ZION WOMEN Day Retreat to be held:

March 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. / More info. to follow. Please mark your calendars.



From: T.O.P.S. 536

Thank you for the use of your church for our meeting's . May God bless your church and all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May all remember that Christmas is about the church and our relationship with God. Thank you.

SHOES SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS . . .

Thank you for your generous donation to Shoes 4 The Shoeless.

Dear Women of Zion Lutheran Church & Members,

I am writing to thank you for the generous monetary and paper towel donations you recently made towards our shelter program. Donations like yours have given help to us to keep stocked up with needed supplies and to continue assisting some of our communities most vulnerable, women and children who are dealing with Domestic Violence and homeless issues.

Therefore, again I say thank you for the generosity and kindness you have shown towards our non-

profit program and most importantly toward the clients we serve. I hope your holidays are as wonderful as you have been to us.

*Sincerely, Barbara Holman, Executive Director
Family Abuse Center, Troy*

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the church's land for our community tree and tree lighting event. It means a lot to the downtown that Zion cares and is so involved in our community.

We couldn't have done this without your generosity. Merry Christmas!

Heather from the Downtown T.C. Partnership

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

In Christ,

Melanie W. Gibbons, Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

Thank-you everyone who donated baked goods, candy and fruit. Also, thank you to Randy Turner and Bob & Deb Keppel for coming in Saturday afternoon to help assemble 27 cheer plates and the delivery drivers on Sunday. Thank you to Boots for her personal notes of encouragement and Mary Jean King for her red hearts.

Donna Slyman and Debbie Turner

To Everyone involved with the Cheer Plates:

I would like to thank all who were involved in baking, assembling and delivering my cheer plate. I am extremely appreciative of all that went in to this project. I don't get around very easily these days and I want to thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely, Nancy Bendickson

Dear Women of Zion,

Thank you for your generous donation toward the

training and placement of service dogs with people who have disabilities! Please know that the families that receive these dogs value your contribution. By donating to 4 Paws you are making a dream come true!

Respectfully, Karen Shirk / Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child volunteers from around the nation have been busy preparing shoebox gifts for hurting children overseas. Over the past two decades, God has blessed this project beyond anything we could have imagined. We are especially excited about the hundreds of thousands of boys and girls who have given their hearts to Jesus Christ through our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL – Highlights from the December 13 meeting:

1. Approved November council minutes and October financials.
2. Voted Mike Merlo as council president and John Greer, vice president.
3. New council member Susan Smith will be installed on Sunday, January 8.
4. All Council members were given a copy of the church constitution.
5. Council approved sending the second half \$3,600 of the budgeted amount to the synod for benevolence.
6. Property team still looking into buying a new projector for the fellowship hall.
7. Council awaits feedback from quilting team on the challenges they face in continuing their ministry.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- Dec. 13

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharon Byrd, Pastor Glawe, Kathy Groth, Wayne Kauffmann, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Tom Wesbecher
Pastor opened with a prayer.

WELCOMING:

- Valentine Saturday Evening Bunco? If so, date to be determined at our January mtg.

ZION WEBSITE AND EMAIL COMMUNICATION:

- Chuck Powder has updated the website with new Christmas Eve service times. He will also be sending out two mass emails to the church membership about the 5:00 and 7:30 Christmas Eve service times.
- Marquee to be updated accordingly
- Pastor plans to call those who might not know about the new times. We can help make those calls if needed.
- Deb K. will contact the Troy Daily News about putting a notice in the Community Calendar of our service times.
- Is the December Tidings on the Website?

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

- Deb K. wrote a draft of a cover letter for initial contact.
- We reviewed the notes from our brainstorming at our November meeting. No additions or corrections made.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

- Do we want to change/clarify the purpose of the Weekly Pew Registration Forms? Many people look at them as they are passed along the pews, to catch names of people they do not know. Many people do not fill them out. Pastor used them for multiple purposes; including recent and returning visitors, who are encouraged by Pastor to fill them out. If we want to enhance the current version, Deb K's home church used a more detailed form successfully.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 10 at 5:00 PM

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 5, 2016

The Snow removal contract with Monroe Grounds was renewed and the maintenance agreement with Rieck Services was renewed for three years. Rieck Services will be repairing the heating for the overflow and choir room areas of the church. The kitchen floor will be cleaned by Sorah in the near future. The committee members will tackle the job of cleaning the gas stove in the kitchen. By next spring, a better way to anchor the sign boards out front on Main Street will be accomplished, eliminating the concrete blocks. Bulbs were replaced in the lights on the stain glass window on the north side of the sanctuary. A quilt hanging bar was installed on the wall near the water fountain. The next meeting is Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY MEETING

Meeting Nov 16, 2016 Minutes

In attendance: Melinda Schall, Susan Pytel, Jackie Glawe

Absent: Jennifer Kauffmann, Heidi Coppock, Jen Garvic

We opened the meeting with an advent prayer.

We discussed Preschool - 6th would learn and review Christmas songs and other spiritual songs throughout the rest of Nov into Dec.

The children that are available from Sunday School classes will go Christmas Caroling on Dec. 4th at 1pm at The Caldwell House.

Jackie shared that she is looking into spring curriculum for 5th - 8th grades and High School classes such as the Soul Surfer Movie video study. Jackie also shared she was able to review some material at the recent Youth Leader Retreat she attended and will be purchasing curriculum from Augsburg called Sticky Faith for teens and God's Not Dead 2 movie/study which will also be used in Adult Sunday School class.

Jackie and Susan shared that the Quarter Auction held at the Tipp City American Legion on Oct 18th went well. Our Zion Youth Group for the Gathering was the charity. We brought in \$586.00. Susan said she will get another date for our group in the spring.

Nov 18th youth group night was changed to a game night due to the bulb not working in the main projector. Dec 8th will be Project Believe Wrap party at Broadway elementary. Other youth events for 2017 will be: Jan-Winter Jam concert, Feb - Winter Youth Retreat at Capital University. Mar - Toby Mac Hits Deep Tour Concert. April-Game Night at church.

We discussed other ways to get the younger children connected and will be asking parents what kind of events and on what days or evenings are best since the last event offered was not attended.

We had discussed something about Breakfast in Bethlehem and decided to check into it next year earlier in the year. Jackie confirmed the children's Christmas program would be Dec. 11th during the 10am worship service. She will see if a practice will be needed.

Melinda let us know that council is working with the Quilters to help them to be more comfortable with heat and air in the area they are currently in until something would change regarding the Tipp City Enrichment Program need for their space.

Jackie shared that Susan made her aware of a group called "With God's Grace Mobile Food Pantry". Jackie researched information about them and found this to be a very good program offered in Miami County and surrounding areas to help those in need with food and other essentials. We decided that this would be the Souper Bowl of Caring cause and would be the cause of the month for the church for January. Jackie will give Linda information for the newsletter.

Jackie shared that we are still waiting on the results from our Bob Evans fundraiser from Oct 13th-15th. She also shared that our profit for the Youth Gathering Fund from the Dayspring Calendar sales was \$77.00.

We discussed that we found a couple other ways to raise funds for our Youth Gathering

expenses and one is through purchases made through SmileAmazon.com



The February Newsletter
Deadline is: **Monday, January 23.**

GRACE PLACE NEWS

I Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas enjoying family and friends and especially celebrating Jesus birth.

Six of the Sunday School children along with adults had a fun time Christmas Caroling at The Caldwell House on Dec 4th. We hope to do it again next year!

Seven youth and three adults enjoyed participating in the Project Believe wrapping party event on Dec 8th to benefit children in need.

Thank you to all the children/youth and their parents that helped with the Christmas program on Dec 11th! Everyone did great in sharing the story of Jesus birth!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . JAN 1, 2017

- ***Sunday school and Confirmation will resume Jan 8, 2017.***

Youth Group - Winter Jam concert Jan 21st

Winter Youth Retreat Feb 10th - 11th

Happy New Year Blessings!

