



# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### The Good Samaritan Fund

This fund assists individuals with utility bill help, rental assistance, gas, an emergency hotel stay, etc. No cash is given to the individual. We help in the form of a check to the utility or rental company. A gas card, only good for fuel, is given when needed by an individual. For a hotel stay we work out an agreement with the person in charge. For food assistance we refer them to the Food Pantry. We do keep a list of individuals and their request in order to control repetitive requests.



**Red Poinsettia plants can be ordered now through Dec. 3.** They are \$7.00 per plant.

Order forms are available in the back of the church as well as in the church office.



I enjoy reading especially mystery books by Mary Higgins Clark. I am currently reading a book that talks about the importance of prayer in our faith journey. The book incorporates scripture especially the letters from Paul to help us have a more fruitful prayer life and faith. Paul and the early church believed in prayer as the catalyst to being a person of Godly influence.

Paul's prayers focused not on trying to solve problems but focused more on the inner life of people than on their outer life. In this way prayer becomes more relational than task orientated. Paul believed prayer was most fruitful when prayer was person focused instead of getting things done in a program focused prayer life.

The book I am reading states that prayer is a soulful matter and that without prayer we shall never be able to support souls in their weaknesses. As followers of Jesus we do not need to choose between a contemplative prayer life or an active



## 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 off at the church on December 10 & 11.

**Assembly and delivery will take place on Tuesday,**

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendars and joins us to prepare and delivery the plates.



life. Author Eugene Peterson says it this way “a prayer life generates and releases an enormous amount of energy into the world, the enlivening energy of God’s grace rather than our energy of our pride. In the truest form a prayer life is not an escape from ministry but the living heart of it. Prayer then becomes the root to the tree of holy activity of God in the world”.

In summary a life committed to prayer aims to be more God focused instead of me focused. Prayer becomes much more fruitful when it is about my neighbors and my soulful life than it is about improving our life situations. God seeks are inward character transforming our self-centered prayer life to a Godly prayer life. I must admit I don’t know how God will answer my prayers but as the apostle Paul reminds us of this reality that we cannot do anything of importance without our Savior Jesus Christ. We do know this sustained prayer has a powerful influence and impact on doing God’s work in the world we live.



The 2019 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write you 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. Flower color as well as flower preference may also be requested. Altar flowers are ordered from Tipp Florist and are \$40.00 for two vases. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (designate “altar flowers”).

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY’S



- 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
- 21 Alice Replogle
- 26 Stewart King
- 29 Jennifer Johnson
- 31 Kim Galli



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

**Pray for:** Theresa Watkins, Jill Greer’s sister-in-law who is in ICU at Doctors Hospital in Columbus. Jan Lehman, who fell and broke both arms. Debra Meyer who is trying to become healthy enough for a liver transplant.

**Those who have lost a loved one:** Christine Copeland whose sister, Debbie Culley, passed away.

**Continuing prayers for:** Sue Coon, Larry Nichols, Jean Birtle, Sue & Dave Cook



We received a thank you from:

- Dayton Children’s Hospital
- Thank you to everyone who in some way contributed to *Operation Christmas Child* boxes. Our final total was **85 boxes!!!**
- Women of the ELCA in Chicago thanking Zion’s WOZ for their \$100 gift to the Publishing ministry, *Gather*.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

**Monday, November 5, 2018**

The roof shingles were delivered on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and work should begin this week on replacing the sanctuary roof.

Discussion was held in replacing the fallen ceiling in the storage room in the sacristy.

The monthly work list was completed along with removing the air conditioner in the nursery.

**The next meeting:** Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM

### WOMEN OF ZION MEETING - November 11, 2018

1. Nine college care packages have been sent.
2. A sweeper was purchased for the Clothesline with funds from the garage sale.
3. \$500 each has been sent to Samaritan's Purse and Lutheran World Relief for Hurricane relief efforts. These funds also came from garage sale proceeds.
4. The Hospice Ornament event will be Tues., Nov. 13, 10:30 – 2:30. Bring a snack or dish to share.
5. Zion Christmas Decorating Party will be Thurs., Nov. 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
6. Community Tree Lighting & Holiday Concert will be Fri., Nov. 30. A cookie sign up sheet is posted.
7. WOZ Christmas Gathering on Dec. 6: New members invited, Appetizers @ 6 pm, Dinner 6:30, Troy Tones @ 7:15. Set up begins at 3 pm.
8. Debbie Turner will coordinate Cheer Plate. Assembly is on Dec. 12 at 10 AM.
9. \$100 has been set aside for fabric to make Pillowcases for Children's Medical Center.
10. Dispersing of Garage Sale funds will be discussed at future meetings.

### Missions of the Month for 2019

<b>Jan.</b> Souper Bowl of Caring	<b>July</b> Socks for Seniors
<b>Feb.</b> Shoes 4 the Shoeless	<b>Aug.</b> School Kits
<b>Mar.</b> Eagles Wings	<b>Sept.</b> Health Kits
<b>April</b> Wernle Ctr. for Youth	<b>Oct.</b> Operation
<b>May</b> Jeremiah's Letter	Christmas Child
<b>June</b> Christmas in July for Liberty Commons	<b>Nov.</b> Adopt-A-Family
	<b>Dec.</b> Good Samaritan Fund

**Next Meeting:** Jan. 13, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – November 13, 2018**

1. Council approved September and October minutes.
2. Council approved September financials.
3. During annual meeting the congregation approved the budget for 2019.
4. Congregation approved Kervyn Mach as new member on council and also approved Pam Sauls and James Sebastian to begin their second three year term on church council.
5. Church council will complete annual reviews on staff.
6. Roof repairs have started.
7. The children's Christmas program will be Sunday December 9.
8. Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00pm and 7:30pm.
9. No services on Christmas day.
10. Linda Short will be off on November 28-30.
11. Pastor will be on vacation November 20-21 and also December 26-27 and 31.

*<<<The Youth still have some beautiful 2019 Wall  
Calendar's available for just \$7.00>>>*

# GRACE PLACE NEWS

**PREK - 4TH GRADE** have been experiencing the life and times of the Old Testament and recently talked about how important it is for us to give thanks to God. We then made watches to remind us that it is "Time to Give Thanks".

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** - reviewing the meaning and importance of the three Holy Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS** has just finished up with a three part series on Comparison, Stress and Anxiety and then viewed the Louis Giglio dvd **INDESCRIBABLE**, about God's indescribable creation!

Adult Sunday School continues the dvd/study series of Re(latiable) by Louie Giglio. Join in anytime. All are invited!

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You're invited to experience Youth Sunday and the Sunday school children's Christmas program as they present:

*"The Stories of The Savior"*

**Date: Dec. 9th, Sunday**

Time: 10:00 am, during the regular Sunday worship service

Where: Zion Lutheran Church sanctuary

\*All children and youth are invited to participate.

Contact Jackie Glawe with any questions.

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**YOUR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADER IS INVITED:**

**TO: MOVIE NIGHT AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
- FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**DATE: Friday, Dec. 7th**

**TIME: 6pm – 8pm**

**WHO:** Preschool – 5th grade (ok to bring a friend too) \*\*Parents are welcome to stay, or take this time to Christmas shop, date night, etc.\*\*

**RSVP: BY WED, DEC 5TH TO JACKIE**

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**NOW SHOWING: "THE STAR"**

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.

Rated PG due to Thematic Elements



**YOUTH GROUP  
HAPPENINGS**

Look what's coming up...

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) Service Project  
Project Believe Wrap Up party, parents welcome.

**Where:** Broadway Elementary, Tipp City

**Time:** 6 PM – 9 PM ( it starts at 6 pm and ends at 9 pm however we will try to arrive before 6 pm.

You do not have to stay until 9 pm. Stay as long as you want or you can leave when you have to. If you need a ride, let Jackie know.

**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) Escape Room trip and Lock In at church exact times to be announced.

**Jan. 25-26<sup>th</sup>** (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) Confirmation class Retreat @ Lutheran Memorial Camp.

**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>** (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) Capital University Winter Youth Retreat.

\*\* other possible events Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Winter Jam – Columbus or Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Cincinnati – to be determined \*\*



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*Please have articles in to the church office  
by Wednesday, December 19 for the  
January 2019 Tidings.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Tuesday, Dec. 3 @ 7:00 p.m.** Property Team

**Thursday, Dec. 6 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Women of Zion Christmas Dinner

**Friday, Dec. 7 from 6-8:00 p.m.**

Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Movie Night

**Sunday, Dec. 9** – Children’s Christmas Program  
during the 10:00 a.m. worship

**Tuesday, Dec. 11 @ 5:00 p.m.** Communication  
Meeting & **7:00 p.m.** Council Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 6 – 9:00 p.m.**

Project Believe Wrap Up Party @  
Broadway Elementary

**Sunday, Dec. 23** No Sunday School or  
Confirmation

**Monday, Dec. 24 @ 5:00 p.m.** Worship  
and **7:30 p.m.** Worship

**Tuesday, Dec. 25** No Worship Service  
Merry Christmas!

**Friday, Dec. 28** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Escape Room  
Trip and Lock-In

**Sunday, Dec. 30** No Sunday School or  
Confirmation

