

# The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church August 2016



In the middle of a heat wave, just a little over 2 weeks until school starts for Hamilton and 3 weeks for our two kindergartners to start. For our nation and for the Church, summer 2016 provided a bumpy ride. Yet God remains in charge and full of love and grace. Our hope rests not on temperatures, politicians, sports teams, peaceful cities or any other human or human created thing/event. Our hope rests on a promise sealed by blood and refreshed every time we commune and every time a baptism takes place. Our lives as disciples continue even in difficult times because we know that Jesus lives and the Promise remains in effect no matter who rages against it. Together, both as Zion and as part of the larger Church, we stand as solid rock resisting every wave that threatens us.

Together we continue our Lord's work in many ways though heavily focused in hunger ministries. We receive nurturing from the Holy Spirit and then nurture each other and the whole world through our call as disciples. In August, we will nurture students, teachers and staff as we start another school and Sunday school year. We also will nurture our neighbors through the community meal and planning for Oktoberfest, the Hamilton Community Thanksgiving Meal, Trunk or Treat and the Open Door Pantry Concert. We will continue our thankful response as we continue our generous giving of time, talents and resources. We continue our musical celebrations through our choirs and instrumentalists, and we build our faith and esprit de corps through fellowship activities, book and Bible studies and much more.

Together our witness stands in contrast to so many divisive voices that preach despair and defeat. Together we make a real difference, a light in the gloomy darkness. We start this new school year stronger and ready to serve. We start it with each other, with many other churches and with the Holy Spirit. As we begin our celebration year for the 500<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the Reformation, we know that God still reforms His Church and still reconciles the world to Himself. May we celebrate our Mighty Fortress, knowing that the war has been won even though many battles remain. Our efforts as God's hands will continue to bear fruit whether it is nurturing people with food, education, faith or love. We still have more work to be done, but we know that God does not abandon us even with what may swirl around us. May you have a blessed August, and continue to pray for and bond with your fellow disciples at Zion and beyond!

*Pastor Joe Schrock*



The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will eat lunch at J. Austin's Riverbank Cafe on Main St. on Tuesday, August 23. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please sign the sheet in the great hall if you would like to go along.

We encourage all our seniors or almost seniors to go along for these fun outings. It gives you a chance to get to know your fellow church members.

Beginning on Sunday, August 7, we go back to two services on Sunday morning. Our service times are 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The 10:30 service will continue to be broadcast on WMOH, 1450 on the am dial.

## RALLY DAY REFLECTIONS

Life is busy these days, especially for families. Sports, dance, competitions, all of these start at a younger age. Once you throw in work for parents and school for children life can seem overwhelmingly busy. There was a time when society kept the Wednesday evening and Sunday morning time sacred for church. That is no longer the case. Competitions and games are scheduled now during this time. It becomes harder and harder to make sure your children make it to Sunday school. Or even to make it a priority. With this in mind, we would like to say to the parents and grandparents of the students below, Thank You for going that extra mile. We know once you are in the routine of bringing them it gets easier, but you are sharing the gift of your family with your church family allowing us to share Christ with them. This recognition is for you also.

Parents of youth who are not able to make it to Sunday school we love you and pray that you will have the opportunity to join us soon. We miss you, but as it says above, life is busy and sometimes we just can't make it. When you can make it, know that you will be welcomed with open arms and hearts. Meanwhile you are in our prayers.

**Rally Day** begins when school does this year **August 14th** at **9:15am** and Sunday school will run until Mother's Day. We are looking forward to learning with the new Whirl Curriculum. There are classes for all ages. Please join us as you are able.

### YOUTH WHO WERE RECOGNIZED FOR ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE:

**4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
Audrey Hilbert  
Makayla Platt  
Charlotte Sanders

**Kindergarten -3<sup>rd</sup>**  
George Sanchez  
Shawn Beck  
Caitlyn Frye  
Samira Platt  
Samuel Platt  
Conner Ford  
Ruby Beers

**Preschool**  
Pacer Beers  
Gabby Beck  
Victoria Sanchez  
Kathryn Frye  
Cameron Heitz  
Riley Sanders  
Leland Schrock  
Natalia Schrock  
Arianna Schrock



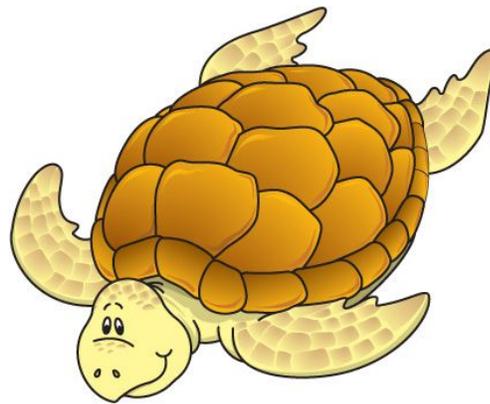
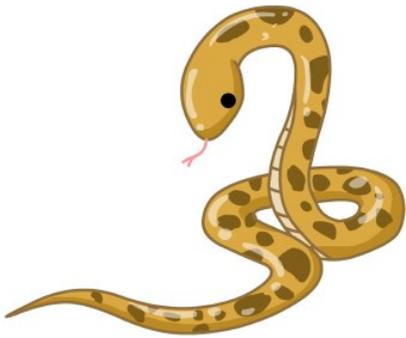
# COOL CRITTERS ARE COMING TO ZION!

August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15

## RALLY DAY RETURNS

We are kicking off Sunday school with the return of our favorite cool critters. Last time they were here, two youths were overheard saying this is the best day ever!

Join us at 9:15 to have an exciting time!



Following the animals there will be a time of recognition and introduction of new teachers and then our students will have a meet your teacher time where they will enjoy breakfast treats while parents will have a time of breakfast treats and conversation with Pastor Joe and Paul about upcoming events. So come early so you don't miss any of the fun and be prepared to be amazed.

For more information about Cool Critters check out: <http://www.coolcrittersoutreach.com/>

For more information about Sunday school call the church office at 513-863-5774.

August Adult Fellowship  
August 20, 2016



First, an education journey to Fernald Preserve at 3:30 p.m. 7400 Willey Road in Harrison

followed by dinner at

Snow’s Lakeside Tavern at 6:15 p.m. 4344 Dry Ridge Rd. 45252

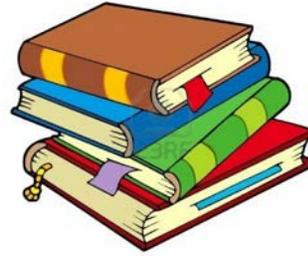
Come and join us

Hosts: Hank Goebel and Edith Stewart



COMMUNITY MEAL CENTER  
August 20, 2016

Zion will be serving at the Community Meal Center at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 20. We need many helpers for preparation thru clean-up and people to make desserts. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please see the sign-up sheet in the great hall and sign up wherever you’d like to help. This meal will be partially paid for thru the Morningstar Foundation Grant.



Book Study  
October 3, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Joe Schrock

“Prepared for a Purpose”  
*The Inspiring True Story of How One Woman Saved an Atlanta School Under Siege*  
By Antoinette Tuff

As 870 children waited in fear, their elementary school rushed into lockdown mode. As the nation faced yet another Sandy Hook story of tragedy, one woman rewrote the ending.

Yet the story doesn't start with those first steps Michael Hill took into that Atlanta elementary school. It starts with Antoinette Tuff, a woman who faced her own pain, hurt, and rejection, yet held onto grace, faith, and hope. A hope that anchored her in the most high stakes of moments, a grace that allowed her to empathize with a hurting young man, and a faith that gave her the courage to love him back from the brink.

This is more than just the amazing account of tragedy averted. It's the evidence of what we can do when we allow ourselves to be used by God. And it's a story of how God uses *all* of our life experiences--the good and the bad--to prepare us for our own moment of divine purpose.

Zion has copies of the book available for a \$5 donation. See Pastor Joe or the church office for a copy.

Mark your Calendars!

Oktoberfest – September 24, 2016

Trunk or Treat – October 29, 2016

Thanksgiving Meal – November 24, 2016

Watch future bulletins for more details.

*Congregations grow when members invite their friends to worship and fellowship activities.*



*Women of Zion, as disciples of Christ, are called to grow in faith, discover and use our gifts, and serve in our communities at home and throughout the world.*

### ZLCW Board Meeting

The ZLCW Executive board did not meet during the months of June and July. The next board meeting will be Sunday, August 21 at 9:30 a.m.

August's agenda includes planning for both the September Women's General meeting and the Fellowship Dinner in October.

### Bereavement Teams

Thank you to the members of June and July bereavement teams: Sandy Ziepfel, Tillie Adams, Joan Cunningham, and Nedda Brown. Also, thank you to Thelma Martin, Marge Withrow and Zion women who contributed food

The August bereavement team are Cindy Burkhart, Thelma Martin, Janet Menke, and Flo Harbin.

**Mark your Calendars Now! Women of Zion's General Meeting Monday, September 12. You won't want to miss this opportunity for fellowship with the Women of Zion.**



**Display Case**

The Women of Zion are looking for someone to take over the display case in the great hall. That just means changing the displays each month or season, whatever you choose. We have an in depth archives in the basement with many items that could be used, or advertise current activities. If you are interested in learning more, please call Gail Heitz at 671-6296 or the church office at 863-5774.



### Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio School Kit Items

The Women of Zion appreciate the generosity displayed by your donations of personal items for those families served by Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio!

As we continue our mission, aware of the value of education, we acknowledge that ownership of basic school supplies supports a child's educational achievement. Thus, we ask that your continued donations turn to school items.

Any of the following items may be donated to support young people as they participate in their education:

- wide or college-ruled paper notebooks
- construction paper
- blunt scissors
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- rulers
- cloth bag or backpacks
- pencil sharpeners
- calculators for high school students
- pencils
- erasers

We hope to collect these supplies during the summer months, a peak time for sales in our local stores. From May through August, please leave your donations in the marked boxes on the table in the Great Hall.

From the Women of Zion, a huge "THANK YOU" for your compassionate aid to our brothers and sisters in Christ.





## BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

After taking a break for the summer, we will meet again on Tuesday, September 6 to discuss *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. *The Boys in the Boat* tells the mesmerizing tale of Joe Rantz and the 1936 Olympic eight-oar crew from the University of Washington. But it is much more than a story of athletic endeavor. It's about a child abandoned by indifferent parents, Americans' struggle to survive during the Great Depression, a young man's love of a young woman, and the amazing physical and psychological demands of rowing. It's about loss and redemption. It has drama and pathos and moral scope. And it culminates on an extraordinary international stage in Berlin in 1936, with Adolf Hitler looking on.

A testament to the power of sacrifice, hope, and trust in oneself and others, *The Boys in the Boat* speaks beautifully to what improbable feats can be accomplished when we look beyond ourselves.

Enjoy the rest of your summer reading and plan on joining us in the church lounge at 6:30 p.m. for this discussion. We always welcome new people.



## CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism classes will take place beginning in September. This is open to all youth fifth grade and up. Pastor Joe will teach the classes. The format of the classes has not yet been determined. If you have a child/young adult who would be in the class, please see Pastor Joe. He would like to get some idea of how many to expect and how to format the learning experience.



## Missionary Corner

Few things compare to how difficult it is to face rejection. Some of us spend weeks, months, or even years trying to heal the emotional damage caused by it. If that weren't bad enough, there is a rejection that not only hurts emotionally, but also physically and spiritually as well. And it's also completely justified. The Bible is full of blessings and truth. And this truth can make us feel very bad: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"—Matthew 7:21-23

I have always believed that there is a more dangerous position than atheism. That position is the "nominal Christian." A nominal Christian is one who says that Jesus is his or her friend just because he or she goes to church on Sundays, reads the verses printed on their shirt and prays to bless the food. The danger of people being happy because they believe they are already saved and won't go to hell is unimaginable.

From August 12th-14th a group of young people and Christy and I will go have a camp to pray, study the Bible and be totally honest with Jesus about our relationship with him. Our prayer is that young people would understand the great sacrifice necessary to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him. It has been a long process encouraging them to go and also has been hard for them to have the money. Please pray for all young people who will go (about 15), that they would have the economic resources and the permission of their parents. Pray for us so that we can transmit the passion and love that is needed to follow our Savior. Some of the youth do not have a relationship with Jesus, please pray that this camp would be the opportunity to recognize their own rebellion and finally surrender to the Lord.

We also continue to work with the baseball team. I have noticed a change from last season to this. Last season was very difficult. Often times no one came to the chapel. I asked God: "Do you really want me to continue here?" I think the answer was yes. This season God has opened doors for me to keep working with the team and it has reached the point where they, by their own will and sometimes without being reminded, have come to the chapel. Please keep praying for the team. It is the best team in the league and this brings stress and many of them live away from their family. Please pray for their spiritual growth and that they would play for their Creator.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Mexico. We couldn't do this without you!

Until they all hear,

*Jose Luis and Christy Sanchez*



Everyone needs prayer. In order to keep our list relevant and up to date, we will be automatically removing names from the list after 30 days. A note or phone call to the office or pastor is all that is needed to continue or add a name to the list. Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.

#### Please pray for:

- Don Boling: recovering from surgery. Doing fine now.
- Katie Land Brooks: COPD
- JoAnette Coe: recuperating from hip surgery & complications with back issues following surgery.
- Second Lieutenant Andrew Copas: left April 1 for Field Artillery Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for 6 months
- Alex & Julie Duwel: had a baby girl, Cheyanne Elizabeth, on July 5. She weighed 8 lb, 6 oz. Proud grandparents from Zion are Steve & Denise Lantis and great-grandmother, Evelyn Duvall.
- Julie (Lantis) Duwel: after having baby, suffered stroke-like symptoms. It was determined she had Postpartum Preeclampsia. She was in ICU but home and doing better.
- Pastor Mark Finrock (First UMC): second round of cancer treatment
- Jason Fore: burn victim
- Eric Frye: hip replacement
- Flo Harbin: fell and broke shoulder
- Stella Hayes: passed away on 6/18. Our sympathy extended to her family & friends, including niece, JoAnette Coe.
- Tristan Edwards: emergency appendectomy on 6/7
- Jean Henderson: recovering from surgery
- Juanita: pancreatic cancer
- Matt & Becca Lantis: had a baby girl, Elise Ann, on July 11. She weighed 7 lb, 4 oz and was 20" long. Proud grandparents from Zion are Steve & Denise Lantis and great grandmother, Evelyn Duvall.
- Adeline Maggart: health issues
- Frank Martin: finances, relocation and health
- Thelma Martin: had some health issues but doing fine now
- Laura McAdams: express our sympathy to Laura on the death of her husband, Daniel on 6/11.
- Larry Moody: passed away on 5/28. Our sympathy is extended to his family, including Patty Sroufe.
- Clinton Parker & Arlene Herget: united in marriage on June 11, 2016. Congratulations to the happy couple.
- Mitchell Parker: died on June 8, 2016. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.
- Kathie Rader: doing much better after a bowel rupture
- Howard Scharf: long-term illness
- Snavley family: niece, Ellen Fisher, passed away. Fourth family member to die this year.

- Anita Snyder: recovering from surgery. Doing fine now.
- George Vardy: recovering from brain surgery
- Doug Wolfe: had surgery on 7/26 to repair inside of throat from trache damage. Home and doing well.
- Sarah Wright: had surgery 6/27

### OPEN DOOR PANTRY HELP

Many thanks to all who have donated plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons for the Open Door Food Pantry and please keep up the good work. You may leave them in the first Sunday school room on the left at the top of the stairs and I will get them to the pantry. I always get as smile when the volunteers there see me coming in with your donations. *Lori Rehm*



The Presbyterian Church is collecting used eyeglasses, in any condition, to give to Sears Optical on Route 4. Sears will use them to give eyeglasses to those who can't afford them in our area. Zion is helping with this collection. There is a box in the great hall. Thanks for your help.

### Box Tops for Education

Please save Box Tops for Education (on General Mills Products), and Campbell's Soup labels. These are collected at various City of Hamilton elementary schools to pay for field trips. There is a container in the lounge to put them in. We will see that they get to an elementary school that can use them. Thanks.



### TAILS FROM GOD

As part of the *Tails From God* ministry, Zion has a recycling program to benefit the Animal Friends Humane Society. Simply bring in your used printer cartridges, toner cartridges, PDAs, and MP3 Players and put them in the recycling box in the church office. They will be packaged, shipped and sent to eCycle Group ([www.ecyclegroup.com](http://www.ecyclegroup.com)) and the money given to the Animal Friends Humane Society. This is a wonderful opportunity to be good stewards of God's creation by protecting the environment and the abused and neglected animals in Butler County. Questions, please contact Karen Conklin, 513-889-7770.

**Reminder from Tails From God ministry.** There is a box in the Great Hall for donations to Animal Friends Humane Society. Clorox bleach, powdered laundry soap, all sizes heavy garbage bags, AAA Duracell or Energizer batteries, and first class postage stamps are always on the "wish list."

Any questions, call Karen Conklin, 513-889-7770.



Thank you to the Sears, the Herolds, Steve Herget and anyone else who has been working in our church yard to keep it looking nice. Every so often I look out and there someone is, mowing, or pulling weeds, working on cement, etc. We notice and appreciate it very much.

Dear Zion Council,

Thank you so much for the graduation card and giftcard. I am blessed to belong to such a loving, caring church.

Love, *Heather Wolfe*

To: Church Women's Group & Zion Agape,

Thanks so much for your cards and prayers. I am so thankful for the people who involve themselves in these groups. God has blessed our church with such people. Please know your thoughts and prayers have had great impact on me.

I am on my way to a good recovery, thanks in most part because God heard your group's prayers and applied them to me. I am very thankful for all of you!

*Doug Wolfe*

Thanks to our June and July bulletin stuffers: Joan Boling, Thelma Martin, Tom & Barb Toman, Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart, Sandy Parker. What a huge help you are!

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with the Community Picnic. Many of our food items were donated and others worked the day of the event. Our choir also sang in a group choir. Before you know it, we'll begin plans for next year's picnic. If anyone would like to become involved in the planning, let Julia or Pastor Joe know. It's a wonderful group of community pastors and city leaders who meet each month to plan and they can always use more help.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the community meal on June 18. The workers were Leslie Jewitt, Lou Robinson, Ora & Dorothy Nixon, Gayle Ford, Carolyn Soupene, Pastor Joe, Ron Erbeck, Kenzie Elliott, Amy Toman, Sandy Sanders, Misty Camp, Steve Herget, Gary Kaelin, Richard & Nedda Brown, Cindy Burkhart, Leanne Bowling, Barb & Tom Toman, Frank Martin, and all those who made desserts. We served 343 meals of fish sticks, French fries, green beans, cole slaw, and assorted desserts. You will have another opportunity to serve on August 20.

Thank you for all of the prayers and cards I received. Zion members also provided for my family and me. Thanks also to the pastor for his visits and prayers.

*Doug Wolfe*

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Pastor Schrock for his visits and prayers with Mitchell at the hospital and also to Pastor Lowell Michelson of West Chester for his visits and prayers while Pastor Schrock was away. Also, Bill & Elaine Carpenter for their visits and prayers.

Mom and I received many beautiful cards and prayers from our church friends, Robin Kaelin for prayer over the phone with us and Carolyn Soupene's thoughtfulness.

Pastor Schrock had a very inspiring funeral service, and the music by Paul Stanbery and the singing by Kathy Chambers was just beautiful.

Thanks very much for the bereavement luncheon. The food was delicious and greatly appreciated. Family and friends said the Women of Zion are good cooks. A big thank you to Julia for her role in organizing everything.

God bless all of you! *Sandy Parker & Laverne Stewart*  
P.S. Thank you to the people of Zion for the checks received in Mitch's memory. I don't have your names to thank you individually but it is all certainly appreciated. Thanks to all.

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and well wishes after my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Joe for bringing communion to me. It makes one well aware of how precious our church family is!

Again many thanks, *Anita Snyder*

My thanks and appreciation for all the phone calls, cards, and especially the prayers that were sent my way during my stay in the hospital. Thanks to Pastor Joe for the visit and prayers. Having a wonderful and caring church family is truly a blessing. *Thelma Martin*

Thank you so much for your donation of blankets to the YWCA. New residents often move in without the basics such as bedding. Your generosity will enable us to supply such basic needs. Your timing was great, as we were down to one blanket in our inventory. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will benefit our residents.

*The Residence Department, Hamilton YWCA*

Zion Quilters and Congregation,

Thank you so much for everything you have done for me and my family. Thank you for helping with my graduation quilt and for the beautiful words that went with. You all will always have a special place in my heart.

Love, *Emma Merchant*

Dear Members

On behalf of the Caring Closet of Hamilton, we would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$166. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to fulfill our mission to improve the lives of children within the Hamilton City School District by providing clothing and basic necessities.

Thank you again for your support.

*The Caring Closet Board of Directors*



**Council Minutes**  
**May 10, 2016**

**Attending:** Sandy Sanders, Lou Robinson Nathaniel Kaelin, Ken Gerold, Lori Rehm, Steve Herget, Mike Engel Kathy Chambers, Bob Herold, Carolyn Soupene, Robin Kaelin, Kathy Frye Bill Carpenter **Excused:** Emily Sears, Ps Joe Schrock, Karl Waechter, Phil Pflaumer, Bennie Bowling, Tammy Adams

- **Motion** (Robinson/Herold) and passed to accept the agenda.
- **Devotion:** Lou Robinson read devotion.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/Robinson) and passed approve minutes from the April council meeting
- **Pastor’s Report:** Highlighted the Unity Faith Based Community Picnic on June 11. People were encouraged to attend.
- **President’s Remarks:** Advised that Sandy and Pastor Joe would attend the Synod Assembly on June 4.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Lou presented April financials. April operating expense \$19,237 vs income of \$19,827.
- **Evangelism:** Zion will participate in Chamber of Commerce Business Fair June we. National Day of Prayer event was well attended.
- **Worship & Music:** Electric keyboard is on order.
- **Motion** (Chambers/R Kaelin) and passed to combine morning services and have one service at 9:30 am in the months of June and July.
- **Social Concerns:** Planning for “God’s Work, Our Hands” project
- **Visitation:** Carolyn reported they sent 46 cards and 6 visits were made in April.
- **Stewardship:** Phil reinforced stewardship message has resulted in increased donations.
- **Fellowship:** Monthly events for adults continue to be planned and a youth movie night is planned for July 30.
- **Parish Ed:** Ken advised VBS is scheduled for June 13 thru June 18 at First UMC.
- **Trustees:** Memorial Garden in need of attention. Suggestion made to contract out maintenance of Memorial Garden.
- **Motion** (Carpenter/Robinson) and passed to accept membership changes.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/Robinson) and passed to adjourn the meeting.

**Monthly statistics**

**Financial Stewardship**  
 (as of May 31, 2016)

	Income	Expenses
<b>2015</b>	\$17,444.79	\$20,785.38
<b>2016</b>	\$19,820.26	\$22,530.95

**YTD Operating Funds**

	Income	Expenses	Balance
<b>2015</b>	\$80,196	\$125,441	
<b>2016</b>	\$96,248	\$108,495	-\$9,519.15

**Breakdown of May 2016 Total Income**

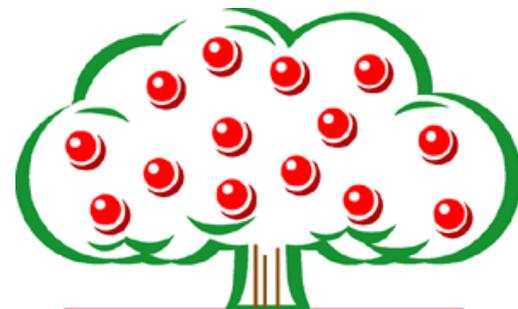
	Receipts	Expenses
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	\$ 1,906.40	\$ 76.02
<b>Operating Funds:</b>	\$19,820.26	\$22,531.95
<b>700 Funds:</b>	<u>\$ 1,151.00</u>	<u>\$ 783.75</u>
<b>Total:</b>	\$22,877.66	\$23,390.72

**Attendance Averages (June)**

Church Atten.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
98	90	

**Membership Changes (May 10, 2016)**

- Jim & Phyllis Cochran transfer to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Darrrtown
- Adam Simpson transfer to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Darrrtown



And may the Lord  
make you increase  
and abound in love  
for one another  
and for all ...

**1 Thessalonians 3:12**



**Council Minutes  
June 7, 2016**

**Attending:** Sandy Sanders, Nathaniel Kaelin, Ken Gerold, Lori Rehm, Mike Engel, Kathy Chambers, Bob Herold, Robin Kaelin, Kathy Frye, Bill Carpenter, Eric Grunwald, Bennie Bowling, Phil Pflaumer, Tammy Adams. **Excused:** Emily Sears, Ps Joe Schrock, Karl Waechter, Lou Robinson, Steve Herget, Carolyn Soupene

- **Motion** (R Kaelin/Gerold) and passed to accept the agenda.
- **Devotion:** Phil Pflaumer read “We Are a Church.”
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/Rehmn) and passed approve minutes from the May council meeting with corrections.
- **Pastor’s Report:** Approximately 30 churches, YMCA, and City of Hamilton involved with unity picnic. Choir singing with First Baptist and other churches.
- **President’s Remarks:** Advised that Sandy and Pastor Joe attended the Synod Assembly on June 4. Reminder of follow up meeting with Ps Abrams is scheduled for September 21. July council meeting cancelled. Zion participating in Chamber of Commerce Job Fair on June 23 at Hamilton High School.
- **Evangelism:** Proposed project to revise rear church entrance.
- **Worship & Music:** Aware of Radio Ministry concerns. They continue to explore options for radio broadcast.
- **Motion** (Chambers/R Kaelin) and passed to combine morning services and have one service at 9:30 am in the months of June and July.
- **Social Concerns:** New plans being discussed
- **Visitation:** Carolyn reported they sent 37 cards, 2 phone calls, and 10 visits were made in May, some with communion.
- **Stewardship:** Phil reported positive results from stewardship campaign. 2016 receipts \$76,426 vs 2015 receipts of \$62,750. Average monthly increase of \$3,419 thru April vs 2015.
- **Fellowship:** Euchre night with youth movie is July 30.
- **Parish Ed:** Ken advised meals for VBS are needed.
- **Trustees:** Band of Brothers completed Memorial Garden project. Annual maintenance of courtyard has been contracted to vendor at annual cost of \$625.
- **Advisory Team:** Presented revised Mission Statement. Motion to accept (Pflaumer/Carpenter) is tabled until next council meeting. Positive Practice Statement presented to council for review. Motion (R Kaelin/Chambers) and passed to accept statement.

- **Motion** (Carpenter/Gerold) and passed to accept membership changes.
- **Motion** (K Chambers/Engel) and passed to adjourn the meeting.

**Monthly statistics**

**Financial Stewardship  
(as of June 30, 2016)**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>2015</b>	\$14,335.94	\$26,665.91
<b>2016</b>	\$14,671.20	\$19,316.34

**YTD Operating Funds**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>2015</b>	\$94,532	\$152,107	
<b>2016</b>	\$110,919	\$127,812	-\$11,429.55

**Breakdown of June 2016 Total Income**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	\$ 3,537.48	\$ 1,224.00
<b>Operating Funds:</b>	\$14,671.19	\$19,316.34
<b>700 Funds:</b>	\$ 5,711.50	\$ 1,692.04
<b>Total:</b>	\$23,920.17	\$22,232.38

**Attendance Averages (July)**

<b>Church Atten.</b>	<b>Sun. Comm.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
83	75	

**Funeral**

Mitchell J. Parker (died 6/8/2016; service 6/13/2016)

**Baptism**

Konrad Hughes Gibson (6/23/2016)

**Wedding**

Clinton Parker and Arlene Herget (6/11/2016)

**Membership Changes (6/7/2016)**

Bob, Vickie, & Jessica Wheeler to Lord of Life Lutheran in West Chester



*“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”* Romans 13:10, NRSV

### Active Threat Training for Businesses

When: August 17, 2016 (8:00-9:00 p.m.)

Where: Hamilton Police Dept. (331 S. Front St.)

Learn information and strategies on how to help keep you and your business safe if an active threat or active shooter situation occurs. This particular program has been developed and honed with business owners as the primary audience, and the training is FREE!

The class is limited to 45 people. You may register by calling 513-868-5811 ext. 1007. Please leave your name, email and phone number. All registrants will receive an email confirmation when they register and a reminder the day before the event.

### Community Blood Center

Hi Julia,

Thanks for your time this morning and thank you for another outstanding blood drive! It had everything – walk-in traffic, new donors, low deferral rate, and the collection target was exceeded.

Ninety-five prospective donors made appointments, and 101 (!) donors registered. Of that number, 84 were able to donate a unit of whole blood, 122% of the collection target of 69 units! There were two new donors, a great number for a mature drive this size.

We appreciate your ongoing support of this life-saving act of community service. It’s great to have you as a summer partner, especially.

Let’s hope a donor from your drive wins that trip to Alaska!

Thank you!

*Bill*  
Bill Roy  
Community Blood Center  
Local Office: West Chester, OH  
Serving Butler, Clinton, and Warren Counties



### Win an Alaskan Cruise

Register to give blood May 2 to September 3 and you will be automatically entered to win an Alaskan Cruise!

Must be 18 to win. Official rules available at GivingBlood.org no later than May 2, 2016. Sponsored in part by REACH Magazine and The Flowerman.

Zion Lutheran Church

**Community Blood Drive**

Thursday, August 18  
12:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
212 South Front Street, Hamilton

Appointments are Encouraged

Visit: [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com)  
Or Call 1-800-388-4483 for an Appointment  
Use sponsor ID #171

**“Bring a Friend and Save 2 Lives?”**



### Don't Moose Around Give Blood





## Zion Adult Fellowship August 2016



The Lazy, hazy days of summer are quickly fading into the sunset and the kiddos will soon be back in school. We're all going to be very busy with back packs, lunches, and kids fall sports; but, let's not forget to spend some grown-up fun time with our church family and friends on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month enjoying Adult Fellowship Activities.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** WE had dinner at Johnny's Italian Steak House hosted by Mike and Gayle Ford Such a nice new restaurant, wonderful company, and fun times. Thanks!!! Mike and Gayle.



**July 16<sup>th</sup>** Ken and Shari Gerold had us all over to the new Municipal Brewery for pizza and fun. Such a wonderful time. Thanks you two!



### This Month's Activity is:

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** Will be an educational journey to Fernald @ 3:30 in the afternoon and followed with a fun evening at Snows @ 6:15 for dinner.

Hosts: Hank Goebel and Edith Stewart



**September 24<sup>th</sup>** Event to be decided  
Hosts: Wayne and Patrice Huston  
Details: TBA  
Watch your Announcements for more info.



**October 15<sup>th</sup>** Will be another fun event yet to be announced.

Hosts: Judi and Brian Campbell

Watch your Announcements for more info.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** We will be enjoying one another's company at Valley Vineyard

Hosts: Sandy and Ingrid Sanders

Watch your Announcements for more info.

### Just what is Adult Fellowship?

Zion's Adult Fellowship is a unique and rewarding way to get to know and bond with Adult members from ALL services of our Zion family as well as terrific venue for introducing friends and family to Zion.

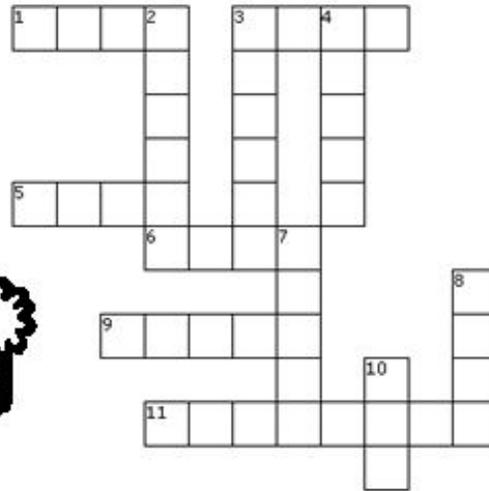
When you're new to a church, it can be difficult to connect in an hour or two on Sunday morning. Activities beyond the structure of a church service lead to a comfort level and make our church a home and family. This has been the experience we've enjoyed over the years in this outreaching fellowship ministry.

**So, if you haven't joined us for an activity, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month! We'd love to have you!**

*If you have questions feel free to contact us:  
Kathy Frye PH: 868-7179 email: pilgrimspride1@live.com  
Or contact Julia in the office for information.*

# The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 1. Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
- 3. The period from birth to death
- 5. A strong feeling of affection
- 6. Goes faster than walking
- 9. What we use to speak
- 11. One who takes care of the sheep

**DOWN**

- 2. The male parent
- 3. To hear or pay attention to something
- 4. A group of sheep herded together
- 7. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
- 8. The opposite of bad
- 10. A small place where animals are kept

**Words Used**

good	sheep	runs	listen
shepherd	wolf	father	pen
life	flock	voice	love

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST**

Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
August 7	Usher Team	Usher Team
August 14	Usher Team	Usher Team
August 21	Usher Team	Marissa Lombardi
August 28	Usher Team	Usher Team

**Altar Guild:** Elaine Carpenter, Julia Hilbert

**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed (8:00)  
Kaelin Family & team (10:30)

**Lectors:** Aug 7 Anita Snyder (8:00); Phil Pflaumer (10:30)  
 Aug 14 Gail Heitz (8:00); Stephanie Heitz (10:30)  
 Aug 21 Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Lisa Gerold (10:30)  
 Aug 28 Mike Heitz (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)

**Greeters:** Aug 7 Ray and Marge Withrow (10:30)  
 Aug 14 Bob & Cindy Herold (10:30)  
 Aug 21 Paul & Libby Huston (10:30)  
 Aug 28 Lori Rehm (10:30)

**Eucharist Assistants:** Aug 7 Tillie Adams, Anita Snyder (8:00); Carolyn Soupene (10:30)  
 Aug 14 Barb & Tom Toman (8:00); Kathy Chambers, Ken Gerold (10:30)  
 Aug 21 Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Phil Pflaumer, Marge Withrow (10:30)  
 Aug 28 Tillie Adams, Anita Snyder (8:00); Stephanie Heitz, Shari Gerold (10:30)

**Radio:** Aug 7 Lou Robinson  
 Aug 14 Greg Allen  
 Aug 21 Ron Alcorn  
 Aug 28 Kevin Heitz

**Nursery:** Samantha Bowling

**Bulletin Stuffers:** Aug 5 Joan Boling  
 Aug 12 Tom & Barb Toman  
 Aug 19 Thelma Martin  
 Aug 26 Lori Rehm

**Offering Counters:** Aug 7 Mike Engel, Eric Grunwald  
 Aug 14 Steve Herget  
 Aug 21 Mike Engel, Eric Grunwald  
 Aug 28 Steve Herget

The mission of Zion is to  
**Encourage**  
 a growing faith in Jesus Christ and to  
**Equip**  
 all people for witness and service.

Have you remembered  
*Zion*  
 in your Will?