

# THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

February 2024



## FEBRUARY DATES\*

**February 14 - 7pm Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 18 - 9am Worship Service - First Sunday in Lent**  
**5:30 Meal**  
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**\* See page 15 for the complete Lent/Easter Schedule**

**Message from our President:**

In the month of February our culture emphasizes the gift of love. February 14 is Valentine's Day. A day which couples celebrate by exchanging flowers and chocolate. A time when friends and family members send each other cards and tokens of affection. And it is a time when all of us are strengthened emotionally by sharing life's experiences with people we love and who love us in return.

Although we think of Valentine's Day as a commercial, Hallmark Card Company holiday, the inspiration for the celebration is a third century Christian martyr. On February 14, 269 St. Valentine was executed by Roman pagans for preaching the gospel of Christian love. St. Valentine's transition from Christian hero to an iconic symbol of romance is usually attributed to the English medieval poet Geoffrey Chaucer's allusion to his death and the beauty of love in a 14<sup>th</sup> century poem, "Parlement of Foules." Notwithstanding Chaucer's use of poetic license concerning the circumstances of St. Valentine's death, as well as the often suffocating commercialism surrounding the marketing of the modern holiday, nothing can diminish the transformative power of the message St. Valentine died for: the all encompassing power of God's love for the human race, epitomized by His sacrifice of His only begotten Son.

This year February 14 is also Ash Wednesday, when we once again begin the journey of Lent, which opens our eyes to what perfect love looks like. Studying Jesus' days in the wilderness leaves us awestruck by His unimpeachable loyalty to His brethren, His unshakeable dedication to His Father's will and His incomparable sacrifice for the human race. It is Jesus' love for us that frees us to love one another in meaningful ways. On Ash Wednesday the words of Genesis 3:19, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," admonish us as to our mortality and that we need to spend our limited earthly existence wisely, carefully, prudently, prayerfully. We need to understand and appreciate that those things we mistakenly think of as our earthly possessions are in reality resources entrusted to our care by God for a limited period of time and those resources must be utilized in service to others. Only by so doing can we be the people we were created to be and experience the virtues of peace, love, joy, kindness and generosity.

As we focus on Ash Wednesday and Lent let us commit ourselves to the proper stewardship of the physical, financial, intellectual and spiritual resources God has entrusted to our care in the pursuit of fulfilling Zion's mission to "matter to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ."

*Lord, thank You for Your sacrifice for us. Help us to grow in love for You and for each other. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Fidler  
Council President



February, by now we have all broken our New Year's Resolutions and are ready for the

month that celebrates both love and salvation, Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday, the start of the Easter Season February 14<sup>th</sup>. These two celebrations, one secular and the other religious do find commonality in the fact that through God's love we have salvation.

Supporting Teams:

**Handyman Services** – Ken Reinoehl  
Volunteer and Request forms are available on the bulletin board across from Pastor's Office. There have been no requests for handyman services this month.

**Visitations** – Ken Reinoehl  
No Report.

**Transportation** – No Team Leader assigned.

**Prayer Chain** – Jayne Schrader  
If you would like to make a request, please contact Jayne at Prayer@zion-nc.com.

**Funeral Reception Meals** – Darlene Milavickas  
One reception in memory of Kay Davis, let us keep the family in our prayers.

**Feed a Friend** – Laura Thompson  
No requests in December.

Caring Ministry

**Blood Program** Debbie Fox  
The next blood drive will be Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Thank you for your support.

**Comfort Givers** – Darleen Milavickas.  
No Report.

**Greeting Cards** – No report.

*Lord, give us strength to change the things we can, and understanding to accept the things we cannot. Amen.*

G. Scott Gross—Elder

OPPORTUNITIES



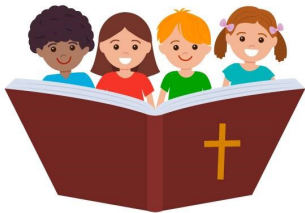
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**LEARNING MINISTRY–** Debbie Fox

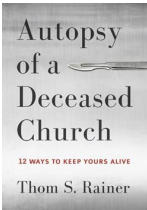
**Bible Adventure - Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sunday Bible Adventure meets Sunday mornings at 10:15 am after service in our classrooms in the back hall. Join us and bring a friend or two for fun and learning about the Bible and how much God loves us! Miss Connie and Miss Janet teach great lessons from Whirl that include games, crafts and snack.



**Adult Sunday School**

Join us in the Coffee Connection area after Sunday service at 10:15 am for coffee, delicious treats and Bible discussion. The group, led by Pastor William, is discussing the book, “Autopsy of a Deceased Church -12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive”. The weekly discussions give important insight into how we can move Zion forward in positive and meaningful ways that align with our mission!



**Confirmation & High School Christian Ed.**

We offer these classes Sunday mornings at 10:15 am. Join us at the Coffee Connection and then we will head off to classes. Cindy Bagocius leads our Confirmation classes studying the

“Here We Stand” curriculum and Renee Keith is our High School leader using t.b.d curriculum.

**Women’s Bible Study**

February’s Women’s Bible Study will be Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Bagocius will lead a session at 1:30pm in her home (2308 Market Ave North, Canton), and



Ruth Reinoehl will lead a session on Monday, January 29, at 7pm in her home (407 9<sup>th</sup> St NW, North Canton).

The groups devote an hour in the Word and in the company of each other discussing the Bible Study from the ELCA’s GATHER Magazine. Please contact Cindy or Ruth if you are interested in joining or have any questions. They can provide you with the materials needed for discussion.

Ruth is willing to do an additional session each week if those times don’t work for you. Please contact Debbie Fox, or Ruth if you are interested in scheduling an additional meeting time.

*Dear God, help us to open our minds, our ears and our hearts to what You are telling us, and to do what You want us to! Guide us in our pursuit of furthering our education into your Word. Amen*



FOODS THAT WILL HELP OUR  
WILD FRIENDS DURING  
COLD WEATHER

guardiansofrescue.org



- Uncooked oats
- Cereal
- Cooked rice (ideally brown)
- Soaked dog kibble
- Wet dog or cat food
- Fresh coconut in the shell
- Baked potatoes
- Suet blocks / bird cake
- Raw peanuts / walnuts / others
- Raw sunflower seeds
- Wild birdseed
- Bread is better than nothing at all, but is very low in nutritional value.

Thank You for caring!



ATTENTION

*Please notify the main office of any changes in your information such as name, address, phone number, email, marital status etc., so that we can keep our records up to date.*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS	
February 3	Sandy Cizek
February 4	Kenadi Medina
February 14	Mary Humbert
February 15	Donna Roan
February 15	Rick Riffle
February 19	Rowan Medina
February 26	Darlene Dague



Mark and Laura Thompson  
February 23






**ACME Community Cash Back Reminder**

The ACME Community Cash Back Program ends in February. Please bring in your ACME receipts dated between August 1, 2023 and **February 15, 2024** with a Community Cashback amount listed on the bottom. Zion will receive 5% of the total Community Cashback amounts from all the receipts we collect. Final day to drop off receipts is Sunday, February 25, 2024. Collection jars are located on the Coffee Bar in the Coffee Connection and in the entrance area outside of the Church Office.

**Thank you for your support of this year’s program. Stay tuned for how much we will earn this year!**



Zion Lutheran Church North Canton, Ohio <b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
<b><u>ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE</u></b> February 4, 2024 Cindy Bagocius February 11, 2024 George Miller February 18, 2024 Ken Reinoehl February 25, 2024 Jim Fidler	<b><u>CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE</u></b> <b>SATURDAY</b> February 3, 2024 Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith February 10, 2024 Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith February 17, 2024 Jane Fairman and Janet Slease February 24, 2024 Jane Fairman and Janet Slease
<b><u>ACOLYTE SCHEDULE</u></b> February 4, 2024 Scouts February 11, 2024 LJ Brown February 18, 2024 Ava Medina February 25, 2024 Ben Keith	<b>SUNDAY</b> February 4, 2024 Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith February 11, 2024 Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith February 18, 2024 Jane Fairman and Janet Slease February 25, 2024 Jane Fairman and Janet Slease
<b><u>READER SCHEDULE</u></b> February 4, 2024 Scouts February 11, 2024 Brian Milek February 18, 2024 Jayne Schrader February 25, 2024 Ruth Reinoehl	<b><u>9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS</u></b> February 4, 2024 Laura Thompson February 11, 2024 George Miller February 18, 2024 John Rhodes February 25, 2024 Dave Palumbo
	<b><u>ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE</u></b> February 4, 2024 Carol McKimm February 11, 2024 Carol McKimm February 18, 2024 Steve Moore February 25, 2024 Carol McKimm



**Blood Drive: Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm  
in the gym  
We Want Your Blood! They Need Your Blood!**

**THERE CONTINUES TO BE A CRITICAL SHORTAGE – PLEASE HELP SAVE AND SUSTAIN LIVES BY DONATING YOUR BLOOD!**

Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm in the gym. Please give if you can. It truly is the gift of life and there are so many who need your donation!



A story from Vitalant:

Lauryn depends on life-transforming blood transfusions every three weeks to treat a rare genetic disorder that prevents her body from producing healthy red blood cells.

*“I wish I could hug every single blood donor who selflessly gives my daughter the opportunity to shine.”*

– Christine, mother of blood recipient

You can schedule your own appointment, or Debbie Fox can schedule one for you.

To make your own appointment go to:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=rpWCGMfJ%2FsldxPH1ITaq1GAGwwrvXeju0AUxefyadNI%3D>

or go to:

Vitalant.org

Click on “donate”

Click on “schedule an appointment”

And search by city, zip and date

Or use “Advanced Search” and Group code: U1525

If you are unable to donate on February 18<sup>th</sup>, you can go to the Vitalant Donation Center at 4119 Tuscarawas St West, Canton, OH 44708. Call 877-258-4825 or schedule an appointment online.

**Mark your calendars for our remaining 2024 Blood Drive Dates and please donate!**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am – 2pm**

**Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 3:00 - 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 3:00 - 7:00pm**

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am – 2pm**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am – 2pm**





### Comfort Givers - Darlene Milavickas

The Repository had an article in the newspaper a few weeks ago talking about the Refuge of Hope Ministries opening up an eight-bed overnight shelter to give women a warm place to stay until a spot at a long-term shelter opens.



The article had this picture with the article showing our quilts being used at the women's shelter. It is such a great feeling that the quilts that you have made are used for local men and women to stay warm during these cold nights. Thanks for everyone that participates in this great ministry to make this all possible.

We would like to send a big thank you out to Mrs. Pam Smith for making 5 beautiful prayer shawls for our ministry.

*Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us the talent and materials to do your work and to share our love for others. You ask us to help our brothers and sisters, to provide for them. Please help us to see ways that we can do this, to expand our ministry and show them your love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

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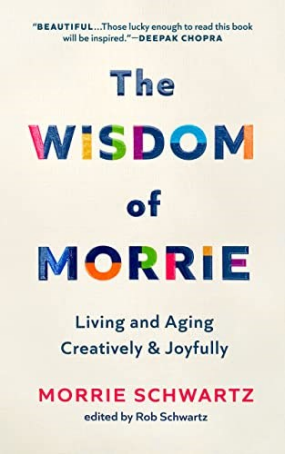


*The Picks are In*

Like to read? Consider joining one or more of our Reading Discussion Group sessions in the 2023-24 season, which opens the first Friday in September, 2023 at 10 am and continues through the first Friday of June, 2024 at 10 am.

Here's the new picks -

- February: *The Wisdom of Morrie*, by Morrie Schwartz  
March: *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict  
April: *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCollough  
May: *Dorothy Fuldheim*, by Patricia Mote  
June: *The Night of Many Endings*, by Melissa Payne



The meeting place is Zion Lutheran Church, unless otherwise directed.  
For information, call, text, or email Linda Weidenbach at 850-766-5640 or [lindakjw@gmail.com](mailto:lindakjw@gmail.com).

**NEW BIBLE  
STUDY  
OPTIONS**



**THURSDAY'S BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1**

- 7-8 AM - SAMANTHA'S 6326 MARKET AVE.**  
**9-10AM - ZOOM BIBLE DISCUSSION**  
**12-1PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY**  
**5:30-6:30PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY**

**COME AND JOIN IN ONE OR ALL OF THE CHOICES  
SHARE INFO WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Pastor's Ponderings  
February, 2024

Ash Wednesday is a week earlier than it was last year, so I needed to get started earlier in creating the Lenten Evening Services. That got me to pondering about what you are planning to do for Lent. Have you considered, or will you consider any of the following?

- **Discipleship**

A disciple is one who studies under and learns from a teacher. Jesus was often called; Teacher. How well is your journey going in being a student of Jesus? Are you participating in Daily Devotions, Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Bible Discussion with Pastor, Adult Christian Education, Lenten Evening and Holy Week services, or other engagements in learning more about God and what God desires for and from you?

The reason I ask is because I noticed that roughly 80% of the people who come to worship do not participate in any of the many Christian education opportunities offered at this congregation.

- ◇ Are you participating elsewhere?
- ◇ If not, what will it take to have you participate here?

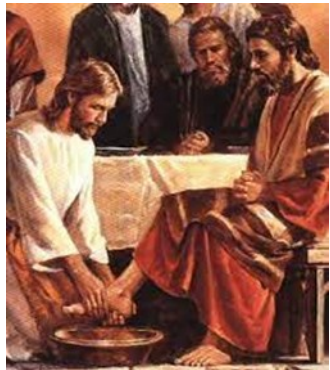


- **Faith**

The letter of James tells us that we are to be doers of the word of God, not merely hearers; for in failing to act upon what we hear we deceive ourselves. So, how well are you acting upon what you hear during your time with God? Are you participating in our many community outreach events with set-up, cooking or serving; Men's Handyman Service; Food Pantry service or buying food; Shared Goods donating or sorting clothing and household goods; or any of the many other projects and events held by this congregation?

The reason I ask is because I noticed that roughly 60% of the people who come to worship do not participate in any of the service projects or outreach events at this congregation.

- ◇ Are you participating elsewhere?
- ◇ If not, what will it take to have you participate here?



This Lent, I pray that you will commit to making this Lenten season the one where you:

- ◆ grow your discipleship and faith
- ◆ get to know the love of God in a deeper and more meaningful way
- ◆ make a difference in your life, and the life of others

Everyone can do something. Some can physically participate. Some can prayerfully participate. Some can financially participate.

Jesus calls us to spread the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

How will you participate in this Godly mission? God is counting on you.

Graciously, Pr. William



**Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2024**

Great news! We have made our commitment to partner with Habitat for Humanity for the 2024 Faith Build. Zion will provide a \$5,000 contribution, volunteers for at least three workdays and lunches for those workdays as part of our commitment. We also ask for your prayers for all the people that will be involved with the build – families, volunteers, staff and faith community partners. The 2024 build will include three houses for three families in Massillon. Stay tuned for more information about the families and dates for the upcoming Faith Build! We are so excited and thankful to God to be part of such an amazing project to build homes for three deserving families!



MEMBERS OF ZION,

We have come to you asking for your help on caring out God's work. As God's stewards, we are in charge of taking care of all material things God has given us. We are to follow Jesus' commandments to love as He has loved us and go and make disciples of all nations. We are to care for our neighbors where ever they are. We are asking this of you, God's children, to help accomplish this by being on council. We have three positions we need to fill.

- 1. Caring Elder - see Scott Gross for details.
- 2. Resource Elder – see John Rhodes for details
- 3. Social Elder – see Pastor William

Please pray on filling these positions and those of you who are not able to fill a position please pray for those considering doing so and for your council members that are doing these duties. We always need your prayers plus your input and ideas.

God's Blessings be with all of you,  
Darlene Milavickas Nomination Ministry Chairperson



Sharing our Love with The Stark County Humane Society



Check out our Heart Tags in The Coffee Connection area for items needed to help the animals and staff at the Stark County Humane Society. Please take a “thank you” treat and tag or two and place your donation in the collection area. We will be collecting items through the end of February.

The following is a list of the items that are included on the heart tags:

- 1. Canned Cat & Dog Food
- 2. Dry Cat & Dog Food
- 3. Dry Kitten & Puppy Food
- 4. Bleach
- 5. Blue Dawn Dish Soap
- 6. Leashes



Please help us help the animals who cannot speak for themselves!

You can look up more information about the Stark County Humane Society on their website at [www.starkhumane.org](http://www.starkhumane.org) where there is a list of additional items they need, volunteer opportunities and most importantly, pets that need a forever home. Thank you in advance for your support!

Watch the bulletin and our Facebook page for information about an upcoming volunteer Saturday at the Humane Society. It will be a great opportunity to help out and meet some of the animals that are currently at the Humane Society.

ITEMS FOR THE SHELTER’S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

- Wine Corks
- Empty Pill Bottles
- Chicken Broth
- Peanut Butter
- Applesauce

What to do if you find a HYPOTHERMIC ANIMAL

- 1. Do NOT feed.
- 2. Do NOT submerge in water.
- 3. DO bring inside out of the weather.
- 4. DO dry the animal off.
- 5. DO stroke to stimulate blood flow.
- 6. DO get to a vet immediately.



If you feed a kitten with a temperature below 97, you can kill it!  
If you warm them up too fast, you can kill it!  
If the animal is frozen to the ground, do not pull it off! Instead, get LUKEWARM water and pour it around and under the animal. DO NOT use hot water. Once free, immediately dry the animal off, wrap it in a dry towel and get it to the nearest vet.

WINTER WISH LIST

- Canned Cat & Dog Food
- Dry Cat & Dog Food
- Dry Kitten & Puppy Food
- Bleach
- Copy Paper
- Martingale Collars
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Spray Bottles
- Mop Heads
- Brooms & Dust Pans
- 9x13 metal cake pans
- Plastic Gloves
- Paper Towels
- Cloth Towels
- Cat Litter
- Leashes



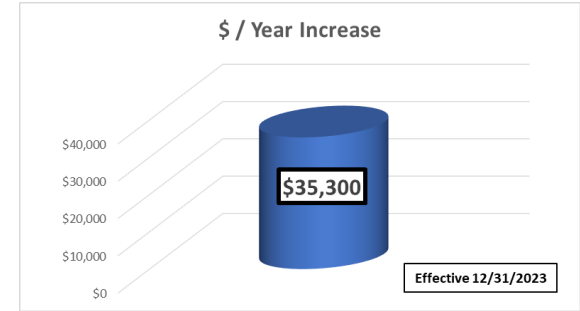
Resource Ministry January Update - John Rhodes



**God’s plentiful blessings be with you all!** The 2024 New Year has brought winter weather in all NE Ohio’s variations; occasional frigid temperatures with interspersed forms of precipitation. I enjoy the diversity but am thankful that we have avoided extremes which put our safety and healthy activity at risk. I was especially thankful that the weather was cooperative for the Holiday Season safe travels to holiday gatherings and celebrations of our Lord’s birth. May your 2024 be filled with joy, safe activity and good health.

Our December Unrestricted (“General Fund”) giving results were very positive; 54% greater than November and 37% greater than December 2023. This is a seasonal expectation and very appreciated result of your Giving and it produced the noted positive impact to our monthly financials. Correspondingly our Giving reduced the Year-End deficit to an amount consistent with our 2023 Operational Spending Plan.

Our 2023 YE Giving finished 5 % greater than 2022, but it was an insufficient rate to eliminate our current budget deficits. On one hand, 68 % of Zion Giving members gave at a rate which is more than 110 % of their 2022 levels, and 77 % gave at a rate greater than 2022. This is excellent and in alignment with our 2023 approved Spending Plan of 10 percent increase; however, the final YE giving is 5 percent less than our budgeted amount producing noted deficit increase. Cost controls have been implemented for 2024 to minimize the negative impacts, but the solution is an increase in Zion’s total Giving rate.




Your enthusiastic, prayerful support of our Fall 2023 stewardship campaign, “**Stewardship for All Seasons**” resulted in Intent Card submissions with pledges totaling \$35,300 as noted in the previous graph. This a significant projected increase to our 2024 General Fund Giving (>10% 2023). General Fund Giving is the “fuel for the engine” which supports Zion operations and ministry activities. Your successful execution of your Intent Card commitments will help us to utilize Zion’s combined spiritual, physical and financial resources to support ministry activities which align with our mission, “Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ.”

We are encouraged by your 2023 support and may God bless you for your prayers and support in sharing God’s Blessings and improving the lives of Zion members and the community.  
**Happy 2024! May it be safe, healthy and productive.**

*Lord, we continue to be humbled by the resources you make available to do your work at Zion and the inspiration you provide to recognize needs in our community and to appropriately respond to them. We do this in honor of your glorious name, Amen.*

	December 2023	Year-End 2023
Giving	\$47,708.40	\$346,149.81
Expenses	\$34,188.44	\$381,334.55
Difference	\$13,519.96	-\$35,184.74



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Select **Direct Choice Dollars**.

Log in by entering your User ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on thrivent.com, click **Register for account access**.)

Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:

a. To direct to a previous organization:

Click **Direct Now** next to the organization's name, or

Click on the **View activity history** link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.

b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **Search**.

Choose **Direct All** or **enter a specific number** and click **Direct Now**. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to

Direct Choice Dollars by Phone

Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "**Thrivent Choice**."

**Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)

A client service professional will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Want to make an even bigger difference?

Make a personal donation at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Thrivent pays the processing fees so 100% of your donation goes to help.\* Click **Make a personal donation** and search the Thrivent Choice Catalog. Once you locate the organization to which you wish to donate, click **Make a Personal Donation**. You'll then be sent to Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing to make the donation.

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	<b>5:30 Meal</b>
	<b>6:15 Worship Service</b>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>7pm Worship Service - Third Sunday in Lent</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>9am Worship Service</b>
	<b>5:30 Meal</b>
	<b>6:15 Worship Service</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>7pm Worship Service - Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>9am Worship Service</b>
	<b>5:30 Meal</b>
	<b>6:15 Worship Service</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>7pm Worship Service - Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>9am Worship Service</b>
	<b>5:30 Meal</b>
	<b>6:15 Worship Service</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>7pm Worship Service - Palm Sunday</b>
<b>March 24</b>	<b>9am Worship Service - Palm Sunday</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>NO Worship Service</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>7pm Worship Service - Maundy Thursday</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>7:30pm Worship Service - Good Friday</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>9am Worship Service - Easter Sunday</b>

**Please retain this schedule for the Lent/Easter Season.**





**Food Pantry News—Debbie Fox**

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who braved the cold and helped in January. We averaged 70 households for January’s distribution and served 90 – 100 hot lunches each time. Our Pantry friends are very grateful for all that they receive, and we appreciate your support to make our ministry to feed the hungry

in our community a successful endeavor. Pantries across the state and country are seeing large increases in their numbers as hunger continues to be a big issue along with the rising cost of food. With God’s help and guidance, we are fortunate that we have been able to serve all who have come to us to date.

How can you continue to help, or if you haven’t been able before? There are many opportunities! We have set up on the Monday before our distribution dates from 9 -11 am. Sign up sheets are on the Food Pantry door or you can call the Church Office if you are interested. On distribution days (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month) we start at 9:30 am with final set up, lunch starts at 11:30 am for volunteers, 12:15 pm for food pantry clients, and food distribution for 1 -2 pm with tear down to follow. We appreciate any time you may have available to volunteer from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm on those Tuesdays. If you are not able to help on Mondays or Tuesdays, you can always donate nonperishable food items. Our most needed items include spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, jelly, canned soup, boxed cereal or oatmeal and toilet paper. Please consider adding one item to your grocery list. Please see Debbie Fox if you have any questions or would like more information about volunteer opportunities!



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*Hey you guys:*

The men are still meeting on the LAST SATURDAY of each month (except May = Memorial Day weekend). We are back to doing a Bible Study. Each month, I am now emailing the Bible text to those interested, the Sunday before our meeting. I am also adding some of the questions you might want to think about beforehand. If you would like to receive those questions at the beginning of the week before our study, just give me your email address, and I will include your name along with the rest. Even if you don't get to the text or questions before hand, come and join in the discussion any way. And you are always encouraged to bring someone along with you.

**February's GAME TIME will be on FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> – 4 pm – whenever.**

Whether in the men's group or not, part of being a Christian, is us sharing our love of Christ with all those we come into contact with. Of course, inviting them to come to church for worship, functions, or just inviting them to a cup of coffee/tea and conversation, is a priority. Getting to know them and making sure they know that God loves them and so do you, can still be accomplished, even if they don't accept your invitation. It is vital that we always "plant the seed" until it begins to sprout.

Don't forget the HANDYMEN are still offering their services for those pesky 'odd jobs' that we all have around the house that need to be done. We can always use more hands, if you would like to lend a hand, just let me know and I will add your name to the 'helpers' list. For the rest of you, give us those "TO DO" jobs, we will gladly "GIT 'ER DONE!" [[Those who have tried us seem to be grateful for our assistance.]]

TAKE A CHANCE ON LOVE!

Equal Exchange Valentine's Specials

Choose a \$5, \$10, or \$15 heart to reveal what Equal Exchange purchase is inside!

Contact Cindy Bagocius for details!



A flyer for Scout Sunday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. It features a yellow border with blue fleur-de-lis at the corners. The text is centered and reads: "Scout Sunday February 4 - 9am Worship Service", "Our own Troop 12 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be participating in all aspects of the Sunday Service.", "Please come and support the Troop as we come together!!", and the Boy Scouts of America logo.

**Scout Sunday**

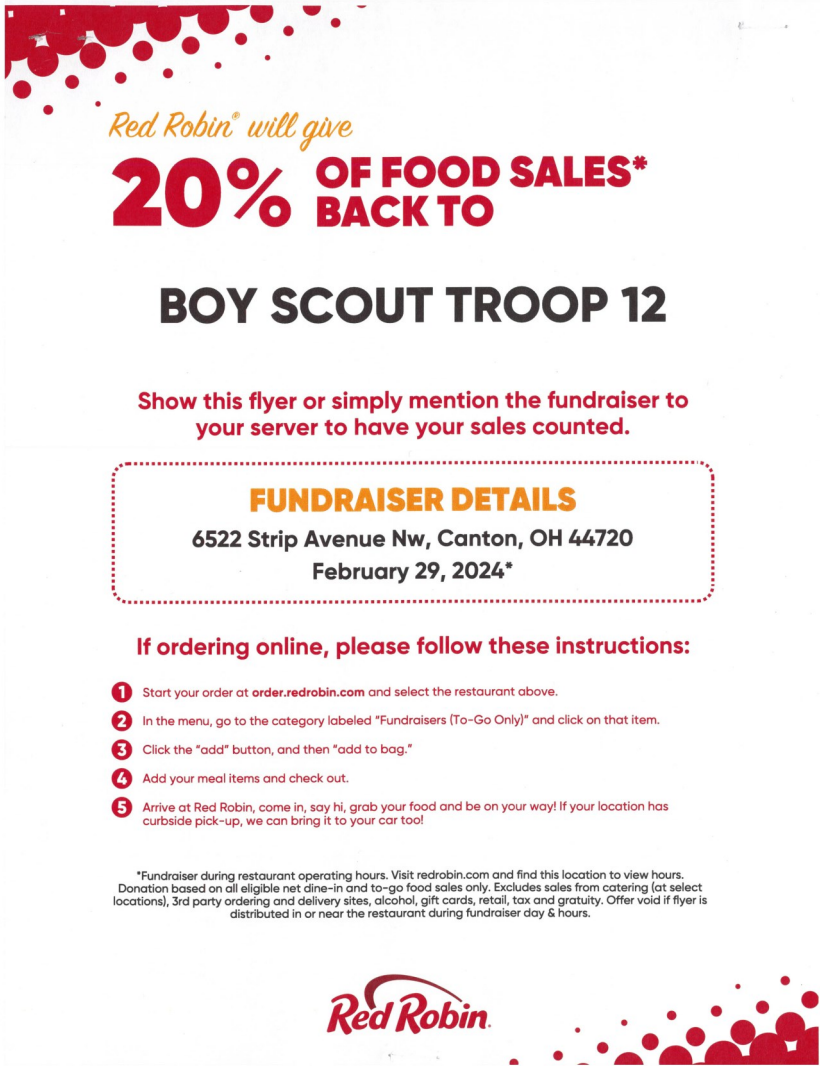
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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®**

A flyer for a Red Robin fundraiser. It features a red and white color scheme with a red border. The text is centered and reads: "Red Robin® will give 20% OF FOOD SALES\* BACK TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 12", "Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.", "FUNDRAISER DETAILS", "6522 Strip Avenue Nw, Canton, OH 44720", "February 29, 2024\*", "If ordering online, please follow these instructions:", and a list of 5 steps for online ordering. The Red Robin logo is at the bottom.

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- 1 Start your order at [order.redrobin.com](https://order.redrobin.com) and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

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**What are they?  
Are they worth the time?  
Who gets invited?  
We're so glad you asked!**

**What?** – Cottage Meetings are an informal small gathering for you to share your dreams for Zion's future.

**Why?** – We last did a series of Cottage Meetings in September 2019. Every one of the forty-two ideas offered from the participants were given serious consideration and eighteen were implemented! That's 42%. We could probably have done more, but frankly, only 40% of the people who come to church helped make them a reality, so we did great!

**Who?** – We want to hear from all the people who participate in the life of this congregation. Your Council Elders are hosting Cottage Meetings in February and March and will be looking for your participation.

**What will be discussed this year?** – Your answers to the following questions:  
Do we have a purpose at Zion? What is it?

Many of your family and friends don't come here.  
What are you willing to change so they might give us a try?

We have 202 active members, but only 43% come on any given Sunday/Wednesday.  
What might be changed so that our 202 siblings in Christ come more regularly?

Currently, 86% of the people who attend a worship service leave immediately after.  
What are ways we can engage better with each other to build up this body of Christ?

So, get your answers written down and be ready to accept the invitation when an Elder calls – can't wait for a call? Reach out to one of the Elders.



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Return Service Requested



**Worship Services**  
**Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**  
**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service**  
**Services are streamed through Facebook**

**Office hours**  
**9:00am to 3:00pm M-F**  
**Doors open at 9am**

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**Statement of Purpose:**  
**Zion matters to the community by showing the love of Jesus Christ**

