

# ZION TIDINGS

February 2026



*“Serving Christ through Serving Others”*

## Spiritual Practices for Lent

Ash Wednesday takes place on February 18 this year and with the celebration of Ash Wednesday we enter the ancient season of Lent. In Lent, we are invited to fix our gaze upon the God who died to save us. As we look upon the crucified God, we are reminded that, in the words of the liturgy, we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. The good news is that while we cannot save ourselves, we have a loving God who has already saved us.

Many of us think of Lent as that time in the year where people give up meat on Fridays to eat fish instead. We see the Fillet-O-Fish feature prominently on the menu at McDonald's. Culver's starts advertising their Cod Fillet sandwich. Roman Catholic churches all over host Fish Fries every Friday. Fasting has always been a component in the Christian observance of Lent since the early church although the rules and regulations surrounding this practice have changed quite a bit throughout the centuries.

For Lutherans, fasting is by no means mandatory. It is not sinful to refrain from fasting and it certainly isn't sinful to try fasting only to find yourself failing to make it all the way. Instead, for us, Lent provides an opportunity to intentionally focus on Christ for 40 days. What many of us don't know is there are a variety of spiritual practices to help us focus our attention on Christ amidst the busyness of life. For example, there are plenty of people who give something up for Lent as a way to encounter Christ's sustaining power. For this, it is important to select something that is actually important to you, something you will certainly miss, something that you would be better off without—for some people this means deleting social media apps, working to quit smoking, or slowing down on drinking. Another option is to take on something extra during Lent. You could spend extra time volunteering at a local service organization. You could take on a new prayer practice— setting time aside once a week or once a day to intentionally spend time with God through prayer and the reading of scripture. Some people like to read specific devotionals during Lent. Others prefer to give extra money or goods to support the community.

Whatever it may be, this Lent I simply invite you to discern what might help you draw closer to Christ over the next 40 days. Whether it's fasting, giving something up, or taking something on there is a way for every single one of us to focus our attention upon the crucified Messiah this season. You can even try a variety of things and see what sticks. Above all, know that we practice these things not because they grant us salvation or make us holier than others. We simply adopt these practices so that we may draw near to our Lord, keeping him at the forefront of our minds, day-in and day-out. As always, if you would like some help in discerning what spiritual practice might be a good fit for you, I am always a conversation away. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a blessed Lent,



Pastor Summers

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE February “TIDINGS” is Friday, February 20, 2026**

## February Birthdays

6	Gary Behnke	18	Christine Schlater	25	John Williams Karen Cartwright
11	Jayne Drake	22	Sharon Byrd James Sebastian	26	Katie Sonnanstine Kendra Summers
10	Jaxson Williams	24	Jessica Rizzotte Matt Witwer	28	Olin Shutt
13	Jason Schlater				
15	Lucky Vonderheide				
17	Chloe Donnan Chuck Drake Maryann Lemon				



## Upcoming Events



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

Bring non-perishable food items and put them in the basket for the team you want to win. Canisters are also available for donations.

Collected items will go to Needy Basket of Southern Miami County.



**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 Soup & Snacks**

**6:30 Super Bowl LX on the big screen**

We need 6 people to bring in soup  
Bring your own beverages – Water and Ice will be available  
BYO tableware

BYO snacks, if desired

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway

Open to the public: Bring friends and family



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Women of Zion  
*Valentine Video Night*

*Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall*

Bring a **Snack**

AND

one **Valentine** to share with a fabulous  
Woman of Zion



**Bible and Brew**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 6:30**

**Chaffee's Brewhouse  
15 E. Second Street, Tipp**



Started a year ago this month, Bible & Brew continues to grow and be enjoyed by many. Everyone is welcome to join in on these interesting and thought-provoking gatherings. The monthly topics are diverse and relevant.

Chaffee's offers a selection of craft beers, coffees, and a variety of other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

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**Drive-up Ashes**



**Ash Wednesday  
February 18th**

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm** – Pastor Summers  
will be at our portico to administer ashes  
on folks who wish to drive up.

**7:00 pm** we will have a traditional service



## Women's Daytime Fellowship February 25, 10:00 a.m.

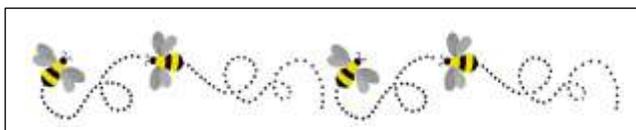
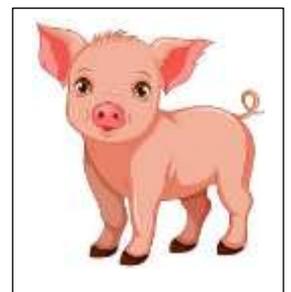
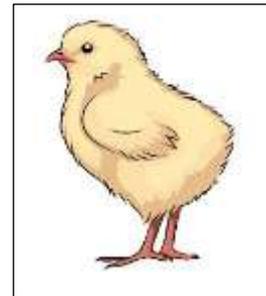
All women are invited. Bring an idea for discussion that is important to you. This can be a social concern, a Bible verse or story that you've always wondered about, a spiritual question, etc. If we don't get to your issue, we will continue in the following month. Our purpose is to form friendships, support for each other, and to grow in our Christianity. We meet for an hour.



## ELCA Good Gifts Results

Members of Zion once again were generous in their donations to ELCA's Good Gifts ministry, which supplies animals, safe water projects, school supplies, nutrition, agricultural supplies, clinic items, etc. to those in need who are looking for a hand up not just a handout. This December, \$1,342 was collected to be sent to ELCA Good Gifts. What does \$1,342 buy, you ask? Well, would you believe:

- 14 sets of chicks (that's 140 baby chicks)
- 2 goats
- 5 piglets
- 1 fish farm
- 8 swarms of honeybees
- 1 water filter
- 6 school fees and uniforms for 6 girls
- 4 school supplies for 4 children
- 2 backpacks stocked with food
- 1 community meal that will serve 50 people
- 4 mosquito nets
- 2 rounds of vaccinations for 2 children
- 1 set of Bibles



## Women of Zion

January 11, 2026

- Approximately 30 Cheer Plates were assembled and distributed.
- Our very generous congregation donated \$1,342 to the ELCA Good Gifts program, the December mission of the month.
- We will send Valentine cards and gift cards to Zion's college students.
- We will have a social event in February – Valentine Video night. We will watch a funny video, have snacks and bring a Valentine to share.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry update: currently there are 6 men's, 4 women's and 5 baby blankets available. In 2025, 2 men's, 8 women's and 3 baby blankets were distributed.
- There are several items needed for the kitchen. It was decided Women of Zion will purchase them.
- There was discussion regarding the missions of the month for the rest of the year.

Next meeting is **February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**  
Bring one Valentine and a snack to share.  
All Women are invited

## Do You Have a College Student?

If you have a child in college, please let Annette in the office know. Women of Zion will be sending out gift cards and Valentine cards to our Zion college students.



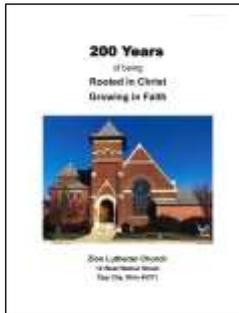
## Update on Prayer Shawl Ministry

At the Kickoff Dinner, one of the trivia questions was "When did Zion's Prayer Shawl Ministry begin?" The answer is July 2019. That month the first prayer shawl was given to Tom Replogle. Since then, a total of 100 prayer shawls and baby blankets have been given out: 20 men's shawls, 59 women's shawls and 21 baby blankets. Many of these have been given to our church members, but we've also had many given to family members and friends. Numerous people have been involved in delivering them. Nine women have made the prayer shawls and baby blankets. Another three women have donated items. Several people have donated yarn for us to use. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this ministry. If you would like to get involved, or know someone who should receive a shawl, please contact Debbie Rudisill.



## Kick Off Dinner

Zion's Bicentennial Kick Off Dinner was a huge success! The fellowship hall was filled to capacity with members who enjoyed a delicious meal, Tidings Trivia, a staff video & comments from Pastor Summers. Every family in attendance also received a 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet.



# 200





## Bicentennial Schedule of Events

Our Bicentennial celebration is in full swing. Mark your calendars for these celebratory events this year:

**Sunday, May 17th – 2:00 – 3:00 pm – Rededication of Zion’s Cemetery on South Hyatt**  
Some history of those members buried there  
Honoring Zion’s founding fathers and members  
Pastor’s thoughts and blessings  
Laying of flowers

**Saturday, June 20th – 2:30 – 4:30 pm – Community Ice Cream Social**  
Ice Cream Truck, Bouncy Houses, Games, Crafts and Balloon Man etc.  
5:00 pm Saturday Service – Special music TBD  
6:00 – 8:00 pm Pizza and Bunco in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, September 13th – 10:00 am – Anniversary Celebration Service and Dinner**  
Bishop Susan Dillahunt (sermon) & special music by Adena Brass  
Congregational Dinner following the service at Tipp Center

**November TBD – Annual Congregational Meeting & Anniversary Finale Dinner**

*Rooted in Christ. Growing in Faith.*

### Zion Mountain Range

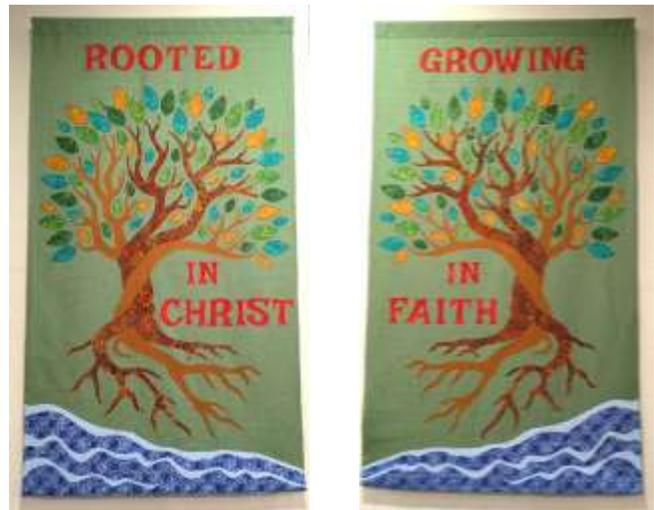


Clearing the parking lot from the snowfall of winter storm “Fern” left snow piles that look like mountains.

## Bicentennial Banners

*“They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.” ~Psalms 1:3*

*“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” ~Colossians 2:6-7*



In the above first scripture, the psalmist is extolling the virtues of those who delight in the law of the Lord and the blessings of attending to it. In the second scripture, St. Paul admonishes the Church at Colossae to reject deceptive teachings and instead steep themselves in the gospel as it was first preached to them with grateful hearts.

The theme of Zion’s Bicentennial Celebration, “Rooted in Christ, Growing in Faith,” is perfectly captured in these two verses, and illustrated in these new banners.

As in the Psalm, we at Zion delight in God’s infinite goodness and teachings. Our mission, “Serving Christ through serving others,” seeks to follow these teachings by loving our neighbors, and in the act of being servants we are ourselves blessed.

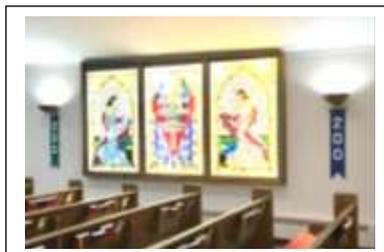
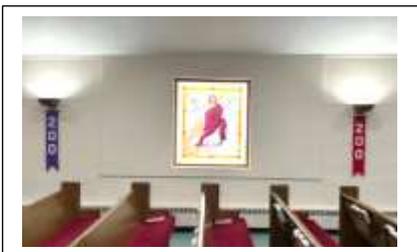
As in the scripture from Colossians, we emphasize that God’s gift of salvation is bestowed upon us by grace through faith alone. We seek to be rooted in the risen Christ through our faith, and not swayed by earthly worldliness.

As the roots of a tree planted by a stream dig ever deeper to the source of its life, establishing a strong trunk and branches that reach to the heavens as hands raised in praise, may Zion continue to be so rooted in Christ. May we bear good fruit.

Through challenging seasons, a strongly rooted tree remains steadfast. The winds may shake its leaves and its branches lash about violently, but the tree is immovable. May Zion be so established in our faith. May we spread the good news to others as a beautiful green canopy covering the sky.

Written by Lara Jacobs

**Note:** *The theme of the Bicentennial Celebration was suggested by Bill DeVenzio and enthusiastically received by the Committee. These banners are dedicated in honor of his memory. Lara & Denise Jacobs created these banners.*



The “200” Banners, each a different color, were created by Lilian Nichols.

## Children & Youth Sunday School

If you have a preschool aged child who would like to be included in Sunday School, we are happy to include them accompanied by a parent. Kindergartners and older may be dropped off to a teacher at 9am.

All Sunday School students will be learning about the same topics, which coincide with our lectionary.

	Season	Sunday	Date	Lesson Title	Focus Text
	Epiphany	Epiphany 4	2/1/2026	The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
	Epiphany	Epiphany 5	2/8/2026	Worship and Justice	Isaiah 58:1-12
	Epiphany	Transfiguration	2/15/2026	Glory on the Mountain	Exodus 24:12-18
	Lent	Lent 1	2/22/2026	Adam and Eve	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
	Lent	Lent 2	3/1/2026	Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-17

**Kids and Youth Sunday School Teacher Meeting** on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. There was a lot of great discussion about the future of Sunday School and fun activities that we should do this summer. It was talked about that VBS is not something that we are interested in starting back up at this time but we would like to continue with the get togethers which occasionally include a Bible lesson.

**Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older who have already spoken to Pastor Summers: TBD**

## Children's Bulletins



Children's Bulletins **will no longer be put in mailboxes**. They have been moved binders located at the Kid's Corner (across from the nursery and near the elevator). Please take one!

Past bulletins can be found in the back of the binders.

## Kid's Corner

Jesus said let the little children come to me. We love seeing children in worship, but understand that it is not always easy to bring them. Please know that all of God's children of every age and size are welcomed and loved in worship!

In order to make worship feel more comfortable for children, a Kid's Corner is under construction. Kid's Corner will provide quiet activities that children can take into worship to help make church more enjoyable to them. It is located across from the nursery and near the elevator. Currently there are children's bulletins, crayons, pencils, foam building blocks, farm animals, and jungle animals. More items will be added as toys come in!





## How Can I Get Involved?

We are so happy to welcome new people to our congregation. We've been asked about ways to plug in to activities. To provide information about the multitude of opportunities, this is the third of a new ongoing section in Tidings, which describes a specific ministry area and ways to become involved. This month we are highlighting the **Property Committee**.

The Property Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Members discuss areas of Zion's building which need attention - changing lightbulbs, flushing drains, repairing toilets, checking elevator functions, to name a few. When a situation requires repair or attention from an outside source, estimates are obtained and contracts awarded for the job. In addition to the monthly meeting and work session, committee members take turns inspecting the building each day/night, and mowing the property during growing season. If you have questions, contact Bob Keppel – (937) 689-3892.

## Correction to Storypoint Outreach January article...

The outreach takes place on the **LAST Sunday of the month, which may or may not be the fourth Sunday.**

## Mission Project at Kennedy Hall

Zion will prepare and serve lunch at Kennedy Hall in Troy on **Saturday March 7**. Kennedy Hall is a community space for the residents of Terrace Ridge apartments. Terrace Ridge is a senior housing community for those 62+ or disabled individuals receiving SSI. Zion members will prepare a meal on **Friday March 6** at the church. On Saturday March 7 we'll transport the food beginning at 11:00 and serve from 12:00-1:00. Also needed will be donations of cookies and/or brownies. Look for a sign-up sheet in the hallway in March. Questions? Contact Linda Holt.



## Thank You

Thank you so much for the donation to our students. They have loved picking out all the new things you made!

Thanks so much again!

Happy New Year!

Hey wood Elementary

Editor's Note: This is for the hats and mittens that were collected at the Women of Zion Christmas dinner.



## Christmas Eve at Zion



**A full house enjoyed:**

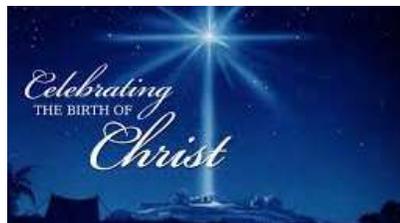
**A beautiful sanctuary**

**Uplifting music**

**The children's sermon**

**A meaningful message**

**A joyous celebration of the  
birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Many Thanks

*The following were more thank you notes from Cheer Plate recipients:*

Better late than never! Alex & I would like to thank the Cheer Plate Committee for the delicious cheer plate that Donna Slyman delivered to us. We felt blessed to be thought of during the holiday season. We appreciate all the work that goes into this project. Happy New Year to you all. Linda & Alex Short

I want to thank Zion for the wonderful Cheer Goodies and all the love that went into it! I very much appreciate it. Carol Phillips

**THANK YOU!**

## Council Meeting Report

The Church Council met on Tuesday, January 13th to begin a new year of ministry, stewardship, and shared leadership. The meeting opened with prayers and gratitude for the dedication of all who serve. Elections of officers were held, and the 2026 leadership team was affirmed.

### 2026 Council Officers

- **President:** Matt Sauls
- **Vice President:** Robert Keppel
- **Secretary:** Susie Gray
- **Treasurer:** Sue Rambeau

These officers will guide the work of Council throughout the year, supporting Zion's mission and ministries.

**Council Members--Charles Drake • Nate Ewing • Denise Jacobs • Jacque Mitchell • Heather Phillips • Andrew Weprin**

**Committee Liaison Assignments for 2026** - Council members will serve as liaisons to the following committees, strengthening communication and ensuring that each ministry area is supported in its work. These assignments help ensure that Council remains connected to the daily life and ministries of the congregation:

- **Scouting of America:** Charles Drake
- **Finance & Stewardship:** Heather Phillips
- **Communications & Welcoming:** Jacque Mitchell
- **Technology:** Andrew Weprin
- **Worship & Music:** Susie Gray
- **Christian Education:** Nate Ewing
- **Women of Zion (WOZ):** Denise Jacobs
- **Property Committee:** Robert Keppel
  - *Note: Safety concerns and procedures will fall under the Property Committee and will not function as a separate committee.*
- **Bicentennial Committee:** Robert Keppel
- **Pastoral Support:** Robert Keppel

### Upcoming Events & Important Dates Noted:

#### **Anniversary Year Kick-Off Dinner--Sunday, January 18 – 11:00 AM**

Join us as we begin Zion's Anniversary Year with a special congregational dinner featuring:

- Pastor's thoughts and blessings
- *Tidings Trivia*
- Members' favorite memories

#### **Baptism of Ray Phillips--Saturday, January 24 – During the Saturday Service**

We celebrate with the Phillips family as Ray is welcomed into the family of faith.

#### **Super Bowl Party--Sunday, February 8 – 5:30 PM**

An evening of fellowship, food, and football in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **WOZ Valentine's Party--Sunday, February 15**

A joyful afternoon hosted by the Women of Zion.

**200th Anniversary Events--**Zion's Bicentennial Celebration continues throughout 2026 with several special events honoring our history, community, and faith:

#### **Cemetery Rededication Service--Sunday, May 17 – 2:00 PM**

A service of remembrance and blessing at Zion's Cemetery on South Hyatt Street.

#### **Community Ice Cream Social--Saturday, June 20 – 2:30 PM**

A summertime gathering for members, neighbors, and friends.

#### **Anniversary Celebration Service & Dinner--Sunday, September 13 – 10:00 AM**

A special worship service followed by a celebratory congregational meal.

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting & Anniversary Finale Dinner--November – Date TBD**

A culminating event to close Zion's 200th Anniversary year with gratitude and fellowship.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **February 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Bunco Fun

Another great time was had by all on January 17<sup>th</sup> for Bunco night. Pizza and yummy sides, lots of laughter, yells of “Bunco” with a flying bear and prizes for both the biggest winners and the biggest losers. It’s easy and great fellowship – join the fun next time!



The biggest winners & losers

## February Musician's Corner – *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*



The hymn of the month for February comes from *All Creation Sings*.  
Hymn 1017 - *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* is based on Matthew 11:28-30:

**28** “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The hymn text was written by Sylvia Dunstan. Born in 1955, she credits her grandparents for her love of music. Sylvia was encouraged to write songs based on Scripture by one of the nuns at the local convent where she was schooled, and through this experience she recognized she was more gifted in writing song lyrics than music. In Toronto, Canada, she attended York University for her undergraduate degree and Emmanuel College for her graduate degrees in divinity and theology. She was ordained by the United Church of Christ in Canada and served a variety of clergy roles including minister, prison chaplain, and editor of a music journal. Sadly, she passed away from liver cancer at age 38. Of the dozens of hymns that she wrote during her lifetime, 4 are found in the red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) and 5 are found in the purple hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings* (ACS). Many of her hymn texts were set to music by contemporary composers:

ELW 326 Bless Now, O God the Journey (Welsh tune LLANGLOFFAN)  
ELW 455 Crashing Waters at Creation (German composer Witt (1660-1716) – STUTTGART)  
ELW 461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (American folk tune W. Moore 1825 – HOLY MANNA)  
ELW 615 In All Our Grief (tune by 1950 Wittenberg grad Charles Anders - FREDERICKTOWN)  
ACS 915 When a Star is Shining (tune by Bob Moore (b. 1962) – WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES)  
ACS 916 Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways (tune by Hal Hopson (1933-2025) – MERLE’S TUNE)  
ACS 954 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (17<sup>th</sup> century French folk tune - PICARDY)  
ACS 991 Go to the World (English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) – SINE NOMINE)  
ACS 1017 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler (tune by William Rowen (b. 1951) – AUSTIN)

William Rowen, a composer affiliated with the Catholic Church, wrote the tune for *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* (tune name: AUSTIN). Rowen was born in California in 1951. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Southern Illinois University; he also received another master’s degree from University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). During his career, he was music director at a parish in Dallas, Texas and also consulted with a diocese in Michigan. Interestingly, he may have found his love for music as a college student when he joined the choir at the University Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Illinois.

The hymn text for *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* (ACS 1017):

1. Come to me, O weary trav’ler;  
come to me with your distress.  
come to me, you heavy burdened;  
come to me and find your rest.

2. Do not fear, my yoke is easy;  
do not fear, my burden’s light;  
do not fear the path before you;  
do not run from me in fright.

3. Take my yoke and leave your troubles;  
take my yoke and come with me.  
Take my yoke, I am beside you;  
take and learn humility.

4. Rest in me, o weary trav’ler;  
rest in me and do not fear.  
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;  
rest and cast away your care.

## Worship & Music Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, Worship and Music Committee met. Attending were: Brittany Fouts, Carla Frame, Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Lori Sebastian, and Pastor Jaren Summers. Pastor opened the meeting in prayer.

We reviewed Christmas Eve service and Saturday evening service schedule. We discussed the liturgy schedule for the year to provide consistency yet seasonal variety: Setting 1 through Epiphany, Setting 4 for Lent and Easter, Setting 2 for Summer (Pentecost), Setting 11 or 12 from All Creation Sings (Fall starting September 20), and Setting 1 for Advent. For the upcoming services:

- A. Ash Wednesday –February 18, 2026
  - 1. Drive Up Ashes – 11am-1pm glass doors
  - 2. Traditional Service – 7pm with Holy Communion
- B. Lenten Devotional Service – March 4, 2026 at 6pm
- C. Palm Sunday – March 28 and 29
- D. Maundy Thursday – April 2 – 7pm with Holy Communion
- E. Good Friday – April 3 – 7pm
- F. Easter – April 4 and 5

Pastor stated there would be a baptism on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and we would have Holy Communion that service. He also reminded us of the Mission Trip that the group would be gone May 9th-16th, so there would be a blessing for the travelers earlier in May. Pastor and we also talked about Holy Week services. We will select portions of Evening Prayer for Maundy Thursday, model Good Friday service from the red hymnal, and consider the Tayse style of worship for some future service(s). We also talked about potentially providing an evening healing service sometime this summer.

Bill Jones updated the group on the choir schedule. He and Susie have selected pieces through Palm Sunday. Choir resumes February 11<sup>th</sup> and will sing February 18<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lori asked the choir directors to hold off selecting music past Palm Sunday, until we had further information on special music groups potentially scheduled for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lori stated the bell choir rang during Advent on November 30<sup>th</sup> and will ring Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. We have one bell that needs maintenance, and that will be covered from the music budget.

Carla Frame indicated everything was running smoothly for the altar committee. She confirmed when we would be providing Communion at the rail during Lent (Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday). We also have sufficient ashes for Ash Wednesday. Also, Annette will handle ordering palms for Palm Sunday (ordering 200 so there are sufficient for the nursing home visit.)

For special music ahead - we have Adena Brass scheduled for the Anniversary Celebration Service - September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Linda Holt is assisting with potentially bringing in a couple groups from Capital University during the Anniversary year, and Lori plans to have a special bell choir one Sunday.

Our next meeting date is **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**



# Happy Valentines Day

## By the Numbers

Instead of printing attendance and giving weekly in the bulletins, we are putting offerings and average monthly attendance for the previous month in Tidings. This is the month of January. Church was canceled due to the weather on 1/25 so it's only 3 weeks. Sunday school didn't meet on the 4<sup>th</sup>, so that average is for 2 weeks.

Average Attendance – Saturday: 44                      Sunday: 83

Average Sunday School Attendance – Adult: 15              Youth: 5              Kids: 4

Total Giving: \$25,635.00

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in prayer our youth group who are going on an overnight trip to Capitol University February 6-7.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** The baptism of Ray Phillips. He is marked with the cross of Christ forever! Also, thanks be to God for all the service workers, neighbors, and friends who kept our roads, parking lots, and walks cleared during the snow storm.

**Prayer requests:** Prayers are requested for Carolyn Stocker (mother of Tina Putnam) who is overcome with grief over the loss of her husband and her family is having a difficult time taking care of her. Tina is Zion's custodian. Emily Clenney (daughter of Bill and Kim Jones) is having kidney issues and is being referred to a specialist. Prayers are requested for Richard Leflar. Pray for strife among siblings. Pray for Logan Phillips (Carol Phillips' daughter) who is hospitalized with a kidney infection. Keep in your prayers Williams' neighbor Regina, Jayson Williams, Sean and Doug Lowe, Jaxson Williams, Steven Williams.

**Continue to pray for:** Betty Jackson, Chalmer Mader, Debbie Turner, Ruth White, Greg Watkins, Peggy McCoy, Christine Copeland, James Oaks, Brian Watkins, Sam and Diane Miller, Colonel Troy Cramer, Rick Matson, Fred Staie, the Weprin family, Cindy Moore, and Carol Phillips.

Zion's Prayer Chain is sent out weekly through email. It lists prayers needed for those in our community and world. If you have signed up to receive the prayer chain and have not received it recently, please let the office or Linda Holt know. If you have never been a part of the prayer chain and would like to receive it, let us know that, as well.

To request prayers, or take an individual off the prayer chain, email them to [prayers@ziontipcity.org](mailto:prayers@ziontipcity.org). You can also access this through Zion's website [www.ziontipcity.org](http://www.ziontipcity.org) or call the church office at (937) 667-3110.



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## Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6 Pastor Relat. 7	3 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	4	5	6 Capital Bowl Youth Outing	7 Communion Saturday
8 Super Bowl Watch Party 5:00	9 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	10 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5p Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	11 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
15 WoZ Video Valentine Party 5:00	16 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	17 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm Bible & Brew 5:30 - Chafee's	18  ASH WEDNESDAY Drive Through 11:00 - 1:00 Service 7:00	19	20	21 Communion Saturday
22 Back Bay Mission Mtg. 11:00 Storypoint Outreach	23 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	24 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	25 10 Women's Fellowship Worship & Music 6:00 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	26 Compassion. Friends 7:00	27	28