



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER "TIDINGS" IS: **Friday, November 16th**



We live in a world where things change instantly. So much new and improved technology at our fingertips. Recent research informs us we look at our cell phone every ten minutes to make sure we haven't missed anything. In other words you could say we are chained to our phone and maybe even obsessed with our cell phone.

The days of rotary phones are gone! Our youth may not even know what a rotary phone looks like. I get the importance of having a cell phone in case of an emergency, but being chained and obsessed to your cell phone is not good for your health.

I admit sometimes I can become chained to my cell phone checking all the up to the minute sports news and scores. This is not good for my health since all my favorite sports teams are from Cleveland and most of the time they are losing. This is not good for the pastor's well being, but I keep checking hoping there is good news.

We all need to get away from the non-stop busy world that has caused many of us to be trapped in what society calls **Hurry Sickness**. If you don't know if you have **Hurry Sickness** just google the definition of **Hurry Sickness**. I have **Hurry Sickness!**

But my **Hurry Sickness** has lessened dramatically lately, because of one thing I have committed to doing every morning is to spend

thirty minutes to an hour every day in solitude and prayer with Jesus. This time with Jesus I try and turn off all the distractions of life and spend time with him. I figure since I probably spend a half hour or more on my cell phone I can give the same amount of quiet time to Jesus. This solitude and quiet time with Jesus brings me peace, joy, less stress and less hurry for sure during the day. And it definitely is the better option than my cell phone since I am sure my Cleveland sports team is losing again.

Mission of the Month

Adopt a Family



In 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.



The following items were collected for Lutheran World Relief: **227 Quilts, 60 School Kits, 56 Health Care Kits and 12 Sewing Kits**. A giant thank you to all who helped and donated to the LWR fall drive.

Thrivent also blessed us with \$250 for our Action Team.



Poinsettia order forms will begin appearing in the bulletins and in the back of the church on Nov. 17 & 18. **All orders must be turned in no later than Monday, Dec. 3.** You will have a choice of Red, White or Pink. The cost is \$7.00 per In 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.



& Congregational Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017

Time: Following the 10:00 worship service

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

WHEN: Thursday, December 6

WHERE: Zion's Fellowship Hall

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Menu choices and cost will be available by early November. Watch for more information in the bulletins and on the sign-up board.



November Birthdays

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

ZION WEB SITE

by Chuck Powder

The new Zion Web Site is now available at www.ziontipcity.org. Please check it out. The former web site has a link on the main page to the new web site. If you use a bookmark for Zion in your browser, please change the bookmark address or delete it and add a new one. If you have any comments, additional materials or pictures you would like to see on the web site, send the materials to admin@ziontipcity.org. **All e-mail addresses are listed on the first page of the Tidings.**



Home bound residents specially thought of: **Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish.**

Please keep the following in your prayers: Jean Birtle, Sue Coon, Larry Nichols, Diane Miller, Sue & Dave Cook, Joel & Kathy Miller, Piper Watkins, Patsy Warren, Bruce Goodwin, Alex Short.

Those we recently received information on: Debbie Culley & Jan Lehman



On Behalf of the Allen Werts family, we want to thank the members of Zion Lutheran Church for their prayers and concerns.

Sincerely, *Mike & Terrie, Tyler & Kristina, Jenna and Sam*

Stewart King and family would like to thank Pastor Glawe, Lori Sebastian, Terri Darrah and the choir for the beautiful funeral service for Mary Jean King. Thank you too to Ruth White and the crew for the delicious luncheon following the service. God Bless you all. Thank you, *Stewart King*

On behalf of my Mom, Jean Turner, I'd like to thank Pastor and everyone who visited her, sent cards, etc. during her recent hip mishap. It certainly boosted her spirits. It's been a tough year for our family and we're grateful for the support of our church family. *Anna Marie Stover*
(*reminder: Jean Turner's phone # is 937-269-9040*)

WOMEN OF ZION GARAGE SALE UPDATE & UPCOMING MEETING . . .

Once again, you were generous with your donations, your time, your pick-up trucks, your muscles, and your money as we held our annual Mum Festival Garage Sale on September 27-28. Over 50 members worked over 300 hours to make this important outreach fundraiser happen. Approximately \$2,600 was made at the sale. The Women of Zion ready voted to use \$1,000 of the profits to help with hurricane recovery efforts through the Lutheran World Relief and Samaritan Purse. Our Zion women, who volunteer at The Clothesline, mention that they could use a sweeper down at the store, so we approved the purchase of a sweeper for them. The Women of Zion will be using the remaining profits from the sale to bless additional non-profit organizations that are near and dear to our hearts. **Join us on**

Sunday, November 11 at 5:00 p.m. for fellowship, planning and fun at the next Women of Zion meeting! *Following the business meeting, we will make paper ornaments for the Adopt-a-Family giving tree.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2019 calendar is posted. When you sign up you can add what you would like in the bulletin and if you have a color preference for the flowers. We continue to order from Tipp Florist and the cost is \$40.00 for both vases.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS- October 16

1. Council approved August financials.
2. Agreed on budget 2019 to be discussed and approved at annual congregational meeting November 11th.
3. Council approved into membership of Zion Lutheran Church, Ronnda Pagan, Debbie Weprin, Jason, Stephanie, Daniel and Alicia Weprin, Kim Galli, Chloe Donnan, Doug, Denise and Lara Jacobs.
4. We will have a welcoming celebration for the thirty three new members in 2018 in the fellowship hall after worship on Sunday November 4th.
5. Letter and Budget 2019 will be sent to congregational members.
6. Pastor will be off on Saturday November 3rd Kristen Zimmann will lead worship.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT - October 1

A serviceberry tree was planted in the parking lot bed east of the alley. This is to replace the dwarf ornamental tree that died a year or so ago.

After the congregational meeting on October 7th, the roof replacement will get underway. When the roof is completed, the plastering repair will take place and then after that the painting will be done in the sanctuary.

Fred Aller will be advising the committee on replacing the Fellowship Hall speakers. The monthly work list was completed. **The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

WOMEN OF ZION: October 14

Old Business:

1. Kathy & Gary Groth will be delivering 30 pillowcases to Children's Medical Center.
2. Jackie shared that she will be sending care care packages to 9 college students this week. Funds for these packages were previously approved.
3. Maggie will be attending the Graceworks meeting this week and will take any ear warmers that have been made. She will check with Terri Darrah.
4. Discussion regarding the ornaments for the Hospice Christmas tree project. We should begin saving egg cartons to put the ornaments in.

New Business:

- Garage sale was discussed . . . see article on page 3.
- The Christmas Gathering for Women of Zion will be Thurs., Dec. 6 at 6:00 p.m. New members will be invited. WOZ will either help Project Believe or children's books for Children's Hospital.
- Ruth will let us know what is needed for the Community Tree Lighting & Band concert on Nov. 30 (Cookies, punch/coffee)
- Preliminary discussion on Missions of the Month for 2019: Jan./Souper Bowl of Caring; Feb./Shoes 4 The Shoeless; March/Eagles Wings. Further discussion at a later date.
- Brat Supper 2019 – Should we take a year off? Replace it with another activity? More to be discussed.

Next meeting: November 11th @ 5:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend.

MUSIC & WORSHIP: October 17

On Wednesday, October 17, Worship & Music Committee met. **Attending were:** Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Susie Gray, Linda Holt, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian.

We discussed upcoming liturgy. The congregation currently is using Setting IV. During

advent, we will change to Setting I. Thanks to Ruth White who has found readers for the special candle lighting portion of the advent service; we are looking for someone to take those duties over.

Vocal Choir is underway! We had a great turnout to start the season. Terri has pieces selected through November, and has 5 additional advent and Christmas pieces to select to complete 2019. Choir will be off November 4, November 25, and December 9th (Sunday School kids' Christmas program). The choir budget has approx. \$200 remaining for 2018, so Terri can explore a couple of new pieces.

Due to increases in attendance, we will ensure there are plenty of communion wafers and cups prepared for worship. Additional bulletins have also been made. Pastor Glawe reported we are or have received in 33 new members this calendar year! He also stated new member reception is being planned for November.

We are surveying to determine whether there is interest in the 1st through 8th grade children in having a chime choir – potential dates to ring: Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas Eve (early), or a Sunday in January/February 2019.

Planning for festival services is underway. Special thanks to Linda Holt (trumpet) who will be providing special music during Reformation. Zion plans for 2 Christmas Eve Services – times will be 5PM and 7:30PM. Due to increased attendance, Zion also will have 2 Easter services in 2019. Times suggested by Worship and Music (8am and 10am); there is no Sunday School Easter Sunday.

Thanks to the people who provide special music. We are looking forward to Fred Aller and his Pipe Shop (barbershop quartet group) providing acapella music on October 21. We discussed possibilities for November 4 and 25. Then the kids will provide special music during the December 9th and early Christmas Eve services.

Pastor updated us with some service plans. Reformation Sunday, there will be a baptism. November 4th will be the new member reception and welcome. November 11th will be the annual meeting and annual turkey dinner.

With one of our youth heading off to college in 2019, we need to find an additional person to rotate keyboard duties for Saturday service sometime in summer of 2019 (or prior). We are looking for a congregation member to play one Saturday a month (currently the 2nd Saturday). If

interested, please see Pastor Glawe or Lori Sebastian. Lori also provided the committee dates she would be unavailable during 2019 due to vacation travel and graduation.

Our next meeting date will be Wed., Jan. 2nd 2019 at 1PM.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – October 16

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

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

ZION WEBSITE: CHUCK POWDER

1. New Website www.ziontippcity.org is Up and Working
2. To Be Done – Staff Write-Ups
3. Only page incomplete: Outreach
4. Convert Email to new address in the next few weeks
5. Need – Planned Event Schedule; 90% is from Jackie Glawe and Women of Zion
6. Developing “Private Form” to submit copy to Linda Short and Chuck, driven by Google Calendar Manager. (Linda’s calendar is different because it includes additional Church Events.)

WELCOMING

1. NEW MEMBER RECEPTION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 following Worship.
2. Pastor will send letters to a total of 33 new members/ with 15 new people to be welcomed at the Nov 4th service.
3. Kathy, Miriam, and Deb will make cookies and Deb and Debbie will help serve.
4. Women of Zion will be inviting the women being welcomed to the congregation to be their guests at their annual Christmas Dinner.
5. New Name Badges are completed but we still need to determine how best to distribute them and to store them.
6. BUNCO: This Saturday, October 20 –6:00-8:00 pm. Deb will ask Chuck to send out an Email with

information and request to RSVP to Debbie T’s cell phone.

7. We discussed possible means of communicating to the community the details of our August Worship Service and Potluck Picnic at the Park.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov.15 @ 5:00 pm

Christian Education Meeting - Sept 24, 2018

In attendance: Heidi Coppock, Susan Pytel, Melinda Schall and Jackie Glawe

- Sunday School underway with 23 children/youth attending first day and similar attendance throughout Sept. Prek - 4th grade are loving the new Bubble Machine!
- Katie Sonnastine and Kristen Witwer have both completed the required background checks and have already started helping with Sunday School.
- Confirmation-Pastor Glawe added 4 additional students to confirmation. (Lynnette and Nicholas McKibben, Anna Johnson and John Sebastian, along with sponsors, Judy Tritle, Mike Wertz, Carol Phillips and Steve Tritle)
- Family and Faith Life gatherings planned are Oct 7th-pizza and Fulton Farms, Dec 7th-Movie night at Zion for Prek-5th gr-movie "The Star". Movie is PG, 1hr 26mins. Parents are welcome to stay or go out shopping, date, etc.
- Confirmation Camp Retreat-Jan 25th - 27th, 2019 at Lutheran Memorial Camp. We are looking into if there is a one night option.
- Youth Group is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7pm-9pm, unless otherwise announced, as well as special events on other days. Sept 20th we had 4 youth for 5th-8th grade game night. Oct 18th - bonfire at Pastor and Jackie's had to be postponed until further date to be announced. Nov. 8th-5th-12th graders to shop together for Operation Christmas Boxes, Nov 15th- 9th-12gr to help deliver Operation Christmas Boxes to drop off location, Dec 12th-5th-12th graders Project Believe Wrap Up party, 5:45pm, parents are welcome to come help at Broadway Elementary School in Tipp City, Dec 20th or

28th - 9th-12thgr Escape Room event then church Lock-in, Feb 1st-2nd - Capital University Winter Youth Retreat for 8th - 12th grade.

- Youth Gathering/Youth Event Fundraisers were discussed. The current fundraiser going on is 2019 Wall Calendars at \$7.00 each (50 were ordered to sell). We decided flamingo flocking is done for the year and will start back up possibly next year.
- Garage Sale/Car Show-Mum Festival parade-we decided we would not sell items at this events this year due to schedule conflicts not enough available to do it. We will look into resuming next year.
- The next Youth Gathering is in Minneapolis, MN, June 29th - July 3rd, 2021.

Next meeting is Mon., Nov. 26 @ 6:00 pm.

Jackie Glawe - Christian Education Director

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Prek - 4th grade have been learning about God's Creation and will continue in the Old Testament.
Confirmation - New Testament
High School - "Inner World" - Comparisons, Anxiety and Stress

Adults - Relate-able with Louie Giglio
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FAITH & FAMILY

Dec 7th - (Prek - 5th grade) - MOVIE NIGHT - "The Star", rated PG, 1hr 26mins
6:00pm - 8:00pm, snacks provided. (Parents this would be a couple hours you could Christmas shop, have a date night, or just have some "you" time, however you are also welcome to stay and enjoy the movie too.)

In Sony Pictures Animation's The Star, a small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a loveable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations.

Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas.

YOUTH GROUP

Nov 8th (5th-12th gr) - Operation Christmas Box Shopping together - 6:45pm - 8:15pm

Nov 15th (9th-12th gr) - Delivery of Operation Christmas Boxes - time to be announced.

Dec 12th (5th-12th gr) - Project Believe Wrap up Service Project 5:45pm-Broadway Elementary

Dec 28th (9th-12th gr) - Escape Room and Lock in at church - time to be announced.

Feb 1st-2nd (8th-12th gr) - Capital University Winter Youth Bowl Retreat

*** Spring of 2019-Meeting for eligible youth w/parents for 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis – TBA ***

God's peace,
Jackie Glawe

Beautiful 2019 Wall Calendars are still available to purchase for \$7.00! All proceeds will go to the Youth Group fund. Each month has an NIV bible verse and God's Creation scene. Get yours today!! They make great gifts too!

WHAT'S HAPPENING in Zion's Fellowship Hall

- Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets from 5-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 3 – Historical Society event.
- Advocare will meet Nov. 5 and Nov. 19.

- **Thrivent's "Give Where You Live"** event is on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 7-8 p.m.
- **Zion's Thanksgiving Dinner**, Sunday, November 11
- Thursday, Nov. 15 (6-9 pm) is **Dream's Quarter Auction** to raise funds for adoptable dogs (vet care, spay & neutering, fostering etc.) All are welcome to attend.
- Friday, Nov. 30 – Community Tree lighting and Band Concert

The fellowship hall is a busy place this time of year and throughout the year. We are already booking dates for 2019. Be sure and call the church office (667-3110) to check on availability of the fellowship hall if you need it for a special event.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Newsletter Deadline for the December Tidings is **Friday, November 16, 2018. All items must be in that morning by 9:00 a.m.**

Bulletin Announcements:

Please have any information for the weekly bulletins in by **Tuesday morning**.

Committee Reports:

When submitting committee reports for the Tidings, **please give only the highlights from the meeting**. A full copy of the minutes will be kept in the office but we only need the key points that were discussed for the newsletter.

REMINDER: The **first Sunday of every month** we collect non-perishable food items for Tipp City's Needy Basket. Food can be deposited in the green bin across from the elevator. We also collect money for Zion's Good Samaritan Fund to help those in need in Tipp City with rent assistance, a gas card or utility bill help. The collection container is located in the back of the church on the table.

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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Easter 2019 – Zion will hold 2 Easter services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
