

ZION TIDINGS **November 2024**



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

Trust in the Lord

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’”
(Matthew 28:18)

“[Jesus] is Lord of lords and King of kings...” (Revelation 17:14)

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” (Matthew 5:44-45)

There is a lot of anxiety this November and I think we all know why. It was four years ago that we had our last presidential election, and so the time has come for us to elect our next President to begin serving in January of 2025. Many people are worried about who will be elected in what has been a tightly contested race. Know this: as your pastor I will never tell you who to vote for. It is not my job to tell you to vote for one candidate or another. It is not my job to advocate for one party or another. However, it is my job to remind you to put God first. Pray over both candidates, ask God to give you the wisdom of discernment, and seek to vote for the candidate you believe will be best for our community and our neighbors. Most importantly, vote your conscience. Vote for the person you believe will do the most amount of good for our nation and for the world.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism had this to say in 1774 when elections were being held: “I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them: 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy. 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against. 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those who voted on the other side.” (Journal of John Wesley— October 6, 1774). I believe that John Wesley’s admonitions still stand. My friends, let us remember the golden rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” (Matthew 7:12)

More importantly, let us remember that we do not rely on the President for salvation. Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are not going to save you. You may like their policies, but they are not sovereign over all of creation. My friends, we pledge allegiance to a higher power. We pledge allegiance to the Lamb, not to the elephant or donkey. It is Jesus to whom our allegiance belongs. Christ is Lord! And if Christ is Lord, then Caesar is not. The President is not. Vote for whom you think is best, but please remember to keep God at the center. And I will join you in praying for all involved in this election and pray that God may guide our country into a promising future.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jaren Summers



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER “TIDINGS” is Friday, November 22, 2024

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 1st**. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

Our family is a single mother with two boys, ages 5 and 13.
Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

November Birthdays

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Upcoming Events

Child Care Choices Quarter Auction
Thursday, November 7th
7:00 – 9:00 pm (doors open at 6:00)



Child Care Choices will hold their annual Quarter Auction in our Fellowship Hall. They will have 100+ Prizes, 6 raffle baskets and "Snag-a-bag & Take-a-Tote". The cost is \$5 for a paddle, \$40 for an ALL-IN paddle and \$5 for 6 raffle tickets.

Zion's Sisters of the Skillet will provide food available for purchase: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, hot dogs, coney dogs, nachos & cheese, chips, cookies, soft drinks & water, and coffee.

Bring your quarters and your friends to support a good cause. Child Care Choices is a 501(c)3 with the mission to spark positive change and growth in the child care capacity in Miami County by partnering with providers, area governments, businesses and families. Proceeds will support Child Care Choices programs and services.



Let's Show Off Our Hospitality

Saturday, November 9th

12:00 pm

We will be offering the attendees of the Winter's Yuletide Gathering a respite with a fun, classic movie and lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Please volunteer to show our guests our awesome Zion hospitality. We need people to welcome, sign-in, help with lunch, read Bible stories, assist with games & crafts and clean up. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

There is also a sign-up sheet for kids who wish to participate.



Time to Order Poinsettias

Poinsettia order forms will be in the **November** bulletins, 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 **\$8.50 per plant**. We are getting our order in early to have a better chance of getting the colors we request.



Thanksgiving Dinner & Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 17th

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. The Congregational Meeting will begin at 6:30.



Women of Zion

Thursday, December 5th

Gather at 6:00

Dinner 6:30

Program 7:15 – The Troy Tones

Menu details to come in the bulletins



Ornaments for Hospice

Lil Nichols' clay class is again creating ornaments for Miami County Hospice Christmas trees on **November 12th 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.



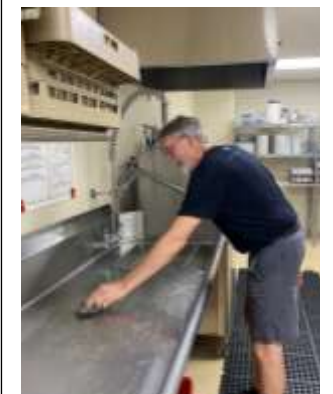
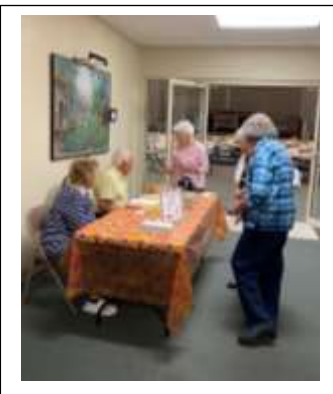
You are invited to join in the tradition of making ornaments to donate. You can make them or put string or hangers on them, if you aren't creative. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

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 5th "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.

Brat & Sauerkraut Dinner

On October 5th, another successful Zion Brat dinner was held. We sold 157 tickets for a net profit of \$971.18, which will support missions. Many thanks to the 43 people who signed up to work and donate pies. Thanks also to all the folks who bought tickets!



Mission Quilts

The quilters who meet here in the mornings on Monday and Tuesday created an incredible number of quilts again this year. There are only nine women who work on them regularly with most of the sewing done in their homes. A total of 214 quilts were made, ten of them were donated to local shelters and 204 were shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Great work ladies!!!!



Zion is Amazing!

This mountain of boxes was staged to leave for Lutheran World Relief. The ladies packed up 204 quilts, 64 School Kits and 62 Health Kits.

Thanks to Dale Schaefer who transported it in his racing trailer to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kettering.

This is truly evidence of how this church serves Christ through serving others!



Christian Education

Sunday School

- 11/9 Charlie Brown Thanksgiving 12-2 (this will take place instead of Sunday School)
- 11/10 No Kids/Youth Sunday School (please come to the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving instead)
- 11/17 Christmas Ornaments for Hospice
- 11/24 Practice Christmas Program
- 12/1 No Sunday School (Thanksgiving)
- 12/8 Children/Youth Christmas Program

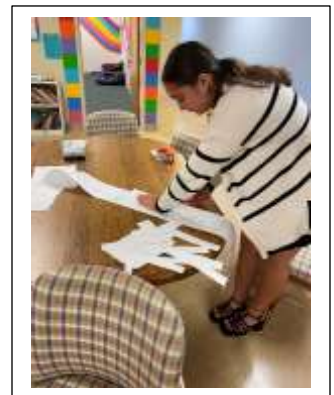
Christmas Program – Big Ask

The Children/Youth Christmas Program will be Sunday **December 8th**. If your child would like to be in the program, please contact Jessica Dorn. We will need Readers, Welcomers, Acolyte, Ushers, and Speakers/Actors for the show. The show is still to be determined.

Thank you to Jen Garvic for volunteering to help Jessica.

A Stole for Pastor Summers

Despite having excellent interim pastors, we can all admit we were ready for a full-time pastor. The kids were a little nervous, not knowing what to expect from this new guy. After meeting with Pastor Summers on the first day of Sunday School, the kids instantly felt at ease. Pastor Summers visited the kids for Sunday School, and we had a few minutes to talk to them about being an acolyte. The kids instantly told Pastor Summers that they wanted to sit next to him! Jen Garvic asked the children if they would like to make a stole for Pastor Summers, and they agreed. The first week they planned on what it should look like. On week 2 they all pitched in to help make the stole. On October 27, Pastor Summers was presented with the stole for his installation.



F2FX Sports Closet

\$159 was raised during the Brat Dinner. Kristen Zimmann won the Dayton Dragons Tickets, while Bev Bashore won the Cincinnati Reds Tickets. Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who made contributions!

We have partnered with the Master's Closet aka The Locker, a clothing closet that has been operating for 13 years, in Huber Heights to give them shoes that could not be used in the sports closet. They in return gave us athletic socks, and offered us some of the items they were not currently using. Words of wisdom were shared between the founder, Charlene and Jessica.

Strong Men and a truck or something to haul are needed to get shelving from the Master's Closet! If you can help, please contact Jessica Dorn.

Costume Parade

On Monday, October 21st a parade of characters marched into the Zion parking lot, led by the high school band. The event was hosted by Tipp Monroe Community Services and included games, giveaways and a costume contest. The weather was perfect and the estimate of kids who participated was about 200. Deb Keppel and her granddaughter Hannah represented Zion by handing out candy AND a flyer advertising our Charlie Brown Thanksgiving event.



2025 Flower Chart

Next year's chart has been posted. Our florist has been charging us \$40 for 2 bouquets for the last 4 years, which is extraordinarily inexpensive. Prices have gone up on everything, including the price she pays for flowers, so she needs to raise the price to \$45, which is still much cheaper than you can get 2 bouquets anywhere.

Please indicate what the occasion is and the colors you would like. We cannot specify the flower types.



Women of Zion Meeting Highlights

October 13, 2024

- Linda Holt delivered food donations to St. Pat's Soup Kitchen.
- Mum Festival Garage Sale profits totaled \$2,589.00.
- Brat Supper deposits totaled \$1,419.00
- Pastor's Installation will be October 27th. WoZ will provide refreshments after service.
- Operation Christmas Child boxes are available now to be filled and returned by Nov. 3rd.
- Child Care Choices Quarter Auction will be held at Zion November 7th. Women of Zion will provide food for sale.
- Women of Zion Christmas Gathering will be December 5th.
- Linda Holt will plan a Secret Sister program to begin in January.
- Workers are still needed at the Clothesline.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry; 2 shawls were delivered leaving 3 women's and 2 men's shawls. People are needed to knit or crochet.
- The suggestion was made that at least two more rolling carts are needed. Kathy Groth will check into this.
- Cheer Plates will be assembled and delivered on Dec. 10th beginning at 10:00 am.
- Money received from the Clothesline combined with profits from the Mum Festival garage sale will be given to the following non-profits: \$2,000 to Lutheran Disaster Relief; \$2,000 to Galilee Lutheran Church (tornado relief); \$500 to Partners In Hope; \$500 to St. Pat's Soup Kitchen; \$500 to Needy Baskets; and \$550 to ELCA International Women Leaders.

Next meeting is **Sunday, November 10th at 5:00 pm**

All women are encouraged to attend.

Property Committee Meeting Report

October 7, 2024

- During the power outage on September 27, we found out our emergency lights (installed a couple of years ago) worked well.
- Modern Entrance Systems replaced the opener on the Walnut St. door.
- Thanks to Dennis Copeland for donating and installing the weather strip on the door.
- Mega City tested the back flow on the sprinkler system and tested all the fire extinguishers.
- Hinkle Roofing will be repairing the gutters in the area between the old and new buildings.
- Members of the committee will be painting Pastor Summers' office soon.
- The air conditioner in the nursery was removed and the space heater was brought to the nursery.

Next meeting: Monday, **November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Showering Baby Girl Summers

It was a great turnout to celebrate the upcoming birth of Pastor Jaren & Kendra's daughter. The fellowship hall was adorned in pink and a delicious luncheon was served. Kendra was presented with many wonderful gifts and it was said the baby will be the best dressed girl in the county. The baby is due in early November and we pray for an easy delivery and good health for mother and child.



It's a Girl!



Council Meeting Report

October 8, 2024



1. The new camera recording system for the sanctuary is scheduled to be completed in 2024. Relocation of audio equipment is in process and should be completed in 2024. The Pastor's microphone will be enhanced in 2024. Additional upgrades to complete the modernization of the sanctuary sound system will be completed in 2025.
2. Approved minutes for the September 10th Council Meeting.
3. Approved Treasurer's reports for the month of August 2024
4. The Finance Committee's proposed budget for 2025 was presented to the Council for review. This proposed budget will be presented to the membership during the Annual Meeting on November 17th.
5. The council determined Zion Lutheran Church Annual Meeting to be held November 17th with dinner at 5:00 PM and the business meeting at 6:30 PM. A letter will be sent out to the membership as indicated in our governing documents for the church.
6. Notes upcoming dates for the Calendar:
 - October 13th-Lunchen Shower for Baby Summers
 - October 27th-Pastor Summers Installation Service at Zion
 - November 7th-Child Care Choices Quarter Auction
 - November 9th-A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving at 12:00 (Noon)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Mum Festival Garage Sale is in The Books

While we didn't seem to have as many donations as in past years (no problem - we had plenty of treasures!) and the weather on Friday hurt our sales (no car show), the 2024 Mum Festival Garage Sale was a success with \$2,589 in profits. Friday's gale force winds knocked our power out at 4:20 and it didn't come back on until after 6:30. This was during our half price and bag sale hours. Despite that, we had a few customers and we found out that our emergency lights, which were replaced a couple of years ago, work!

Many thanks to all who donated items for the sale, to those who helped advertise the sale on their Facebook page, to those who worked tirelessly to set up, price and sell, to those who helped pick up items and to those who boxed up the leftovers & carted them out to the portico for Vietnam Vets to pick up. A special thanks to Ruth White for finding workers for the sale!

We feel blessed to have Zion's support in this outreach ministry and we look forward to sharing our plans for using these funds in the future. ~By Deb Keppel



Editor's Note: A HUGE thank you goes to Deb who worked tirelessly on this sale for days on end!

The AED is Here and Mounted

The Automatic External Defibrillator has arrived from Cintas and been installed, along with the trauma bag. Thank you again to the Tipp Foundation for providing a grant to Zion to pay for it!



Members of Zion Make A Difference!

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you for allowing the library to use the parking lot to prepare our float for the mum festival. The weather was awful. Bob Keppel was an enormous help to us. We appreciate you all.
Tipp City Public Library Staff

Thank you so much for thinking of Hospice of Miami County! The troll dolls will be part of our welcome gift for children who come to visit. We appreciate your generosity greatly!
Vicky McKinley, Hospice of Miami County

Prayer Requests

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Pastor Summers' installation will be at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday Oct 27. Also, prayers of thanksgiving for the future arrival of Pastor Summers' and Kendra's baby girl. May God surround them with love and protection.

Pray for those grieving: Pray for the family and friends of Miriam Comer. Pray for Lil Nichols on the death of her husband Larry.

Pray for those with specific requests: Pray for Amy Byrd who has been moved to Troy Rehab and Healthcare Center. She is showing some improvement! Also keep Jack in Sharon in prayer. Pray for Sharon Blank (Deb Keppel's sister) who is waiting for surgery for a brain aneurism. Babs Wesbecher is recovering from hip surgery. Jeff Slyman is recovering from knee surgery. Prayers are needed for Gwen Miller (grandmother of Susie Gray) and Colonel Troy Cramer, and Tim Cartwright for health issues. Kim Jones is awaiting news from her medical tests,





Continue to pray for: James Oaks, Sue and Dave Cook, Brian Watkins, Chalmer Mader, Christine Copeland, Fred Staie, the Weprin Family, Cindy Moore, Carol Phillips, Lilo Myers and Shirley Rawlins.

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.



November 2024

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Communion Saturday
3 	4 Quilts 10:30 Property Mtg. 6 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	5 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm 	6 Choir Rehearse 7	7 Quarter Auction 7-9pm	8	9 C. Brown Thanksgiv. 12 - 2
10 NO Kids Sunday School Women of Zion 5:00	11 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30 	12 Quilts 10 11:00 Hospice Ornaments Comm Mtg 5p Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	13 Choir Rehearse 7	14	15	16 Communion Saturday
17 Thanksgiving Dinner & Congregational Meeting 5:00	18 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	19 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	20 Choir Rehearse 7	21 Compassionate Friends 7pm	22	23
24 Randall Residence Outreach	25 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Scouts 6:30	26 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	27 NO Choir	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed	30