

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE March "TIDINGS" IS February 17, 2023.

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Souper bowl of Caring is the Mission of the Month for February. The money collected will be going to St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen in Troy. Please consider putting your spare change or a few bills, or a check made payable to **Women of Zion in the bowl**. Women of Zion will match funds donated up to \$300.00.



In February the **Adult Sunday School** class will begin a series titled "Before Amen" by Max Lucado. The four sessions will focus on simple tools that we have been given to have a conversation with God. These will help us let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears us, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

February 26 is the first Sunday in Lent and we'll study "Seven Words – Listening to Christ from the Cross" by Susan Robb. A person's final remarks are often their most intimate and revealing. In this 6-week biblical and historical Lenten study, experience inspiring reflections on Jesus' "seven last words," spoken from the cross. His most vulnerable moment reveals Jesus' deepest love for us, his fullest humanity, and his surest trust in the Father. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the adult Sunday School room.



An Ash Wednesday service will be held on
Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM.
For those who are unable to attend, the service
will be live streamed.



Check the weekend bulletins for further information.



FEBRUARY:

- 9 Cathy Miller
- 11 Jayne Drake
- 14 Jessica Weprin
- 15 Lucky Vonderheide
- 17 Chloe Donnan, Chuck Drake
- 22 Sharon Byrd, James Sebastian
- 24 Jessica Rizzotte, Matt Witwer
- 25 Kayly Fetters, Barbra Kruse
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Olin Shutt



Pray for homebound members:

Patsy Furrow & Herb Johnson

Pray for healing, comfort and recovery for the following members:

Jan Aller, Jane Athey, Marianne Barnhart, Gloria Bilbay, Dave & Sue Cook, John & Dianne LeGros, Cindy Moore, Lilo Myers, Larry & Lil Nichols, Carolyn Oaks, Carol Phillips, Trapper Phillips, Shirley Rawlins, Tom & Alice Replogle, Debbie & Randy Turner, Fred Staie, Bob Stollmer, Anna Marie Stover, Jason Weprin, Sheryl Young. God in Heaven, hear our prayers.

Thank you

Hello Zion,

I would like to thank you for all the Xmas cards. They were all beautiful. I also received a lot of cards from Hospice too which is a wonderful organization. I am trying to get to all of these.

Thanks again, Carolyn Oaks

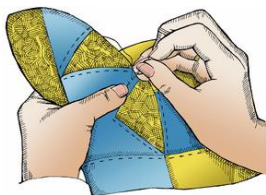
I was truly blessed by my Zion family this Christmas season. My prayer shawl created by Deb Rudisill was followed by your Cheer Plate goodies.

Pastor paid me a visit and brought Communion. Then, there are those that are constantly uplifting me with support through errands, flowers, food, gifts, cards, and calls. Thank you one and all. I look forward to a Blessed New Year. Marianne Barnhart

Dear Zion friends & family,

I was filled with joy upon receiving the two cards from you. I thank you for your words of encouragement and well wishes. You cannot fully understand how much it means to me. I long for the day I can once again share in worship with you. As you keep me in your prayers, I you keep each and every one of you in my prayers. I leave you with the words Paul wrote to the Church in Rome that help me get through each day and night. "Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us". (Romans 5:3-5) God bless all of you.

Your friend and brother in Christ, Jason Weprin



QUILTING GROUP

We are in need of clean cotton, cotton/blend fabric for our projects. Any donations would be very much appreciated. The donations can be dropped off at the Walnut Street entrance to the church.



**Women's Night Out
Sunday, February 19
5:00 P.M.**

Dos Lunas Mexican Bar & Grill

12 S. Tippecanoe Dr. (behind O'Reilly's) Tipp City

- * **Meet at the restaurant at 5:00.**
- * **Bring one valentine card signed by you.**
- * **Bring \$ to pay for your meal.**

This event will take the place of our February Women of Zion meeting. While we are waiting for our meals to be served, a brief business meeting will be held. **Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 2, 2023

H & S Plumbing provided an estimate for installing a garbage disposal in Zion's kitchen. This will be paid for with memorial funds from Maureen Holley's family and friends. Butler Heating and Cooling began work on installing the new boiler system on January 3rd. During the installation, worship services are being held in our Fellowship Hall. The monthly work list was completed. **The committee will meet on Monday evening, February 6 at 6:00.**

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE – Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6 pm.

Attending were: Carla Frame, Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Kervyn Mach, and Lori Sebastian. Kervyn Mach began the meeting in prayer. We talked about upcoming dates. We will offer Sunday weekly communion weekly again starting January 29. Ash Wednesday is February 22 at 7pm. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 1/2nd; Maundy Thursday is April 6 at 7pm, Good Friday is April 7 at 7pm, and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday will be

April 8th/9th. We will have a Lenten Devotional Service sometime mid-March date and time to be determined.

For Christmas Eve and New Year's Services, thanks to the choir, Linda Holt, and Susie Gray/Lisa Sebastian for music. Christmas Eve, we had a good turnout in spite of the weather. New Year's attendance (Jan. 1st) was noticeably light.

Bill Jones and Susie Gray provided vocal choir updates. Bill is continuing to introduce hymns from All Creation Sings and use guitar. The choir has the last Weds. and Sunday of each month off. Bill announced Choir Sunday would be May 21st.

We had a group of kids randomly ring chimes on Away in a Manger Christmas Eve. We will plan to have a bell choir (music readers) in April.

Deb Keppel and Carla Frame provided Altar updates. The church (Women of Zion) are purchasing a new Christmas tree for the Chrismons. Carla held acolyte training for the youth Sunday, January 8th. Ashes are ordered for Ash Wednesday; palms are ordered for Palm Sunday. Deb will check with Linda Short on ordering Easter flowers.

For liturgy and service music, the canticles will change for Epiphany and Lent. We will continue using All Creation Sings. Lori has ideas for newsletter articles for February and March.

We discussed special music. The group wanted to see if Cove Springs could come on a Saturday or summer Sunday worship to sing / play music. We are considering hosting a Hearts, Hands, and Voices Workshop (sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians) to help introduce All Creation Sings. Linda Holt said Adena Brass will provide some special music for Palm Sunday (April 2nd). We will continue to look at opportunities to bring some special music into Saturday services.

Remote Worship and Live Streaming report: We had about 20 people watching Christmas Eve live during broadcast (72 total afterwards). Most Sundays, Zion averages around 15 people watching over time. James Sebastian continues sending the recordings to the local television station.

Our next meeting date is Weds. March 1, at 6pm

WOMEN OF ZION – January 8, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

- Donation made to Lutheran Disaster Relief for hurricane Ian.
- WOZ paid for electrical repair in the kitchen.
- Cheer plates and gift cards were distributed to shut-ins and staff.
- January Mission of the Month is Little Kindness. Items are being collected now.
- February Mission of the month is Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations will go to St. Pat's Soup Kitchen.

- **“Clean the Pantry”** day will be Jan. 17. **“Clean The Kitchen”** day will be Jan. 24. Bring your own cleaning supplies. Cleaning Begins at 9:00 a.m. **Lunch will be provided.**
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – 16 women’s shawls, 3 men’s shawls and 2 baby blankets were distributed in 2022.
- College care packages will be sent out in February.
Next meeting will be a “Women of Zion Night” out at Dos Lunas on February 19, at 5:00 p.m.



Just a reminder that Zion has a Part Time Office Administrator job opening. If you know of anyone interested in this position please contact the church office at: 1 (937)667-3110.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Updates for February 2023

Upcoming Christian Ed dates for kids, youth, and families

2/4 Family Fun/Bunco Night! Please Sign up

2/5 Jesus in the Temple
2/12 John the Baptist, Pastor Dale will resume Confirmation Class (upstairs)

2/19 Jesus Calls the Disciples, resurrection eggs will be given to each family
2/26 Jesus Changes Water to Wine

Report of Online Sunday School for Youth in January

Zero youth joined the online Sunday School in January. This was very disappointing and disheartening as hours of preparation were put into preparing for this. The class was set up online due to a lack of volunteer teachers and for the benefit of the students.

Sign Ups

If you want to sign up to teach, help, or acolyte a list will be on the wall in order to sign up. This has changed in order to make sign ups across the church universal. If there is a date or time that you want and are unable to sign up please contact Jessica Dorn.

Right Now Media

Is a free resource that has over 20,000 Christian education videos that can be used online or on a smart TV by downloading the app. As of 1/20/23, 22 people have signed up for Right Now Media. Please feel free to share this with anyone and everyone! To sign up please use the QR code listed below or the link:

<https://app.righnowmedia.org/join/ziontipcity>



**Deadline for the March Tidings is:
Friday, February 17th**

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| Saturday, Feb. 4 | 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Fun / Bunco Night |
| Sunday, Feb. 5 | 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship |
| Monday, Feb. 6 | Pastor returns 6:00 PM Long Term Planning |
| Thursday, Feb. 9 | 6-8 PM "Give Where You Live" |
| Saturday, Feb. 11 | 5:00 PM Worship / Dinner out following worship @ Dos Lunas |
| Sunday, Feb. 12 | 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship & Baptism No WOZ meeting |
| Tuesday, Feb. 14 | 5:00 PM Communications 7:00 PM Council |
| Friday, Feb. 17 | Tidings Newsletter Deadline |
| Saturday, Feb. 18 | 5:00 PM Worship |
| Sunday, Feb. 19 | 5:00 PM WOZ "Galentines" Night Out @ Dos Lunas |
| Wed., Feb.22 | 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship No Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday, Feb. 25 | 5:00 PM Worship / 1 Lent |
| Sunday, Feb 26 | 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship / 1 Lent |