

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church October 2016



Last month, we started looking at how we live out our mission statement focusing on how we nurture. Before we look at the month of October, I want to thank all of you, especially the Women of Zion and those who went with us to the court hearing, for your love, prayers and other acts of support. We look forward to that continued support in the years to come even as we pray and love you and the larger community.

In October, we will help Lord of Life by covering a wedding just as Pastor Lowell helped care for us while I was on vacation in May. Nurturing our fellow Lutheran congregations in ministry and building new families provides an important and public statement of the love and nurturing of the larger church and people everywhere. We will look on October 3 at how God created a sense of purpose in a sister from a different denominational and cultural background even as he calls and provides each of us a purpose in the larger plan of nurturing the whole world. We will continue to plan for the Unity Picnic and develop our ministry philosophies and vision based on how God wants us to nurture others in this world.

The Young Marines will celebrate their accomplishments through a military ball in our gym. Our relationship with them continues to grow as we nurture each other. We continue to nurture our fellow disciples as well as people from outside of Zion through several fellowship activities including adult fellowship, fall festival party at the Frye's and euchre/movie night. These activities are fun, but they also build unit cohesion, or for a less military/first responder term, we learn that each other are actually not so bad even when we think differently about subjects which allows us to work together and still love each other. All of that enables us to own the mission of nurturing more fully even when we see it in different lights.

We continue our nurturing of Hamilton and the larger world community through Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving planning, Saturday community meal and the Women of Zion's Fall Dinner and Fundraiser. Each of those key elements of nurturing others God places in our path helps us grow in faith and love for God and all of His people. As often the case, God nurtures us even as we nurture others. While we do not love other people just to get stuff, God is a generous god who often blesses us while we are in motion for His kingdom. These activities also help our

younger family members learn what it means to be a disciple and how to nurture even as they go to Sunday School and catechism. Once again, God uses us to mentor even as we are mentored in God's love. Hence the importance of every family member learning their purpose and allowing God to use them to nurture the world.

We close out October celebrating Reformation Day and the progress we have made healing the wounds with our Catholic brothers and sisters. We begin the yearlong commemoration of the Reformation, the repentance for our part of all Christian divisions and the hope that the work of the Holy Spirit continues unite what has been divided for much too long. We remember what was, what is and we follow in faith where God leads so that we joyfully enter into what will be.

As I close, I invite you to consider what God is calling you to be in the future. What will be your purpose in the years to come? How can we find ways to build on what we already do to nurture others and to be open to new ways of nurturing as the Holy Spirit guides us? Whatever and wherever the Holy Spirit leads, we will follow together and our nurturing skills will continue to grow!

Pastor Joe



THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCH

Zion, along with other churches, will again serve a Thanksgiving Day lunch. The lunch will be served from noon till 3:00 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited so spread the word. If you don't have another place to be, come here to eat and fellowship.

We are looking for people to help in many different ways. We need people to cook, greet, serve, clean up, etc. Watch for sign up sheets in the great hall.



**Adult Fellowship
A Night at Hanover Winery
October 8, 2016**

Hosts: Judi and Brian Campbell
When: October 8th - (PLEASE note this is not our usual Saturday)
Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Where: Hanover Winery
 2121 Morman Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013
 (513) 863-3119

What to bring:

- a chair
- a \$4.00 admission fee/Person
- Cash for Wine/beverages

(All beverages must be purchased at the winery. **NO** outside beverages are permitted)

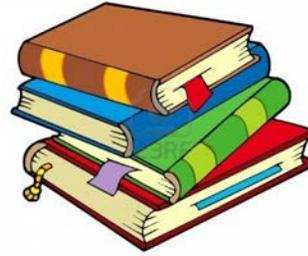
Provided:

- Appetizers, Munchies, and dips



Entertainment:
 Mandolin bridge band will be playing
 Bring a friend or two to share in fun, food, and great fellowship!

**Please Sign-up in the Great Hall.
 Deadline for sign-up is October 4.**



**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.

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





Saturday, October 29
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us on the old court house square to hand out tooth brushes, tooth paste, and candy to local residents. Everyone is welcome.

We need people to come to the church at 11:30 a.m. to help transport everything to the court house square, people to help hand out things, and people to help bring things back to the church when it's over. A sign-up sheet is in the great hall.

Also, we are seeking donations of any of the above items. Just bring them to the church office or give to Pastor Joe.



The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will eat lunch at the Country Barrel in Okeana on Tuesday, October 25. 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 don't meet in November due to Thanksgiving but will get together again on December 6. We are going to the Grand Finale in Glendale. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN VENUE.** The Golden Lamb could not accommodate us this year. We can order off the menu if we have 20 or less but more than that and we have to make pre-selections of 4 entrees. We want everyone to go so we are starting a sign-up sheet now so we have plenty of time to tell them how many and make our selections, if necessary. So please see the sign-up sheet in the great hall and sign up today!

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.



COMMUNITY MEAL CENTER
October 15, 2016

Zion will be serving at the Community Meal Center at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 15. 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.



Volunteers Needed!

The Trustees have evaluated options for trash removal at the church and have determined that we are able to save nearly \$1,050 each year by switching from our current dumpster to two 94-gallon City of Hamilton rolling bins. We currently pay \$163 a month for a dumpster and recycling bin, but will reduce our bill to \$76 a month for two trash bins and two recycling bins.

To be able to successfully implement a switch to bins, we need volunteers willing to help take the trash bins to the curb on Tuesday evenings. As council and executive committee meet on Tuesday evenings, the first and second Tuesday of each month is covered. We are looking for one volunteer each to take the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday of the month. The volunteer would only need to stop by the church and take the bins to the curb anytime that is convenient to them on their Tuesday evening.

Please consider volunteering to help make this model successful and help bring notable savings to the church budget. If you are willing to help, please talk to one of the trustees: Bob Herold, Bennie Bowling, Karl Waechter, or Nathaniel Kaelin.

Euchre Night!



Please note time arrival time and what to bring changed.

Hosts: The Frye Family

When: Saturday, October 29, 2016
(5th Saturday of the month)

Arrival time: 5:45 pm

Start Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Note: we can't start until everyone arrives.

Please arrive at 5:45 so we can start
dealing promptly at 6:00.

Where: Zion Rec Room

What to Bring: Your beverage, a covered dish,
and \$1.00 per person for the prize fund.

Because we start earlier we have changed
Appetizer to covered dish.

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend or two (or
more) to share in fun, food, and great fellowship!

Children's movie night 6:00pm!

Check Great Hall for more details and sign-up

Don't know how to play? Need refresher?

No problem. We'll have an instruction session
starting at 5:30. You can also review the rules
ahead of time at

<http://www.bicyclecards.com/card-games/rule/euchre>

A sign-up in the Great Hall, by emailing the Frye's
(pilgrimspride1@live.com), or calling the church
office 863-5774. Please include your name,
phone/email info, number of people attending, and
if you need instructions for playing.

Please sign up by October 26th. We need an
accurate count so we can assemble groups of four
and print out the correct number of scorecards.

2016 dates:

December 31st (will be CANCELLED)



2nd ANNUAL Fall/HALLOWEEN Family Adventure

Come join us in family fun for
Fall/Halloween!!!



When: Saturday – October 22, 2016

Where: 6304 Sauterne Court (Frye's home and
backyard)

Time: 6:00 'TIL ??????

What to bring:

- Your beverage of choice.
- A pot of your favorite homemade soup
- And/or dessert
- And/or appetizer

Provided:

- Campfire * Hayride * Hot dogs & buns
- Pumpkin Patch Trail and maybe just a little bit
more
- 1 pumpkin for each kid under the age of 10
- Photo Op areas

**Dress you and your children for the weather.
Costumes ARE NOT required!**

Questions? Contact Frye's pilgrimspride1@live.com
or Julia in the church office.





Fall Fellowship Dinner **October 16 – 11:30 a.m.**

You are invited to join the Women of Zion for their annual Fall Fellowship Dinner after the 10:30 service. They fix turkey and all the fixings! There is also a craft and bake sale. This all takes place in Zion's gym.

A free-will offering will be collected. All money raised is used to support the Women of Zion's many projects, including support of Wernle Home, Portals of Prayer, Confirmation Reception, Bereavement Meals, and many more projects.

You won't want to miss this!



OPEN DOOR PANTRY CONCERT **November 6, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.**

This year's Annual Concert to benefit the Open Door Food Pantry will take place here at Zion on November 06 at 3PM. Again this year the Master of Ceremonies will be David L. Belew; Dave has arranged the following program -

The Klaberheads
Rosette Smiley, soloist
Mike Engel and Willie Philhower, trombonists
Dick Ruby, soloist and song leader
Alex Danielson, pianist
Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Chorale

The organist will be our own Paul John Stanberry.

You will meet the Pantry's new Director, Michael Reardon as well as Mike Samoviski, President of the Pantry's Board.

We hope you will come and enjoy this afternoon of wonderful music in honor of the Open Door Food Pantry.

Mark your Calendars!

November 20: Brandon Huston will preach

November 24: Thanksgiving Dinner

November 27: Pastor Bob Abrams from the Southern Ohio Synod will preach

November 27: Lunch and Hanging of the Greens following the 10:30 service.



MOVIE NIGHT

October 29 – 6:00 p.m.

Calling all Kids!

Watch future bulletins for further details.

FREE TILLMANN CONCERT

Saturday; October 29 at 8pm.
St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church
Liberty Township, Ohio

There is no admission price. Free.

Paul John Stanbery conducts the Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra, the St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish Hand bells, and tenor Christopher Scott Wyatt.

Brian O'Donnell, Cincinnati Public Radio will be our host for the evening.

The concert features the great music of Copland (Fanfare for the Common Man), Brahms (Academic Festival Overture), Beethoven's 5th Symphony ("V" for Victory), as well as a stunningly emotional new work, dedicated to the heroism of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Auschwitz.

The gorgeous venue can hold up to 1400. Mark your calendars now. Free, thanks to the Hamilton Community Foundation and the people of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish in Hamilton.

Please come to this historic concert remembering Maximilian Kolbe and the ultimate Allied victory in WWII against the forces of evil.

For more information, please call Paul Stanbery at 513-314-8496.



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 September 11, 2016

- Attending: Gail Heitz, Shirley Snyder, Janet Menke, Thelma Martin, Cheryl Griesinger, Anita Snyder, Joan Cunningham
- Treasurer's report: Balance on hand is \$3324.85. There were no expenditures or receipts since the last report.
- Finalized plans for the September Women's General meeting.
- Finalized luncheon plans for the celebration of Leland and Arianna Shrock's adoption, baptism, and first communion following the 10:30 service on September 18. At this time planning for about 30 people.
- Began planning for the Women's Annual Fall Fellowship Dinner. Turkeys have been purchased. Set up will be Saturday, October 15th. Planning on serving approximately 70 people.
- Jars of soup will go on sale at the Oktoberfest. Will prepare 48 jars on Oct. 19th.
- Next executive board meeting will be Sunday, October 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Bereavement Teams

Thank you to the members of the September bereavement team: Cindy Burkhart, Thelma Martin, Janet Menke, Flo Harbin, and our food caller Marge Withrow. October bereavement team members are Ingrid Sanders, Kathy DeBord, and Lynn Alcorn.

Don't forget your prayer pal with daily prayers and an occasional card or gift. Prayer pals will be revealed at the Women's December General Meeting.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer quarterly devotional booklets for October-December are available in the narthex of the church and in the lounge. This is an uplifting way to start your day with a short spiritual devotion. Portals of Prayer are also distributed to shut-ins. Contributions of \$2 help to off-set the cost of purchase and are greatly appreciated.



Fall Fellowship Dinner

The Women of Zion Fall Fellowship Dinner and Sale will be on Sunday, October 16 following the 10:30 service. We are asking for all you crafters to consider donating an item (or more) to the craft sale and our bakers to donate baked goods to sell. This is the Women of Zion's main fundraiser for the year. The money is used to support the many missions the women are involved in.

Items for sale may be dropped off at the table in the back of the gym on the day of the sale - Sunday, October 16.

Thanks for all your help and make sure to come have a delicious turkey dinner!

**We are in need of help with set-up, serving, and/or clean-up. If you are willing to help in any of these areas, please sign up in the Great Hall or contact Thelma Martin (892-6088)

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped with the planning, set-up, preparation of food, and clean-up for the reception on September 18 for Pastor Joe's family.



OPEN DOOR PANTRY CONCERT HELP NEEDED!

November 6, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

We need to organize a group of 8-10 greeters/ guides who will be posted at strategic areas in the church to help direct people to the concert. We want people to enjoy this experience here at Zion, not feel frustrated because they can't find their way. If you would like to help, please call Lori Rehm at 513-868-9798 or Julia at 513-863-5774.



Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio Layette Items

During the months of September, October, November and December, the Women of Zion will be collecting layette items. We want to thank all who so generously donated school items that help children perform in school with pride and confidence. Now we wish to turn our attention to providing those items which help the families served by Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio care for their precious infants and newborns. Please leave items in the box provided in the great hall.

Following are items people might consider if interested in donating:

- Onesies or similar shirts up to 24 months
- Gowns or sleepers, with or without feet
- Receiving blankets
- Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- Sweaters or sweatshirts
- Washcloths, full size preferred
- Bath size bar of gentle soap, in its original wrapping
- Diaper pins



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

On October 4, we are going to have discussion on the book we are reading for Pastor Joe's study, "Prepared for a Purpose" *The Inspiring True Story of How One Woman Saved an Atlanta School Under Siege* by Antoinette Tuff. The description of the book is on page 2 of this Messenger. I've already read the book and it's very good. I would recommend it even if you can't make either discussion. We have copies of this book so stop by the office to get one. The suggested donation is \$5.

Then on November 1 we'll meet to discuss *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. A debut psychological thriller that will forever change the way you look at other people's lives.

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She's even started to feel like she knows them. "Jess and Jason," she calls them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost.

And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel offers what she knows to the police, and becomes inextricably entwined in what happens next, as well as in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

Compulsively readable, *The Girl on the Train* is an emotionally immersive, Hitchcockian thriller and an electrifying debut.

Enjoy the last 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.



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Missionary Corner

Have you ever been tempted to give a two year old what he wants so that he'll stop throwing a fit? I must say that an even bigger temptation in my life is to give a new believer or someone who looks to me as mentor a list of rules to live by and things to believe. It *seems* easy and fruitful. They quickly start acting like they're following Christ and all looks good. But in the end I don't want my two year old behaving only because I gave in and I don't want those I minister to acting certain ways and believing certain things simply because I told them to. I pray that God would work on the deeper issues in their hearts and that they would believe and act because they interact with Him and He convinces them.

I recently had coffee with Rose, who came with us to the camp we led in August. Before the camp she had been following Christ on the surface but had not been making the hard decisions about certain areas of her life. As we talked over coffee about the recent choices she's been making as she follows Christ I was thrilled. She also commented that Jose Luis and I have caused her to question many things. She said we always ask questions when we teach and that they're not used to that (she, the other youth and from what I see, most Mexicans). From school to their jobs and church they're used to being told what they should believe and think and how they should act. But we ask the hard questions that come up when studying the Bible and urge them to think and to pray rather than to just listen to what we say. It's what the Bereans did and they were noble (Acts 17:11)!

A little while ago I noticed that one of the college girls I've been discipling prays with words that I've heard come out of the prosperity gospel. If you're not familiar with the prosperity gospel, good! Remember Paul's words to the Galatians: "even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!" In our Bible study time I gave the assignment to look up prayer in the Bible and to specifically look for the words I had heard prayed. As I did my homework I became more convinced that this was not the way to pray and wondered how to convince her of the same. I'm sure there's a bunch of "Christian" books that support her. When we met again, before I even had a chance to share and try to convince and correct her, she shared that God had taught her that praying in such a way is wrong. She wasn't sure where she had learned to pray that way and was very interested in what God was teaching her about it. She now has this conviction not because

Christy told her but because The Lord showed it to her in the Scriptures. Praise God!

Thanks for being a part of young people questioning their faith and their beliefs as you pray and give! Their questioning and interacting with God about it is where convictions are formed and convictions won't easily crumble when life gets hard and faith is tested. Please continue to pray for us as we minister in Mexico, that God would guide us as we lead people to Him and to the Bible rather than giving them all the answers right away. Thank you!

Love in Christ,
Christy & Jose Luis Sanchez

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) 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.

Have you remembered

Zion

in your Will?



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

WHAT IS MISSION SUPPORT?

Through God's grace, we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. By sharing your God-given time, talents and financial resources with your church, you are participating in God's work in your community and around the world. When you make a financial gift to your congregation, a percentage of that gift is shared with the wider church—with your synod and with your churchwide organization. Each year, during budget season, your congregation pledges to send a portion of the offerings it receives to fund ELCA ministries in your synod and beyond. In the ELCA, we call this Mission Support. Mission Support shows how we are church together—it's essential to who we are as the ELCA.

YOUR CONGREGATION: Your offering is stewarded by your congregation's council to support the work of your congregation. When your congregation votes to adopt its annual budget, you designate a portion of your offering to be shared with your synod and the ELCA churchwide organization. These funds are called Mission Support.

YOUR SYNOD: Your congregation's Mission Support dollars are then stewarded by your synod leaders to support the work of the synod. Your synod uses Mission Support to nurture ELCA congregations and rostered leaders, support local partners (camps, colleges, seminaries and more) and accompany our global companion churches in their ministry. Synods also designate a percentage of the Mission Support funds they receive to be sent to the churchwide organization.

YOUR CHURCHWIDE ORGANIZATION: Your churchwide organization uses Mission Support dollars to respond to local and worldwide ministry opportunities. Each month we will highlight a ministry, but there are many others that together create a strong witness to the gospel.

HOPE SPRINGS AT ABIDING MINISTRIES

On Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, the last hymn was sung, the blessing was said and the doors closed on Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bethlehem had merged with another congregation, and its 100-year-old building was scheduled to be torn down.

That is, until a connection was made with Abiding Ministries—a new ELCA faith community in Pittsburgh. Abiding Ministries was in search of a space and found a fit in the vacant church building. But it needed work.

"There were stray cats living in the building, the lights didn't work, the roof leaked. We came in and got things cleaned up," remembered Christine Rotella, mission developer for Abiding Ministries.

In less than a year, the new congregation has become an important part of the neighborhood, offering a meal and worship on Sundays and financial workshops during the week. Abiding Ministries has become a source of hope where many experience extreme poverty: "God has provided me with a new spiritual and physical energy here," said Moses, a member there. **Another member, Patrick, added, "[This church] has restored my faith, something I had given up on since I was a child."**

Children are even showing up after school for fellowship, snacks and support in a safe space. Once Rotella came across a group of five boys caught in a street fight with adults and pulled them inside the church. That afternoon ended with songs in the choir loft instead of violence. Two of boys came back and sang in worship that Sunday, and they have been visiting the church on and off ever since.

"One asked if his funeral could be in the church and if I would do the prayers," said Rotella. "He tried to talk about needing a casket for bodily resurrection but did not have words. We are right where God wants us."

Reflection: Preserving the collective memory of this church

At the ELCA Archives, we routinely receive phone calls or emails from ELCA congregations or their members. The requests are varied but members are usually seeking guidance, advice or information about either their congregation's history or its own records and archives. The reasons they contact us are as varied as the questions they ask: their congregation is celebrating a milestone anniversary and needs information on its history; a congregation is merging or closing and has questions about what to archive; staff call with questions about recording information in the parish register or how long they need to retain offering envelopes. On occasion, a member has a historical record—a book, pamphlet or photograph—to donate because it's something that documents the history and ministry of one of the ELCA's predecessor church bodies. Connecting with ELCA congregations is one of the best aspects of my work. Providing information, advice or guidance, or accepting a donation of historical material to add to our collection represents a partnership we have with congregations and their members. I see us working toward the same goal—to preserve the collective memory of this church. **These records are a witness to our joys and sorrows, our faith stories, our mission at work in the world, our beginnings and endings, and ultimately our hopes and aspirations for this church. Together we continue our work of sharing a message of God's grace.**



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:

- Justin & Holly (Wolfe) Bates: united in marriage on 9/4. Congratulations to them!
- Katie Land Brooks: COPD
- Carol: breast cancer
- Rob & Allison (Sears) Collins: united in marriage on 9/10. Congratulations to them!
- Andrew Copas: Field Artillery Training at Fort Sill, OK
- Ron Erbeck: out of the hospital. Heart issues.
- Pastor Mark Finrock (First UMC): second round of cancer treatment
- Nick Ford: deployed to Afghanistan
- Brett French: kidney cancer
- Juanita French: pancreatic cancer
- Mason & Megan (Snyder) Heun: had a baby girl, Casey Taylor, on 9/14. She weighed 8 lb, 2 oz and is 19 inches long. Proud grandmother from Zion is Anita Snyder.
- Carolyn Jones: cancer
- Melba Keehner: out of the hospital. Had a heart attack.
- Mary Beth Maffeo: had a baby girl, Jasmine Marie on 9/13. She weighed 6 lb 5 oz and is 19 inches long. Proud great grandparents from Zion are Leroy & Mary Snavley.
- Frank Martin: finances, relocation and health
- Charles Menke: pneumonia, recuperating at Bradford Place
- Janet Meyer: recurrence of cancer and undergoing treatments
- Helen Moody: health issues
- Adam & Allison (Engel) Ritz: had twins on 9/9, Zachary and Penelope. They each weighed 6 lb 11 oz. Proud grandparents from Zion are Mike & Katrena Engel and great grandpa, Carl Engel.
- Ryan: in rehab thru VA for PTSD
- Howard Scharf: long-term illness
- Joe Sears: seeking full time employment
- Leroy Snavley: recuperating from surgery at Doverwood
- Don Stamp: health issues

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*



Continued thanks to the Sears, the Herolds, Steve Herget, Nathaniel Kaelin and anyone else who has been working in our church yard to keep it looking nice. You've kept it looking good. Thanks!

It's almost time to rake leaves. If anyone would like to take a turn, come by anytime. The more who help the easier the task.

Charles Menke would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers and cards while he's been ill and recovering. Also thanks to Pastor Joe for his visits and prayers

Thank you to Pastor Joe for his prompt visit when I was in the hospital and to the congregation for their cards and prayers.

Ron Erbeck

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

Thank you to all who participated in any way at the Oktoberfest. There was a lot of help and it couldn't have run as smooth as it did without your help. Special thank you to the planning committee: Dick Ruby, Joe Sears, Pastor Joe, Dennis Steele, Patti Sroufe, and Pastor Mark Finrock. You did a great job.

See you at next year's Oktoberfest on September 23, 2017!



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.



The following shut-ins are celebrating their birthdays in October. All members of Zion are encouraged to send a card, make a phone call or visit a shut-in. You'll find that you are being a blessing and receiving a blessing yourself from these contacts.

Lee Keehner 10/25

Melba Keehner 10/18

7300 Leemel Dr.

West Chester, OH 45069



**Council Minutes
August 9, 2016**

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

- **Call to Order:** President Sandy Sanders called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. Agenda approved without change (Robin Kaelin, K Chambers)
- **Meditation;** Kathy Chambers presented devotion based on a quote from Mother Theresa
- **Minutes from June Council Meeting.** Approved without correction. (Lou Robinson/Lori Rehm)
- **Pastors Report:** Pastor excused, written report submitted. Ps advised, via memo, that Zion has obtained membership in ReSources, a distributor of surplus office products available only to non-profits.
- **Evangelism:** Worked on development of revised Zion Mission Statement
- **Social Concerns:** Developing plans for Schul House Project, involving birthday celebrations for residents. God's Work-Our Hands project scheduled for Sept 3rd in Middletown. Zion T-Shirts have been ordered for this project.
- **Visitation:** Reported 27 cards sent, 5 visits (some with communion) during June; 24 cards, 18 visits, 5 calls during July
- **Stewardship:** Phil reported YTD giving has increased versus last year.
- **Youth and Fellowship:** July Fellowship, Euchre & Movie, was well attended. August Adult Fellowship will be August 20 with a field trip to Fernald Preserve followed by dinner. Rally Day, August 14, will include Kick-Off of Sunday School at 9:15 with breakfast and the return of Cool Critters for the children. Working on balance of year and 2017 Church Activity Calendar.
- **Trustees:** Nathaniel; Water damage to Chapel and restroom cleaned up, expense covered by insurance, restoration is in progress. Proposed plan for Special Needs Restroom is being prepared for Council consideration.
- **Advisory Team Report:** Presented revised Mission Statement. Motion to accept (Phil Pflaumer/Lou Robinson) Passed

- **Treasurers Report:** Lou presented July financials. YTD expense \$600 below budget. YTD operating deficit is \$13,549. Thrivent Income balance is \$11,371 and balance due on Endowment loan is \$26,748. 700 account balance is \$35,748
- **Unfinished Business:** Motion to pave north section of parking lot (Robinson/Pflaumer) at a cost of \$14,265. Designated funds for this project are available in the 700 account. Passed.
- **New Business;** Sandy and Pastor suggest forming a team of individuals to develop plans to celebrate two significant historical events; the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 and the 175th anniversary of Zion in 2018. Sandy suggested various options. Members should contact Pastor or Sandy if interested in being involved in the planning process.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** (R Kaelin/K Chambers) Passed

Monthly statistics

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

	Income	Expenses
2015	\$18,031.04	\$27,426.79
2016	\$14,034.39	\$28,940.78

YTD Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses	Balance
2015	\$125,768	\$201,543	
2016	\$143,230	\$177,146	-\$28,627.97

Breakdown of August 2016 Total Income

	Receipts	Expenses
Designated Funds:	\$ 1,681.40	\$ 816.00
Operating Funds:	\$14,034.39	\$28,940.78
700 Funds:	\$ 5,713.71	\$ 348.48
Total:	\$21,429.50	\$39,105.26

Attendance Averages (September)

Church Atten.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
109	97	

Death

Jack Greeley (died 8/2/2016)

Baptisms (9/18/2016)

Arianna Anna Schrock
Leland Lee Schrock

Weddings

Justin Andrew Bates & Holly Sue Wolfe (9/4/2016)
Robert Evan Collins, Jr & Allison Gail Sears (9/10/2016)



Zion Adult Fellowship October 2016



Fall has arrived! Time to think about pumpkins, spices, crisp smelling air and fun! So, grab a jacket and join our church family and friends on the 3rd Saturday of the month.



A BIG THANK YOU to Wayne and Patrice for hosting September's Frisbee Golf picnic. And **THANK YOU** all who participated.

October 8th An evening at *Hanover Winery*
(PLEASE note this is not our usual Saturday)

Hosts: Judi and Brian Campbell

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Please note this is not the usual day

Watch your Bulletin Announcements for more info



November 19th Valley Vineyard

Hosts: Sandy and Ingrid Sanders

Watch your Announcements for more info

December will be an all church activity to be announced

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 3rd 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.*

You are cordially invited to MetroParks of Butler County's...



An Evening with Our Stars:
A Volunteer Celebration



When: Thursday, November 10, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark

Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Dr., West Chester, OH 45069

RSVP: EMAIL sburkhart@yourmetroparks.net

Door Prizes ☞ Special Mentions ☞ Live Music ☞ Photo Booth ☞ Hors D'oeuvres

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER

Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
October 2	Usher Team	Charlotte Sander
October 9	Usher Team	Charlotte Sander
October 16	Usher Team	Marissa Lombardi
October 23	Usher Team	Makayla Platt
October 30	Usher Team	Michael Chambers

Altar Guild: Gayle Ford, Janis Dehner

Ushers: Mike Heitz & team (8:00)
Phil Pflaumer & team (10:30)

Lectors: **Oct 2** Mike Heitz (8:00); Thelma Martin (10:30)
Oct 9 Gail Heitz (8:00); Stephanie Heitz (10:30)
Oct 16 Anita Snyder (8:00); Lisa Gerold (10:30)
Oct 23 Peggy Thomin (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)
Oct 30 Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Robin Kaelin (10:30)

Greeters: **Oct 2** Steve & Linda Herget (10:30)
Oct 9 volunteer needed (10:30)
Oct 16 Thelma Martin (10:30)
Oct 23 Richard & Nedda Brown (10:30)
Oct 30 volunteer needed (10:30)

Eucharist Assistants: **Oct 2** Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Marge Withrow, Kathy Frye (10:30)
Oct 9 Tillie Adams, Anita Snyder (8:00); Kathy Chambers, Carolyn Soupene (10:30)
Oct 16 Tom & Barb Toman (8:00); Stephanie Heitz, Erin Sanchez (10:30)
Oct 23 Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Phil Pflaumer, Marge Withrow (10:30)
Oct 30 Julia Hilbert, Anita Snyder (8:00); Ken & Shari Gerold (10:30)

Radio: **Oct 2** Lou Robinson
Oct 9 Ron Alcorn
Oct 16 Greg Allen
Oct 23 Kevin Heitz
Oct 30 Lou Robinson

Nursery: Samantha Bowling

Bulletin Stuffers: **Oct 7** Joan Boling
Oct 14 Tom & Barb Toman
Oct 21 Thelma Martin
Oct 28 Lori Rehm

Offering Counters: **Oct 2** Eric Grunwald
Oct 9 Mike Engel
Oct 16 Eric Grunwald, Tammy Adams
Oct 23 Mike Engel
Oct 30 Eric Grunwald, Ken Gerold

<p>Our mission is to nurture all people in Christ's Love and Grace, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to serve God and Community.</p>
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