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The Zion Herald

Proclaiming Good News

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RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE CHRIST BELL!

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

Who you are?

Worship Services

Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday School Classes

(Adult Discussion) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

(Classes: All Ages) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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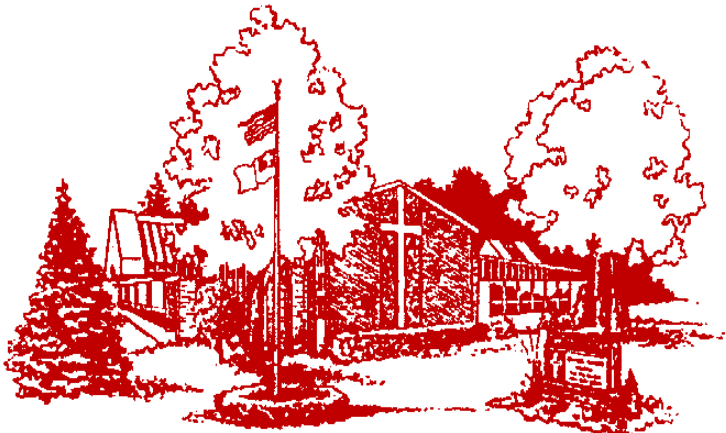
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*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should
be called children of God; AND SO WE ARE!” (1 John 3:1)
Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

First of all I would like to thank everyone for all you did for Zion and the community in 2018. The church is where two or more are gathered in HIS name. We maybe small in number right now but we are mighty! We have the will power to keep going. We have experienced some rough times, but the people at Zion are strong. We shall get through this because everyone works together. We have provided support for the Wernle Home to help those children have a better life. We supported the homeless in Denver, Colorado. We have been big supporters of our Food Pantry with donations and volunteers. 2019 is going to be a good year for Zion. We will continue to worship our Lord and treat everyone as Jesus has taught us. May the Lord Bless all of us in 2019.

God’s Peace and Blessings be with you all,
Darlene Milavickas

CARING MINISTRY

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas. Thank you to Debbie Fox for coordinating “The Giving Tree” and to all who contributed helping to make it a success. The Food Pantry folks were very appreciative and many of them gave us hugs with tears in their eyes. Please note the dates for the Food Pantry are January 15th and for February are the 5th and the 19th. Contact Cathy Harvey if you would like to help out.

FOOD PANTRY needs spaghetti sauce, crunchy peanut butter, jelly (any flavor except grape), canned fruit, flavored instant oatmeal, and creamed soups of all kinds.

CLOTHING CLOSET is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc.

Remember to contact Kay Davis, stitchandsewk810@sbsglobal.net, if you have any prayer requests.

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year,
Ron Tvorik

RESOURCE MINISTRY

In November, 2018, revenues totaled \$12,026.30. Expenses for the month totaled \$11,956.05. For the third month in a row, revenues exceeded expenses, thus reducing our year-to-date deficit to \$9,498.06.

A factor that has to be taken into account when analyzing these figures is the number of one time, non-recurring expenditures during the year to improve the infrastructure, beautify the premises,

and enhance Worship Services. These were the types of expenses we will not have to make in the future.

A second factor is the strength of our investment portfolio, which places us in an extremely good position to take whatever steps are necessary to help Zion achieve its mission without financial trepidation.

Finally, the increased Worship Service attendance beginning in September, 2018, with the expected further increase in attendance during the month of December - during which we have nine Sunday morning Worship Services, four Sunday evening Advent Services and two Services on Christmas Eve – should result in revenues sufficient to erase the yearly deficit.

It continues to be the case that we experience **no** adverse impact whatsoever on Zion’s financial contributions to philanthropic, humanitarian and outreach efforts.

Jim Fidler
Resource Elder

THE CALL PROCESS

The Call Process faced challenges during the Holiday Season. For obvious reasons, Pastors were not actively seeking a Call at Christmastime. We also recognize we are in the midst of a highly competitive process, searching for an individual who is a good fit for Zion.

Consequently, as we enter a new year we are now once again reevaluating the efforts we have made to date, assessing the list of Pastors seeking a Call, discussing ways to illuminate further the positive

Youth Spotlight Questions

If you could have any animal for a pet, what would it be?

- LJ Brown - A Piranha
- Ben Keith – An Alligator
- Drew Keith – A Tiger
- Amelia Milek - A Hedgehog
- Weston Milek - A Shar Pei Dog
- Christopher Thompson - A Siberian Husky
- Justin Dague - A Blue Whale
- Jeremy Fox - A Black Bear
- Cassie Frank - A Dog
- Chrissy Nicholson - A Shih Tzu Dog
- Marcus Rhodes - A Giant Firefly
- Casey Walters - A Dog
- Kathryn Milek - A Piglet
- Mallory Rhodes - A Dragon



If you were stuck on a deserted island and could only have 1 item, what would it be?

- LJ Brown - Macaroni & cheese and my pet
- Ben Keith - my puppy, Toby
- Drew Keith - a beach ball
- Amelia Milek - a coffin
- Weston Milek - a house
- Christopher Thompson - my phone
- Justin Dague - a car
- Jeremy Fox - a house
- Cassie Frank - my phone
- Chrissy Nicholson - a sketch pad and pencils for drawing
- Marcus Rhodes - Bear Grylls
- Casey Walters - a boat
- Kathryn Milek - a hammock
- Mallory Rhodes - 7 Eleven Store



derful to know that Zion is such a compassionate, loving and overwhelmingly generous congregation!

Second, we must thank the youth of all ages, parents and adult leaders who helped to wrap all of the Giving Tree gifts. This is always a lot of fun and greatly appreciated! We had a great afternoon of fun, food and practice on Saturday, December 15th! We truly appreciate everyone taking time out during this busy time of year. The rehearsal went well thanks to everyone’s cooperation and participation. Also, a huge thank you to our Sunday School leaders and parents who helped with play practice, the pizza party and wrapping and organizing the gifts.

Next, thank you to Miriam Keating for leading the Youth Christmas Party after rehearsal on December 15th. The kids enjoyed a “CAROL” bingo game for their “white elephant” gift exchange. There were laughs, stealing of gifts and a lot of fun!

Finally, thank you to all of the youth and their families who helped with the Youth Advent dinner and service on December 16th. We really appreciate the dedication of our youth and their families, especially during the busy holiday season. A big thank you goes out to our kitchen crew led by Jeff Frank and all of our youth and parents for all of their hard work. The pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and desserts were delicious and enjoyed by all. Also, thank you to everyone who set up, contributed food, helped to serve the meal and clean up afterward. We are so lucky to have such a great group of families that are always willing to pitch in and help! And, thank you to all the kids for reading and hanging the ornaments for the Chrismon Service. It was a nice evening and a great way to end such a busy weekend for our youth and families!

December was truly a great month for the youth of Zion and our congregation. Everyone should be proud of all we accomplished and shared!

As we begin the New Year, look for some fun events that we will be having for the youth and for our families! We are busy trying to plan these activities and will have more information coming soon.

NEO LYO Gathering 2019

We are excited to have a group of youth going to the 2019 LYO Gathering in Independence, Ohio from January 4 - 6th. Chrissy Nicholson and Mallory Rhodes will be attending the youth gathering along with chaperone, Miriam Keating. The theme for 2019 is C.O.F.F.E.E. – Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

Final ACME Receipt Reminder

Please remember to turn in your Acme receipts dated between August 9th and December 29st. All receipts must be turned in by January 27th in order to meet the submission deadline. The collection jar is located in the Narthex. Thanks for your support!!!

**The Zion Sunday School Staff would like to wish all of our families
God’s blessings & peace and a very Happy New Year!**



aspects of a superior Ministry Site Profile and doubling down on collaborative efforts with the Northeast Ohio Synod.

We remain diligent in our efforts to identify prospective partners for Zion and will continue to proceed expeditiously and carefully.

Faithfully,

Your Call Committee:

Laura Thompson (Chairperson)
Rob Frock
Cathy Harvey
Marissa Keating
John Long
Brian Walters
Jim Fidler (Council Representative)

WORSHIP & MUSIC

We want to thank everyone for their participation and dedicated efforts to make 2018 Advent services and Christmas Eve services a success. Want to thank the Cooks, the clean up crews, the readers, the musicians and of course the chancel members who put a lot of work into making sure our services run smoothly. Church is about sharing our gifts and talents to help one another to do Gods will. Thank you all!

Brian Walters
Worship Ministry Elder

WOMEN OF ZION

Comfort Givers will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, as weather and health ability allows. Plan on joining us for fun sewing, knotting, and fellowship.

Thank You Chancel Members,

Just a line of appreciation for the lovely decorated tables, the delicious breakfast, flowers, and the honor presented to me as retiring Chancel Leader. Each of you have been special and supportive to me. I called you “my girls”. The monetary contribution gift for continuous support of Chancel additional needs was another surprise. My love for you will be that you continue to serve the Lord in this area.

Heather may you be blest by this experience as I have been. Love to All!!

As the new year 2019 is upon us may we look forward to “good things” happening within our congregation. May God be praised.

LORD HELP US

Lord, help us to:

become (F) amiliar with
(R) esponsive to
and (I) nterested in others
as we (E) ncourage all
who are our (N) eighbors.
Help us (D) edicate our lives
to your (S) ervice and to offer
our (H) elp where needed.
(I) ncrease our love for others
and our (P) raise for you
And
(L) ord
Bless our (O) utreach.
Keep us (V) igilant.
May you be (E) xalted through our service.

In Jesus’ Name. Amen

In His Service,
Betty Tracy

ZION’S FINANCIAL FACTS IN NOVEMBER 2018	
November Income	\$ 12,026.20
Income through November	\$174,040.95
November Expenses	\$ 11,956.05
Expenses through November	\$183,539.01
November Surplus	\$ 70.15
2018 YTD Deficit	-\$ 9,498.06
Food Pantry	\$ 7,212.97
Youth Fund	\$ 7,986.17

We thank you for your generous support!

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING (Hymn)

Another year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy Presence all the days.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Frances enjoyed New Year’s Day. It was a day of promise, looking forward in faith to God’s Blessing in the coming twelve months. She had such a positive spirit that when she entered a room, it was said she brought a “burst of sunshine.”

One New Year’s Eve, Frances and her sister, Maria sat together listening to the church bells. Maria said that her Bible verse for that year would be “As thy days, so shall thy strength be”. Inspired by her sister’s verse, Frances composed this poem: “As thy days thy strength shall be; this should be enough for thee. He who knows thy frame will spare burdens more than thou canst bear.”

New Year’s Day was also the source for the hymn, “Another Year Is Dawning”, which she wrote on a card she was sending to a friend. Frances died when she was only forty-three. Even at the end of her life she remained steadfast in reminding Christians that “fresh glory” is just as important as fresh air and fresh water. We need to celebrate God’s glorious mercies each new day as well as each new year.

News from Zion’s Youth

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

January 4 – 6th: NEO LYO Youth Gathering in Independence
Sunday, January 6th: Sunday School Classes resume at 9:15 am

Sunday School News

We will resume our normal class schedule at 9:15 am on Sunday, January 6th for all ages. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone as we start off the New Year - 2019!

A Night in Bethlehem

Our Youth’s Christmas Program was another big hit this year! *The Road to Christmas* told the story of that very important and special night in Bethlehem, so long ago. We saw all of the important people – the Angel from God who brought the Good News; Mary, the mother of Jesus; Joseph, the husband and protector; the Innkeeper, a hero and “star” of the show; some shepherds out in a field and the Kings, wisemen (possibly three) from the east. The story, with great hymns, a little humor and some modern twists, brought us all to that special night when God brought all those people together in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, our Savior!



A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with this year’s Christmas Program. It was such an awesome program, and the kids did a fantastic job! We truly hope you enjoyed this year’s play, a cast of Zion’s finest, the humor and the music, as much as we did. A big thank you goes out to our Sunday School staff for all of their help and to the kids for all of their hard work. We would also like to thank Suzanne Walters for her musical direction and Brian Walters for taking care of the sound system. Everyone’s time, dedication and commitment make our program such a success and is so greatly appreciated! Thank You! Thank You! Thank you to everyone involved!

Youth News

December was a very busy month for Zion’s youth, and there are many thank yous to share!

First, thank you to everyone who generously supported Zion’s Giving Tree this year. It was once again a great success! We were able to collect gifts for five families and many \$20 donations that helped toward the purchase of 50 Acme Gift Cards to help our Pantry families with their Christmas meals. This year we included the residents at the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center in our Christmas giving again. Because of privacy issues, we were not able to buy specific wish list gifts for the Wernle kids. Instead, through generous cash donations and the Youth Fund, we were able to collect enough money to sponsor the entire cost of Christmas for 3 1/2 kids. We were also able to collect 18 gift cards that will be used to shop for the Wernle kids. Finally, we were able to send 12 stockings with items like candy, socks, devotional books, puzzle books, decks of cards, inspirational crosses and hygiene products to fill those stockings for a unit of teenage boys at Wernle. They were very grateful for all of our efforts. That is truly a picture of what the Christmas Season is about – sharing God’s love and helping those in need! It is so won-