

The Zion Herald

Proclaiming Good News

December 2021



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Evening, December 5: Advent 2
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Service at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday Evening, December 12: Advent 3
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Service at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday Evening, December 19: Advent 4
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Service at 6:15 p.m.

Friday Evening, December 24: Christmas Eve
Special Music to begin at 7 p.m.
Candlelight Service 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Space

Sunday Morning at 9 a.m., December 26
Guest Pastor: The Rev. William Watt

Wednesday Evening at 7 p.m., December 29
Guest Pastor: The Rev. William Watt

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

December is the month in which we celebrate our Savior's birth. The Christmas Season is one of hope, of joy, of reflection on our blessings. It is also a time of introspection about ourselves and contemplation of the state of affairs in our community, our country and our world. We see suffering, tyranny, poverty and hunger. We see hatred, violence and conflict within and between countries. But what we also see is that so many of our fellow beings from all walks of life are striving in their own way to address and conquer those evils. We see people building houses for those who otherwise would not be able to enjoy home ownership. We see people providing meals for the hungry, clothing for the impoverished, and shelter for abused and abandoned animals. We see people in law enforcement and our judicial system fighting to keep us safe and ensure justice for all. We see our military men and women serving all over the world to preserve our freedom. And we see people striving for ways to comfort those who find themselves grieving at what is supposed to be a joyous time of the year.

In essence, we see imperfect human beings demonstrating that social interdependence expected of us by our Divine Creator. Zion's Congregation lives that human interdependence. We realize that relating to others makes us stronger and is essential to fulfilling our obligation to love one another.

As Christians we understand the significance of service to others and that Christ's promise is not a world without pain and grief but one in which, through faith, we are equipped to confront those evils. Because of Jesus's sacrifice for us, even death can be conquered.

Lord, thank You for making us people who understand that service to others is how we demonstrate our love for You, in Jesus's Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Fidler
Council President

Ministry Reports

CARING MINISTRY



During the month of October, the Food Pantry served 125 households consisting of a total of 295 people. As a comparison, 131 households with 312 people were served during September 2021. The adults without children have decreased by 12 people, while the seniors without children added 18 people. The seniors with minor children have basically remained the same, while the adults with minor children have dropped by 15. The number of children served in October dropped by 9. In October 2020 we served 115 households with 222 people; therefore, we have increased our Ministry by 9% more households and 33% more people respectively over last year. The October numbers are indicating a slight drop in clients; however, it is hard to determine any trend yet.

Laura Thompson's Feed a Friend Team is up and running. Request for service forms are available in

the office.

Debbie Fox, Vitalant Blood drive, we have just completed our Sunday, November 14th drive. Thank you to all who gave. The blood supply is currently critical in our area. Our next church drive is Sunday January 16th, 2022.

FOOD PANTRY—December's items of the month are chunky/hearty soup and creamed soup. We always need our staple items – peanut butter, creamed soups, jelly (except grape), pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, and boxed cereal or instant oatmeal



because these items are given out regularly. Thanks for your support!

Sign-up sheets are available in Luther Hall for anyone who would like to bake cookies to be distributed to our pantry families on December 21st.

CLOTHING CLOSET is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels,



dishes, pots, pans, etc. We need boys clothing sizes 5 to 18. We are collecting **new underwear and socks in all children and adult sizes.** We need all sizes of winter coats.

PRAYER CHAIN

Remember to contact Kay Davis, Prayer@zion-nc.com, if you have any prayer requests.

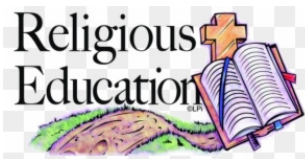


Thank you everyone for your continued support of all our Caring Ministry Teams.

O Lord, with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays ahead of us, help us support and maintain our level of service to our clients in need. Amen.

G. Scott Gross
Caring Ministry Elder

LEARNING MINISTRY



Adult Sunday School

Pastor Weidenbach will continue to lead our adult group on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am this month. Join us for an engaging and worthwhile discussion each week! **Please note, there will be no Sunday School on December 26th.**

Sunday School - Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Join us at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings for Sunday School! We will be having lessons about Advent and Christmas this month that will include some fun surprises. We look forward to seeing the kids each week! Their enthusiasm and contributions are so wonderful! **Please note, there will be no children's Sunday School on Sunday, December 26th.**

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will continue thru December 22nd at 10 am on Wednesday mornings, as we continue to study of the books of Haggai and Ezra. The next session will begin Wednesday, January 5th and will be a 4 week session on the book of Titus. Please contact Sue Whalen at witness@zion-nc.com if you are interested in joining the Women's Bible Study.

Weekly Bible Discussions

- Discussion of the current week's Bible lessons including the Gospel Reading
- Teen only Zoom meeting Mondays from 5 – 5:30 pm

- Zoom meeting Wednesdays from 5 – 6:00 pm
- Zoom meeting Thursdays from 9 – 10:00 am
- If these times don't work, contact Pastor William to set up a time that does
- In person Bible Discussions are also possible

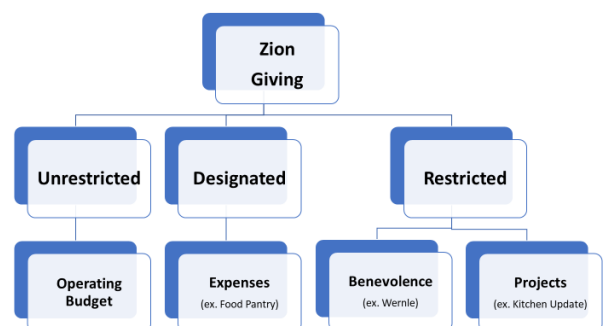
Debbie Fox

Learning Ministry Elder

RESOURCE MINISTRY

May the Lord's countless blessings shine upon you and grant you Peace! Freezing temperatures, falling leaves and those pesky snowflakes are all evidence that Winter is just around the corner; I hope you are prepared. This fall season has provided Zion multiple opportunities to show we matter to the community by showing the love of Jesus. The Art Show, Craft Show, Trunk or Treat and activity surrounding Thanksgiving with our Food Pantry patrons allowed us to involve the community and positively impact their lives. Your enthusiastic physical and financial support enabled these events to become the successful community impact ministries we envisioned. We trust we can count on your continued resource sharing to make the year-end holiday schedule of ministry events as fruitful and memorable.

First, let me express our thanks from the Council for your enthusiastic support and approval of our proposed 2021-2022 operating budget during the October Congregational meeting. We have plans for an aggressive, yet responsible schedule of ministry events planned and this endorsement, combined with your anticipated financial support, will allow us to successfully execute them. Again, **THANK YOU!**



Financially, October Giving was a dramatic improvement over September and a substantial increase over 2020 levels. The increases in Unre-

stricted or General Giving, combined with significant Designated Giving to produce a much-needed surplus for the month and satisfy our 2022 commitment for Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. This monthly surplus helped reduce our YTD deficit and puts Zion in position to end the year with a balanced budget providing our November and December results are comparable to 2020. You can help us make this a reality and we look forward to your generous holiday Giving since we have much to be thankful for.

We are thankful for your continued support and Giving to continue the "Good News" with our operations and community ministries. It is also important to remember that If you are planning to utilize Advance Giving in your tax strategies, these contributions need to occur before the end of the year.

Lord, thank you for the availability of sufficient resources to do your work at Zion and the inspiration to recognize needs in our community and to appropriately respond to them. We do this in honor of your glorious name, Amen.

John Rhodes
Resource Ministry Elder


WITNESS MINISTRY

COMMUNITY GARDEN



The community garden is almost ready for next Spring. We just need to put the fence up. I would like to personally thank Pastor William, Dave Palumbo and Linda Smith for their hard work in helping me along with Sue Hicks and Vicki from the North Canton Community Garden. We spent two days getting the beds built and filled and ready for next Spring. We already have a waiting list of people who are interested in getting one of the spots. If you or someone you know in the commu-

nity is looking for a place to plant a small garden, let me know. I will add you to our list. I will be posting further information on pricing and sign-up sheets closer to Spring.

 **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church** New website launched in October - welcome to <https://www.zion-nc.com>!

The witness ministry is thrilled to announce the launch of the new website, providing a better online experience with Zion Lutheran Church. It was a team effort to develop the navigation and content criteria, then contracted with The Webfactors of Canal Fulton to build the site.

Below is a short list of these enhancements:

- Look and feel, with easier navigation and more pictures
- More content, richer & more compelling
- Calendar functionality for events - enhanced over previous where visitors can view by month, or week
- Enhanced Pastors' Message
- Shopping Cart functionality, with credit/debit card processing capabilities, which we will continue to grow into
- already using for Thanksgiving Donations and poinsettia orders - <https://www.zion-nc.com/christmas-flowers/>
- and Equal Exchange, <https://www.zion-nc.com/shop/>
- Meet the Team section - great big thank you to all for pictures & bios
- Enhanced marketing capabilities on the site - home page sliders to promote upcoming events

Please type in the full URL for the site to ensure your browser goes out to the internet and fetches the NEW site, versus loading a cached copy of the old site from your device. That URL is, <https://www.zion-nc.com>

If you have bookmarks to the old site, deeper than the home page, these will have to be resaved once you visit the new site. Your patience & understanding is appreciated! We will be conducting - "Meet the Website" presentations during regular church services in the month of December, so watch your bulletin for this info. The site will continue to grow and evolve over time, so please send any enhancement requests to the Witness ministry at witness@zion-nc.com.

Heavenly Father. Thank you for the many opportunities you have presented us with ways to reach out to the community. Please open our eyes to see those opportunities and our hearts and minds for ways to provide their needs. Amen

Susan Whalen
Witness Ministry Elder

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Large Print Bulletins-- Starting Dec.1, large print bulletins will be available for both the Wednesday and Sunday services.

Please ask for one as you enter the service.

Advent Services--This year will return to a more typical Advent service (Scripture readings and Christmas songs). No videos will be shown as in the previous year. The Parish Life Ministry has agreed to prepare a light supper at 5:30 pm (THANK YOU!), with the Advent service beginning at 6:15 pm. This will be in addition to the regular 9 am Sunday morning service. The organist or music leader that does the morning service will play for the evening Advent service. Dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec.19. Please join us for a meaningful and spiritual experience as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming celebration of Christ's birth.

Choir--It's not too late to join our church choir as they prepare for their debut on December 24 for the special music portion of Christmas Eve service at 7 pm and during the Christmas Eve service itself at 7:30 pm. They practice every Wednesday at 7:45 pm in the Choir Room.

Christmas Services--With Christmas falling on a Saturday this year, we will have both a Christmas Eve service on December 24 (Special Music service at 7 pm followed by the traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:30 pm) and a normal Sunday Service on December 26 at 9 am. Please plan on attending both.

Wednesday Evening Service Change--Due to the Christmas season, there will **NOT** be a Wednesday evening service on Dec. 22. Wednesday evening services will resume on Dec. 29.

Paul Bagocius
Worship Ministry Elder

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN OCTOBER 2021

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| October Income | \$ 49,467.98 |
| Income through October | \$293,875.23 |
| October Expenses | \$ 32,461.47 |
| Expenses through October | \$312,788.00 |

We thank you for your generous support!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

A HUGE thank you to Pastor William and Vicki Givler for their support in putting together our very first Women of Zion Thankoffering service on November 21, 2021.

Also thank you to all the women who participated and who helped in any way. I love seeing our young "women" such as Hannah participate! It's great!

Our reception in Luther Hall was very well attended and thanks to your generosity we raised over \$500.00. The money will be used to support the mission of the Women of the ELCA at the local and national level. We cannot thank you enough! And of course this all happens because Christ is our King. This event is a way to say thank you God for all the blessings you give to us so that we may pass them on to others who need help.

Yours in Christ,
 Ruth Reinoehl

I hope you will take a few minutes to read the article found on page 6 from Bishop Eaton entitled "God has Given us a Mission".

Did you catch the word "us"? It doesn't say God has a mission for them, or God has a mission for the Pastor. It says "us".

Why you might ask? Why do we need a mission? We go to Church regularly, we work hard, we pay the bills. "Because the world deserves to hear the Gospel."! As our Bishop says, "There are so many people who do not know that they need to know Jesus"!

For many of us reading this, at least at this point in our lives, we are the 99 sheep that didn't go astray. We are the older brother who stayed home and worked hard. We have benefited from living in the love of Jesus for many years. At times we have felt the Spirit working within us, we have been brought to tears by Jesus' forgiveness and love. It's so good, how can we not share this with others? It won't be easy, it may not be quick, they may not want to know. It may take 99 of us to bring in one lost sheep, but it will be so worth it.

Laura Thompson
Social Ministry Elder

PRESIDING BISHOP

GOD HAS GIVEN US A MISSION

By Elizabeth A. Eaton



Remember the Beatles? John, Paul, George, Ringo! I was into it. I had Beatle boots, love beads and granny glasses. My big brother gave me a model of Paul (the cute Beatle) for Christmas one year. It was one of those paint-it-yourself kits. I knew the lyrics to the Beatles' hits better than I knew Martin Luther's Small Catechism. The early hits were pop and upbeat: "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "A Hard Day's Night." Even later "Yellow Submarine" was still whimsical.

But then the Beatles got older, and the world changed. Vietnam, the Kennedy and King assassinations, the urban riots, the 1968 Chicago Democratic convention. Innocence—for those of us who had that luxury—was gone. Skepticism, even cynicism, was the lens through which the world was seen. A lot was broken, including trust in institutions and the church.

In 1971, John Lennon's hit "Imagine" came out. It was evocative and, I'm sure, was meant to point us to the possibility of a better future. I found it disturbing. A world without religion. No heaven. No hell. No countries. No possessions. As if excising these things would cure humanity and the world would be as one.

There was and is enough brokenness in the world to go 'round. But the brokenness is not outside of us—in institutions, politics, religion—it is within us. The only way to construct utopia is to get rid of people. Imagine.

Except God has a different way. It is the way of Jesus. It is the way of love. It is the way of life. You see, God so loves the world and all of creation and all of us. God is right down with us in all of our messiness. In Jesus, God has reconciled the world to God's self, redeeming it and us in spite of our rebellion. We can stake our lives on the relentless, faithful, powerful, tender love of God.

During the pandemic we dreamed great things and imagined an ELCA that could envision a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation. We prayed and still pray that the Spirit will activate each of us so

that more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. And we set a goal—engage a million new, young and diverse people by the end of this decade. Why? Because the world deserves to hear the gospel. The world needs to look beyond itself. There is a heaven.

Clearly this is not the work of the churchwide organization alone, nor of any one congregation. It is a mission for all of us. There are so many people who do not know that they need to know Jesus. There are so many people who think that God's grace is too good to be true. There are so many people searching for meaning. All are beloved by God. God longs to draw all people to Godself, to clean us up and wash our faces so that God's image shines clearly from all of us, so that we can see God's image shining from each other.

New, young and diverse? What about those of us who are already here, have always been here, who have been doing the work and paying the bills? We are the 99 sheep that didn't go astray. We are the older brother who stayed home and worked hard. Of course we are!

We have lived in the love of Jesus and walked in Jesus' way. *We* know the freedom of the Christian. We don't live in an unforgiving world, but in a redeemed world with a future. Why wouldn't we want to share that with as many people as we can?

Even a million new, young and diverse people—why stop there? The flock was not whole until the one lost was found. The older brother did not realize that all his father had was already his as a gift. This is true for us. God has given this mission to invite more people into the way of Jesus. Imagine. †

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Her email address is bishop@elca.org.



You, too, can transform an ordinary Equal Exchange candybar -- Oh, wait! There's no such thing as an ordinary Equal Exchange candybar! I'll start again! Look what can be done with any Equal Exchange candybar! It can be "dressed" to look like an adorable snowman! Stop by the EE Closet after the morning service to quickly dress yours. \$3.00 will cover it.



It has been found! Awhile back, a request was made to be on the lookout for an old dresser which could be transformed into a dollhouse. We'll, here it is, even though not a dresser. Let Cindy Bagocius at 234-207-3638 or cindy.bagocius@gmail.com. know of your interest in being a part of the transformation. The finished product will be an item for the 2022 October Craft Show Raffle, the next Art Show Silent Auction, or . . . We'll see.



Tree of “Thanks and Giving”

Thank you to everyone who filled out leaves of thanks and took tags from our tree this year! We collected \$1,100 to go towards the purchase of 116 gift cards to Acme. We served 99 households on Tuesday, November 16th during Food Pantry and that each received an Acme gift card along with their food! It was a very busy day, and a big thank you to all of the volunteers that shared God’s love with these families that day. There was so much gratitude expressed by the families as they shared how much the gift card and food helps them to be able to pay their rent, utilities, medical or other bills because they don’t have to spend money on groceries, especially at this time of the year! A big thank you to the Sunday School children, Kat Milek, the Sunday School leaders and Renee Keith’s 2nd grade class for decorating the bags for our Pantry families to receive their food.

We delivered 20 bags of food and Acme gift cards to our Siffrin friends on Monday, November 22nd. The adorable bags were created by our Sunday School children and put a smile on the face of all who see them. The children also filled the bags with delicious food items to help our Siffrin friends who are alone and have no family support. To learn more about Siffrin and how they help our community, check out the bulletin board in the hallway by the restrooms where there is an article from the Canton Repository about Siffrin’s new CEO and their future plans.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Thanksgiving projects this year from food and monetary donations, to decorating, filling and delivering the bags of food to all of our Pantry and Siffrin friends. Thanks be to God for the love and generosity of everyone!



Christmas Giving Tree

Our Christmas Giving Trees are up – one in Luther Hall and one in the Narthex. There are many families and individuals in need this holiday season, please help us share God’s love with a few of these people!

Our Giving trees have the following tags:

- Monetary donations to help with the purchase of Acme gift cards for our Pantry families and those we are sponsoring.
- Gift card ideas for the children at Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center.
- Gift card ideas for other families and individuals we are supporting.
- Gift ideas for the families and individuals we are supporting.

Please note the dates on each of the tags because we have different delivery dates for each group we are supporting. Please take a tag or two and share God’s love this holiday season!

This year we are supporting families from our Food Pantry friends, the North Canton Cares Team and Habitat from Humanity. We are also supporting five individuals from Siffrin and the kids at Wernle. Courtney Brown from Habitat shared the following with us about the two Habitat families -

“That’s great news about the help this Christmas for 2-families! Speaking with our mortgage manager, she has been in communication with a couple of our homeowners who have had some recent struggles. I think these two families would be beyond blessed to receive some help this season.

Titnasha Robinson - her son recently suffered from a spinal injury

Adriane Driver-McGhee - her adult daughter recently passed away and now Adriane is raising her grandchildren

Let me know if you would like more information about the families. Isn't it amazing how the Holy Spirit works? These two women are in the middle of some challenges and at the same time God has put them on the hearts of His people. God makes a way!

Thanks for your continued partnership.

Much Love,
Courtney

This is why we do what we do at Zion! We are moved by the Holy Spirit to help those in need our community! Thanks be to God for everyone and your support this holiday season!

Shared Goods Place

We will have our Santa Shop on December 7th and 21st starting at 1 pm for our Shared Goods Place friends. The Santa Shop is a room with new items like clothing, hats, scarves, gloves, personal care items, toys, small gifts, etc. People who come to the Santa Shop will have a chance to pick from these new items for Christmas gifts. It is just a small way to help our friends at the holidays. Thanks for everyone's donations!

Trunk or Treat 2021

- 25 cars participated in handing out candy to the children this year – our best year to date!
- There were over 350 people that attended – over 200 children and over 150 adults (again our biggest year to date)
- Pastor shared the following from a family he talked with at Trunk or Treat:

“My daughter and I came to your Fall Festival and met someone who is in my daughter's class. We chatted and started getting together; now my daughter has a friend at school and our families have formed a friendship. Because of your church, our two families came together. What you guys are doing here is so wonderful.”

That my siblings in Christ is why we do what we do! God is doing great things through you.

- There was such a great energy that day, and it was so wonderful to see our parking lot, pavilion and playset full of people! Thanks be to God!
- Many, many thanks to Doug Roman, Pastor William, Darlene Milavickas and Shirley Horton for feeding all of the families. They served hot dogs, coney sauce, chips/pretzels, cookies, donuts, water, cider and hot chocolate.
- A huge thank you to everyone who participated and donated candy. Thanks be to God for all of you!
- Finally, thank you to Texas Roadhouse for donating 200 Free Kid's Meal cards to pass out to the kids.





Vitalant Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood on Sunday, November 14th. Vitalant was able to collect 15 units of lifesaving blood from this drive! These generous gifts will be used to sustain or save the lives of up to 45 patients in need. To date Zion has hosted seven blood drives which have collected 123 units which will help up to 369 people!!! Thanks be to God for all of you that have donated the gift of life!



Our next drive will be Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 10am - 2pm (gym). You can schedule an appointment online or contact Debbie Fox, and she can schedule your appointment.

Here is the complete schedule for 2022 - please mark your calendars and help Vitalant save lives by donating during our drives!

Sunday, January 16, 2022
Sunday, March 20, 2022
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Wednesday, July 27, 2022
Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sunday, November 20, 2022

***Sundays from 10am – 2pm**
Wednesdays from 4 – 7pm

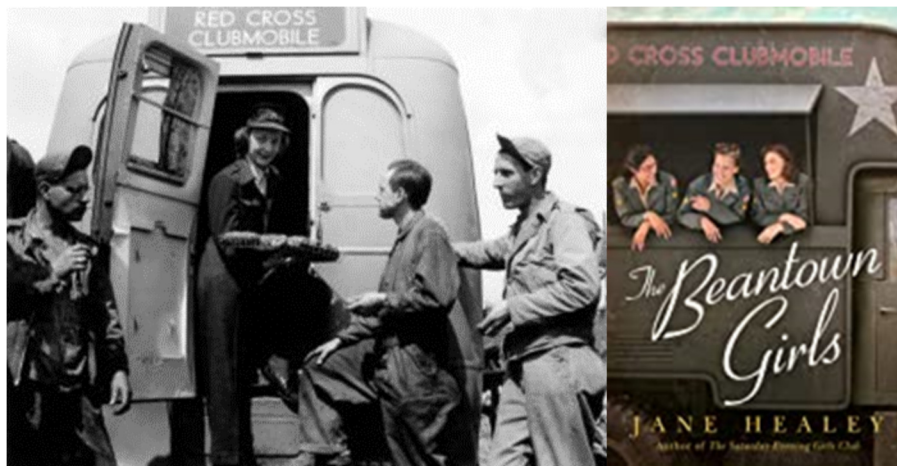


For more information about blood donation, please visit www.vitalant.org.



Next Book Discussion *The Beantown Girls*, by Jane Healy

Some women served in WWII working in “Clubmobiles.” The Red Cross had very high standards for their female volunteers - (whom they sent first to Great Britain) - standards which were higher than those of the military. Applicants had to be college graduates, at least 25 years of age, have stellar reference letters, pass physical examinations and have an outstanding personality as demonstrated at personal interviews.



Red Cross clubmobiles did not just serve in Great Britain. After the invasion of Normandy in June 1944, ten groups of clubmobilers with eight converted GMC trucks per group were sent into France. These clubmobiles, driven and staffed by teams of three American women, traveled with the rear echelon of the Army, receiving their orders from the Army. The women were stationed in nearby towns and would drive to different bases. There they performed the same duties they had while in Great Britain – making and serving doughnuts and coffee, serving snacks, talking with servicemen, playing music and delivering a little slice of home. The clubmobilers served throughout France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg until VE Day in 1945 and continued to service in post war Great Britain and the Army of Occupation in Germany until 1946.

The Doughnut Corporation of America loaned the Red Cross 468 doughnut machines, each which could turn out 48 dozen each hour. A report for December 1944 showed that 205 Red Cross women in Great Britain served 4,659,728 doughnuts to the troops.

Over the course of the war years, 86 Red Cross workers-52 women and 34 men-lost their lives as the result of their wartime service.

Our next Book Discussion Group will meet on December 3rd at 10am at the Gervasi Stillhouse. Please RSVP to Linda Weidenbach by calling 850-766-5640 or emailing lindakjw@gmail.com . We will be discussing the historical fiction book *The Beantown Girls*; it is based on the experiences of the real “Clubmobile” women.

Please contact Linda Weidenbach at 850-766-5640 or lindakjw@gmail.com if you have any questions.

AT-YOUR-TABLE SUPPER CLUB

Purpose Statement: To meet and fellowship with other church members in an at-home setting, getting to know them beyond just a Sunday greeting. Groupings are not necessarily formed to meet with prior friends, but to meet different people attending Zion.

Guidelines:

Couples/singles are grouped to form a party of 5 or 6.

This party will meet once a month for 3 months (Winter: Jan., Feb., March).

Each couple/single will prepare and host one at-home dinner during their designated month.

Dates, times, and month of hosting of these dinners are mutually agreed upon by the group (party).

No dinners during the 4th month (April), at which time registration will take place for a new round of Supper Club to begin the following months (Spring: May, June, July). There will be one in the Fall as well. Sign-up for one, two, or all of them (new sign-ups for each).

Registration required. Supper groups formed by Paul and Cindy Bagocius from sign-up lists. Questions? Call 330-329-4678

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At-Your-Table Sign Up

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Return form or call 330-329-4678 by Sunday, December 26.

The Thrivent logo, featuring the word "thrivent" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font, with a small red heart icon to the right of the "t".

A Virtual Christmas Concert

Featuring Six-Time GRAMMY® Award
Winning Artist Amy Grant



Join Us

Join the Thrivent Member Network for an Exclusive Virtual Christmas Concert featuring six-time GRAMMY® award winning artist Amy Grant.

Take some time to treat your friends and family to the sounds of this joyous season. Catch up on exciting Thrivent updates and celebrate Christmas as a community!

About Amy Grant

Amy Grant has built a long, successful career on music that matters. Ever since she burst on the scene as a fresh-faced teenager bringing contemporary Christian music to the forefront of American culture, the Nashville native gained a reputation for creating potent songs that examined life's complexities with an open heart and keen eye. She became the first artist in Christian music to have a platinum record and went on to become a crossover sensation, her musical gifts transcending genre boundaries to make her a household name. She's earned six Grammy Awards and numerous Gospel Music Association Dove Awards as well as three multi-platinum albums, six platinum albums and four gold albums. She's achieved 10 Top 40 pop singles and placed 17 hits on the Top 40 Adult Contemporary chart as well as scoring numerous hits on the contemporary Christian charts. A longtime and active Nashville resident, Grant is as well known for her philanthropy as her music. She and husband, Vince Gill, are tireless in their efforts to aid worthy causes.

Event Details

Exclusive Virtual Concert
Sunday, December 5
7:00 p.m. EST

Register Today
bit.ly/AmyGrantChristmasConcert





Glad Tidings: Hidden Word Puzzle for CHRISTMAS

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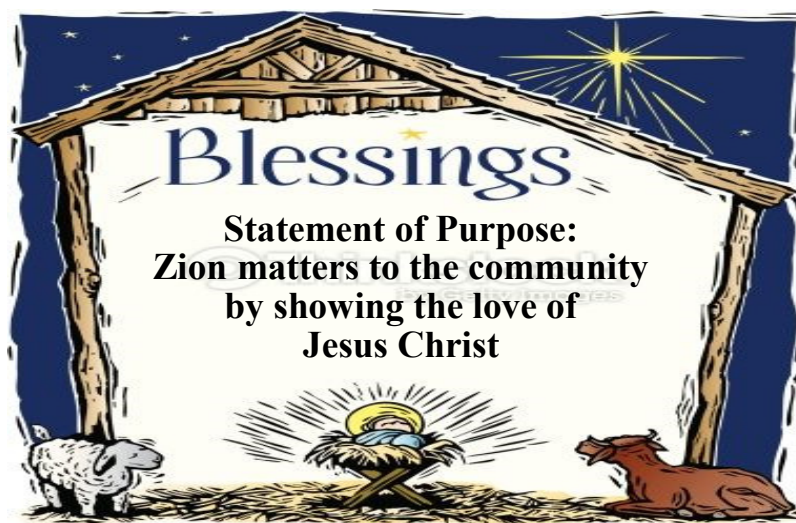
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Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Casual Service

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