

# The Zion Herald

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Proclaiming Good News

December 2019

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## **YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

### **Sunday Evening, December 1: Advent 1**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Chancel Guild

Service at 6:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

### **Sunday Evening, December 8: Advent 2**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Men of Zion

Service at 6:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

### **Sunday Evening, December 15: Advent 3**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Youth of Zion

Service at 6:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

### **Sunday Evening, December 22: Advent 4**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Church Council

Service at 6:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

### **Tuesday Evening, December 24: Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Zion's Choral Concert and Carol Sing to begin at 8:00 p.m.

### **Sunday Morning, December 29**

There will be one Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m.

Guest Pastor: The Rev. William Watt

## Pastor's Ponderings

Mary, did you know?

The song by this name, written by Mark Lowry, with music by Buddy Greene, has been recorded by several artists in the thirty years since Mark wrote it. Since we do not have permission to publish the words, I cannot recite them for you here, so I encourage you to be on the lookout for them as you listen to Christmas music this year. They are a touching and yet haunting reminder of that for which we wait this Advent season.

Remembering this wonderful song caused me to do some pondering:

- But, Mary, did you know that being “highly favored” (Luke 1:28) meant you would suffer greatly for God’s mission? Being the one chosen to help effectuate God’s mission of salvation for the world meant that you would suffer embarrassment at the hands of your family, friends, and community as they discovered you were pregnant outside of wedlock.
- But, Mary, did you know that the pain of childbirth was only the beginning of the pain you would suffer? That you would experience the pain of watching your son be rejected by the very people he came to serve, be arrested by those who had no authority over him, be cursed, spat upon, tortured, and eventually crucified as a criminal?
- But, Mary, did you know that you would endure three days of unparalleled grief as you outlived your own child? That you would suffer more for his death because you loved him as only a mother can love; not as your God, but as your son?
- But, Mary, did you know that your son was God? That your son would not stay dead, but would rise from the dead so that he could save the world – including you?
- But, Mary, did you know that your nine months of waiting for his birth was to be followed by thirty years of waiting to see what wonders he would do? That he would “proclaim good news to the poor...proclaim freedom for the prisoners...release the oppressed”, heal the sick, raise the dead, and bring hope to all the nations? (Luke 4:18-19).
- But you, dear reader, do you know that this child for which we wait has brought you freedom and servant-hood? “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to no one. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all” (Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian*, 1520).

May you continue to rejoice in the presence of our Savior as you live out your Christian journey; assured of God’s love for you and God’s work being done through you. “Well done, you good and trustworthy slave” (Matthew 25:21).

Graciously, Pr. William

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Tis the Season to be happy. Why is it that people are more pleasant and joyful during the Christmas holiday. People seem to smile and say hello and there is this energy all around. I know I am at fault too. I love to decorate the house inside and out. I love the Christmas music, the giving of gifts to see the look on the children’s faces. We need to remember the meaning of Christmas. That is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are to celebrate Jesus. We can enjoy all the other things as long as we put Jesus first and foremost. We will be preparing for the coming of Christ with our Advent Sunday morning and evening services. We are feeling some of this energy building at Zion. We need to keep this energy going after the holiday.

We will be working on some community services, an outreach dinner and other evangelism projects. We will be asking for people to serve on different task forces, so I would ask that everyone think about helping out. These will be projects that will be of limited duration. You won’t be serving for life if you join a group. There is something for everyone to do. If you can’t do something physical, you can serve on a task

force and give your ideas. This would be a big help. If that is not possible then you can pray for the task force and the people trying to do things. We need help on finding ways to figure out what the members of Zion need and also what our neighbors need. So please have an open mind and give of your time for the Lord. We need to spread God's love to our neighbors and the community.

May God's Peace and Blessings be with you and your family and may you have a very Merry Christmas.  
Darlene Milavickas

## CARING MINISTRY

Now that we are in the Holiday Season your Zion Food Pantry provided additional food items to cover Thanksgiving meals. During December, please help support your food pantry in providing a happy Christmas to all our clients. During October we served 140 people from 86 households. The October client breakdown was as follows: 15 children (0-17), 63 adults (18-59), and 65 seniors (age 60+). This information comes from the required Monthly Statistical Report for Akron Canton Regional Foodbank.

December 3rd and December 17th will be the dates for our next Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. As usual the set-up time is 9:00 am with the doors opening at 1:00 pm for those in need. Please let Cathy Harvey know if you are interested in helping. There still is a need for cereal, spaghetti sauce, crunchy peanut butter, jelly (any flavor except grape), canned fruit (especially canned pineapple), canned vegetables, hot cereal such as individually packaged flavored instant oatmeal, and creamed soups of all kinds (no tomato soup), stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, and turkey gravy. The Clothing Closet is in need of all sizes of boys and girls clothing, including coats and jackets. Don't forget household items.

Please contact Kay Davis with any Prayer Requests at [stitchandsewk810@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stitchandsewk810@sbcglobal.net) also let her know if you would like a Prayer Request removed.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,**  
G. Scott Gross

## LEARNING MINISTRY

**Adult Sunday School Class:** The members of the adult class thanks Pastor William for instructing the class on October 27 when Jeff was out of town. Pastor led the class in a discussion of the

readings and Gospel (Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36) for that Sunday which generated many thought-provoking questions. Jeff has completed 2 Thessalonians and has begun a study of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. These readings have produced very lively discussions as they examine Paul's comments on the duties of various members within the body of the church, including an interesting discussion of the roles of women in the early church.

**Youth Sunday School Class:** In November, the youth worked on decorating the Thanksgiving bags for the Pantry and Siffrin families. They decorated 65 bags for the Pantry families, and decorated and filled 16 bags for Siffrin. The youth will present their Christmas play on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. service.



There will be no youth or adult Sunday school classes on December 29 because of our combined service.

God's Peace be with you,  
Janet Slease

## RESOURCE MINISTRY

October was the 3rd month of the new Zion operating budget including Pastor William as our catalyst. Our monthly Operating Income ("OI" = Revenue-Expenses) was -\$11,695.53 which pushes our YTD OI to -\$21,774.91. The monthly results include an extraordinary expense for cameras and video system upgrade which will be funded from our Memorial and Gift account.

The monthly revenue increased 37% compared to 2018 levels which is a very positive signal,

following 18% and 13% improvements for August and September, but remains insufficient to offset our current expenses. Increased stewardship is a requirement to eliminate this deficit to maintain the “long-term” congregation financial vitality.

The approved 2020 Budget, which was developed based on continued frugal utilization of our available financial resources, identifies a significant budget deficit of \$58,280. An average weekly giving rate of \$4,000 will support this budget, but our real objective is to eliminate the deficit for the year. Our target to eliminate the deficit is a weekly average greater than \$5,000. Monitoring the giving rate for the last five weeks indicates that this is possible, but we need to insure it is sustainable and dependable. We will be monitoring our giving very closely to confirm performance against these goals and potential risk to our budget attainment.

Those planning to take advantage of 2020 Advance or Early Bird Giving are recommended to complete this activity early in December as possible. We welcome your congregational support to achieve these tax advantages.

The survey regarding electronic giving confirmed sufficient interest/support to pursue this voluntary, alternative means of stewardship. The Finance Committee is developing the proposed policies and procedures to implement and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our stewardship. This alternative means of contribution would be voluntary and not a replacement for current cash contributions.

We know we can insure that Zion is on solid financial footing to accomplish our desired ministerial plans with your efforts, God’s support and the Holy Spirit to inspire us all. We see “positive signs” everywhere we look in Zion’s activities; help us turn them into realities of community ministry.

Faithfully yours,  
John Rhodes  
Resource Ministry

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Early in November, Linda Weidenbach led the first meeting of Zion’s new Book Club. It that was a

great discussion and it was very interesting to talk to others about what the book meant to each of us. We had an enlightening discussion and a lot of fun! Our book for November was “*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*”. We highly recommend it! The next Book Club meeting is Dec 6 at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church and the next book is “*The Pioneers*” by David McCullough. We would love to see you there and please bring a friend or neighbor. Don’t worry if you can’t make all the dates, come when you can.

- December 6, 2019—The Pioneers by David McCullough
- January 2, 2020—At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon
- February 13, 2020—The Truth About Stories by Thomas King
- March 5, 2020—Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

The Social Ministry continues to look for ways to serve our community. As we discussed at our last Congregation Meeting, we need to make sure we understand what our community needs now first. What the community needed before, may not be what the community needs now. Council is working on a process and potential task force to better answer this question. These are exciting times for Zion, we are creating how we will do God’s work.

At the same time, we are not sitting still but have many other helpful things in the works. Akron Canton Foodbank volunteer day, Advent out reach dinners, Habitat for Humanity support, Christmas Caroling at Assisted Living homes and many others mentioned in this Newsletter.

Laura Thompson  
Social Ministry

## **WITNESS MINISTRY**

The Witness Ministry is focused on Opening the doors at Zion. Pastor William has been talking a lot about inclusion and becoming more outward directed. The Witness Ministry has two major



## projects underway: **Website Upgrade and launching a Greeter Group.**

**The Website group** spent several evenings looking at other websites we liked and sites we liked less well. We defined three major goals we want the website to serve:

1. Be a great first point of contact for people looking for a church home. The website is where 80% of initial screening goes on today. My kids won't visit a sandwich shop without checking the reviews on the web. This is where they start the search. We need to be inviting and open from the beginning
2. Be a communication tool for the congregation. We are going to have a Member Portal where you can find out who's on acolyte duty this week, When Church work days are happening, Project updates and even give online.
3. Be a point of connection with our community. We want people who are looking for help to be able to find it. We are beginning a more formal relationship with Habitat for Humanity. We are connected to the Northeastern Ohio ELCA Synod. We are part of the North Canton Ministerial Association and much more. All of these folks have resources for people who need help. If we can help make those connections, we can really make a difference in people's lives.

We are hiring a professional web guy to help us build the structure of the site but he can't develop content. We need lots of folks to write about their organizations. We need pictures, old and new. We need ideas about what is next. While we have made our first steps, we still have a lot to do so if you are interested in being a part of this please let me know.



**Greeter Group:** This is exciting. The Greeter Group is about becoming more intentional about welcoming people to church. This is true of members but even more important for visitors.

The idea of the Greeter Group is to empower folks to be the person whose job it is to shepherd new

folks. We need to connect folks who come through that door with Christ's Love. In order to do that we need to show a little of that.

The greeters will introduce themselves, get a little information, and try to meet folks where they are. Would they like their kids to stay in church or would they rather go to the Nursery? What connections can we foster, what are the needs we can meet?

We have designed a process where we will follow up with folks over several weeks of their visit. It is important to remember that the purpose is not to GET NEW PEOPLE. The purpose is to become more welcoming, more inclusive, more open and approachable. When people feel the love in this community they stick. So numbers will come but it is a second order effect. First we need to OPEN the Doors!

Yours In Christ,  
Mark Votaw

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

We hope everyone will join us for our Sunday evening Advent services which will be held on December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd starting with dinner at 5:30 pm and the service at 6:15 pm. We will be using the "Holden Evening Prayer" as our service format.

**Christmas Eve Services** with Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Zion's Choral Concert and Carol Sing to begin at 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 29th** there will be only one service at 9:30 am. Pastor William Watt will be presiding.

Brian Walters  
Worship Ministry

## **ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN OCTOBER 2019**

October Income	\$ 17,368.37
Income through October	\$158,998.12
October Expenses	\$ 29,063.90
Expenses through October	\$180,773.03

**October Deficit** -\$ 11,695.53  
**2019 YTD Deficit** -\$ 21,774.91

*We thank you for your generous support!*



**DECEMBER SENIOR BIRTHDAYS**

December 3	Arnold Givler
December 12	Mabel Kolarik
December 19	Linda Lancashire
December 23	Gary Horton
December 25	Shirley Cary
December 28	Linda Tvorik
December 31	Dave Palumbo

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

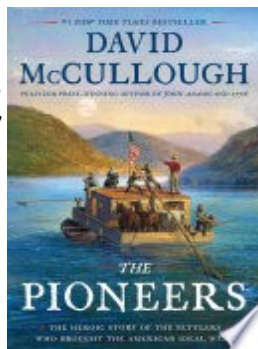
December 3	Faye & Dale Shankle
December 31	Linda & Steve Ross

**A LETTER OF THANKS**

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of you for sending cards to me for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in October. I'm so grateful for all your loving and kind thoughts you enclosed in them. I'm saving all of them forever! **Helen Alex**

**BOOK OF THE MONTH:**

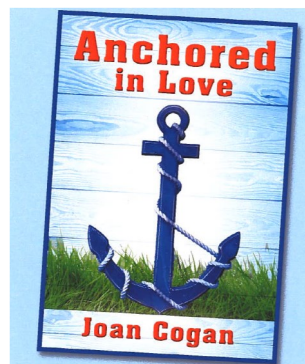
We're going to get together at 10am on Friday, December 6th to discuss "*The Pioneers*" by David McCullough. For more information, please contact Linda Weidenbach at 850-766-5640 or e-mail at [lindakjw@gmail.com](mailto:lindakjw@gmail.com).



**TUTORING:** Linda Weidenbach will offer one-on-one tutoring in half hour slots between 3pm and 5pm at Zion on Sundays, Januarys 5, 19, and 26. It is for community children - all ages and subjects. If you are interested, call Vicki Givler at the Zion church office by Thursday for the upcoming Sunday.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

Joan Cogan will be holding her first book signing session at Zion. It will begin following the 10:30 am worship service on December 15th. It will end at 2:00 pm so football fans can catch some of the game.



"*Anchored In Love*" is a simple story for anyone searching for a way to feel better, even a little bit better, one day at a time. Joan's goal is to share information and reinforce community. Eighty percent of the proceeds will be given to Zion for youth programs and The Angel's

on Track Foundation, an organization committed to improving railroad safety. Please come!



## Zioneers In Action!

November mini-mission to the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank was rewarding and a whole lot of fun. It turns out that they are responsible for more than 10,000 meals EVERYDAY!! They serve more than 265,000 people each year. They serve 8 counties. With that size a mission a Saturday morning is an easy thing to give up. We had a great crowd. Fourteen people can't be wrong. We were just one group. There were probably 120 or so folks there to help. We sorted and inspected frozen food so it can be sent to Food Pantries all over the region.

We are going back in January or February. **Come Join Us!**

## Announcing a 2020 Project



Zion is planning a Community Garden for the 2020 growing season. We are still working out details but members and folks from our community can come and raise a garden.

Many folks have gardens at home but many of us don't have ideal spaces. Too Shady, too many rocks, too many rabbits. Our neighbors are the same way. We think many may want to be a part of this project. This is a great way to open our doors to folks. There is nothing like incorporating fertilizer or pulling weeds together to create a friend. If anyone has done something like this, or has local garden experience, we **NEED YOUR EXPERTISE** to help guide the project.

Praise the Lord for the mystery that allows life to grow out of a dried-up seed. Of course, this will mean that you will have to lock your cars or else you may find a zucchini in your back seat.

## Great Gift Ideas

But if you are looking for a great gift for the person who has everything consider a gift in their name to Lutheran World Relief <https://lwr.org>. From now until Christmas they have donors to match your gift. Or maybe your giftee would rather give a piglet or goat that can change a life. Consider the Good Gifts Catalog find info at <https://goodgifts.elca.org>.



I pray that you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world. When you do, find the piece of that work that was meant for you. Because Christ is there waiting for you!

Yours in Christ  
Mark Votaw

## News from Zion's Youth

### Happy Birthday to:



**Ben Keith - December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Joshua Hilson - December 29<sup>th</sup>**

### Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program – 10:00 am**

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Pizza Party and Giving Tree Gift wrapping – 11:30 am**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: The Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 service**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: The Youth of Zion will host the Advent dinner at 5:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday School Classes for the youth**

### Sunday School Pre-K thru High School

This December we will combine our Sunday School lessons with practice for this year's Christmas program. We will involve all of our youth, including those in Catechism and High School. This year's program is called "CHRISTMAS", and everyone will enjoy watching our group of kids figure out what Christmas really means during the program.

The Program will be performed at the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have dress rehearsal, our annual Christmas Pizza Party and wrapping of the Giving Tree gifts on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal will start at 10:00 am and pizza & gift wrapping at 11:30 am.

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> for all of our youth. We will resume our normal Sunday School schedule at 9:15 am on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Words of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who filled out leaves of thanks and who took \$10 tags from our Thanksgiving Tree. We purchased 80 Acme gift cards this year to help our Pantry families and friends at Siffrin with their Thanksgiving meals. Your donations are so greatly appreciated and were a big help toward the gift card expense!

Next, a big thank you to all of our youth and Sunday School leaders for the great job they did decorating this year's Thanksgiving bags and making special Thanksgiving cards for 16 Siffrin families and 65 Food Pantry families. Our youth along with help from our Sunday School staff, worked really hard to beautifully decorate 90 grocery bags and 90 cards this year. We also thank all of the Sunday School families that donated boxed mashed potatoes and gravy to help the Pantry.

The youth and Sunday School staff especially thanks the leaders and volunteers of Zion's Food Pantry and Clothing Closet for all of your time and hard work in making such a big difference in the many lives that you touch. You are all so greatly appreciated!

### November 23<sup>rd</sup> Service Event at the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank

A great big thank you to everyone who joined Zion's group to volunteer at the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 to 11:30. There were 14 volunteers in our group. We helped sort and pack frozen meat the first half of our time, and finished by helping to inspect 12 skids of apples. It was a great morning, full of hard work that is so worth it - God's work, our hands!

### Christmas is a Season of Giving

The Giving Tree is up, and we are sponsoring several families from our Food Pantry, two families from the North Canton CARE Program and the children at the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center this year. The Giving Tree (located in the Narthex) has tags with gift suggestions for these families. We are also hoping



to help all of our pantry families by giving them Christmas dinner so we have placed tags on the tree for a \$25 Acme gift card or \$25 cash donation to help each family in addition to the other gift tags. Please take one tag (or more if you are able), purchase the item and bring the gift, **unwrapped** with the tag attached, to church by the date listed at the bottom of the tag (**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**). Please include a gift receipt when possible. The youth will be getting together on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after dress rehearsal to have pizza and then wrap the giving tree gifts so they can be delivered to the families before Christmas day.

We will also be helping the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center again this year. The Youth Fund will be sponsoring two Wernle children's Christmases for \$200 each, and our goal is to sponsor at least one additional child through the Giving Tree. There will be various tags with different monetary donations that will be used to reach \$200 to sponsor a Wernle child's Christmas. There will also be tags for gift cards to WalMart to help the Wernle staff who will shop for Christmas gifts from the kids' wish lists. Please take a tag and return it with your cash or gift card donation by **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. This ensures enough time to meet Wernle's deadlines. Monetary donations can also be sent in to the church office marked "Wernle Gifts" if you are unable to make it in to take a tag. The youth will also be collecting items to fill 14 stockings for the girls' unit at Wernle.

Please help our youth to help the families we have sponsored and the kids at Wernle have a Merry Christmas and feel God's amazing love through this generous service project, this is full of love and kindness.

Thank you for all of your support! The Zion family is a truly wonderful family full of loving and generous people. This especially rings true during the Holiday Season, and we are so grateful for all that everyone does!

### Advent Youth News

The Youth will be hosting the Advent Dinner on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a delicious pasta dinner with salad and garlic bread finished off with lots of great desserts! We will be contacting the youth and their families about donating items for dinner, helping to set up, serve and tear down for that dinner. We will need all of the youth at church by 4:30 pm to get ready for dinner which starts at 5:30 pm. This is always a great dinner and we appreciate everyone's help to make it happen!

### More 2019 Youth Missions Craft Show News

The final accounting has been done from this year's Craft Show. Our profit this year is \$3,281.48 which will be donated to the Habitat Humanity Faith Build 2020. This is a great start toward our \$5000 commitment to the Habitat Build.

The following winners of this years Raffle Items were drawn at the Congregational meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>:

Christmas Quilt – Selena W.  
 Lottery Ticket Wreath – Tyler L.  
 Sweet Treats Basket - Amanda R.  
 OSU Fan Basket – Pat  
 Snowman Basket – Martha S.  
 Holiday Basket - Darci L.

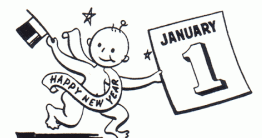
Thank you again for everyone's support of this year's Youth Mission Craft Show!

### Acme Receipts Reminder

Just a quick reminder that we are collecting Acme receipts to help Zion's Youth. This year Acme's Community Cash Back Program concludes at the end of December. A collection jar is located in the Narthex. **Please bring in your Acme receipts dated between August 8<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks for your support!!!



**The Zion Sunday School Staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year!**





## Youth Spotlight – The Holiday Season

### What gift would you give Jesus?

**LJ Brown** - Lots of coffee

**Ben Keith** – My love

**Drew Keith** – Oreo Ice Cream Cake

**Justin Dague** - A snow globe

**Jeremy Fox** - A thank you card

**Amelia Milek** - The latest piece of technology so  
He can see how far we've come

**Weston Milek** - That's a tough one – I'm not sure

**Chrissy Nicholson** - The ability to be seen

**Marcus Rhodes** - A lifetime of support

**Christopher Thompson** - A "thank you" prayer

**Casey Walters** - My love for him

### It wouldn't be Christmas without...

**LJ Brown** - Santa

**Ben Keith** - Santa

**Drew Keith** - Snow

**Justin Dague** - Christmas songs

**Jeremy Fox** - Family

**Cassie Frank** - Family

**Amelia Milek** - It would not be the same  
without the snow

**Weston Milek** - Snow

**Chrissy Nicholson** - Hot chocolate

**Marcus Rhodes** - Family

**Christopher Thompson** - Snow

**Casey Walters** - Being together with the  
Entire family

### If you could give one present to the whole world, what would it be, and why?

**LJ Brown** - Food, so everybody had enough to eat

**Ben Keith** - A house, so everyone is warm and safe all the time

**Drew Keith** - A nice house, so they have a safe place to live

**Justin Dague** - World peace – no more wars

**Jeremy Fox** - Food because many people are hungry or starving

**Cassie Frank** - Happiness or food & water

**Amelia Milek** - A Thanksgiving Dinner so everyone can feast

**Weston Milek** - The Bible because it is the best book

**Chrissy Nicholson** - Happiness because we all deserve to be happy

**Marcus Rhodes** - A food source so people can always have food

**Christopher Thompson** - A stress ball because people need to relax & chill out

**Casey Walters** - Music because it brings such relaxation and peace





## Youth Spotlight – The Holiday Season

### What is your favorite kind of Christmas cookie?

**LJ Brown** - White Chocolate

**Ben Keith** – Cut-out Cookies

**Drew Keith** – Sugar Cookie, Elf cut-out

**Justin Dague** - Pumpkin

**Jeremy Fox** - Iced Cut-out Cookies

**Cassie Frank** – Peanut Butter Blossoms

**Amelia Milek** - Chocolate Chip

**Weston Milek** - Sugar Cookie Cut-outs

**Chrissy Nicholson** - Crinkle Cookies

**Marcus Rhodes** - Snickerdoodles

**Christopher Thompson** - Chocolate Chip

**Casey Walters** - Cookies with a ton of icing because icing is basically my favorite sweet

### What is your favorite part of the holiday season?

**LJ Brown** - Receiving & giving presents

**Ben Keith** - Getting presents

**Drew Keith** - When it is cold & snowy and getting to play out in it

**Justin Dague** - The songs

**Jeremy Fox** - Spending time with family

**Cassie Frank** - Seeing Christmas lights

**Amelia Milek** - Getting together with the whole family

**Weston Milek** - Family

**Chrissy Nicholson** - Looking at the Christmas lights

**Marcus Rhodes** - Having school off

**Christopher Thompson** - Winter break

**Casey Walters** - Being together with people

### What is your favorite Christmas tradition, or one of your family's Christmas traditions?

**LJ Brown** - Inviting my 2 uncles, my mom, my dad & my little sister over

**Ben Keith** - Getting our Christmas Tree

**Drew Keith** - Elf on the Shelf

**Justin Dague** - Watching the Christmas Story

**Jeremy Fox** - Going from our family's Christmas morning tradition to our full family Christmas at my uncle & aunt's house now (used to be at my Pop Pop's)

**Cassie Frank** - Going to my aunts on Christmas day

**Amelia Milek** - Gathering around the tree & opening gifts. It is fun to see my little cousins get so excited to open whatever they receive.

**Weston Milek** - Giving & getting gifts

**Chrissy Nicholson** - Drinking hot cocoa while reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with Grandma on Christmas Eve. My brother and I also set up a fort and sleep in it on Christmas Eve.

**Marcus Rhodes** - Going to my grandmother's house and seeing all of my extended family

**Christopher Thompson** - Scare my dad awake

**Casey Walters** - Spending different Christmas days with extended family

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**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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