



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE February "TIDINGS" ON Friday, January 17, 2020.



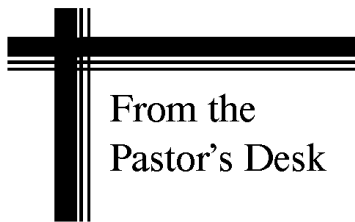
SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH

January's Mission of the Month

Souper Bowl of Caring - collecting "change" in the Big Red Bowl for The Ronald McDonald House in Dayton, Ohio. Since 1980, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Dayton has provided a "home-away-from-home" for families with hospitalized children, keeping them close by in a stressful time.

Every day, our staff and volunteers welcome worried and exhausted families with open arms. Many families did not anticipate their visit to the House or Family Room, so we strive to meet their needs as they arise.

Look for the BIG RED BOWL in the back of the church starting in January.



From the
Pastor's Desk

The fourth weekend of Advent at worship we read from the Gospel of Matthew that Jesus will be called Emmanuel which means God with us. In this Gospel, Joseph, the father of Jesus,

finds out that his soon to be bride is carrying the baby Emmanuel who will be called Jesus. Joseph does not understand! How can this be? How did this happen when I was not personally involved?

Joseph is facing a major dilemma in his life! Joseph is faced with these two alternatives. Believe in this mystery and put faith in God even when human understanding tells us this is not possible. Or doubt that this is possible and finally reject the mystery of God.

Joseph was blessed because an angel of the Lord came directly to him to help clear up this mystery and dilemma that faced Mary and Joseph. However we probably haven't had an angel come to us directly to help clear up all the dilemmas and mysteries of our lives. We are left with wrestling with doubts and dilemmas in our lives and asking whether God truly exists.

After all the wrestling we are left with the same two options Joseph had to choose from, believe and have faith in the mysteries of God or doubt and then reject God. It comes down to either believing that God is with us in Emmanuel or not believing that God is with us. I am all in betting my life that God is with us, Emmanuel the birth of the Messiah Jesus Christ. Amen!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2	Melissa Garvic
3	Covert Holley
7	Cyndi Grube, Terrie Werts
9	Joe Delaplaine
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
27	Anna Marie Stover
28	Miriam Comer, Larry Nichols
29	Greg Fetters, Susie Gray

GriefShare, a special 13 week help seminar and support group for people experiencing grief and loss, will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning January 26th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM here at Zion in the adult education room.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include “Is this Normal?”, “The Challenges of Grief”, “Grief and Your Relationships”, “Why?”, and “Guilt and Anger”.

For more information or to register contact Jackie Glawe, 937-478-3318, (GriefShare ministry Facilitator). “You may also register online at griefshare.org (type in find location zip code 45371 to find Zion’s listing).



Please keep those needing comfort & healing in your prayers: Fred & Jan Aller, Brad Bailey, Randy Bailey, Donna Bair & family, Bob Bilbay, Hanna Borton, Dolly Butler, Charlie Dixon, Billie Fischer, Greg Gilbert, Delores Harris, Stewart King, Roger & Cris Kister, Paul Knutson, Sandy Lacey, Bob Lenehan, Mason, Janice Mach, James Murphy, Larry & Lil Nichols, Susan O’Neal, Pastor Jeff, Carl Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Tom Repogle, Laura Roeth, Frieda Schmidt, Kim Schmidt, Barb Stafford, Raymond Stollmer, Jr., Irene Watson, Bob Weer, C.J. Wilson.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones:

The family of Gene Biser, The family of Joyce Dudley, The family of Larry Grube, The family of A. Bee Napier.

Pray for those who are home bound:

Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Bob Kuhls, and Belia Parrish.



Help Wanted . . . The Altar Care committee is looking for individuals who may be interested in assisting with set up and clean-up of communion. No experience necessary, and the obligation is usually 2 months per year. Time commitment on Sunday morning is approximately 15-20 minutes before and after the service. If you are interested, please contact Carla Frame. Call or text Carla Frame’s cell phone at 937-369-7532.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet **at 4 pm on Sunday, January 12th**. Anyone interested in making shawls or delivering them is invited to join us. Please bring with you any completed or in-progress shawls or baby blankets.



Almost everyone has been touched by cancer in some way. Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States. Approximately 1 in 3 women in the US will develop cancer in her lifetime, while almost 1 in 2 men will be diagnosed with the disease.

But there is hope. Relay for Life participants and supporters raise money to help fund cancer research, provide patients with free rides to and from cancer related appointments, provide lodging at an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, and more.

Would you like to be a part of the fight against cancer? The 2020 Miami County Relay for life will be June 12-13 at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Come to our team meeting to find out how you can participate. Our team, *Holy Walkamolies For the Cure*, will **meet Sunday, January 19 at 3 pm** in the adult Sunday school room. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!



Thank you for the Cheer Plates
A special thank you to Debbie Turner and Cheer Plate folks. Debbie needs a special thanks for carrying on this project for so many years.

The best to you Debbie, Phil Elliot

The Staff at Zion Lutheran Church would like to thank all of those involved in donating goodies, creating the cheer plates and delivering them. Happy Holidays to you all.

Dear Linda and Zion Lutheran Church
Thank you so much for your help last Thursday, Friday & Saturday in making our efforts on behalf of our friend Jane Kiser's "Shooty-Pooty" bazaar

happen. Zion Lutheran is most generous in helping us. We ultimately will donate \$375.00 to the Lunch on Us Community Service program!

Gratefully, Anne Rettig

Dear Women of Zion,
Thank you for your gift of \$250.00 to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio. Your generous gift is a blessing to many youth and families through LOMO camps. Sincerely, In Christ,

Penny Christensen, Executive Director

Thank you for the cards and your thoughts and prayers during my recent recovery. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas to you all. Billie Fischer

Women of Zion,
Thank you for your donation of clothing protectors. They are so colorful! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!! Beth Shrake
Hospice of Miami County

Women of Zion Sewing Ladies,
On behalf of the Veterans, families, and staff of the Dayton VA Medical Center, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the donated wheel chair bags, greeting cards and stamped paper bags. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our Veterans and their service to our country.

Sincerely, Ryan Pleasants
Chief, Voluntary Services

Women of Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you very much for the thoughtful gift of mittens, hats, and gloves for our students. They are appreciated, and will be put to good use! May you all have a very Merry and blessed Christmas.

Sincerely, Broadway Elementary, Tipp City

Zion,
Thank you for the Prayer shawl and all of the hands that blessed it! It has provided much comfort. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Jen Kauffmann

CHURCH COUNCIL – Highlights from the

December 10 meeting:

- Approved October financials and minutes from October and November meetings.
- Children’s program received very good reviews.
- Officers for next year will be Chuck Powder (President), Kervyn Mach (Vice President), Carol Phillips (Secretary).

Brief discussion of things that should be addressed. Examples include assembling a “policy manual” so decisions put in place over the years are easy to find and use, looking for ways to get more members involved, and making “assisted listening” sound amplification available as discussed earlier in the year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- Dec. 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Miriam Comer, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Peggy McCoy, Chuck Powder

KERVYN OPENEND WITH PRAYER

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

PHOTO DIRECTORY

1. The new Photo Directory Pages have been distributed to members alphabetically through Groth. The next group of pages will be run in January.

ZION WEBSITE

1. Chuck reported he is currently caught up; and will get the names of the 19 new members recently welcomed, for publication in The Tidings.

WELCOMING

1. The New Member reception, held on November 17th, for our newest members, was well attended. Chuck commented about the messages which are presented by Zion's welcoming attitude, as well as our interactions with our newer members.

2. We discussed ideas for a possible social event in February, to be determined, at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 14 AT 5:00 PM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY – December 3, 2019

Meetings are 1st Tuesday of every other month
Meeting began with an Advent interactive devotion

Sunday is going well. Prek-4th grade learned about the 12 symbols of Christmas for the Christmas Program through readings and games. 5th – 8th grade completed studying about the various authoritative figures in their lives and what God teaches us about them through stories in the Bible. 9th – 12th grade are working through "The Prayer of Jabez Study for Teens" and should be finished with this sometime in January. They are looking at experiencing the Bob Goff book studies starting in 2020.

Family and Faith Life – Jackie and Pastor have spoken with parents of children eligible to receive First Communion instruction and will set a date for spring 2020.

Youth Group – Jackie shared that she and 5 youth went to lunch at Marion’s Piazza and Operation Christmas Shoebox gift shopping together. Lunch was sponsored by Thrivent Action team as well as it paid for shipping for all the youth's shoeboxes and several others. Dec 12th is Project Believe where participants will go to Broadway Elementary and pick out gifts and wrap them for mentally challenged foster children, 6pm-9pm, meeting at church at 5:40 pm. The group agreed the youth would enjoy an impromptu get together over Christmas break such as attending an Escape room. Jackie will contact the youth. Jackie will send information regarding youth attending the annual Capital Winter Youth Retreat Jan 31st – Feb 1st 2020.

Youth Gathering & Youth Event

Fundraisers and Service – Jackie shared that she had a meeting in Oct for youth interested in attending the 2021 Youth Gathering. Currently 6 youth and 3 adults are interested in attending. General information and fundraisers were discussed

in that meeting. Jackie shared the Youth Gathering Fund balance is currently:

\$2,884.70 as of 9-30-19.

Jackie shared that almost all the calendars have been sold now and may only order 1 box of 25 next year due to the need for physical calendars has seemed to decrease.

Next Quarter Auction will not be until next fall due to availability at the Legion. Jackie shared Julie Sebastian gave her a fundraiser idea with the store FIVE BELOW in Huber Heights. Jackie has gotten that set up and the fundraiser will be Dec 8th – 15th. Flyers were made available throughout the church and if presented to the cashier on those dates the youth group will receive 10% of each total purchase.

College Students – It was agreed that Care Packages would be sent to the college students around Valentine's Day. Women of Zion are sponsoring the care packages. Jackie shared that she spoke with the girls from Zion that are currently in college about attending a R.A.D. class. Most were interested so further research will be done to get some dates set for them to attend.

Misc. – Children's Christmas Program/Youth Sunday will be Dec 8th. Susan Smith agreed to help with what was needed that day. We agreed the Souper Bowl of Caring Mission of the month in January will go to The Ronald McDonald House in Dayton.

The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer at 7:35pm. The next meeting will be Feb. 4th, 2020.

- Water cooler installed. Aqua Falls account has been closed. Water will be picked up at Glaser Softwater.

Tonight's Work List :

- Elevator check
- Replace bulbs as needed
- Repair leaking urinal upstairs
- Repair fill valve in the Fellowship Hall women's restroom
- Clean up mouse droppings in balcony. Install traps.

On December 5th, Bob Keppel, a representative from Detmer & Sons and the boiler inspector will meet to inspect and resolve the issues we are having with the inspection of the sanctuary boiler. A-1 Piano Movers will be contacted about the possibility of removing three old upright pianos from our building.

A water cooler was purchased and installed outside the choir room. This new unit will provide cool and hot water.

The monthly work list was completed.

Next meeting : Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.



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Deadline is: **Friday, January 17.**

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – Dec. 2, 2019 @ 6 pm

Items for Discussion :

- Thursday, Dec. 5, Bob and Detmer and Sons rep will meet with the boiler inspector.
- Disposal of three upright pianos.



Children and Adult Sunday School will resume Jan. 5th, 2020.

There are still dates available on the 2020 Flower Chart. If you have a special date in mind and would like to provide altar flowers, please sign up on the chart hanging on the wall by the church entrance.

The 2 vases are \$40.00 and we order from Tipp Florist. **The following dates are available:**
1/12 – 2/9, 16 – 3/1, 22, 29 – 4/6, 27 – 5/24 – 9/13 – 10/18 – 11/1, 15 – 12/20, 25.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the back of the church alphabetically. Please pick up your envelopes which can be used the weekend of January 4 & 5. Any envelopes not picked up will be placed in the appropriate mailbox.

GRACE PLACE NEWS

The children and Youth of Zion did a wonderful job presenting “The 12 Symbols of Christmas” on Dec. 8th during Sunday morning worship service. I’m so proud of them! Thank you also to Jen Garvic who did an awesome job as the “mom” in the skit.

I have been asked to share the different meanings of the 12 symbols of Christmas and how they point to Jesus, so I have posted this inspiring message and information on the youth board located by the stairs (across from the coffee station). If you would like a copy just let me know and I can make a personal copy for you to have.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas filled with the spirit of Christ to bring into the New Year!

7TH – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS / Capital University Winter Youth Retreat

When: Friday, Jan 31st – Saturday, Feb. 1st, 2:30 p.m.

Join us for an overnight campus experience open to all 7th – 12th grade students and their chaperones. *Ignite Your Faith* will feature music, speakers, small groups, games, food, and fun prizes.

Ignite Your Faith is an annual winter youth retreat hosted by Capital University’s Embrace Campus Ministry. On the Friday and Saturday of Super Bowl weekend, come explore life at Capital University, deepen your faith, and grow relationships with God, other people of faith, and yourself. Your registration fee includes dinner, Friday and breakfast Saturday, as well as snacks, programming, and a special item from our current students.

Please contact Jackie Glawe for registration information and/or any further information. R.S.V.P. for registration by Jan. 19th.
