



# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

October 2020

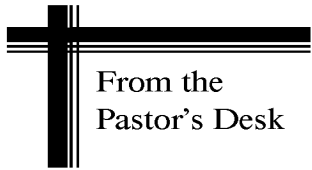
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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER "TIDINGS" IS Wednesday, October 21.**



From the  
Pastor's Desk

A confirmation service will be celebrated this Sunday to confirm four of our youth. A confirmation service is a great time to reflect on your own faith journey. Has your faith gone stale? Is your faith being tested at this time? I encourage us all to ask ourselves where are you at in your faith journey at this present moment in time.

One of the most important things in our faith journey is to have other people of faith in our lives to help us along while life is happening. An important piece of the confirmation rite is that each youth has a mentor that comes to each class and hopefully youth and mentor are both growing in their faith journey.

Who are your faith partners at this time? Do you have friends or mentors who you can turn to and share and discuss the important things that are happening to you at this time, and discuss your faith or lack of faith at this time?

Scripture shares with us we need friends and mentors in our life to navigate our faith journey. Jesus calls us to be in community with others and never think you can always do it all by yourself. Maybe today is the day to examine your faith life. Are others being included in your faith journey or are you flying solo?

## October's Mission of the Month



### **What is Operation Christmas Child?**

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

The Women of Zion have purchased plastic shoebox size containers for the people of Zion to fill with Christmas gifts for children living in poverty overseas. These gifts not only bring hope they bring the Gospel of Jesus to each child through the Samaritan's Purse organization.

Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.)

**Each packed box must include \$9.00 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse placed inside the box for shipping. Do not include: candy, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass, aerosol cans.**

You may also go online and pay for shipping by credit card at:

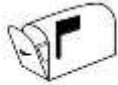
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation>

christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/ If you pay online you must print the labels with the bar scan and place on your boxes.

**\*\*Note:** if you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping.

Any questions contact Jackie Glawe, 937-478-3318 or christianed@zionlutherantippcity.org

**All boxes or monetary gifts need to be at Zion by November 8, 2020.**



NOTE!  
ADDRESS CHANGE

**Congratulations** to Wayne Fronczak and Felicia Young who were married on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Wayne & Felicia's address is:

2497 Meadowpoint Drive

Troy, OH 45373

Phone: 1 (937) 703-1272

Please make the change in your directory.

**Miriam Comer** has a new address:

24 Ford Avenue

Tipp City, OH 45371

1 (937) 667-3389

**Laura Roeth's** contact information at her daughter Trudy's in Wisconsin is 1(614) 406-2767.

**Ken & Judy Bailey's** phone number in the directory is 845-03809. Please take the 9 off the end of their phone number.



#### **HOLY WALKAMOLIES UPDATE . . .**

On September 12, Miami County Relay For Life had a drive-thru luminaria ceremony. The usual 18-hour relay was cancelled due to COVID-19. Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, would like to thank everyone for your support. We raised \$4,285 for American Cancer Society. This money will help American Cancer Society fund breakthrough research, provide free lodging near treatment

centers, operate a 24/7/365 live helpline, and provide rides to treatments.

Thank you, Debbie Rudisill, team captain



- 1 Garry Yunker
- 3 Felicia Young
- 4 Brian Sebald
- 6 Reagan Phillips
- 8 Wayne Fronczak
- 13 Madelynn Lopez
- 14 Thomas Rawlins
- 16 Ken Bailey
- 18 Chris Frame
- 19 Jay Lopez
- 20 Jill Knutson, Kristen Zimmann
- 22 Jeff Johnson
- 23 Chuck Powder
- 24 Jason Weprin
- 25 Steve Tritle
- 27 Becca Helke
- 29 Olivia Phillips
- 30 Brian Copeland, Mirriah Phillips, Katelin Smith
- 31 Troy Kennedy



**THE WOMEN OF ZION** will be accepting donations to defray the cost of shipping the nearly 100 handmade quilts our Zion Quilters have made this year, the ELCA school kits and the ELCA health kits that our members have donated. Last year's shipping cost for Zion's donations was over \$500 and most of that was paid for by your generous donations. Look for the shipping donation jar on

the table outside the Fellowship Hall. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to **Women of Zion.**



Do you want to be a Secret Sister?

The Women of Zion will not be holding their annual Christmas dinner this year. But we won't let covid stop our fun! To be a Secret Sister this is what you need to do:

- E-mail Linda Holt if you want to participate: [ljhbrass@frontier.com](mailto:ljhbrass@frontier.com) or [ljhbrass1@gmail.com](mailto:ljhbrass1@gmail.com).
- You will be matched with another woman who is participating and you and she will become Secret Sisters.
- Beginning on **Sunday November 15 and through Sunday December 6**, put a small gift in her mailbox at church. Of course, don't reveal your identity! Gifts should be inexpensive inspirational items (bookmarks, pens, notecards, etc.), candy, Christmas ornaments or anything that you think your Secret Sister might enjoy.
- Put the item in her mailbox at church. You can drop it off through the week during office hours or at worship services on Saturday or Sunday.
- On **Sunday December 13**, the Women of Zion will hold a "reveal party". (Social distancing and masks, please!) You will exchange a larger gift (\$10.00 or less). Details for this will come later.

We hope you will join us to continue and encourage connections with our sisters! For more information, contact Linda Holt – 947-2093.

The Women of Zion have started using an App together with a Daily Devotional. The Daily Devotional is completed on your own time each day and then you have a chance to read group comments and also share your comments if you wish. It is just another way during these difficult time where we can stay connected to God and each other. Participants would need to have daily access to a smartphone, ipad or computer to use the Holy Bible app to participate. If you are interested in participating please contact Jackie Glawe at 937-478-3318 or leave a message in the church office.

### **THE CLOTHESLINE IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN!**

Do you have two to three hours a month to help out at the Clothesline? Three to four of our Zion members volunteer on the second Monday of each month and on the fifth Monday when there are five Mondays in the month. But we need on or two more people to help out. This team sorts clothes that are donated to The Clothesline. The Women of Zion receive a share of the profit generated by the sale of clothing at the store.

Please call Pam Sauls (1-937-901-0191) if you have any questions or if you're ready to sign up. If you're a "snowbird" and can't be here year round, we'll work around that!



Pray for those affected by the wild fires out west. Pray for those who are caretakers for those with Covid-19.

Home bound residents specially thought of: **Patsy Furrow, Hap Johnson, Herb & Joyce Johnson, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish, Tom Replogle.**

**Those who have lost a family member: Susan Smith's** grandma passed away. Irma Swanson's sister passed away.

**Melinda Schall & family**, her father Bruce Goodwin passed away.

**Those who need comfort & healing:** Laura Roeth who fractured her shoulder. Elizabeth Hereford's husband who had a heart attack.

**Continue to pray for:** Fred and Jan Aller, Patty Apple, Norm Barnhart, Laura Barnes, Gloria Bilbay, David Bopp, Ina Crenshaw, Noah Garvic, Maureen Holley, Roger & Cris Kister, Dave & Sandy Kothman, Paul & Jill Knutson, Sue & Mike Melody, Phillip Nemeth, Larry & Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Laura Roeth, Roger Pusey, Linda Shutt, Edward Sebold & family, Raymond Michael Stollmer, Jr., Leah Tatum, Kyle Watkins, Jason Weprin.

*Thank  
You!*

Thank you to Kathy and Gary Groth for providing doggie treats and water at the *Blessing of the Pets* event and for being there that morning. A special thanks to Pastor Jeff for his heartfelt prayers for dogs and owners alike!



### ***Christmas Ornaments for Hospice trees***

Some polymer clay artists, students and friends of Lilian Nichols, will be making polymer clay ornaments to decorate little trees - about a foot and a half tall - given out by Hospice to their patients. We think it will be so much fun that we are inviting people of Zion to participate in this project. We will need help with hooks, bows, and if any of you have, have made, or would like to make small decorations, that would be great! Not all the ornaments need to be of polymer clay, so don't worry. All sorts of decorations will be useful. They just need to be small - about two inches long.

The polymer clay class has decided to also combine this project with a Christmas party - one where

everyone brings a snack/dish to share for lunch. We all are too busy to have a party during the Christmas season itself!

There will be glitter galore, glue and who knows what. Come join the fun on Tuesday, November 10, from 10:30 to 2:30 in the Adult Sunday School Room.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

We would love to have some additional members for this ministry team who are interested in bringing new ideas and/or helping with discussions and decisions for the children and youth ministry at Zion as well as Adult Education. Currently serving on the Christian Education Ministry Team are Heidi Coppock, Jackie Glawe, Jennifer Kauffmann, Melinda Schall and Susan Smith. A huge **THANK YOU** to those who have served in the past, most recently Susan Pytel and Jen Garvic. Christian Education Ministry will meet the 1st Tuesday every other month at 6:30 p.m. starting October 1st.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** will meet: **Weds., Nov 4 @ 1PM**

**WOMEN OF ZION** – September 13, 2020

1. School Kits were assembled.
2. Pillows for the Abuse Shelter were purchased but were unable to be delivered at this time. Kathy Groth is checking on this.
3. The Clothesline is in need of workers. See the article in this Newsletter.
4. We are collecting items for Health Kits throughout September.
5. Debbie Rudisill reported on the Relay for Life event held on September 12. Team "Holy Walkamolies" raised \$4,285.
6. Prayer Shawls, quilts, school kits & health kits will be blessed by Pastor on September 27. If you are working on a shawl, try to have it to the church by the 27<sup>th</sup>.
7. We are in need of help paying shipping costs for the school kits, health kits and

- quilts. Any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated. Details in the bulletins.
8. The October mission of the month will once again be Operation Christmas Child. Details are on the front page of this newsletter.
  9. A Secret Sister event will happen this year in place of the Christmas Gathering due to Covid-19. Details are in this newsletter and in the bulletins.
  10. Debbie Turner will check into what can be done for the shut-ins in place of Cheer Plates this year.

**Next Meeting: October 11 at 5:00 p.m. Please note time change.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING**

**The committee did not need to meet in September.**

- Deb added a few filled mugs out on the table going into the fellowship hall with a sign inviting honored guests to take one if this is their first time worshipping with us. A couple have been taken.
- Haas Signs will be sending a rendering of a sign we can put on the sandwich boards on the front lawn with Zions worship schedule and on-line option.
- The *Blessing of the Pets* was well received by our members and the community. We had 8 dogs and their owners attend. At least half of those present were non-members who saw the sign on the front lawn or the article in the Tippecanoe Gazette.

**NEXT MEETING TUES., OCT. 13, 2020 AT 5:00 PM**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Sept. 15, 2020**

Until further notice there will be no social gatherings after worship services. That will include Consecration Sunday and the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

1. Council approved minutes from meetings in June and July.
2. Council approved financials from June and July.

3. Council agreed to send first half of benevolence \$2,400 to Synod.

4. Communion services will be the first and third Sundays of the month and will be celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month with a drive through communion also available immediately after the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday service.

5. A confirmation service will be held on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> to confirm Lynnette and Nicholas McKibbin, Anna Johnson and John Sebastian. There will be no reception after the services because of COVID-19.

6. Consecration weekend will be October 10-11 there will be no reception after the services because of COVID-19.

7. A finance team meeting will take place on September 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss budget for 2021.

8. There will be a dedication, prayer and blessing for the quilts, school kits, health kits, and prayer shawls at services the weekend of September 26-27.

9. Pastor and Jackie will be visiting pastor's mom October 5-7.



*by Lori Sebastian*

September's Composer of the Month is Sherri Hansen. Sherri's background is in Lutheran churches, but she has worked in other denominations. She sang her first solo at age 5, composed her first hymn at age 9, and started her formal church career by filling in for an organist at Christmas during her last year of medical school. She began composing more seriously in her 20s as a way to help process illnesses of her parents. Hansen was first published by Augsburg Fortress in 2014 (with her Piano Weavings volume 1). She has since written 2 subsequent volumes. She also has a choir anthem in SAB version of *Borning Cry*.

Sherri Hansen studied piano throughout her childhood and college. She created piano scores for Christian song writer Bryan Sirchio in the volume: *Something Beautiful for God*, which is a collection of 22 contemporary hymns. Besides piano solos, she has composed a couple liturgies, several hymns, and choir anthems. She is a Benedictine Oblate (similar to a nun) - someone who studies the ancient Rule of St. Benedictine and then practices those precepts in daily living. She also is a certified yoga instructor.

Hansen has in essence two careers though: medical and musical. She is a doctor and works in private practice as a psychiatrist. She has served as music director of Lord of the Light Lutheran Church for 5 years and then University of Michigan Campus Chapel (where she attended school). She has pursued and balanced two very difficult and different careers.

Composed by Sherri Hansen, the pieces played at Zion in September include: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song, Let All Things Now Living, Create in Me a Clean Heart, In Christ There is No East of West* (which incorporated several hymns around the world), *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, and *Strengthen for Service Lord*.

One final note – in January 2020, I had planned to select a composer each month (and music by that composer) so that the congregation would get to hear several pieces by the arranger chosen. The composers chosen for October, November, and December composer primarily for organ, so I will have to delay those composers: Paul Manz, Michael Burkhardt, and Wayne Wold until we return to worship in the sanctuary. I hope you have enjoyed these brief biographies. I have certainly learned a lot this past year about the composers who have shaped the music we hear during our worship experience.



Please have information to be included in the November Tidings by **Wednesday, October 21.**

## Grace Place Happenings

Sunday School will look a little different for 2020/2021 than it has in the past due to Covid-19, but that's ok. We at Zion are excited to offer some new and different ways to keep your children and youth connected to God no matter the circumstances. No matter what is happening in this world God is always with us and it's so important that we continue to keep hope in God's promises.

**We will not be meeting in person on Sundays for now, however we will be offering Virtual Video based lessons for your child to watch and participate in on “your” schedule to complete the activity.**

### PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade video virtual Sunday School through the week

Every other Sunday a new video will be posted for viewing on the Zion website. The first lessons were posted on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade – virtual video lesson and activity  
5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade – virtual video lesson and activity  
***Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.***

**PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade** – Friday Fun Night on Zoom (Third Friday of each month)

### 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Every other Wednesday Youth Group based Sunday School on Zoom

We will send your youth a link every other week so they can participate in the Zoom Youth Group Sunday School session. (please email Jackie Glawe at [christianed@ziontippcity.org](mailto:christianed@ziontippcity.org) with your 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders email or yours if I don't have it and you would like for them to participate at any time.)

The first one took place Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here are future dates:

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Dec.30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Adult Sunday School – currently still suspended

\*\*\*Please contact Jackie Glawe, Christian Education Director with any questions or to make sure your child is signed up to receive information at [Christianed@ziontippcity.org](mailto:Christianed@ziontippcity.org) or contact the church office.

