

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2016



Our new mission statement is “to nurture all people in Christ’s Love and Grace, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to serve God and Community. Our vision statement will be more specific, but this mission statement captures God’s intent for us. In Isaiah 58, God makes it crystal clear that we serve Him by serving others so for the next several months, I will mention how we nurture all people and serve God and Community. I think many people will be surprised at how much Zion nurtures in our community. Count the ways and see if I miss any!

In September we start the month with 2 weddings and a service project. Nurturing our members and extended families by assisting in the formation of new families is an important way of nurturing. Serving our community by helping care for God’s creation at Sebald Park reminds us that the whole creation needs to be nurtured. We celebrate God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday on the same day we commemorate 9/11 and honor our first providers with a special service. People are encouraged to wear their God’s Work, Our Hands t-shirts, invite first responders, and if you are a first responder, wear your uniform. We nurture the living by honoring both the living and the fallen. We also nurture each other by reminding each other whose we are and serving together in the effort to be part of God’s healing presence for all people.

We continue the nurturing by meeting with 20-30 other churches to begin planning next year’s Unity Picnic. Standing together with different traditions helps us to not only nurture others, but be nurtured as God works in many and various ways. Not to mention the fact, when the world preaches division and segregation, the Church preaches unity and oneness. We are not black or white, male or female, we are disciples and children of God. On the 17th, we have the opportunity to honor a local pastor, Pastor Kidd and also have some fellowship as we seek to nurture each other by building bonds that transcend differences of opinion.

On the 18th, we will see two children who have suffered much be received into God’s family officially and receive all the promises of God. Aga and I invite all of you to celebrate after the service and help us to nurture Leland and Arianna as well as Natalia. We nurture all people and help them become part of God’s family, sometimes by adding them to Zion’s family and sometimes by supporting

their call into another family, but either way we nurture because God nurtures us freely and without restrictions. On the 19th, we gather to finalize planning for Trunk or Treat. Trunk or Treat enables us to nurture others in ways that state and federal programs do not by helping them with personal hygiene items, toiletries, books, clothes and much more. Zion joins with other churches to be the Church on this day in a tangible way.

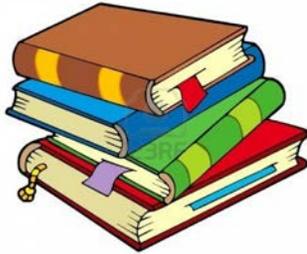
On the 21st, we receive some nurturing from the synod by way of Pastor Bob Abrams, who is now full time with the synod. He continues to help us on our journey, and will help us revise our constitution to better reflect how we are nurturing all people in the 21st century. Following that visit, we will join with 1st UMC to nurture each other and our community through Oktoberfest on 9/24, 5-10pm. Building bonds and raising money to further nurture all people helps us stay focused on our mission. On the 26th, our multi-church and other organizations will continue planning the annual Hamilton Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Zion. We nurture all people not just the poor or the ones we know. Rather we stoke the embers of brother/sisterhood in all people in our city, in our county and beyond.

In addition to all of those activities, we nurture through weekly Sunday School classes for all ages, book studies, three choirs, Band of Brothers, Women of Zion and so many more activities. We nurture through NA and Young Marines. Young Marines in particular is a great partner in ministry in many areas which is why they are invited to November’s Veterans Service where we will honor Veterans and the Young Marines.

In all these things, we follow the Holy Spirit’s guidance and nurture all people. We are making a difference every day because we are walking by faith and committing ourselves to be God’s Hands in a broken world. Together, bit by bit, lives move a bit closer to living life abundantly according to the potential that God has called us to live out. And yet we always pray that God will continue to open our hearts and minds to the Spirit’s urgings so that we remain faithful and follow wherever the Spirit might lead. Together we nurture using God’s nurturing love and grace to go where only God knows in a joyful, peaceful manner. We are God’s family, for that we have much to celebrate!

Pastor Joe

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



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.



The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will eat lunch at Snow's Lakeside Tavern off Colerain Ave. near I-275 on Tuesday, September 27. 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.

Mark your Calendars!

Trunk or Treat – October 29, 2016
 Thanksgiving Meal – November 24, 2016

Watch future bulletins for more details.



Adult Fellowship
Frisbee Golf & Picnic
 Saturday, September 24, 12:00 p.m.
 At Millikin Woods, Shelter 10

Meat provided, just bring a covered dish. We realize this is the same day as Oktoberfest, but we encourage you to come by for an hour if you can for some picnic food and maybe play some Frisbee golf. Millikin Woods is at the end of Ross Avenue on the west side of Hamilton. Please sign the sheet in the great hall so we know who many to prepare for. Join the fun!



First United Methodist Church
&
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016

Music by
The Feistmeisters



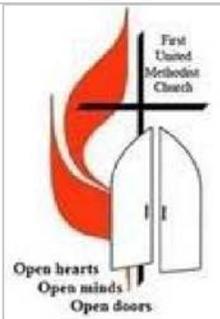
5-10 p.m.

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Oktoberfest Help Needed!

We will need lots of help with this event. There are needs that would fit everyone's abilities. We need to borrow some items and have some items donated. We need people to work a few hours with set-up, clean-up and everything in between. Another need this year is someone to come up with some children's games. Please see the sign-up sheets in the great hall and sign up to help in some way. The more who help, the easier on everyone.



T-SHIRTS ARE IN!

If you ordered a t-shirt you will find your shirt(s) in a bag in the great hall. Feel free to take the bag with your family name on it. If you did not order a shirt, you can still get one. It would be great if everyone got a shirt and when we have work activities we could all wear them. We have extra's in every size in the church office. Just stop by during office hours to get one.



HOSPICE OF HAMILTON

Hospice of Hamilton is having its 18th annual Hike for Hospice on Saturday, September 17, 2016. They are offering 5 free registrations if we register a team! If you would like to be a part of Zion's team or start your own team of supporters at work or in your school or neighborhood, please contact Tammy Adams. tadams6157@gmail.com



A FINE DAY FOR WILLY August 28, 2016 Zion Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Ohio

Hamilton has a way of raising amazingly talented young people. They grow up here, nurtured by a caring community. A junior at Hamilton High School, trombonist Willy Philhower is the latest in a path already blazed by such notables as world-renowned pianist Bryan Wallick and operatic soprano, Olivia Yoker among others. Organizations which played a role in the identification and the award are The Hamilton Community Foundation, The Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra, and Zion Lutheran Church.

Willy plays every Sunday at Zion Lutheran and it was there that the surprise of a new trombone was awarded to this talented young man. Dr. Jaime Morales-Matos of Miami University and conductor of the Central Ohio Symphony, played a valuable role in the selection of Willy and also in making the fine instrument available. The Hamilton Community Foundation provided the needed funding and The Hamilton Fairfield Symphony acted as the central catalyst.

Willy's work ethic and practice habits are unsurpassed. He has been studying privately (usually at no cost) with Matthew White, a distinguished trombonist in Cincinnati. Mr. White makes the weekly drive to Hamilton to instruct Willy and also several other students.

Undoubtedly, Willy Philhower loves his new trombone. A three-year member of the Hamilton High Band and the Great Miami Youth Symphony, he has been accepted as a member of the prestigious Cincinnati Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra. Willy resides in Hamilton with his family.



**Adoption Day
August 29, 2016**

It's one of those days where your emotions are swirling and that you never forget! I got choked up a couple of times and had a couple tears glisten! Thank you to everyone who came today! It amazes me that we had thirty people attend the hearing and all thought we were a good match! 😊. Also thank you to all of you praying and posting on Facebook! You are all an important part of our lives! Finally even though it is a couple weeks until their baptism and first communion as well as the reception hosted by the Women of Zion, we just want to say how grateful and loved we feel. I have to stop or I will cry. Thank you!

**Celebration Party
September 18, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.
At Zion**

All are welcome to attend our celebration of Leland and Arianna's adoption, baptism and first communion. It will occur right after they are baptized in our 10:30 service. RSVP if possible but all are welcome either way, just let Pr Joe or Julia know.



CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism classes will begin on Sunday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. This is open to all youth fifth grade and up. Pastor Joe will teach the classes. The children will have projects that may require help from church members so be prepared and willing to help if asked. It is a two year course of study based on the Small Catechism, worship, faith in daily life, theological discernment and congregational life. A bible will be presented to each student on Sunday, September 25. Please keep the class in your prayers as they begin this journey.



ACOLYTE TRAINING

A training for acolytes will take place on Sunday, September 25 between services. This is open to all youth grades 5 and up. Nathaniel and Gary Kaelin will lead the training. Mark you calendar and plan on being here for the training.





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
August 21, 2016**

- Attending: Gail Heitz, Anita Snyder, Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart, Thelma Martin, Cheryl Griesinger
- Treasurer’s report: Balance on hand is \$3,324.95. There have been no receipts since May. Total expenditures were \$263.48 to cover the purchase of Portals of Prayer, bereavement meals, and food for Fall Fellowship Dinner.
- Baby items will be collected during the month of September for Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio. Items collected this year will be delivered to LSSSO mid-October.
- Plans were finalized for the Women’s General Meeting on Monday, Sept. 12. At the meeting, women will be making Thanksgiving gifts that will be delivered to Zion shut-ins in November.
- Jars of soup mix will again be sold at Oktoberfest and the Fall Fellowship Dinner
- Began planning for Fall Fellowship Dinner. Decided to include mash potatoes on menu this year. Members of Zion will be encouraged to donate baked goods and craft items to be sold at the dinner.
- Volunteered Women of Zion to help Pastor Joe and Aga with the adoption party on September 18.
- Next executive board meeting will be Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.



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.

Bereavement Teams

Thank you to the members of the August bereavement team: Cindy Burkhart, Nedda Brown, Janet Menke, and Tillie Adams. Also, thank you to all the members of Zion who contributed food.

September bereavement team members are Cindy Burkhart, Thelma Martin, Janet Menke, and Flo Harbin.



Women of Zion

ZION WOMEN SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Who: All women of Zion are invited and encouraged to attend our September General Meeting.

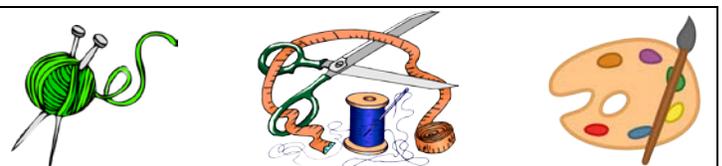
When: Monday, September 12

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Zion’s Gym

Program: We will be making Thanksgiving Gifts for Zion’s shut-ins.

Why attend: This a great opportunity for fellowship with other Zion women while using your talents to make these gifts. And, a light meal will be served.



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

Don’t forget your prayer pal with daily prayers and an occasional card or small gift.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

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:

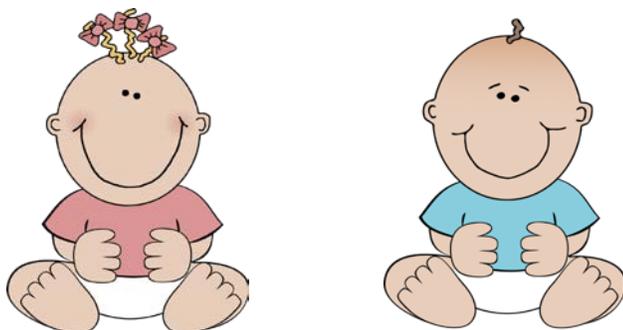
- Onesies or similar shirts up to 24 months
- Gowns or sleepers, with or without feet
- Receiving blankets
- Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- Sweaters or sweatshirts
- Washcloths, full size preferred
- Bath size bar of gentle soap, in its original wrapping
- Diaper pins

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.

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.

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

Thank you for praying for the camp that we just hosted! We arrived home exhausted but in awe of what God is doing in the young people's lives. David, one of the college guys who came says, "Without a doubt, in these three days at the camp God has spoken to me about my life. I've become aware of the difference between being a follower and a fan and I feel bad that I've wasted so much time in my life. Now I am willing to pay the cost to be a true follower of God."

In case you're wondering what the difference between being God's follower verses His fan is, let me explain. In the Bible we read about many people who were challenged by Jesus to follow him. Very few did but there were many who looked good on the outside. They knew the Torah front to back, they were involved in the temple, and they served God. But we read that Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). He also said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Jesus didn't sugar coat things to draw a crowd. He's not interested in fans who merely know the facts about him or who claim to be a Christian but don't actually follow Him. He wants the few, who like slaves, deny themselves and give Him their lives, every part if it (relationships, finances, wounds, beliefs, attitudes, actions and more). If you'd like to read more about being God's follower verses being His fan, we HIGHLY recommend reading Pastor Kyle Idleman's book Not a Fan.

At the end of the camp after spending time in silence with God, the youth came back in the room one by one and had the choice to pick up a certificate that said "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back." They would then sign it and ask a witness to sign it. We had emphasized the magnitude and difficulty of this decision and put the exact amount of certificates out for the amount of young people that came, expecting that some would choose not to follow Jesus. We were shocked and praise God that all of them took a certificate and signed it.

Thank you for partnering with us in the Gospel. You helped make this camp possible. Please pray for the young people who made this decision to follow Christ at all costs and pray for us as we continue to minister to them.

Love in Christ,

Christy & Jose Luis Sanchez

P.S. (We're expecting a baby girl in the end of November! At two years old Dari can now say "baby" and points to my stomach. When I tell him to kiss the baby he laughs and blows raspberries. He's such a boy!)



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:

- Bill Brady: back issues
- Katie Land Brooks: COPD
- Carol: breast cancer
- Andrew Copas: Field Artillery Training at Fort Sill, OK
- Joan Cunningham: recovering from surgery to repair torn retina
- Pastor Mark Finrock (First UMC): second round of cancer treatment
- Gayle Ford: had foot surgery on 8/5. Partial joint replacement
- Brett French: kidney cancer
- Juanita French: pancreatic cancer
- Pastor Dennis Kidd: hip replacement
- Vivek & Beth Kubhari: had a baby girl, Alaina Josephine, on 8/9. She weighed 9 lb and is 21" long. Proud grandma from Zion is Kathy Debord.
- Mary Rose Long: health issues
- Adeline Maggart: passed away on 8/1. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.
- Frank Martin: finances, relocation and health
- Charles Menke: pneumonia, recuperating at Bradford Place
- Janet Meyer: recurrence of cancer and undergoing treatments
- Ryan: in rehab thru VA for PTSD
- Joe Sears: seeking full time employment
- Lena Seibert: wife of Bill, aunt of Karl Waechter, passed away on 8/23. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends
- Leroy Snavley in Mercy Fairfield with health issues
- Don Stamp: health issues
- Carl Wilson: 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. It's been pretty hot but you've kept it looking good. Thanks!

Thanks again for all who took time to sign the church card we received. Sometimes we don't think our signature is important but it is. Love getting the cards with everyone's names.

Lee & Melba Keehner

I want to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers for me these last few weeks since my eye surgery. At this time my eye seems to be improving and I know your prayers have helped so much. I am so blessed to be part of this caring Christ centered church. Thank you.

Joan Cunningham

Thank you to everyone for all of the cards, phone calls and Pastor Joe's visit providing me with communion. I appreciate everyone for their thoughts. It is good to be back among the Zion family.

JoAnette Coe

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

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$130.00 to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through ELCA Good Gifts.

Through your support, your voice is one of many that makes up a chorus of caring and compassion heard throughout the world. Your passion for the good works that the ELCA does through ELCA Good Gifts enables us to share the gospel and continue doing God's work of restoring and reconciling communities.

Together, as the ELCA, we do more than we ever could alone. Because of your partnership and generous support, we are truly transforming lives.

In Christ,

Christina Jackson-Skelton

Executive Director, Mission Advancement
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you to Lori Rehm, Cheryl Griesinger, Joan Boling, and Nedda Brown for subbing in the church office while I took vacation days. Such a great help. I appreciate all of you.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the community meal on August 20. I don't have all the names of those who helped who helped this time but want to say a special thank you to Tom & Barb Toman and Lou & Diane Robinson for all the planning that went into the meal. They do this every time we serve (6 times a year) and we appreciate all the help. The meal was paid for by grants from Thrivent Financial and The Morningstar Foundation.

On behalf of the Hamilton Community Foundation, thank you for your contribution in honor of Nancy Follmer's talk on Robert McCloskey in the amount of \$50 for the Heritage Hall Fund. Thank you!

My mother, Jean Henderson, and I would like to sincerely to thank you for all the prayers and cards during the past three months. They worked! Her surgery is successful and she is looking forward to feeling better. A special thanks to Pastor Joe for all his concern, prayers, visits, and communion during this time. We are very thankful for all he has done.

In God's Love,
Shirley Snyder

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.



Council Minutes
No July Council Meeting

Monthly statistics
Financial Stewardship
(as of July 31, 2016)

	Income	Expenses
2015	\$13,205.06	\$22,009.14
2016	\$18,276.81	\$20,393.34

YTD Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses	Balance
2015	\$107,737	174,116	
2016	\$129,196	\$148,205	-\$13,549.08

Breakdown of July 2016 Total Income

	Receipts	Expenses
Designated Funds:	\$ 1,301.40	\$ 1,998.79
Operating Funds:	\$18,276.81	\$20,396.34
700 Funds:	\$ 3,357.08	\$ 640.00
Total:	\$22,935.29	\$23,035.13

Attendance Averages (August)

Church Atten.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
117	98	

Funeral

Adeline Maggart (died 8/1/2016; service 8/4/2016)

Baptism (correction from last month)

Konrad Hughes Gibson (6/12/2016)

Have you remembered
Zion
 in your Will?

 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 September. 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.

Mrs. Jean Henderson 9/13

Berkeley Square
 100 Berkeley Dr. #453
 Hamilton, OH 45013

Mr. Bill Thomin 9/25

523 Sanders Dr.
 Hamilton, OH 45013



A CHILD'S STORY

An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December, some years ago: A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes.

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her.

'Are you God's wife?'



Zion Adult Fellowship September 2016



Well, it has happened. Summer is at an end. Sunday School has started, choir has resumed, and we are starting to think about our Annual Oktoberfest; but, let's not forget to spend some grown-up fun time with our church family and friends on the 3rd Saturday of the month enjoying Adult Fellowship Activities.

August 20th We experienced in a VERY interesting and educational journey to Fernald in the afternoon and followed with a fun evening at Snows for dinner hosted by Hank Goebel and Edith Stewart. Let's send out a HUGE Thank you for this wonderful event.



This Month's Activity is: Frisbee Golf & Picnic

Hosts: Wayne and Patrice Huston

Saturday, September 24, 12:00 p.m. at Millikin Woods, Shelter 10

See page 2 of this Messenger for further details.

October 8th Will be another fun event yet to be announced.

Hosts: Judi and Brian Campbell

Please note this is not the usual day

Watch your Announcements for more info

November 19th We will be enjoying one another's company at 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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
September 4	Usher Team	Usher Team
September 11	Usher Team	Marissa Lombardi
September 18	Usher Team	Usher Team
September 25	Usher Team	Usher Team

Altar Guild: Marcia Helsing, Tillie Adams

Ushers: Volunteers Needed (8:00)
Volunteers Needed (10:30)

Lectors: **Sept 4** Gail Heitz (8:00); Gayle Ford (10:30)
Sept 11 Anita Snyder (8:00); Ken Gerold (10:30)
Sept 18 Peggy Thomin (8:00); Erin Sanchez (10:30)
Sept 25 Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Ron Alcorn (10:30)

Greeters: **Sept 4** Dan & Cheryl Griesinger (10:30)
Sept 11 Bill & Elaine Carpenter (10:30)
Sept 18 Volunteer Needed (10:30)
Sept 25 Bennie & Leanne Bowling (10:30)

Eucharist Assistants: **Sept 4** Tom & Barb Toman (8:00); Carolyn Soupene, Stephanie Heitz (10:30)
Sept 11 Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Kathy Chambers, Marge Withrow (10:30)
Sept 18 Tillie Adams, Anita Snyder (8:00); Stephanie Heitz, Phil Pflaumer (10:30)
Sept 25 Tom & Barb Toman (8:00); Ken & Shari Gerold (10:30)

Radio: **Sept 4** Ron Alcorn
Sept 11 Lou Robinson
Sept 18 Greg Allen
Sept 25 Kevin Heitz

Nursery: Samantha Bowling

Bulletin Stuffers: **Sept 2** Joan Boling
Sept 9 Tom & Barb Toman
Sept 16 Thelma Martin
Sept 23 Lori Rehm
Sept 30 Sandy Parker

Offering Counters: **Sept 4** Eric Grunwald
Sept 11 Steve Herget, Ken Gerold
Sept 18 Eric Grunwald
Sept 25 Mike Engel, Lori Rehm



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