

# The Zion Herald

We gather to grow; we live to serve!  
Zion Lutheran Church of Leola, PA. Our monthly newsletter.

February 2012



## *Pancake Dinner and Talent Show*

### **Submitted by Ashley Wachter**

The Christian Youth Revolution and the Zion Lions are once again hosting the Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 21. A congregational Talent Show will follow the meal.

Tickets for the Pancake Dinner are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children

ages 12 and under. The meal includes delicious homemade pancakes, sausages, and beverages. The Talent Show is free!

Meals will be served at intervals depending on the table number assigned when you purchase tickets. Meal interval times are 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, and 6:15 PM. This helps the servers keep from being too overwhelmed and therefore ensures you better service! It also gives the kitchen staff enough time to make fresh pancakes.

The Talent Show will start around 6:45 PM in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to take part in the show. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the greeting area. Mandatory practices are Sunday, February 19 and Monday, February 20, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Only advance tickets will be sold! Tickets will be on sale in the greeting area on Sundays, February 5, 12, and 19 after each service.



***Which of the sons of thunder did not write the Letter of James?***

What English name is derived from the Hebrew name Jacob?

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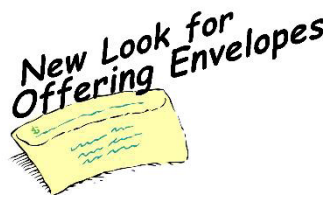
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**Wanted:** poems and articles written by you, pictures of Zion events, and ideas you would enjoy reading about in the Zion Herald. Please submit it to the office by the 15th of each month!

## *Prayer Requests*

Do you have a concern you want lifted to the Lord in prayer? Zion's email prayer partners can be reached through Russ Bomberger at [cruss@frontiernet.net](mailto:cruss@frontiernet.net). If you do not have email and would like to pray for concerns, please inform Pastor Embley.



**By Brian Good**

The Stewardship Committee, in conjunction with Council, made a few changes to this year’s offering envelopes.

The first thing you’ll notice is that they are called a “Tithing Envelope.” This reminds us of the many scriptural references, including the verse from Malachi at the bottom of the envelope, to God’s desire for us to tithe the many blessings we have received from Him.

The other change is the green Monthly Designated Gift envelopes. Each month there is a specific benefactor designated to receive these gifts. Of course, you may fill in the “Other” line on the envelope if you want your gift to go somewhere else. The monthly benefactors, in order from January through December, are: ELCA Disaster Relief, ELCA World Hunger, Community Meals, Corner of Hope, Gettysburg Seminary, VBS, Open Door, Helping Hand Fund, Mpata Congregation, Crop Walk, Lancaster Habitat for Humanity and Konde Bishop’s Fund. The holiday envelopes (Ash Wednesday, e.g.) and the special appeals (Blanket Sunday, e.g.) remain the same as they were last year.

## Ash Wednesday

**By Pastor Embley**

For Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent), there will be worship at 7 p.m.

This is an opportunity to come forward to receive the sign of the cross on your forehead. The sign of the cross is made with ashes obtained from burning palm branches from previous Palm Sundays.

The ashes remind us of how fragile human life is. Our bodies, our lives are a gift from God. Ashes in the Bible mark a serious commitment to live life in a new and God-pleasing way.

## Happy Lent?

**By Pastor Embley**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. The season of Lent (yes, it is a church season) is considered a time to prepare for Easter.

How long is Lent? 40 days (not counting Sundays). Why don’t you count Sundays? Sundays are celebrations of Easter (when Jesus rose from the dead). Historically, Lent had a very practical value when the world relied on farmers. The crops were planted but not ready for harvest. Food was getting scarce so skipping meals (known as fasting) served several purposes. Fasting saved food and reminded people of their reliance on God.

Sometimes people choose to give something up during Lent as a self-discipline. Suggestions include giving up something you really like--tv, dessert, meat, chocolate, Facebook, buying coffee at Dunkin Donuts, or anything else. Then the money and/or time you are saving can be directed to something else--devotions, supporting a ministry financially, or service.

Why 40 days? Moses and Elijah spent 40 days in the wilderness. Noah had rain for 40 days and nights. Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness.



## I Pledge to . . .

**By Pastor Embley**

Do you have plans to give up something during Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22?

May I suggest that you consider taking on something? Try taking this pledge and making it your own.

- I pledge to work at believing that I am God’s beloved and worthy of that love.
- I pledge to work at believing that all others I meet are God’s beloved as well and likewise worthy of that love.
- I pledge to work at believing that God loves me and others enough to create a complete, bountiful and beautiful creation that affords enough for all of life to be sustained and thus shared with others on an ongoing and regular basis.
- I pledge to work at becoming a loving, care-filled and compassionate steward of God’s love and creation to such an extent that I will do what is possible for me to assure that that creation is preserved for generations to come.
- And thus, I pledge to lead a loving life that is filled with simple pleasures modeled on God’s love and devotion to me and others and all of creation.

*“The letter of James practically and faithfully reminds Christians how to live. From perseverance to true faith to controlling one’s tongue, submitting to God’s will and having patience, this book aids readers in living authentically and wisely for Christ.” (English Standard Version of the Bible, Crossways.)*

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## ***Increase in Children at Overflow Shelter***

**By Sue Orth**

We just received an email stating that there is an increase in children being served at the Homeless Overflow Shelter this year.

This year the shelter is located at the YWCA on Lime St. in Lancaster. Volunteers are needed to welcome women and children, serve snacks, give a listening ear, and love them. Volunteers take turns doing shifts so you do not have to stay up all night. The hours are 6:30PM to 7AM. You can do all or part. See Sue Orth if you have questions or are interested. The weeks we are helping are Feb. 6-12 and March 14-16.

## ***Ministry Opportunities***

**By Sue Orth**

**VBS Coordinators** – Zion still needs overall coordinators if we are going to have VBS this summer. This is an opportunity to pull together many of the members and friends of Zion to do one Super Huge ministry that reaches over 200 children in our community. Let your light shine and give Sue Orth a call if you are hearing God tell you this is your chance!

**Christian Education Committee** – this committee meets about 6 times a year. They are responsible for FAITH TANKK, Rally Day, Milestone Celebrations and other new ideas God gives to the members. If you would like to serve on this Committee – email or call Sue Orth.

## ***Crispus Attucks Experience***

**By Sue Orth**

A group of friends and I decided to provide the meal for Crispus Attucks on New Year's Eve since no one had volunteered. Little did we know that God had a plan far greater and better than we imagined.

We arrived to find a note on the door stating that there would not be a meal that night since no church volunteered! (Turns out there was a communication error and Crispus Attucks was not notified that we were indeed providing a meal.) With the doors locked, there were two options: not serve a meal at all or figure out another way to serve a meal.

A mother and 3 children approached the door of Crispus Attucks as we were pondering what to do in the parking lot. We overheard one child say, "What, there is no food tonight?" Remember most children in the city get lunch at school – they had been out of school since December 24 and it was now Dec. 31 – he was probably very hungry. Another one of her children said, "I was hoping for meatballs – I love meatballs!" Guess what we were serving? Meatball subs! We knew then and there we would figure something out.

We told everyone that came to Crispus Attucks to stay – we were going to serve somehow. We put plastic tablecloths on the outside 12 inch ledge and got all the food out to serve from that ledge. Normally we do not have an opportunity to pray with the people at Crispus Attucks due to the way the meal is served but that night under the stars we were given such a gift – to pray with the people. They knew without a doubt that night that God loved them and we loved them too. We served in the parking lot on the ledge, people ate on the steps, on the other ledge and all over the parking lot.

At the end of the meal the little boy that was hoping for meatballs came over and said, "God bless you, Happy New Year!" Indeed we were blessed.

Now what to do with the other 300 meatballs? We traveled to Water Street. Wouldn't you know, God had someone in the kitchen at 7 PM to receive the leftover food – and there was plenty. He kept saying, "What a blessing, what a blessing!" A night nothing like we planned or anticipated – but God had other plans.

## ***Facts From the CV Food Bank***

**By Chris Latschar, Conestoga Valley Food Bank**

Month	Carts of food	Individuals	New families
September 2011	46	166	14
October 2011	34	118	11
November 2011	61	228	11
December 2011	38	105	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>45</b>

Thank you on behalf of those who benefited from the out-pouring of generosity from your congregations!!!

Now for February . . . we are asking for donations of Chicken/Hamburger/Tuna Helpers. As always, please make sure the donations are within their expiration date. The hours at Forest Hills Mennonite Church for convenient drop off are M-Th 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or you may put your donations in the Zion coatroom. There is a box marked for the CV Food Bank.

## Zion Library News - February 2012

### By Nadine Gladfelter and Patty Jackson

Here are some new items that have been added to the library's collection. Thanks to all the individuals who have donated items.

#### Children's Books:

- "My Apron" by Eric Carle
- "Addie Runs Away" by Joan Robbins
- "Follow the Star"
- "God Makes You Special" by Jean Holder
- "I'm A Little Teapot"
- "The Story of Easter" by Patricia Pingry
- "An Easter Alleluia" by Anita Stohs
- "Jesus Loves the Little Children"
- "Bible Family Values"
- "One Night in Bethlehem" by Tim Weseman
- "First Bible Stories" (Book Blocks – pack of 10 little books)

#### Children's CD's:

- "Baby Mozart" – part of the Baby Einstein series
- "Elmo's World: Birthdays, Games and More"
- "Bibleman: Silencing the Gossip Queen"

#### Teen:

- "Aloha Cove Series: Forget Me Not" by Theresa Kelly

#### Adult Books:

\*Alcorn, Randy. "The Treasure Principle" (Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving)

You can't take it with you – but you can send it on ahead. Anything we try

to hang onto here on earth will be lost. But anything we put into God's hands will be ours for eternity. Read Alcorn's book to discover the "Treasure Principle."

\*Baumbich, Charlene. "Mama Said There'd Be Days Like This"

A humorous book that reassures us that God is constantly at work in the middle of our ordinary, sometimes frenetic lives and encourages us to face our days with confidence.

\*Collins, Ace. "More Stories behind the Best Loved Songs of Christmas"

Collins has dug deep to uncover the true stories behind your favorite Christmas songs. Explore how these songs came into being and discover a deeper appreciation for these melodic messages of peace, hope and joy that celebrate the birth of Jesus.

\*Platt, David. "Radical"

Platt challenges Christians to wake up, trade in false values rooted in the American dream, and embrace the notion that each of us is blessed by God for a global purpose. He urges you to join the Radical Experiment – a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that needs the Good News that Jesus came to bring.

\*Warren, Rick. "The Purpose of Christmas"

If you feel that Christmas has become nothing more than a source of emotional and financial stress . . . If somewhere along the line you lost "the reason for the season," you need to read this powerful little book. Warren

explains how God designed Christmas to meet your 3 deepest needs and how understanding and receiving God's three Christmas gifts to you will transform your life forever.

#### Adult CD & booklet

\*"Mirror Image" - Based on some of the most famous Biblical parables such as the Good Samaritan, Mirror Images tells the story of a family that faces dramatic events and must choose how to respond. Their story reminds us that Jesus's revolutionary teachings ask us to change the way we think – to look at things from a different perspective – in order to make a difference in this world.

#### Music CD's from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

\*"Fuel for the Soul" - All songs written, produced and performed by Michael Schroeder. He references his music to different Bible verses.

\*"The Reason We Live" - Praise songs performed by a praise band. The principle musician is Peder Eide, a fulltime singer/song writer and speaker serving God.

\*"Jubilee" - Setting of songs is by John Leavitt, a composer, conductor and teacher. Includes some traditional tunes like This Little Light of Mine, Kum Ba Ya, Amazing Grace.

God took a lipstick and wrote on my bathroom mirror, "*Faith without works is dead,*" and left it there for me to see as I look at my face and wonder who I am. It's not the first time God wrote that phrase: He put it in the New Testament, in the letter of James. James invites us to apply our Christian faith to everyday living.

Let us gather on Thursday evenings during Lent to feed the body and spirit. Dinner – 6 PM, discussion during and after dinner. Childcare provided. End time 7:45 PM. Begins February 23.



## January 2012 Council Summary

### Old Business:

1. The following nominations for Church Council were approved: Krysta Barnhart, Patty Williams, and Lore Zook. Plans were made to contact an additional nominee.
2. The new AED electrodes have arrived: Tim McBride will take care of installing them.
3. No action was taken on Mutual Ministry Committee nominations pending notification by the committee.
4. Treasurer, Ed Bunker, recommended that item C13.03 in the constitution be revised to increase the size and structure of the Audit Committee to review the 700 checks and 1,250 register transactions plus income reports, investments and bank statements produced each year.
5. Ed Bunker reviewed the rules that apply to submitting a bill for payment. Details are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

### New Business:

1. A motion was approved to approve the ELCA Youth Challenge to provide a well for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. This allows the congregation to participate in underwriting the cost of a well (\$2,500) with additional funds contributed from youth group fund raisers and from extra benevolence.

2. A motion was approved to place eight households on the inactive list.
3. It was decided to follow past practice of not reading the 2011 congregational minutes at the 2012 meeting.
4. New items identified for the agenda for the congregational meeting include approval of constitution changes and use of special funds. Council is suggesting that Thrivent Choice funds go toward the General Fund, that choir funds go toward Worship and Music, and the Additional Mission be given in \$2,500 increments or less with some going to the Youth Challenge Well Project.
5. Arrangements for a new snow removal firm have been made.
6. The youth are providing lunch for the congregational meeting. Council suggested that a basket be available for donations to help with the Youth Challenge Well Project.
7. To encourage people to stay for the business part of the meeting, plans are to begin the congregational meeting in the fellowship hall following lunch and then move to the sanctuary for the remainder of the meeting.
8. A motion was approved that the Hinderdeer money go to the mortgage.

## Protocol for Submitting a Bill for Payment to the Treasurer

1. Each bill submitted for payment must be signed by the person submitting the bill and by the committee person responsible for that budget. If the person submitting the bill is the responsible committee person, then a staff member should be the second signer.
2. Include the line account to be charged on each bill submitted.
3. If the bill has a tear-off return, the rest of the bill is all that needs to be submitted.
4. Look at each bill to determine if a copy needs to be made or if the original will serve for both payment and the treasurer's records' file.
5. The church secretary should sign all the office (Administration and Miscellaneous) bills since she has the best handle on them.
6. All signers of bills should include the date of signatures.

## Corner of Hope Requests

### By Mary Smith

MANY THANKS to all for your continued generous giving.

CORNER OF HOPE requests for FEBRUARY will include: All boys' and girls' shoes (especially small sizes and preferably sneakers), boys' and girls' socks, and boys' size 10 clothing. We are still very short on men's small waist size pants and jeans (sizes 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32). We are always in need of men's jeans (all sizes). And, last, but not least, UNDERWEAR, UNDERWEAR, UNDERWEAR, (NEW), especially women's size 5, 6, and 7, and men's boxers.

We are grateful for any and all donations. They can be dropped off at COH the first four Tuesdays of the month from 9AM to 2PM, or we would be glad to arrange for pickup (call 656-6579).

## Find out the answer to "faith without works is . . ."

1. Okay?
2. Not Lutheran?
3. Dead?

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## Social Ministry Upcoming Activities

By Jeanne Hoffman

Social Ministry will once again be hosting "Souper Bowl Sunday" on February 5.

Churches all across America will join in asking as little as \$1.00 from their members to help fight hunger in America. The cumulative amount has added millions of dollars to food banks each year.

At the end of each service, a member of Social Ministry will be collecting for our local food bank. Please donate as you are able and please pray for all men, women and children who go to bed hungry.

On February 8 at 6:30, we will be visiting Darra, Meriam, and Jennifer in their home for game night. They play a mean game of UNO!! If anyone is interested in joining in the fun, please see Lorraine Smoker or Jeanne Hoffman. We would love to have you come along!!

After each service Sunday, March 4 and March 11, the Friends of Luther Acres will again be trying to raise funds to complete the Gazebo Project for residents with late-stage dementia in Luther Acres HealthCare Center.

Half the funds were raised last year and the hope is to raise the rest by March so the gazebo and landscaping can be completed in time for the residents to begin enjoying it this summer. Please prayerfully consider giving to this very worthwhile cause.



**February 5**  
**Dollar Donations**  
**After each service.**



# 123 Group

## "LOVE"

**Saturday, February 18**  
**2:00-4:00 PM**

Learn about a loving Bible story, play fun games, and make a picture frame.

Also, bring a new loaf of bread to give to those in need.



## Pack Well

Submitted by newsletternewsletter.com

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

~Based on the "Journey to Hope" sermon series, [www.rethinkchurch.org/lent](http://www.rethinkchurch.org/lent)

## Transfiguration of the Lord

Submitted by newsletternewsletter.com

All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness -- of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us.

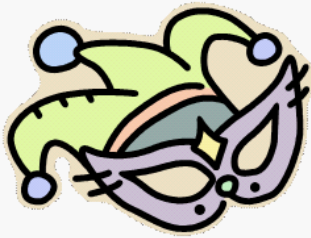
What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

~Desmond Tutu, *God Has A Dream*



**By Ashley Wachter**

The Zion Lions is a youth group for grades 4, 5, and 6. Friends are always welcome!



### **Mardi Gras & Dinner Preparation**

- Friday, February 17
- 6:00-8:00 PM
- Help set up for the pancake dinner and learn serving etiquette.
- Celebrate Mardi Gras and learn about Shrove Tuesday.
- Bring along a new or gently used children's book to donate to kids in need!



### **Pancake Dinner & Talent Show**

- Tuesday, February 21
- 5:00-8:30 PM
- Arrive at 5:00 PM to eat and get ready to start serving at 5:30 PM.
- Help clean up afterwards if you're not part of the talent show.

## *The Christian Youth Revolution*

**By Ashley Wachter**

The Christian Youth Revolution welcomes youth in grades 7-12.

## **Meetings**

*Youth Advisory: Thursday, February 2, 7:00 PM*

*Student Leadership Team Meeting:  
Sunday, February 5, 12:00-1:15 PM*



*Gathering Meeting: Sunday, February 26,  
6:00-7:00 PM*

## **Activities**

*Ice Skating: Friday, February 3,  
5:00-7:30 PM*



- Cost: \$6.00 plus money for the snack bar
- Permission slips and \$6.00 are due by Sunday, January 29.

*CYR: Tuesday, February 7, 7:00-9:00 PM*

*CYR: Tuesday, February 14, 7:00-9:00 PM*

*Worship Together & Lunch: Sunday,  
February 19, 10:30 AM-1:00 PM*

*Talent Show Practices: Sunday, Feb. 19 and Monday,  
Feb. 20, 6:00-8:00 PM*

*Pancake Dinner & Talent Show: Tuesday,  
February 21, 5:00-8:30 PM*

- Sign up to help on the youth board.

*Mall Scavenger Hunt: Tuesday,  
February 28, 6:00-9:00 PM*

- Permission slips are due by Sunday, February 26.



Ashley will be out of town February 9-12 for a youth ministry training conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

# Upcoming Events

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Talent Show

Tuesday, February 21

Dinner at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Talent show at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale Feb. 5-19.

## Lent Bible Study on James

Thursdays, Feb. 23 - March 29

6-7:45 p.m.

Childcare provided.

## Leola Community Egg Hunt & Wise Sage Hunt

Saturday, March 31

1-3 p.m.

Raindate is April 7.

Watch for more details.

## Edward Hand Middle School Spring Concert

Friday, May 11

10:30 a.m.

Invite your friends!

## Leola Community Meal

Friday, February 17

Held here at Zion

Served at 5:55 p.m.

Hosted by Forest Hills

## Corner of Hope Work Days for Seniors

The senior citizens meet every other Monday at 9 a.m. to sort clothes at the Corner of Hope. Questions, please contact Ira Groff at 656-7501.

## Upcoming Dates for COH work days for seniors:

February 13

February 27

March 12

March 26

April 9

April 23

## Downtown Meals

Carpool leaves at 4:30 p.m. from Zion. Please sign up to donate food and your time. Sign-up sheets are located on the Mission & Service bulletin board.

## Christ Lutheran Church (Thursday)

March 15

May 17

July 19

September 20

November 15

## Grace Lutheran Church (Wednesday)

February 29

May 30

August 29

October 31

## Can you name all of Jesus' brothers and sisters?

Me neither, but one of them was James.

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- **Dinner – 6PM**
- **Discussion during and after dinner.**
- **Childcare provided.**
- **End time 7:45PM.**
- **Begins February 23.**

## Golden Zionees 2011-2012 Schedule

The Golden Zionees will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**Wednesday, February 8 - 2 p.m.**  
Popcorn and a movie

**Wednesday, March 14 - Evening**  
"Amish Funeral Practices" by Phil Furman. Also, we will have an ice cream social.

**Wednesday, April 11 - TBA**  
Lunch at Shady Maple

**Wednesday, May 9 - TBA**  
Turkey Hill Experience

**Wednesday, June 13 - Picnic at Zion**

**Late July - Timbers Theater**

You are encouraged to write to Mpata, our sister congregation!

Konde Diocese  
Usharika Wa Mpata  
Box 718  
Tukuyu, Tanzania

## Important Dates To Remember

February is African-American History Month

Feb. 5 - Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 19 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 26 - First Sunday in Lent

# February

## Happy Anniversary!

- 3 John & Leia Keylor - 44 years  
5 Noel & Holly Cruz  
14 Chuck & Janet Rathey - 33 years  
14 George & Sharon Wettig - 26 years  
16 Bob & Sharon Perreault  
22 John & Viola Eby - 59 years  
25 Jim & Ruth Patterson - 56 years  
26 Gregg & Jenn Michael  
26 Ed & Salome Sieber - 47 years

## Happy Birthday!

- |    |                   |    |                    |
|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Jim Haase         | 13 | Myles Smoker       |
| 2  | Janet Lefever     | 14 | Sharon Bracken     |
| 2  | Matt Matthews     | 14 | Shaun Glaser       |
| 3  | Brianna Heikkinen | 14 | Roger Good         |
| 3  | Jim Reardon       | 15 | Angie Zegment      |
| 4  | Nelson Bard       | 16 | Bob Klinger        |
| 4  | Devin Zook        | 16 | Jeff Orth          |
| 5  | Royce Imhoff      | 17 | Gary Gutshall      |
| 6  | Emily Russell     | 18 | Sonya Wright       |
| 7  | Ken MacDonald     | 19 | Nanette McCarty    |
| 7  | Kara Overly       | 20 | Sherry Hammel      |
| 7  | Keith Shetter     | 21 | Troy Cessna        |
| 8  | Pat Bunker        | 21 | Leigh Ann Obetz    |
| 8  | Matt Zegment      | 22 | Ed Bunker          |
| 9  | Sheree Cessna     | 22 | George Lefever     |
| 9  | Mabel Mehaffey    | 24 | Paige Harris       |
| 9  | Abby Miller       | 24 | Sydney Harris      |
| 9  | Donna Snader      | 24 | Nicole Klock       |
| 10 | Megan Bixler      | 25 | Louise Reardon     |
| 11 | Laura Eaton       | 26 | Ray Bair           |
| 11 | Dawn Klock        | 26 | Barb Baker         |
| 12 | Jenn Bracken      | 26 | Lori Mendenhall    |
| 12 | Diane Lemke       | 27 | Bill Bloom         |
| 12 | Walker Poole      | 28 | Isabella Calderone |
| 13 | Zachary Fox       | 28 | Kate Raffensperger |
| 13 | Ruth Ruby         | 28 | Jimmy Woomer       |



## Thank You Notes

Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for all that you and your church have done to help sell the handcrafts for our artisans! Each and every handcraft sale has an enormous impact on the lives of our artisans.

God's rich blessings,  
Karen Pickett, Director,  
Education and More (Educating Children & Reducing Poverty in Guatemala)

Dear Pastor, Sue, and Everyone involved with the 11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Service,

Thank you to all of you for your time and effort to have this service for those of us who are unable to attend the evening services on Christmas Eve. We were so grateful for this opportunity again this year.

The luncheon was very nice, and the food was very good. Thank you to all the young people who helped us get food and beverages. It was so good to see everyone again.

Sincerely,  
Russ and Joanie Wagner

Dear Zion,

Greetings in the magnificent name of Jesus Christ! We at the Transition To Community/Potter's House would like to thank you for the blessings you extended to this ministry in permitting us to use your facilities for our annual Christmas Meal. It was very much appreciated. It is because of benevolent acts like these, endeavors to further reach out and provide a Christ-honoring ministry where men can experience transformation, will continue.

Because of Christ's Grace & Mercy,  
Brian E. Fountain, Director,  
Transition To Community (Potter's House)

Dear Pastor Embley, Sue, and Zion,

Many greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your letter to us which you sent. We received it on November 13, 2011 through our Bishop assistant of our Diocese, who preached with us. We had the baptism of 5 children, 1 youth and 1 elderly person together with spiritual services.

Also, we thank you very much for your kindness to welcome our leader of Diocese Jeffrey Mwakihaba, the assistant to the Bishop and Alice. (Alice spoke at Zion.)

Yours in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Andimile Mwalukosya,  
The Secretary of Relationships

## *Pray for our Members, Friends, Military Personnel*

### **Friends of Zion**

Betty Haines  
 Bob Bennett  
 Bob McCuiston  
 Brandon Kauffman  
 Catherine Healy  
 Crystal Bausher  
 Dalina Winter  
 David Burkholder  
 Dottie Patterson  
 Earl Ziegler  
 Ernestine Greer  
 Eugene Enck  
 Evelyn Nelson  
 Gerri Centini  
 Harold Emmitt  
 Ida Orr  
 Jeff Hurst  
 Jill Caci  
 Joseph Miller  
 Josephine Proch  
 Joy O'Shea Woomer  
 Joyce Mohn  
 Linda Rineer  
 Lori Mendenhall  
 Lori Stayer  
 Mark Heiney  
 Mary Harris  
 Peg Groff  
 Tim Horein  
 Tina Nicarvo

### **Members of Zion**

Barry Sellers  
 Betty Eaton  
 Cherri Snader  
 Diane Caci  
 Dottie Smucker

Fred Ciardullo  
 Joan Wagner  
 Joe Greiner  
 Josephine Miller  
 Kris Gutshall  
 Martha Zepp  
 Pat Bunker  
 Paul Barnhart  
 Risa Overly  
 Rob Robinholt  
 Rosa Troians  
 Russ Wagner  
 Ruth Patterson  
 Ryan Gutshall  
 Sharon Perreault  
 Sherry Hammel

### **Service Personnel**

\*Robert & Kim Zigment  
 \*PFC Zigment, Matt  
 \*Matt & Chrissy Poole  
 \*Matthew Green (stateside)  
 \*SPC Baffa, Mike (stateside)  
 \*Andy White  
 \*Bob Pavlovec (overseas)  
 \*Mel Kirchner (home)  
 \*Kyle Wallick (stateside)  
 \*Dan Thompson  
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 \*James Wachter (stateside)  
 \*Greg Henderson (home)  
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## **How Are You Sharing the Good News?**

One person at Zion is sharing the Good News by passing on the Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts to family and friends.



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## **2011 GENERAL FINANCES**

### **General Fund Income (100% through year)**

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
December	\$34,806	\$414,628	88.4%

### **General Fund Expenses**

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
December	\$40,299	\$432,659	92.2%

## **Applied Christianity 101**

### **Book of James Bible Study**

- Beginning Thursdays, Feb. 23
- Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Discussion during and after dinner.
- Dismissal at 7:45 p.m.
- Childcare provided.

## Zion Happenings For February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Worship in Chapel <b>7:30 pm</b> Praise Choir/ Band Practice <b>7:30 pm</b> Essential Jesus Group Discussion	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Youth Advisory Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>5-7:30 pm</b> CYR Ice Skating	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Wake Up Call Men's Group <b>8 am</b> Worship w/ Communion <b>9:15 am</b> FAITH TANKK <b>10:30 am</b> Worship w/ Communion <b>12-1:15 pm</b> Student Leadership Meeting <b>12-2 pm</b> Financial Peace University  Souper Bowl Sunday	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>9am-2pm</b> COH open <b>6:30-8 pm</b> COH open <b>7-9 pm</b> CYR Meeting (grades 7-12)	<b>8</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> Golden Zioneer Meeting in Room 9 <b>6:30 pm</b> Worship in Chapel <b>7:30 pm</b> Praise Choir/ Band Practice <b>7:30 pm</b> Essential Jesus Group Discussion	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Wake Up Call Men's Group <b>8 am</b> Worship w/ Communion <b>9:15 am</b> FAITH TANKK <b>10:30 am</b> Worship w/ Communion <b>4-6 pm</b> Financial Peace University	<b>13</b> <b>9 am</b> COH work day for seniors <b>7 pm</b> Mutual Ministry Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>9am-2pm</b> COH open <b>7-9 pm</b> CYR Meeting (grades 7-12)	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Worship in Chapel <b>7:30 pm</b> Praise Choir/ Band Practice <b>7:30 pm</b> Essential Jesus Group Discussion  Zion Herald Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>5:55 pm</b> Leola Community Meal hosted by Forest Hills Mennonite Church  <b>6-8 pm</b> Preteen Mardi Gras and Dinner Prep (grades 4-6)	<b>18</b> <b>2-4 pm</b> 123 Group Meeting (grades 1-3)
<b>19</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Wake Up Call Men's Group <b>8 am</b> Worship with Communion <b>9:15 am</b> FAITH TANKK learning groups <b>10:30 am</b> Worship with Communion <b>4-6 pm</b> Financial Peace University <b>6-8 pm</b> Talent Show Practice	<b>20</b> <b>6-8 pm</b> Talent Show Practice	<b>21</b> <b>9am-2pm</b> COH open <b>6:30-8 pm</b> COH open <b>5:30-8:30 pm</b> Pancake Dinner & Talent Show <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship Planning	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 am</b> Lenten Breakfast at Stumptown Mennonite <b>7:00 pm</b> Ash Wednesday Worship  Lent Begins	<b>23</b> <b>6-7:45 pm</b> Lent Bible Study on James <b>7:00 pm</b> Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Wake Up Call Men's Group <b>8 am</b> Worship with Communion <b>9:15 am</b> FAITH TANKK learning groups <b>10:30 am</b> Worship with Communion <b>4-6 pm</b> Financial Peace University <b>6-7 pm</b> National Gathering Meeting for Youth	<b>27</b> <b>9 am</b> COH work day for seniors	<b>28</b> <b>9am-2pm</b> COH open <b>6-9 pm</b> CYR Mall Scavenger Hunt (grades 7-12)	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 am</b> Lenten Breakfast at Conestoga COB <b>4:30 pm</b> Car pool leaves to serve meal at Grace Luthern <b>6:30 pm</b> Worship in Chapel <b>7:30 pm</b> Praise Choir/ Band Practice <b>7:30 pm</b> Essential Jesus Group Discussion	 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">Groundhog Day</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold;">February 2</p>		

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## Worship Services

Traditional Service, Sundays at 8 a.m.  
Contemporary Service, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
Traditional Service, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Communion is offered at each service.



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