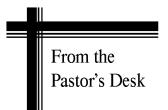


# Zion Tidings Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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COVID-19, just mentioning and naming the virus can lead to so many human emotions. And also lead to so many opinions on so many different levels. I believe most of us would agree that COVID-19 is complicated in so many ways.

I just read an article that shared that during this pandemic Express Scripts one of the leading prescription benefit plan provider companies stated the amount of new prescriptions for anti-depression medicines has reached an all time high during the pandemic. I pray we are all tending to our soul during these challenging times.

One of the best medicines for our soul is humor! I am sure we all could use a good laugh at this time. So I will attempt to make you laugh right now. I know almost all of you are looking forward to gathering together in worship once again.

But during in person worship you do not have the remote. You are not in control anymore. You cannot mute or fast forward the pastor as I am sure you all have done at some point watching the worship services on line. Pajamas, no brushing of teeth and no deodorant are frowned upon during in person worship. Breakfast eating is prohibited and no one may know who you are because you will be wearing a mask.

Kervyn Mach has been sharing some really funny and humorous cartoons during the

pandemic. I have began posting a couple of these every week on the youth board on the fellowship level. If you stop by the church I invite you to check them out because laughter is good for the soul. Amen!

#### MISSION OF THE MONTH / SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Since 2002, Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive throughout the United States. Community organizations across America are becoming involved by collecting adult socks to be distributed to senior centers and nursing facilities. Many of the residents have no funds to purchase needed items and socks are one of those most needed items.



# What kind of socks should you

collect? The funnier, funkier styles you can find - holiday themed, bright colors, animals, patterned. One recipient of socks replied, "We're just old, not dead and we still have a sense of humor!"



#### Also needed are traditional tube socks.

Please avoid socks that have individual toes.

Last year when the socks collected by Zion were dropped off at Troy Care and Rehabilitation Center, the receptionist was astonished. "Nobody brings us socks – we need them so badly!"

There will be a laundry basket and display in the lobby inside Zion's Walnut Street entrance. If you

cannot shop for socks, feel free to leave a donation and the shopping will be done for you. Socks should be placed in the laundry basket and monetary donations should be given to Linda in the office.

Socks and monetary donations will be collected until June 30. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Holt. Thank you!



#### JUNE:

- 1 Emily Greer Gray
- 3 Abby & Annie Olt
- 4 Andrea Cooke, Freda Schmidt
- 6 Pam Sauls
- 15 Peggy McCoy
- 17 Bill Jones
- 19 Wanda Lenehan
- 22 Jacob Smith
- 23 Melinda Schall
- 24 Linda Hood
- 26 Meghan Kauffmann
- 27 Rachel Sebastian, Erma Swanson
- Gail Hotchkin, Linda Holt,Gavin & Lydia Reedstrom,Debbie Weprin
- 29 Addison & Ella Phillips, Brent Reedstrom

#### JULY:

- Coleen McKivergin, Michael Phillips,Donna Slyman
- 3 Anthony Hannah, Bill Nichols, Julie Sebastian
- 4 May Fischvogt
- 6 Nancy Clark, Sue Rambeau
- 10 Earl Moore
- 12 Jack Byrd
- 14 Lara Jacobs, George Hackbardt,Wayne Kauffmann
- 18 Brad Kennedy, Julia Helke
- 19 Belia Parrish
- 21 Jackie Glawe

- 27 Patty Apple
- 28 Sue Cook
- 31 Joyce Zimmann



If you are not receiving the weekly prayer chain or would like to be added please contact Lilo Myers or the church office. There have been some problems with people who have been receiving the e-mail but are no longer getting it.

## PLEASE KEEP THOSE NEEDING COMFORT AND HEALING IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### (NAMES IN BOLD PRINT ADDED THIS MONTH):

Please say a special prayer for our STNAS, CNAS, nurses and doctors. May God watch over and protect these caretakers of the covid-19 patients and their families. We have nurses in our congregation. (submitted by Tim Rambeau)

Fred and Jan Aller, Mike Bair, Norm Barnhart, Bob Bilbay, Jeanna Flint (daughter of Tim and Sue Rambau, who is caring for covid-19 patients at MVH), Lois Glawe, Bruce Goodwin (father of Melinda Schall), whose cancer numbers have increased significantly, Joby Haines, Larry & Mary Hoover, Roger and Chris Kister, Paul Knutson, Betsy Mason (cancer) mother-in-law of Cindy Moore's son, Cathy Miller, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carolyn Oaks, Trapper Philllips, Tom Replogle, Laura Roeth, Brian Sebold, Nicole Sebold, Kim Schmidt, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Leah Tatum, Mason & Mike Turben (grandson & son of Pat Cowan), Russell Turner, Eunice VanKamel, Kyle Watkins, Irene Watson, Jason Weprin, Sophia Yarwick

#### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

The family of **Barbara Stafford** who passed away on May 6, 2020. Graveside services were held on Saturday, May 9 at Maple Hill Cemetery.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOME BOUND, ESPECIALLY THOUGHT OF ARE:

Patsy Furrow, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Bob Kuhls, and Bella Parrish

During this difficult time, if any of our elderly members need help with shopping or other essentials, please call the church office at 1(937)-667-3110.



# THANK YOU TO ZION'S GARDENERS AND LANDSCAPERS!

Many thanks to the crew who arrived on Saturday, April 27th to spruce up Zion's yard and beds. They weeded, raked, pruned, filled in holes with topsoil, mulched, pulled out old shrubs, and planted grass seed. They also enjoyed some yummy muffins and fruit brought in by Ruth White! Thank you John & Lisa Sebastian, Chuck & Maggie Powder, Tim Rambeau, and Bob & Deb Keppel.

#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton and the families we serve. In this uncertain time we still continue to support our families in safe ways. We are grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Your Financial support helps us to achieve our mission of keeping families close. Thank you!

Jess Ramsey

#### Women of Zion:

We appreciate you all and all you do for Eagles' Wings. God Bless.

Eagles' Wings Stable

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE:** April 29, 2020

Attending were: Terri Darrah, Carla Frame, Pastor Glawe, Susie Gray, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, Lil Nichols and Lori Sebastian.

We discussed remote worship. People liked the service being videoed and thought the most recent one went more smoothly (fewer video/sound

glitches). We will be swapping to a new video camera in May, so that should help with the technical issues. Council supports us continuing this video streaming, even after conditions created by the pandemic subside. We will start back readers and special music (individual) in June, providing the conditions of the pandemic don't change. With remote worship, One License in lieu of CCLI, which enables us to live stream the music and hymns involved with worship legally.

Vocal Choir, Bell Choir, and Chime Choir are on hold for the present time.

For altar and other information, the new Pentecost banners have arrived. Thanks to Deb Keppel and Kathy Groth for spearheading that effort. Flowers are on hold until in person services return as Tipp Florist remains closed. Carla and Deb are making certain paraments are changed and oil is refilled for the candles.

We discussed starting new liturgy this summer. Following the Holy Trinity service, we will begin Setting 2 (which is composed by Marty Haugen). As people watch the service, they can play music again the learn it. Of the other liturgical services, Lori stated Setting 6 and 9 would also be candidates to consider learning in the future. Setting 5 is plain chant and would best be learning when the choir is back in session and we are back to in person worship. We have sung Settings 1, 3, 4, and 10 in the last several years.

Pastor provided updates. He was very pleased with the attendance we have been having from remote worship. On average, we are seeing 90 views per Service.

Our next meeting is Weds., August 12 - 1PM

#### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

**The next meeting is Monday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be meeting in person in the Adult Sunday School room. Please wear a mask.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING:**

Next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AT 5:00 We will be meeting in person in the Adult Sunday School room. Please wear a mask.

#### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:** May 12, 2020

- 1. Approved March financials.
- 2. Approved April minutes.
- Council discussed the importance of having a sanitizing team in place before in person worship starts.
- 4. Council discussed the importance of assembling a video team for live stream worship continuing.
- Council agreed no meetings or activities to take place at the church. Council is following the governor and the synod guidelines. No gatherings of more than 10.
- 6. Council discussed best practices for when we return to in person worship.
- Council president Chuck Powder is working on adding an online giving icon for our website.
- 8. Council discussed trying a drive thru communion immediately after the live streaming worship on Saturday.

#### Next Council meeting is Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.



It's time to bring everyone up to speed. We closed on our house in Troy last Friday and are now staying in the Hampton Inn in Hanover until our cottage in the Cross Keys Village, Brethren Home retirement community is ready. That will most likely be a while, due to Covid 19. We will be joining St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hanover, PA, which is the Church Gail attended from childhood, the Church where we were married, and the Church we attended prior to moving to Ohio in 1978. There are many things we will miss. I will personally miss my many talks with Pastor Glawe, as he helped me through my prostate cancer issues. I must express my gratitude to you for all the help you provided when I was Council President. I hope the congregation appreciates all you do for the Church and the members. Gail and I will both miss our Sunday morning talks with Ruth White, whom we always sat in front of. She is truly a gem, and a blessing for Zion. Gail will dearly miss the choir, which she genuinely enjoyed. She will especially miss Terry, as she always said Terry was a stellar choir director. We will mostly miss all the members. Zion is truly a Church family, and one can feel the warmth and friendship immediately upon entering the Church. We feel blessed to have been a part of Zion for these past years, and wish everyone happiness and success in the future. God bless.

Mike and Gail

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### \*\*GRACE PLACE NEWS\*

Sunday School

Prek - 5th graders had their last Zoom Sunday School class on May 17th until Sunday School resumes in the fall, and hopefully in our classes by then, however we had a fun time meeting in this new and creative way. We enjoyed many things together on Zoom including a scavenger hunt and a masked zoomer all while learning about how much Jesus loves and cares for us. We even had a special video created by Julie and John Sebastian of one of our bible stories.

Check out the information about VIRTUAL VBS coming in July!

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\*\*COME JOIN US FROM YOUR HOME FOR "Mystery Museum" VIRTUAL VBS!

JULY 13th – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **6:30pm to 8:00pm** (set screen time will vary during this time)

Prek - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

To register: send email to <a href="mailto:christianed@ziontippcity.org">child's name</a>, birthdate, last grade completed, phone #
For more information contact Jackie Glawe
at the above email or call or text 937-478-3318.

#### **ZION'S 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**



**Ava Coppock** is a 2020 graduate of Tippecanoe High School. Over the past four years she has been an officer for Octagon Club, a member of the Foreign Language Club, Varsity T Club, and the secretary for National Art Honors Society. Ava has also played basketball, volleyball, and has been

captain of the varsity golf team. She was also awarded Second Team All Conference for golf. Ava plans on attending the University of Tampa and majoring in marketing! A low from the COVID-19 pandemic is her school trip to Europe was canceled and she is currently still searching for a high from this pandemic.

**Tyler Fetters** is a 2020 graduate of Miami East High School. Tyler will be attending Purdue University to study chemical engineering next year. Tyler was the captain of the golf team, and was the captain of the track team. Tyler states this quarantine has given him time to reconnect with music, but he has (as everyone else) missed out on many things that he was looking forward too.



Alex Kauffmann is a 2020 graduate of Tippecanoe High School. He played tennis, soccer, and basketball. He loved playing these sports because they were all with some of his closest friends. Alex loved youth group and looks forward to getting together again after all this is over and everything gets close to normal. Alex loves working on his truck with his buddies and going fishing with them. Alex plans on attending Oklahoma University and majoring in Business/Entrepreneurship and minoring in Finance.



#### Zions 2020 High School graduates continued.....

Zach Kauffmann is a 2020 graduate of Tippecanoe High School. Zach has received a couple awards in his high school career, but the two he is most proud of are the two Red Devil awards he received. One was from the school in general, and the Red Devil award is a huge sign of respect. What it means is that no matter what situation you are in you are always looking for the best outcome. He received the same award on the bowling team. Zachs interests are bowling, playing games, hanging out with friends. Zach likes to fix things as long as he can see it move in the end. He likes to work on cars but lately it has been small engine stuff like lawn mowers. Zach played club soccer and

basketball this past year. Zachs favorite part of youth group was going to the Youth Gathering in Houston. Zachs future plans are to go to Ferris State University and study Automotive Engineering Technology. His career plans after college are to work for a high performance exotic car company such as Ferrari with an end goal of working at Koenigsegg, that has been a passion of his for quite a long time. A high from all this covid stuff he says is that he and his brother and dad have taken on small lawn mower projects which have been a great bonding point, another thing he is very very grateful for is his job. Throughout all this he still has a job, which not everyone can say they have a guaranteed pay check right now, and for that he says he is thankful. A low is definitely the over all lock down. Zach says he has friends he hasn't seen this whole time which has separated them too much. Zach just wants to thank everyone who has impacted his life, whether it was during covid or not.

\*\*All the graduates were asked to share whatever they would like to share about their accomplishments and their future plans. They also could share about youth group and their **highs** and **lows** of their experience of senior year during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Christian Education Team would like to wish ALL our High School graduates best wishes and blessings into their future dreams and endeavors! We will miss you here at Zion, however we look forward to seeing all God has in store for you. May you always remember your church family will always be here to support you.