



Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE "TIDINGS" ON Tuesday, May 21nd.



JEREMIAH'S LETTER is a

Ministry committed to strengthening and supporting people living in poverty in Dayton. We can help assist in establishing housing by donating household items, new or gently used:

- ❖ Kitchenware such as cooking utensils, pots and pans, and other cookware
- ❖ Bedding such as blankets and sheets
- ❖ Cash donations
- ❖ Non-perishable food items are needed to stock the food pantry.

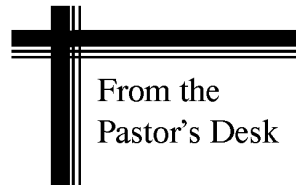
Also, Zion is blessed to be providing a hot meal on Thursday, May 30th through Action Team funding from Thrivent. We will have 3 work days that you can help. Sign-up sheets are posted.

Tues., May 28th @ 10 a.m. Food prep at Zion

Wed., May 29th @ 10 a.m. Food prep at Zion

Thurs., May 30th @ 10 a.m. Meet at ZLC to load and carpool to the meal location at St. Paul's Methodist Church in east Dayton

"But seek the wellbeing of the city where I have sent you . . . for in its being you will find your well being."



From the
Pastor's Desk

I am so happy spring is in the air! Spring is a great time to get outside and enjoy God's great creation. Sometimes we just have to put everything on hold in our life and take a walk and look around and listen, feel, smell and maybe even touch God's great creation. Being around green space is good for all of us. A walk in the park a walk by water a walk by flowers and trees is good for our soul! Because God is in everything!

God is in everything! Jackie took our dog Zeke for three walks last week. God is in everything because we are so thankful Zeke can walk again as many of you may remember we almost lost Zeke before he was two because he has an autoimmune disease. Zeke is back healthy and strong.

God is in us as we take our walk and in the people we may see along our way. God is definitely in all the green and beauty that surrounds us when we take a walk in nature as we listen, feel, smell, and may even touch God along the way. God is in everything!

We all need a break from our fast paced lives with our blinders on that just leads us from one quickly met destination one hurried stop to the next cross off task or destination on our list. God wants us to enjoy life without our blinders on and live and breath in God's great creation. Being with God in nature we notice God is in everything and it also has a huge benefit for us

and our children. Green space creates a spirit and environment in our lives and souls that has a calming and healing effect as we breath, listen, feel, smell and touch nature. God is in everything!

Take a walk in the green space and enjoy! And one more thing power down and turn off your cell phone! And power up God, enjoy God's green spaces, listen, feel, smell and even touch God along the way. God is in all the green spaces! Amen!



Confirmation, Sunday, May 12th

The following youth will be Confirmed on Sunday, May 12th worship service.

Allison Cartwright
Alyx Grube
Julie Sebastian

Ethan Freitag
Elijah Johnson
Katelin Smith

Come listen and support them as they share their statements of faith during the 10:00 am worship service. A reception with cake and beverages in the fellowship hall will follow the service.



May Birthdays

- 2 Dale Schaefer
- 4 Laurie Helke
- 5 Joyce Johnson
- 6 Faith Krum
- 7 Dianne LeGros
- 8 Elijah Johnson, Ruth White
- 13 Kate Pytel

- 16 Irene Miller, John Trey
- 19 Pastor Jeff Glawe
- 23 Matt Sauls
- 26 Nathan Schall
- 27 Jan Aller, Susan Coon
- 28 Zachery Johnson
- 30 Bob Bilbay, Ruth Stollmer
- 31 Pat Cowan, Ronnda Pagan



Zion Nursery Ministry is looking for summer attendants. Coverage is needed for June, July, and August, 9:50 AM to 11:30ish AM. You may sign up to cover just one Sunday, or multiple Sundays. Please check you summer calendar for availability. Then call Carol Phillips (937-308-0387) or put a note in her church mailbox with your available date(s). Thank you ahead of time for all of your help.

You may also let Carol Phillips know if you are interested in serving in the nursery during the school year.

A special thanks to Judy Clark, Nancy Bailey, and Jen Garvic for so generously sharing their time and talents as Zion nursery attendants throughout the past school year!



Home bound residents specially thought of: Belia Parrish, Nancy & Darryl Bendickson, Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb & Joyce Johnson, Bob Kuhls, and Barb Stafford.

Pray for healing & comfort: Fred Aller, Colin Cloffi, Sue Coon, Edwin Hood, Tom Replogle, Wayne & Irma Slack, Debbie Turner, Susan Watkins, Felicia Young.

Improved health: Sue Cook, Bruce Goodwin, Jan Lehman, Chae Manning, Susan Pytel, Don Schneider.

Prayers for: Amy, The Ciregio family, Tom Euson, Pam Garvic, Roger & Cris Kister, Joel & Kathy Miller, Katie Stephan, Steve, Mark & Terri Tripp, Katy Vandermolen, Patsy Warren.

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / March 25, 2019

In attendance: Melinda Schall, Susan Smith and Jackie Glawe

Meeting began with a devotional shared by Jackie.

- ❖ Jackie reported Pre-K – 4th grade studied about the Ten Lepers, Feeding of the 5,000 and the Good Samaritan. Next month begins the journey into Holy Week, Palm Sunday and Easter.
- ❖ Confirmation Class – April 7th – Pastor will begin working with just the students being confirmed in May. 5th – 8th grade Sunday School class will be available in the upstairs classroom, led by Dennis Copeland.
- ❖ Confirmation Sunday will be May 12th – six Students will be confirmed. Donna Slyman Will order and pick up cake. Jackie will get the gifts from Zion for the confirmands.
- ❖ High School class – Terri completed a series on Jonah and listening to God's voice and April will begin a series on The 5 mistakes you can't afford to make in College with biblical references.
- ❖ Family & Faith Life – April 20th Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt will need lots of volunteers to make this happen. Sign up sheet for breakfast items has been posted along with invite flyers.
- ❖ Youth Group – Jackie reported youth and adults enjoyed the "for king & country" Christian concert March 16th. Zach K. suggested the youth do a bowling night which he will set up.
- ❖ April 8th – Historical Society Dinner – youth helpers needed.

- ❖ VBS material "Roar" has been purchased, key verse – God is good! Discussing dates.
- ❖ Jackie requested ideas for helping families and youth connect in their faith life. Melinda suggested maybe a devotional they work through together for a period of time. Jackie will look into material.
- ❖ We discussed that some of the youth are having some issues with the acolyte robes as they may need to be replaced or if not replaced worked on, also cleaned. Jackie stated she would let the Worship and Music Know.

Meeting concluded at 7:00 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE / Monday, April 1

The committee obtained another estimate for tree trimming and/or removal of two trees along Walnut St. The mowers have been serviced for the season. The sign-up sheet for mowing is up. The toilet in the sacristy restroom was replaced in March along with a new faucet and shut off valves installed in the communion prep sink. Several rectangular folding tables will be ordered. Outdoor work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 9:00 – noon. The rain date is May 18. In addition to the monthly work list, the committee worked on the leaking urinal in the upstairs boys restroom. The next meeting is Monday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF ZION / April 14, 2019

Eight women attended the April 14th meeting of the Women of Zion. Pam Sauls gave the devotions from 1st Chronicles. Pam and Linda Holt attended the Spring Gathering of WELCA at St. Matthews in Ithaca on the 13th. Jill Greer read the secretary's report. There was no treasurer's report. Spring cleaning was held in the lounge area and the hallway on March 25th. 25 people attended the Lenten Meditation on March 25th. Ruth White presented a check to Eagles Wings last week for \$752.29. The congregation donated \$252.29 and the WOZ the remainder. Maggie Powder reported that thanks to Thrivent Action Team money from Laura Roeth, we will be serving lunch to Jeremiah's Letter on May 30th. Work days to prepare the food will be at 10:00 a.m. on May 28 & 29. Maggie will

send out more information and a sign-up sheet will be posted. Laura Roeth made 120 baby blankets, which were blessed on April 7th. The Women's Retreat team met on March 31 to wrap up this year's retreat. March 14, 2020 is the date for next year's retreat. Kristen Zimmann will once again lead the Bible Study. Items for the April Mission of the Month: Wernle Youth and Family Center will be collected until April 30. WOZ will give \$500 in addition to the items collected from the congregation. Thanks to Kathy Groth for creating the Easter Egg tree and in advance to Jeff Slyman for delivering the items (Your wife volunteered you, Jeff!) Debbie Rudisill will begin a prayer shawl ministry in May. Debbie Rudisill also heads up a Relay for Life team here in Miami County. Members of WOZ will want to be involved. Items collected for May's Mission of the Month : Jeremiah's Letter, will be delivered by Maggie and her team when they take lunch down on May 30. WOZ will help with refreshments at the Blessing of the Pets on June 1.

Our next meeting is **Sunday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m..**

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / April 9, 2019

1. Council approved March council minutes.
2. Confirmation Sunday is May 12.
3. Last day of Sunday School is May 19.
4. Choir Sunday is May 19.
5. Council agreed to have Kristen Zimmann lead a council retreat Pam Sauls will check with her on possible dates.
6. There will be a day of prayer open to the community on Thursday May 2 at the Tipp City Roller Mill service starts at noon.
7. Pastor will be on vacation from April 22-28. Kristen Zimmann will lead Saturday service on April 27 and Kervyn Mach will lead Sunday service on April 28 with Pastor Gary Groth presiding over communion at the Sunday service. Kervyn will be the emergency backup while pastor is on vacation.

COMMUNICATIONS / WELCOMING - April 9, 2019

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY: KERVYN MACH

1. Kervyn presented examples of photos he printed on paper from our current LifeTouch directory
2. Kervyn is creating a list of names of people who are not in the current directory, which can be cross-referenced with Servant Keeper
3. Kervyn will make announcements the next 4 Sundays:
 - a) We will have a whole new directory; pages which will fit in the previously created loose leaf binder.
 - b) We can use the same photo, or take a new photo, or we can include people's information without their photo
 - c) Directory will include separate pages for Staff personnel
4. Deb presented the form "ZION PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE" to obtain information for those not in the current directory

ZION WEBSITE : CHUCK POWDER

1. Easter Egg Hunt information posted
2. Need pictures of other Easter Activities
3. Need photos from Women's Retreat

WELCOMING

1. Blessing of the Pets: Tentative Date Saturday June 1, 2019 10:00-11:00
2. Deb will get with Jackie: Youth produce flyers to publicize?
3. Involve the Dream Pet Rescue Group?
4. Emails were sent to all Women Retreat participants
5. Servant Keeper has been updated with email addresses and phone numbers

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MAY 14, 2019 AT 5:00

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING

We will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** at 1:00 p.m.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Benefit Zion

Since the beginning of the year, **\$1,024** has been given to Zion from members and friends who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to benefit Zion Lutheran Church. If you have a Thrivent policy, please contact your Thrivent Representative to see if your policy qualifies for Choice Dollars. He/she will be happy to show you how to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice.

Thrivent Action Teams make a Difference

Qualified Thrivent policy owners have an opportunity to use \$250 twice a year with Thrivent's Action Team monies. Zion members have been taking advantage of this wonderful program for several years. By using the money to advertise our annual Mum Festival Garage Sale to buying fabric for Children Medical Center pillowcases to providing a hot meal to the Jeremiah's Letter clients, and a host of other projects, Zion members have been blessing our church and our community, check with your Thrivent representative for more information or go to thrivent.com to find out how to apply for a project.

****GRACE PLACE NEWS****

Preschool - 4th grade

- Jen Garvic and Jackie Glawe have been leading the children through Holy Week and the meaning of Palm Sunday, The Lord's Supper and Good Friday. We finished up the children making their own Resurrection Biscuit for snack and celebrating the Empty Tomb.

5th - 6th grade

- Dennis Copeland has been leading the class in life lessons and Jesus death and Resurrection.

Confirmation

- Pastor is working with the students as well as the students working independently on their statements of faith.

High School 9th - 12th gr

- The 5 mistakes students make in college, financial and scripture based information for the students future life journey.

Adult class

- Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Please Mark Your Calendars:

- **May 12th** – CONFIRMATION / YOUTH SUNDAY
- **May 19th** - LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
- **June 24th** - 27th - Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Youth Events

- **June 7th - 8th** - Wittenberg Youth Conference - 7th - 12th graders
- **June 18th** - Quarter Auction - American Legion
- **June 24th** - 27th - Vacation Bible School - VBS

God's Peace,
Jackie Glawe
Christian Education Director

VBS – Vacation Bible School

When: June 24th – June 27th

Time: 5:30 p.m. (optional dinner, no charge)
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. VBS

Attendees: PreK – 5th grade

Register online at:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/ziontippcity> or

Registration forms will be available at the youth board.

You may also contact the church office or Jackie Glawe.



We will need LOTS of helpers to make the week of VBS happen.

Please mark your calendars in advance and watch for the signup sheet coming in May.

Looking forward to this fun week with the children of Zion and the community!

Cozy Corner



"The Unhurried Life" by Alan Fadling

"I am a recovering speed addict." Pastor and Spiritual Director Alan Fadling begins with this confession and continues by describing his journey out of the fast lane into the rhythms of Jesus. Here is a book that affirms that we are called to do work. Productivity is not a sin--it is the attitudes behind our work that can be our undoing. So how do we find balance between our sense of calling and the call to rest? This book offers a way. (back cover)

Pastor Jeff and I had this book referred to us when we attended the Pastor & Spouse spiritual retreat in Michigan last fall. We both have since read it and found it to be extremely insightful and helpful for our everyday faith journey. One of the statements that stuck out to both of us was that Jesus was busy but he was never in a hurry. (by Jackie Glawe)

*This book is available to borrow from our church library.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

*Please have articles in to the church office by **Tuesday, May 21** for the June Tidings.*

