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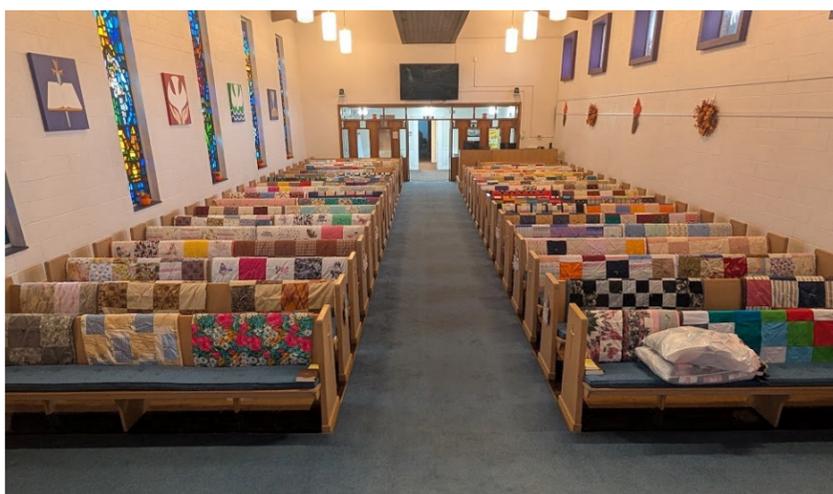
November 2025

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*Living in Faith,
Known by Love,
Serving like Jesus*

*A community of believers who
are diverse in background yet
one in Christ. We serve the
community and welcome all
to worship, grow and learn
the Word of God.*



*Blessing Of The Quilts
Sunday, October 12*

More details on page 18



Message from our President:

November is the month we associate with the onset of the Holiday Season and, of course, giving thanks to our Divine Creator for the Blessings He has bestowed upon us. Our Sunday Worship Service on November 2 will be All Saints Day, during which we celebrate our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant. The Worship Service on Sunday November 9 will be a recognition of the contributions our veterans have made to the preservation of our freedom and way of life.

On Thanksgiving Day we'll reflect on our many Blessings and thank God for all that we truly value in our lives-family, friends, neighbors, pets- and for those activities that stimulate us intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

On Sunday evening, November 30, we'll celebrate the first of our four Advent Worship Services as we prepare for the entry into the world of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As Christians we are thankful for Christ's message of service to others. This Congregation recognizes that our talents, physical capabilities, cognitive capacities and financial assets are all resources God has entrusted to our care with the expectation we will employ those resources in service to others. Our belief that as a church we must look outward and consider the welfare of others is encapsulated in our Statement of Purpose: "Living in Faith, Known by Love, Serving like Jesus."

At the Congregational Meeting on October 26, 2025 we as a Congregation expressed our overwhelming approval of a Budget for 2026 that included a substantial redo of the parking lot as an integral part of our efforts to balance the needs and concerns of a Congregation fulfilling its Mission while navigating the Transition Process; considered and approved the Annual Report; and received a very encouraging update concerning the Call Process, which has entered into the Pastoral Interview Phase. "Intent Cards" discussed and distributed by the Stewardship Committee at the Congregational Meeting note all of the things the generosity of Zion's members has accomplished and respectfully request that we maintain that level of generosity in 2026 so that Zion can continue to be the church God wants us to be.

Lord, thank You for making us a Congregation cognizant of the abundant resources You have entrusted to our care and the beauty of Your Divine Plan calling for all of your created beings to live lives inextricably intertwined with each other. We ask for the continued guidance of Your Holy Spirit as we proceed in the Process of Calling a Pastor to partner with Zion. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fidler
Council President

History of Veterans' Day

World War I ended on November 11, 1918, with the signing of the Armistice by the Allies and Germany. In the first Armistice Day proclamation in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson called for the nation to remember those who died in their country's service and to make the day an opportunity for America to "show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

In 1927 Congress called for the display of the U.S. flag on government buildings, and in 1938 Congress called for observing Armistice Day in churches and schools — again dedicating the day to the cause of world peace.

Note the order here: the nation was telling the churches to celebrate this day. This was not an initiative arising from the churches, but from Congress. The timing was significant. The strong stirrings of World War II had already begun in earnest in Europe. The United States was still reeling from the effects of World War I and the Great Depression, and the political climate overall was against any sort of engagement in wars.

Of course, within just three years, the United States became involved in the War "over there" in Europe and "way out there" in the Pacific. Since the end of World War II, observances of Armistice Day have been held all over the nation, but especially in our national cemeteries and monuments and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. The president and many state governors have issued proclamations. Countless communities, veterans' groups, and civic clubs and organizations have held local observances.

Armistice Day became Veterans' Day by an act of Congress in 1954, changing its purpose and scope. President Eisenhower called on the nation to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in all our nation's wars, to celebrate the contributions of all veterans of military service, and to rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace. It is Eisenhower's call that remains the three-fold purpose of Veterans' Day: remembering those who fought and died, celebrating all veterans, and promoting an enduring peace.



While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime.

Please join us at either the Wednesday, November 5—7pm service or Sunday, November 9— 9am service where Zion's own veterans & loved ones will prayerfully thank those who served.

Wednesday Readers

Ron Singer— Army
 Brian Kay— Army
 John Rhodes— In honor of 6 Army Uncles
 John Long— Army Medical Corp
 Connie Riffle— In honor of Family & Friends

Sunday Readers

Fritz Cizek— Air Force
 Jenny Elkins— Army
 Brian Milek— Airforce
 Miss Janaske — In honor of Family
 Nick Cignetti — In honor of Family



LEARNING MINISTRY– Debbie Fox

Adult Christian Education – Sunday Mornings at 10:15am

There will be Bible Discussion during the Adult Christian Education hour for the remainder of this year. Join us each Sunday after service and refreshments for an engaging and interesting discussion on each week's lessons and Gospel. We are so grateful to all of our supply pastors for leading us each week to help us

further our knowledge of God's Word.

Sunday Bible Adventure - Pre-K thru 6th Grades – Sunday Mornings at 10:15am

Connie Riffle and Janet Slease will lead our kids each Sunday morning at 10:15 for adventures in learning important Bible lessons that include games, crafts and fun. We will be working on our Thanksgiving service projects this month in addition to our lessons. Join in the fun and have your kids bring a friend!



Confirmation Classes

A big thank you to Renee Keith for leading our young people while Cindy B. is on vacation. We ask you to pray for these young people as they go through the journey of affirming their baptism

Women's Bible Study



There will be no Women's Bible Study in November. The next gathering will be on Monday, December 1st at Cindy Bagocius's home on Market Ave in Canton. In addition to the Bible Study, they will have their Christmas celebration and homemade ornament exchange. Please be there at 1:30pm!

The group will continue to meet on the first Monday of each month with a 1:30 arrival and 1:45pm start time at Cindy's home. All women are invited and encouraged to join and bring a friend! Please contact Cindy Bagocius or Debbie Fox for more information.

Men's Bible Study

The men will meet on Saturday, November 29th at 8:30am this month as they continue their study of five sessions from the Master Builders Bible on masculinity.

This group meets at Zion once a month on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am for good food, fellowship and an hour of engaging Bible discussion. All men are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a friend or two! If these times don't work for you, contact Ken Reinoehl to see if we can arrange a time that does work!

Dear God, help us open our minds, our ears and our hearts to what You are telling us, and to do Your will! Guide us in our pursuit of learning and walking in your Word every day. Amen



Chancel Flowers are available in memory or honor of your loved one (s) and are used in the Chapel for any Sunday Service of your choice.

They are only \$20.00 each and you can order as many as you wish!

You also get to take them home after the service and enjoy their beauty and your memories!!

We currently have December 7, 21 and 28 available. Arrangements can be made in the front office.



Fleece Blanket Collection for The North Canton Cares Team

During the month of November, we will start our Christmas giving. We are collecting fleece blankets for the children who are supported by the North Canton Cares Team.

These blankets will be used in their Christmas Shop for North Canton City Schools families that need a little extra help and support this Christmas.

The goal is to collect 100 fleece blankets, at least 50 inches by 60 inches (they can be bigger). The blankets will be given to children ages 3 to 18, so a variety of colors and patterns is great! There will be a collection box located in Luther Hall. All blankets must be dropped off by Sunday, November 30th so we can deliver by the first of December.

Thank you for supporting the kids in our community and sharing God's love with them!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Lisa Frock	November 9
Vera Harris	November 10
Tina Linz	November 12
Mark Denman	November 24

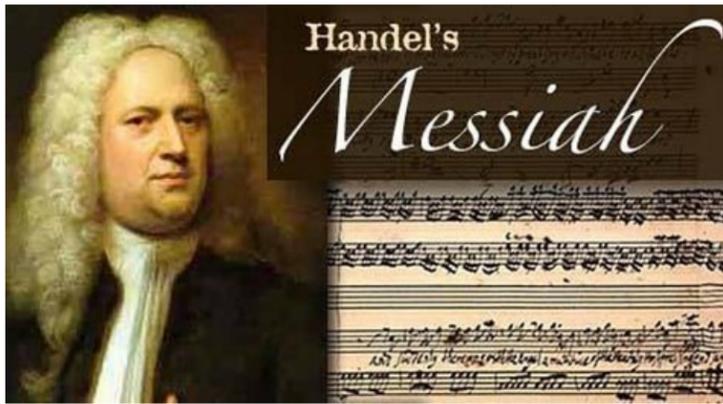


ACME Community Cash Back

- The ACME Community Cash Back Program has begun!!
- Please bring in your ACME receipts dated between August 1, 2025 and February 15, 2026 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. Collection jar is located on the Coffee Bar in the Coffee Connection.



**Thank you for your support of this year's program.
Every receipt counts!!**



*Advent Study
Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church
Advent, 2025*

*With Pastors Sprite and Steve
Johnson*

Most of us have heard Handel's Messiah. Many of us have probably joined choirs to sing portions of the oratorio, some have probably sung it in its entirety. But how many of us have taken the time to think about what the Messiah says as a work of theology, as a sermon in song?

The Revs. Sprite and Steve Johnson will offer us an opportunity to do just that this Advent. Together, we will listen to selected portions and discuss the choices Handel made and try to determine what he was attempting to say.

To help facilitate our study and conversation the Johnsons recommend **Messiah: The Gospel According to Handel's Oratorio** by Roger A. Bullard. One per family will be provided and is also available from multiple vendors, including Amazon. Though not required to participate in the sessions, there will be suggested readings referred to in the weekly study guides. We will listen to Part I (often called the Christmas portion, though Professor Bullard dislikes the term) and selected portions of Parts II and III, such as the Hallelujah Chorus. (If you have specific selections from Parts II and III you would like to discuss, please let the Revs. Johnson know no later than the first session on November 30, the first Sunday of Advent.)

Weekly study guides will be available which will include a list of selections we will discuss, recommended readings from Bullard, and questions to think about in advance of the sessions. The first study guide will be available when the Johnsons are with us at the end of October. The others will be distributed at the sessions for the following week.

We hope you will join us.

While suggested readings are not required to attend the Advent Services, those who would like the book noted above should return this slip to the office or offering plate by November 16th.

Only one book will be provided per household please.



NAME: _____

Resource Ministry – Laura Thompson**Financial Update**

- **All that we have, all that we are, flows from the generosity and abundant love of our Creator.**
- **Thank you for approving our 2026 Budget, including spending up to \$140,000 on replacing our parking lot. The 2026 operating budget and the Long Term Building Fund will provide the resources.**
- **Our parking lot is an essential part of delivering our mission. Food Pantry, Shared Goods, Cruise In Veterans fundraiser, Police and Fire Departments Safety Town and Bike Rodeo, Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts, Trunk or Treat, Vacation Bible School, Worship services - all rely on the ability to use our parking lot.**
- **And thank you for your commitment to healthy stewardship! Through September our Giving has exceeded our use of funds by over \$30,000. This is primarily because we do not have the cost of a full time Pastor. Our goal is to use this time between full time Pastors and the savings that creates, to plan and complete large property improvements. We want to be ready to focus on our Mission with a new Pastor!**
- **Intent cards for 2026 have been handed out or mailed. Please let the church office know if you haven't received one. We ask that you return these in November/ December and let us know your "Intent" for Giving to Zion in 2026. These are kept confidential and are looked at in the aggregate. This is not a binding contract but a way to help us plan as we do not take on debt, we fund our mission as we go.**
- **When we choose to share from what our Father has already given us, we open ourselves to extraordinary possibilities to bless others and to be blessed. Please take a leap of faith and increase your giving. Trust that our God of abundance will provide.**
- **Zion will continue to work effectively and efficiently to manage the resources of God's church. Thank you Jesus for providing all that we need.**

New Parking Lot Information – Laura Thompson

At the Congregation Meeting on Sunday, October 26, 2025, the Congregation voted in favor of our 2026 Budget and the spending of up to \$140,000 on our New Parking Lot project.

Our parking lot is an essential part of delivering our mission. Food Pantry, Shared Goods, Cruise In for homeless veterans, Police & Fire Department Safety Town and Bike Rodeo, Worship Services, Boy Scouts and Vacation Bible School to name a few - rely on the ability to use our parking lot.

How old is our current parking lot? The current asphalt parking lot is as old as the building - 1960.

Can we just patch and reseal it instead of getting a new one? That is what we have been doing for many years at a cost of about \$15,000/yr. Asphalt companies have been advising us for the last several years that the cracking and crumbling is beyond normal maintenance.

Are we doing the entire parking lot? No, we are not doing the entire parking lot. We are changing a small area back to grass (16,200 sq ft) that is farthest away from the church.

How many parking spaces will we have? We will have almost 80,000 sq ft of parking currently stripped with 140 parking spaces plus 8 handicap spaces.

Who will be doing the work? S & K Asphalt and Concrete, Inc., 2245 Manchester Road in Akron. They have met with us several times to double check their proposal. We are confident in "no big surprises". They have a great reputation for large projects.

Did we work with more than one company? Yes, we talked with 3 reputable companies: S & K Asphalt, Vasco Asphalt Company, and Pileggi's Asphalt.

What exactly are they doing? S & K will be milling the old asphalt, patching and leveling bad areas, applying tar tack coat, rolling for compaction, sealing edges, repaving, and restripping. They are responsible for all clean up and debris removal.

Who from Zion is overseeing this work? Our two primary project managers will be Doug Roman and Darlene Milavickas.

When will the work start? The work will start as soon as the weather allows in 2026. We will sign the contract with S&K in late October 2025.

Why are we doing this now? We have a great location to fulfill our Mission of serving our community by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. We are planning for a new full time pastor. While we are waiting to call that pastor, we need to be ready for whatever God has planned for us.

What can I do to help?

Please continue to pray for Zion and to give generously as you are today. This only works, if you continue to be financially supportive.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church -- Book Club Schedule; **REVISED**
 November 2025 – May 2026 -- First Friday*, 10:00 – 11:00 am
 Zion Church Classroom
 Coordinator, Peggy Ingalls (330-284-3518)

November 7 – Jayne Schrader --The First Ladies, Marie Benedict & Christopher Murphy

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt...awestruck by daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune...refuses to back down as white supremacists...shared beliefs in women's rights...power of education...fast friends...collaborate on civil rights.

December 5 – Peggy Ingalls -- The Teacher of Warsaw, Mario Escobar

Based on a true story...1939 Warsaw, 60-year-old Janusz.....respected...Jewish orphanage...lives altered...one man's capacity to love...drastic measures...shield the children...tiny army of love...prepare the children...resilience of the human spirit.

January 9*– Laura Thompson -- A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles

1922 Moscow...Count Rostov, aristocrat...tribunal...sentenced to house arrest Metropol, a grand hotel...erudition and wit...never worked...lives in an attic...witness to tumultuous decades...entry into larger world of emotional maturity.

February 6 – Linda Gotthardt -- The Last Temptation of Christ, Nikos Kazantzakis

Based on Luke 4:13...masterpiece...brilliantly fleshes out Christ's Passion...courted controversy...depicting a Christ far more human than the one seen in the Bible...gloriously divine but earthy and human... subject to fear, doubt, and pain.

March 6 – Johanna Henderson – Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club, J. Ryan Stradal

Mariel needs a break...Ned...having an identity crisis...beloved restaurant bleeding cash...mother Florence...holed up at church...lasting rift between mother and daughter...devastating tragedy...will the Lakeside Supper Club be their salvation?

April 3 – Carol Rossbach -- My Sister's Keeper, Jodi Picoult

A family torn apart...Anna...countless surgeries...so her sister, Kate...can fight leukemia...preimplantation bone marrow match...sue her parents...rights to her own body...perhaps fatal...what it means... a good person...morally correct?

May 1 – Kay Reiss -- The Great Bridge, David McCullough

Years around 1870...building Brooklyn Bridge...longest suspension bridge...greed, corruption...vision...optimism, heroism...lives lost...odds overwhelming...social climate of the time...remarkable family...great personal cost...Emily's dedication.

"May Bonus Book" – Cindy Bagocius -- Junkyard Wonders, Patricia Polacco (Grades 3-5)

Based on true events...celebrates influence of a teacher...Trisha devastated...new school...special class known as "the junkyard" ...teacher divides into tribes...sense of unity...visit a local junkyard...science fair...school bully.... the Junkyard Wonders.

*January 9 = Second Friday



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
HOLIDAY SERVICES 2025**

ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICES

November 30, 2025	9am	Worship Service
November 30, 2025	5:30pm	Advent Meal
November 30, 2025	6:15pm	Worship Service
December 7, 2025	9am	Worship Service
December 7, 2025	5:30pm	Advent Meal
December 7, 2025	6:15pm	Worship Service
December 14, 2025	9am	Worship Service
December 14, 2025	5:30pm	Advent Meal
December 14, 2025	6:15pm	Worship Service
December 21, 2025	9am	Worship Service
December 21, 2025	5:30pm	Advent Meal
December 21, 2025	6:15pm	Worship Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24, 2025 7pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

NO Worship Service November 26, 2025
Every Wednesday in December—7pm
NO Worship Service December 31, 2025-New Year's Eve

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NOVEMBER ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

November 2, 2025 Jim Fidler
 November 9, 2025 Darlene Milavickas
 November 16, 2025 George Miller
 November 23, 2025 Beth Heller
 November 30, 2025 Jim Fidler

NOVEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

November 2, 2025 Eli Haga
 November 9, 2025 Eli Haga
 November 16, 2025 LJ Brown
 November 23, 2025 Ben Keith
 November 30, 2025 Ben Keith

NOVEMBER READER SCHEDULE

November 2, 2025 Mark Denman
 November 9, 2025 Nick Cignetti
 November 16, 2025 Laura Thompson
 November 23, 2025 Renee Keith
 November 30, 2025 Mark Denman

NOVEMBER ACCOMPANIST SCHEDULE

November 2, 2025 Susan Kaschak
 November 9, 2025 Susan Kaschak
 November 16, 2025 Steve Moore
 November 23, 2025 Digital Music
 November 30, 2025 Susan Kaschak

NOVEMBER CHANCEL GUILD SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

November 1, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
 November 8, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
 November 15, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
 November 22, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
 November 29, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease

SUNDAY

November 2, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
 November 9, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
 November 16, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
 November 23, 2025 Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
 November 30, 2025 Jane Fairman & Janet Slease

9am SUNDAY SERVICE DOOR LOCKERS

November 2, 2025 John Rhodes
 November 9, 2025 Jayne Schrader
 November 16, 2025 George Miller
 November 23, 2025 Laura Thompson
 November 30, 2025 Janet Slease

Stephen Ministry – Jenny Elkins

In every season, God meets us through caring people. Stephen Ministry pairs trained Christian caregivers with individuals experiencing life’s challenges-loss, illness, stress, transitions, or loneliness. Please consider attending our first practice training session on December 4th from 2:30-5:00 PM.

Since this will be our first training with an audience, we will be covering the 1st module “The Person of the Caregiver” and hopefully this will answer any questions or doubts you may have about Stephen Ministry’s. If anyone who senses a calling to come alongside others with compassion, confidentiality and prayer, please consider attending the training on December 4th. A Stephen Minister is ready to listen, encourage, and remind you of God’s steady presence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ken Reinoehl or Jenny Elkins.



Call Committee – Darlene Milavickas

- ◇ We have received 6 candidates for the call committee to look at. We studied and prayed on all the candidates and we have decided to interview 4 of the 6 candidates.
- ◇ We all felt that two of the candidates were not what Zion was looking for. So, we have completed introductory zoom interviews with the remaining four. We will be discussing the candidates and praying for guidance on which ones we want to have for a second interview in person.
- ◇ We need you all to continue praying for us that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts and minds to listen to Him in selecting the right pastor for us.



Shared Goods—Darlene Milavickas

We have been able to provide the community with all the donations of clothes, household goods, toys and books. With all these donations we were able to send to our partners at the City Mission 12 boxes of clothes.

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for all that you have given us. Thank you for equipping us to provide for those in need. Guide us to reach out further to more people in need. Open our hearts and minds to do your will. In Jesus name. Amen.



Property – Darlene Milavickas

We have completed our work on these projects.

- We recommended S&K to redo the parking lot in 2026
- The entrance doors will be done in Nov. and Dec. by Everlast Glass
- The sidewalk between the parking lot and pavilion has been completed
- Lincoln Laliberte has completed the indoor signage
- Lincoln has two more handicap signs to put up

Please let us know if there are areas in the church you feel need work or should be changed. We need your eyes to help us see what needs to be done. Just let Darlene Milavickas know.



Food Pantry News– Debbie Fox

October Pantry service numbers:

- ◆ 161 Households served which includes 377 people
- ◆ 5,817 Pounds of food ordered from the Foodbank to be distributed in addition to congregational and community donations
- ◆ 186 hot lunches served to our pantry friends

This month, we are also collecting items for our “Thanksgiving Bags” that will be distributed November 18th to our pantry families and delivered the week before Thanksgiving to 30 of our Siffrin friends. We need your help to make this happen! We will also have sign up sheets in Luther Hall for Apple and pumpkin pies.

The following is a list of items we are collecting and need 120 of each by November 16th:

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Jars or Cans of Turkey Gravy
- Stove Top Turkey Stuffing
- Can of Corn & Can of Green Beans
- Container of Crispy Fried Onions (for green bean casserole)
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Can of Fruit Cocktail or Mix Fruit
- Can of Hearty Soup

Our Siffrin friends really appreciate these Thanksgiving Bags because they are single adults who usually have no family support. We also are collecting \$25 Walmart gift cards for our Siffrin friends to share a wonderful holiday surprise! You can learn more about Siffrin at www.siffrin.org.

We continue to need our staple items to help stock the Pantry like hearty soups, cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta (spaghetti, rigatoni, penne, etc), peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit and paper products like toilet paper and paper towels. Please add one or more items to your shopping list if you are able!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Set up on the Monday before our distribution dates from 9 -11 am.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month
9 - 11am Set up and Pre-Pack
11:30am lunch for volunteers
12:15pm lunch distribution to pantry families
1 - 2pm food distribution followed by teardown

We appreciate any time you may have available to volunteer from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm on those Tuesdays.

Thanks be to God to everyone for your support in helping us to end food insecurity in our community – especially as the holiday season begins! Please help us give all of the friends we serve a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. We pray that God will guide us and help all those in need to know how much they are loved and cared for!



Blood Drive Update



Thank you to everyone who came out for October's drive! Vitalant was able to collect 10 units from the people that signed up or walked in that day. Thanks be to God for all of the donors!

Our final blood drive for 2025 is **Sunday, December 21st from 10am – 1:30pm** in the gym.

We Want Your Blood! They Really Need Your Blood! Please consider giving the gift of life this holiday season. What a wonderful Christmas gift you would be giving someone!

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%2FslDXPH1ITaq1KHazSjnFZ6b%2F5F1J6TVLJ0%3D>

Mark Your Calendars for 2026 and plan to donate! Ask a friend or family member to join you in donating and giving the gift of life!

Sunday, February 22, 2026 10am – 1:30pm

Sunday, April 26, 2026 10am – 1:30pm

Sunday, July 12, 2026 10am – 1:30pm

Sunday, September 13, 2026 10am – 1:30pm

Sunday, November 15, 2026 10am – 1:30pm

If you are unable to donate on the above dates, 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.

Thanks be to God for everyone who is willing and able to donate blood and give the gift of life.



Comfort Givers – Darlene Milavickas

We have had a great time making 57 quilts for Lutheran World Relief to be sent all over the world. We thank all of you for your donations of personal care items and all the school items. We were able to send 30 personal care kits and 45 school kits.

The comfort givers worked on Thursday, Oct. 16th to make up the kits and box up the quilts. Dave Palumbo and I took 24 boxes to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville to be loaded in a large semi-truck to go to Minnesota. We delivered 6 quilts to the men who reside at Refuge of Hope in downtown Canton. We will be delivering 7 military quilts to the veterans in Harmony Hospice Care. We have 6 lap blankets that we will be delivering to a nursing home.



It is so wonderful knowing that making quilts and all the rest of the things we do are helping so many people in so many different ways.



Prayer for Shelter



Leader: Loving God, You made us in Your image and blessed us with wisdom, creativity, skill, compassion, and love.

People: Give us minds to know your will, the ability to hear Your call to serve, and willingness to be Your hands and feet.

Leader: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Even the sparrow has found a home and the swallow a nest, a place near Your altar, O Lord.

People: Heaven is Your throne and the earth Your footstool. Empower us with strength and wisdom to build safe dwellings.

Leader: You have called us to share our food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter.

People: Give us willing hearts, Lord, and inspire us to action.

Leader: When you call upon the Lord, invest yourself in good work that meets the needs of His people. The Lord will always guide you. He will satisfy your needs and strengthen you.

People: Grant us safety and protect us as we build Your kingdom and build homes and communities.

Leader: He has showed you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

People: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Transform our world and transform our hearts and minds.

People: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: Make us into one people – Your people – like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.





**Habitat Faith Build 2025
Wrap Up - Debbie Fox**



It was another incredible experience with this year's Habitat Faith Build. The two homes from this year's Faith Build were dedicated on Thursday, October 16th at the Habitat ECO Office on Raff Rd. The Varnadore family from Canton and the Richards/Lidderale family from Massillon, joined by their friends and extended families, the Habitat Staff, members from the different Faith Groups that participated and others from the community all joined together that evening for an emotional and uplifting celebration where the families exchanged their first interest free mortgage payments for the keys to their new homes. Praise God! As each family spoke, the emotions, gratitude and excitement were so touching and inspiring. We all prayed a special prayer together! There was so much love in that room! You could feel God's arms wrapped around all of us!



At the end of the ceremony, we all got to share a special treat – a marriage proposal! It was awesome! There were tears of pure joy and happiness along with so much love not only for the Richards/Lidderdale family, but for all of us as James prosed to Danette! We were all incredibly honored to be included in such an important moment for the family. Each family experienced huge life changing moments with this build. Not only did they help to build their new, forever homes, one family will experience a wedding and the other a new baby. Sidney Varnadore whose home is in Canton, had a precious baby boy at the beginning of this year's build to join big sister Avah! God is so good!

This year's build included 22 Faith groups from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities all coming together for one common purpose – to build safe & affordable housing for deserving people by sharing love, hope and support for all involved. Many people don't realize that Habitat homes are not free to the families. The people in Habitat's program must have a stable job, have need and agree to participate in all requirements of the program which includes classes, sweat equity in building their homes as well as other's and time spent working at Restore.





Once the homes are completed, Habitat families pay an interest free, affordable mortgage for their homes. Habitat is a great organization that equips and supports deserving people in different communities with the tools and all they need to succeed as new homeowners! They bring diverse groups together in love and peace for a common cause. Thanks be to God!



A big thank you to all of Zion's members that helped this year in so many ways – praying, providing lunches, volunteering on site, sewing quilts for the families, contributing financially, signing studs, and so on! It is a privilege and honor to be part of such an important project where diverse Faith groups (all different parts of one body) come together, unified as one for the greater good – to build safe and affordable homes for amazing people who need a hand up (not a hand out!). Our yellow shirts say it best:



God's Work, Our Hands! Homeowner, Sidney even mentioned our shirts in her speech during the dedication saying that she specifically remembers us and our shirts on the day we worked with her because they truly capture what is happening! Thanks be to God for all the talents given to all the people involved with the build this year. We look forward to next year's build details to follow in the new year!

You can check out all the photos from this year's Faith Build at

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCaazM>



Trunk or Treat 2025 Highlights - Debbie Fox

It was a beautiful and sunny Fall day!

14 cars participated in handing out candy to the children this year!
We estimate over 500 people including children and adults attended this year.



Many, many thanks to Doug Roman, Darlene Milavickas, John Canon, Marcia Miller, George Miller, John Rhodes, Dave Palumbo and Judy Arter for feeding and serving all of the families. We had hot dogs, chips/pretzels, cookies, donuts, water, juice hugs and hot chocolate.





A huge thank you to everyone who participated, donated candy, and helped with set up and clean up. Praise God for all of your time and generosity!

Thanks be to God for providing us with a wonderful opportunity to serve our community with such a great and well received event! We are sharing the love of Christ while providing a safe place for the kids and their families to come.



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ZION HERALD
NOVEMBER 2025

Worship Services

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

Office Hours

9:00am to 3:00pm M-F
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