

ZION TIDINGS **November 2023**



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

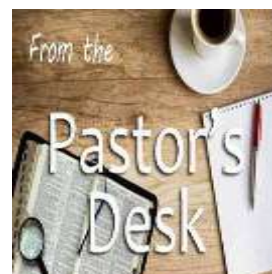
What Grounds You?

I remember being “grounded” once in high school for taking my 1936 Ford for a joy ride up the neighbor’s long lane before the car was officially licensed to be on the highway. 😞 Our grandchildren will occasionally remark that they have been “grounded” temporarily for an infraction of family guidelines. While those stories are usually kind of fun to remember, I have a different kind of “grounded” question today. As I watch/listen to the local, national international news, I am becoming increasingly concerned about the great divide that shows up on most every issue from churches to schools, to communities, to countries. Where is the “common ground” that provides a safe place for disagreeing parties to come together to do the hard work of reconciliation.

But, before we can answer that question, I/we must first answer to the question “what grounds me?”, where am I grounded? What gives us strength to take the next steps when there is so much unrest around us? In Matthew 22:15ff, the Pharisees sought to entrap Jesus with a question about whether it was legal to pay taxes. Jesus knew their intent, so He asked for a coin, and asked whose image was on the coin. They answered of course, Caesar. So, Jesus said render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and unto God what belongs to God.

If you will, therein lies the answer to what grounds us! All that we have, all that we are, and all that we will ever be belongs to God. So, being reminded that we were created in the image of God, and that our loyalty is first to the sovereign God who created the universe, in the midst of swirling uncertainly around us, we can remain grounded in the promise that God in Christ Jesus will never abandon us.

God Bless You!
Pastor Dale



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE December “TIDINGS” is Monday, November 20, 2023

Mission of the Month

Adopt-a-Family

A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take on or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date of **December 3rd**. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.



November Birthdays

4	Betty Jackson	16	Chalmer Mader	25	Dennis Copeland
8	Ryan Schlater	19	Doug Jacobs		John Greer
12	Alex Garvic		Denise Jacobs		Mark McKibbin
15	Sharon Myers	21	Marissa Kessler	28	Melanie Schall
			Tom Knick	29	Matt Dorn



Upcoming Events

Women's Day Retreat **Saturday, November 4th** **9:00 am– 3:15 pm**

Come enjoy a day of women's fellowship and learning.
Our topic is the "Freedom of God's Grace", led by Kristen Zimmann.
There is no fee but please register on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway.
Lunch will be provided.



Thanksgiving Dinner & Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 19th
5:00 pm

Your presence is requested for our annual gathering to thank God for the many blessings our congregation has received. The church will provide the turkey, gravy, rolls, water, coffee & cider.

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hallway. We need to know how many are attending and what food you will be contributing. We need 8 people to sign up to make 5 pounds of whipped potatoes and 8 people to sign up to make enough dressing for 10 people. We also need other vegetables and fruit or dessert. Please bring your own table service.



Member Information Update

Have you forgotten to tell the office that you moved, dropped your land line, changed cell numbers or email addresses? The meeting will be your opportunity to give us all of your most recent information. Forms will be distributed and we request that you fill in your contact information and hand them to Pastor Dale as you leave. For those not attending the dinner, forms will be distributed the following two weekends during services. If you will not be present for any of these, please contact Annette at the office, (937) 667-3110, M-F, 8 am – noon and give her your information over the phone. You can also email at office@ziontippcity.org. We really need to get our member records updated! Thank You!

Thankful Thursday Dinner

Thursday, November 9th
5:30 Prayer 6:00 Dinner

The vision for the 2nd annual dinner is to gather the Tipp City community around the dinner table, showing strength in unity, enjoying a time of fellowship and sharing a meal with our neighbors—just as Christ did. This evening is about setting denominations aside and being “the church” outside of the four walls of our buildings. Located right on Main Street in front of our church, between 3rd and 4th streets. Women of Zion are providing corn. The event is FREE.

Time to Order Poinsettias

Poinsettia order forms are in the bulletins this month, as well as on the table in the narthex. Orders must be turned in NO LATER than **Sunday, November 19th**. You will have a choice of Red, White or Pink. The cost is \$8.00 per plant. We are getting our order in early to have a better chance of getting the colors we request.



Ornaments for Hospice

Lil Nichols' clay class is again creating ornaments for Miami County Hospice Christmas trees on **November 14th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Hospice gives approximately 200 decorated trees to their patients, so it is one less thing the patient and the family need to worry about during a difficult time.



You are invited to join in the tradition of making ornaments to donate. You can make them or put string or hangars on them, if you aren't creative. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

The time includes a pot luck - everyone brings in a dish to share and they fellowship during lunch. Please let Lil know if you would like to join the fun at 937-510-3905. She is keeping a sign-up sheet for food.

They are also going to make ornaments for Zion's **CITY PARK CHRISTMAS TREE**. Zion is decorating a tree to represent our church for Tipp City's 4th "Christmas in the Park" program. Organizations and individuals decorate trees that are displayed along the driving path in the park. Each has a sign indicating who decorated the tree. It's free to drive through and fun to see all the beautiful decorated trees.



Kids Sunday School

There will be **NO Sunday School on Sunday, November 26th**, due to Thanksgiving.

The children in grades K-5 will be learning about:

11/5 – All Saints Day

11/12 – The Angel Speaks to Mary

11/19 – Mary and Elizabeth

11/26 – NO Sunday School

12/3 – Jesus is born (begin practicing to lead church service)

12/10 – The wise men follow the star

12/17 – Children's church production

If your child will not be here for a weekend but you would like for them to learn from home, please reach out to me and I will give you the craft along with the lesson which can be watched on Right Now Media.

Update on Right Now Media

Zion's Church Council has voted to pay for another year of Right Now Media! Right Now Media has tons of Christian video content for adults, youth and children. It can be watched via a smart device. For help setting up Right Now Media on a device, please contact Jessica Dorn. If you have not signed up for Right Now Media but would like to, you can use this QR code or the link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/ziontippcity>



Youth Gathering Fundraiser

The calendar, paper and lanyard sale benefiting the Youth Gathering Fund will be holding a presale to gauge interest in how much to purchase. Calendars are \$10, various printed notepads are \$3 and a Zion lanyard is \$3. An example of the lanyard can be seen attached to the hearing aide devices in the narthex.

Please sign up before **November 6th**. Money can be paid after receiving the items. All profits will be deposited into the Youth Gathering Fund to assist all Zion youth with funding toward going to the Youth Gathering in 2026 and beyond. Questions can be directed to Jessica Dorn. Thank You!

Welcome New Member Allison Cartwright

Although she has been serving as pianist for the Saturday night service for some time, Allison was made an "official" member on Saturday, October 7th.



Blessed Quilts

The sanctuary was FILLED with beautiful quilts on September 30th & October 1st. There were a total of 221 quilts that were blessed to be sent on their way to Lutheran World Relief. That is a phenomenal number...our quilters completed a quilt almost every day and a half! The beautiful quilts made with love will surely bless those who receive them. Great Job!!

Also blessed were the school kits and health kits bound for LWR. Your generosity will be appreciated by many!



Congratulations!

To Zion's newlyweds Bill DeVenzio and Linda Short, married on Saturday, October 21st.



Council Meeting Report

October 10th, 2023



1. Approved meeting minutes September 12th Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the August 2023 financial reports.
3. Pastor Noted the upcoming events:
 - Zion Volunteer Breakfast October 28th
 - Live Nativity -Joint Project of Tipp City churches-December 6th @ 6 to 8PM
4. WOZ Upcoming Project Dates:
 - Women's Day Retreat -November 4th 9AM until 3:15 PM
 - Women of Zion providing meal for Annual Meeting -November 19th
 - Women of Zion Christmas Gathering December 7th
5. The search committee has three candidates. They have held two interviews to date and have scheduled a time to interview the third candidate. They will then decide if they want a second interview with any of these candidates.
6. The Finance and Investment Committee has the budget ready to present for the upcoming year during the Annual Meeting on November 19th.
7. The council discussed and approved updated sound system items and projector for the Fellowship Hall. The timeline to get this operational will be by the Annual Meeting on November 19th.

Next Meeting: **November 14th**

Prayer Requests

Pray for our homebound member: Patsy Furrow

Prayer requests: Pray for the family and friends of Mike Werts who passed away suddenly on Friday Oct. 20. Pray for the Greer Family as they mourn the passing of their brother Kyle. Continue prayers for John LeGros and Greg Watkins and Brian Watkins. Pray for Katie Kessler as she recovers at home from back surgery. Keep the Via Family in your prayers as they rejoice Mikki's (Michelle) returning home from the hospital. Keep in your prayers Barb Kruse. Dave Cook has stage 4 cancer and his wife Sue Cook has stage 4 breast cancer. Pray for Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Pat Cowan, Miriam Comer, Fred Staie, Debbie Weprin, Andrew Weprin, Jason Weprin, Cindy Moore, Larry and Lil Nichols, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers, Shirley Rawlins, AnnaMarie Stover, Jan Aller, Tom and Alice Replogle, Gloria Bilbay, Gwen Miller, and Marina Hernandez.

Zion's Prayer Chain is sent out weekly through email. It lists prayers needed for those in our community and world. If you have signed up to receive the prayer chain and have not received it recently, please let the office or Linda Holt know. If you have never been a part of the prayer chain and would like to receive it, let us know that, as well. To request prayers, or take an individual off the prayer chain, email them to prayers@ziontippcity.org. You can also access this through Zion's website www.ziontippcity.org. or call the church office at (937) 667-3110. Thank you.



Thank you, Thank you

A special thank you from Chalmer & Judy Mader for all thoughts, prayers and food. All was greatly appreciated.

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church:

During the roughest moments in life, God sends his disciples to comfort us. Your prayers and the beautiful flowers given to me during this tough time have reminded me that there is always someone to carry me through.

Ms. Gwen Miller (Jamie Kennedy's Grandmother)



Dear Zion Church Family,

Earl and I would like to thank you for all your thoughtfulness and prayers this past year as I went through my cancer treatments and healing. We wanted you to know that prayers do work and I have been diagnosed with no new cancer growths just recently on my pet scan. Praise God!!!

As some of you know, we have spent the last few winters in South Carolina since I retired. We have decided to make South Carolina our permanent home and will be moving down there October 29.

We will miss our Church Family and invite you all to visit if you are ever near Charleston, SC.

(Please call us for our address, we would love to see you)

Peace and love,
Earl & Cindy Moore

Choir News

What a great start to the choir season! Thank you, Mitch, for adding guitar to the mix. With two guitars and live mic's, the song out of our "purple hymnal" popped! The choir enjoyed singing two of our favorites from the past, *The Artist* and *River in Judea*.

In November, we are going to try a fast tempo praise piece titled *Better Is One Day* by Matt Redman, a beautiful anthology of familiar hymns in *Anthem of Thanksgiving*, and a staunch Lutheran hymn, in 4-part harmony, titled *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* on All Saints Day.

For those considering joining the choir, please keep in mind that we do skip some rehearsals and Sunday performances throughout the year. Just check the bulletin for choir rehearsal schedules.

Bill Jones



Property Committee Meeting Report

October 2, 2023

- The contract with Star City Concrete to replace the ramp on the alley side of the building was approved at the October 1 congregational meeting. They will begin work in October.
- Sorah cleaned all the carpets in our building with the exception of the sanctuary.
- Mega City completed their annual fire extinguisher inspection and the annual sprinkler system check.
- A speaker on the stage in the Fellowship Hall fell off the wall, damaging the drywall. It will be repaired with other drywall work that needs to be completed.
- The stain glass window on the north side of the sanctuary is leaking and will need to be repaired.
- The committee members refastened the sound boards on the back side of the stage and completed the other items on the monthly work list.

The next meeting will be Monday,
November 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Women of Zion Meeting Report

October 8, 2023

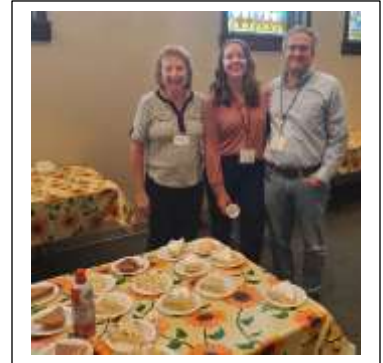
- Mum Festival Garage Sale profits were \$3,471.25 to be used for Outreach.
- October mission of the month is Operation Christmas Child.
- November mission of the month is Adopt-a-Family. Look for the Giving Tree to be set up in November.
- There was discussion regarding having a Chalk Talk artist come to Zion next April. This event will be in conjunction with other churches.
- The Women's Retreat will be held on November 4th from 9:00 – 3:00. Deb Turner and Pam Sauls are coordinating this.
- Hospice ornament making will be November 14th.
- There was discussion regarding the Christmas gathering on December 7th. The caterer is in place. We are working on a program.
- Cheer Plates will be assembled on December 11th.
- For the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Debbie Rudisill reported that there are 3 men's, 4 women's and 5 baby blankets available. People are needed to knit or crochet.

Next meeting will be Sunday, November 12th at 5:00 p.m.

All women are invited to attend.

Brat Dinner a Success!

A great time of fellowship was enjoyed while feasting on a delicious meal. Approximately 145 dinners were sold. Special thanks to the 60 Zion members who helped to make this a success!



November Dates of Note

November 1



November 5



November 7th



November 11th




November 23rd



November 2023

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Women's Retreat 9-3
		Choir Rehearse				
5 	6 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Boy Scouts 6:30	7  Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	8 Music & Worship 6 Choir Rehearse	9 Thankful Thursday Dinner 5:30	10	11 Veterans Day 
12 WoZ 5:00	13 Blood Drive 11:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	14 Quilts 10 11:00 Hospice Ornaments Comm Mtg 5:00 Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	15 Choir Rehearse	16 Compassion Friends 7	17	18
19 Thanksgiving Dinner & Congregational Meeting 5:00	20 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	21 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	22 NO Choir	23  Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 Communion Saturday
26 No Sunday School Randall Residence Outreach	27 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Boy Scouts 6:30	28 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	29 Choir Rehearse	30		