

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE **March Tidings is Monday, February 19.**

2018 MISSION OF THE MONTH

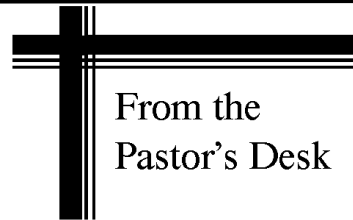
Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center

On Sunday, February 18, Zion will be privileged to host Pastor Cliff Nunn at Zion's 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Nunn is the Church Relations Officer for Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center in Richmond, IN. Wernle has a great track record for helping troubled youth. Kids from Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana have benefited from Wernle. Pastor Nunn will increase our awareness with his presentation. We welcome him and pray for the ministry of Wernle.

Residents Needs List:

- Hygiene boxes (these are the small plastic containers with lids that are similar to a shoe box size)
- Laundry bags (netted cloth bags with a drawstring for dirty clothes)
- Men's short socks in adult size (our boys like both black & white. They are short and come just above the top of the shoe. Almost not visible when wearing shoes.)
- Men's deodorant
- Men's & Women's body liquid body wash
- Men's & Women's shampoo
- Plastic Hangers (we are not allowed to use metal ones, only plastic)

Thanks for your help!



From the Pastor's Desk

Even though things change very quickly in our fast paced world the church still remains a positive influence in our communities, in the states and the greater world. We have a message of hope and redemption through the cross and resurrection that no other non-profit can give and share with the world.

Zion Lutheran Church needs your help to ensure its future ministry of spreading this hope and redemption. Almost all other non-profit help agencies send out letters of correspondence or brochures asking for you to consider a planned gift to them this year or in the future!

Zion Lutheran Church is calling our members to include the church in your will. Most of the time this is not difficult to do a simple sentence in your will saying after all my bills are paid I want a certain percentage % of my estate to go to Zion Lutheran Church with the mailing address of Zion Lutheran included in your will. Just one simple sentence will probably suffice in making sure that Zion Lutheran Church's future is secure in sharing and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. I hope we can count on you to include Zion Lutheran Church in your will.

*** [Please check your mailbox for your 2017 Offering Statement.](#) ***

*** [Please check your mailbox for your 2018 Offering Envelopes.](#) ***

Save the Date

Will you help at Zion's annual Bratwurst and Sauerkraut Fundraising Dinner?

When: Saturday, April 14

Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We need the support and participation of everyone in the congregation to make this a success. We need set up, prepare food, serve, clean up, etc. A sign up sheet will be posted where you can indicate where you would like to help.



When: Saturday, February 17

Where: Zion's Fellowship Hall

Time: 6-8 P.M.

Pizza will be provided. Please bring snacks and beverages to share.

Women of Zion's "The Joy of a Godly Woman" Saturday, March 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Zion's Fellowship Hall

"The Joy of the Lord is our Strength"
Nehemiah 8:10

Morning Session / Refreshments & Fellowship
Praise & Worship
Bible Study with Kristen Zimmann

Afternoon Session / "Organize your Life with Joy"
by Olive Wagar

Bible devotions with Kristen Zimmann
Stations of Prayer and Reflection
Communion

*Please register in advance on sign up sheet posted. *

No charge for this day retreat

**Sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

If you want to bring a salad or dessert to share that would be lovely, but not required to attend.**

All women of Zion and their guests are invited to attend this wonderful day retreat!

THE CLOTHESLINE

**From: Peg Hadden, Tipp City
Methodist Church**

Our church is one of five other churches that provide workers for the Clothesline. Four times a year the profits are shared among these six churches. The rest of the profits go to forty-two other organizations that reach out to help others; food pantries, abuse shelters, and youth groups. Anyone can shop there. The more money we make, the more we can give away. In the 38 years since we started the shop, we have given over a million dollars away. We are always in need of children's clothing. Please consider shopping there and giving your clothing to The Clothesline. Open hours Wed. 2-8, Thurs. & Sat. 10-4, Fri. 10-7.



FEBRUARY:

- 7 Steve Reeves
- 9 Cathy Miller
- 12 Marlene Thau
- 15 Ina Crenshaw, Lucky Vonderheide
- 20 Megan Grube
- 22 Sharon Byrd, James Sebastian
- 25 Kayly Fetters, Barbra Kruse
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Olin Shutt



Pray for healing and recovery

Fred Aller, Pat Battiston, Roger Battson, Darryl Bendickson, Jack Cable, Wayne Fronczak, Kathleen

Kessler, Abby Olt, Laura Roeth, Derek Roseman, Roger Schall, Susan Smith, Marina Snipes, Angela Stum, Dick Turner, Russ VanHorn, Piper Watkins.

Dick Turner was released from Heartland Nursing home in Piqua on Sat., Jan. 20.

Chalmer Mader was in the hospital on the 12th of January for tests and possible stents.

Home bound residents specially thought of:

Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Mary Jean King, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish, Russ VanHorn.

The family of John Kruse who passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 3. Please keep Barb in your prayers.

Jessica Godsey's baby Michael, born at 21 weeks has passed away. Please keep Jessica in your prayers.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

The following individuals would like to thank Zion for the Cheer Plates: *Sue & Dave Cook*

John & I thank you for the beautiful and delicious Cheer Plate. We both appreciated you thinking of us. your cheery visit, Debbie was very welcome.

The Kruse's, John & Barbra

Betty & Russ VanHorn would like to thank everyone involved in the cheer plates. There was such a wonderful choice of goodies.

Thank you good folks at Zion, Tipp City for the kind contribution of \$25.00 I support of the Southern Ohio Synod amazing Grace Day Camp ministry received during 2017. With your help we met our 2017 financial obligations. Blessing on your continued ministry to those within and beyond your congregational faith community.

Yours in Christ, Gary Pecuch, Synod Youth and Family Ministry Congregational Coach

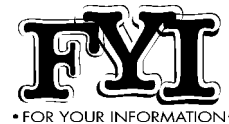
To: Pastor Jeff and our Zion Church Family, I would like to thank you for your prayers, visits and cards throughout John's lengthy illness. He is deeply missed but it is comforting knowing he is at peace now and in a much better place. John and I have been truly blessed to have your loving support. *Barbra Kruse and Family*

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church, Thank you for your wonderful gift of \$200.00! Your continued support of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Dayton is so appreciated. Your belief in our mission is one of RMHC greatest gifts. Thank you! *Sincerely, Rita Cyr, CEO*

Thank you everyone who helped by donating, assembling and delivering 35 cheer plates. A special thank you to Boots for writing our prayer cards before she became ill. Truly a blessing and a wonderful memory. *God bless, Debbie Turner*

The Troy High School Choir thanked the Women of Zion for their donation to be used as needed.

Eric J. Herman, Superintendent



A note from Zion council:

Church security is an issue that came up at the fall congregational meeting. Council is continuing to discuss the best ways to maintain a secure space with a welcoming atmosphere. As a first step, we plan to begin locking the Walnut Street entrance 10 to 15 minutes after the beginning of services on both Saturdays and Sundays. This should provide a buffer for late arrivals but relieve the ushers of the need to keep an eye on doors fairly far away throughout the service. The Main Street door is more easily monitored and will be left unlocked. This change will take place on March 3rd. If you have specific concerns or ideas regarding church security as we move forward, please feel free to talk to a council member or leave a note in my mailbox.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 8, 2018

A quote for the flooring under the pews was received. Our current pews will be advertised on a website. By the beginning of February, Pastor Terry Bruns will be taking measurements in order to shorten the new pews coming from St. Paul's. St. Paul's has to have the pews removed from their sanctuary by the end of February. Quotes will be obtained for painting the sanctuary, but this cannot be done until the exterior brickwork has been completed this spring. Quotes will also be received for improving the lighting in the sanctuary.

Quote for parking lot lights was received. Property committee recommends that we convert to installing LEDs in the existing fixtures.

Meyer Restoration began interior demolition of walls in two upstairs Sunday School rooms in the old building.

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC – January 3, 2018

Present were: Terri Darrah, Pastor Jeff Glawe, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, and Lori Sebastian.

Pastor opened our meeting in prayer. We talked about the advent and Christmas services thanking all those involved for the beautiful poinsettias, Chrismons, those participating in the advent candle lighting, and helping with altar. We also thanked the chancel choir, chime choir, instrumentalists, and vocalists.

For worship services, Lori is working on selecting hymns and service music for upcoming months. We will rotate liturgies starting Epiphany (setting one) and then shift to setting 3 or 4 with appropriate Lenten responses following Ash Wednesday. The holidays abound this year! Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th); Easter is April 1st (April Fools' Day!)

Terri updated us with choir notes. She has selected pieces through January. We have a piece ready to go from December than the choir will sing this first Sunday back. Choir party following rehearsal tonight (Jan. 3rd) – thanks Terri for all your work with the choir and the fun activities and gifts you had planned for the party! It was also suggested that each choir member should take his/her robe home to wash, so we would have clean robes for Easter.

Lori will survey interest for bell choir ringing. Hopeful with a few rehearsals we can get a couple pieces together and ring in this Epiphany season! Deb reported altar was going smoothly. The committee continues to work on getting the brass vases refurbished.

Pastor Glawe reported plans for the new church pews. While we don't know an exact time, we will have the fellowship hall to conduct services should it take more than a week to install pews in the sanctuary. The committee also decided to offer 2 Ash Wednesday services (Feb. 14th) one at 11AM and one at 7PM. Deb Keppel will coordinate a reflective Lenten meditative service (held in the narthex) on Weds. March 14th at 6PM. This service would be an informal get together – like last year – the plan would include a Bible study, guitar music, and serving hors d'ouvrs. We also briefly touched on Holy Week – Pastor has ordered palms for Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday (March 29) and Good Friday (March 30) services both will be at 7PM. Lori will schedule the one remaining additional training session with Norm Willoughy, the organ technician. Comments have been very positive about the new organ – especially some of the stops used in the Christmas services. A couple people expressed concerns about the volume of the keyboard (too soft) while sitting in the congregation, so she will have Norm check amplification of the piano.

Next worship and music meeting date – Wed., March 7th at 1PM.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – January 9, 2018

1. Approved financials for November.
2. Council is blessed with new members Chuck Powder and Brent Reedstrom and will be led by council president James Sebastian and vice president Pam Sauls.
3. Meyer Restoration has begun the building repairs.
4. We have two weddings one on March 21 and April 24 church council and the property team will have to keep these dates on their agenda as renovations take place in the sanctuary.

5. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 14 with two services one at 11:00am and one at 7:00pm.

Next Meeting: Tues., Feb. 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – January 9, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Miriam Comer, Sharon Byrd, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Debbie Turner, Tom Wesbecher

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

WELCOMING:

1. Walnut Street Inside Door Sign has been installed
2. Invitations – Jill Greer and Sue Rambeau worked with Western Ohio Graphics, who produced 2 examples for us to choose from. We chose the “simpler” version. This will be a postcard-size invitation, printed with details of Services Schedules on the front. The back side will be left blank, allowing space to “write in” upcoming events at Zion. Or, perhaps labels could be printed to publicize upcoming “major/special events”. We will start with 250 cards, and everyone will be encouraged to offer an invitation to people we meet outside of church.
3. Family Game Night/BUNCO will be Saturday, February 17th, from 6 to 8pm.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

1. Debbie T. will join the team with Sharon, Jill, and Peggy, who will work together during March, to administer/coordinate/publicize the Lifetouch scheduling for April.
2. Photography Scheduled Dates – in the Adult Sunday School Room:
 - * Saturday, April 28th 10:00 to 7:00
 - * Sunday, April 29th 11:30 to 6:30
 - * Monday, April 30th 2:00 to 9:00
 - * Tuesday, May 1st 2:00 to 9:00

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY FEB. 13, AT 5:00 PM
WOMEN OF ZION – January 14, 2018**

Officers: Deb Keppel, Pres., Jill Greer, Secretary, Sue Rambeau, Treasurer.

Old Business: Women of Zion Christmas dinner

was well attended. Troy Tones entertained the women and enjoyed singing for them. Deb Turner reported that there were 35 Cheer Plates delivered this year. More help is needed to do this in December 2018.

New Business: A Women’s Retreat will be held on Sat., March 10 from 9:00-3:30. Kristen Zimmann will lead the Bible Study. Olive Wagar will speak on “Organizing Your Life with Joy”. Sandwiches & beverages will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share and bring a friend.

February events:

- Feb. 7 Soup making
- Feb. 10 Art for the Heart

A signup sheet will be available to help with these events.

Missions of the Month for 2018 are as follows:

- Jan. Souper Bowl of Caring / With God’s Grace
- Feb. Wernle Youth & Family Center
- March Jeremiah’s Letter
- April Oesterlen Services for Youth
- May Children’s Med. Center Pillowcase Project
- June Christmas in July/Liberty Commons & Shoes for the Shoeless
- July Baby Bucks Store / Project Linus
- Aug. LWR School Kits
- Sept. LWR Health Kits
- Oct. Operation Christmas Child
- Nov. Adopt a Family
- Dec. Good Samaritan Fund

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 11th at 5:00 p.m.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Prek-K - Kingdom Quest Bible stories, crafts, music.
1st - 5th gr - Old & New Testament studies and memorization
6th - 7th gr - Confirmation with Pastor.
8th - 12th gr - Getting Ready "Relationships"

Adult class - 90 minutes in Heaven movie

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Feb 24th - Help with annual Brat Supper
Mar 31st - Pancake Breakfast/Service Project/Fundraiser

