



Zionews

February 2020

As we hear the stories of the season of Epiphany—of the magi following the start to Bethlehem, of Peter following Andrew to meet Jesus, of the disciples of Jesus being called and following, of Mary and Joseph following the Law and presenting Jesus at the Temple, of people following Jesus because of his powerful teachings, and of Peter, James, and John following Jesus up the mountain—we should also hear how these stories of following are also stories of leading and of being made ready for leadership.



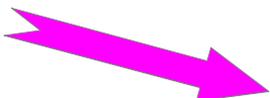
There are some predictable patterns around generational change, and not all of them negative. At some point, every generation and every individual must somewhere in their life move from following to leading. This often happens in several areas in life, and often quite close together, but not always. Some examples would be getting your first full-time job, becoming a parent, getting a promotion at work, getting elected onto a governing board of some kind, etc. Everyone finds what matters to them, and in those areas in life, they become leaders.

The disciples did not expect to become the kinds of leaders they became. Andrew, as a younger brother, probably never expected to be the one to lead his older brother to the Messiah, but he did—and so many other people! Those original twelve followers of Jesus didn't think they would be debating the meanings of scripture and how God in Jesus changed so much of what they thought so that they would be the leaders of a new way of discipleship. Mary and Joseph didn't know they would encounter Simeon and Anna at the Temple and usher in a public announcement of God's work in the world. Peter, James, and John—even as Jesus' inner circle—didn't know that what they saw on that mountain as Jesus was transfigured before them would empower them to tell the story of Jesus' life not just as a biography but as God's work of salvation for the whole world. God was working through ordinary lives forming leaders who would change the world.

Sisters and brothers, you are the leaders God is raising up for today. From the octogenarians to the newborns, God is transforming you from followers into leaders so that you might discover Jesus matters to you and proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed. Followers are disciples being formed to lead. Leaders are disciples forming others to lead.

We live as friends following Jesus as we worship and work together across generations, being formed to lead and forming others to lead. May the light of Christ bring us into Lent, ready to be formed as leaders proclaiming the good news of Easter.

Peace,
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Congregational Meeting Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020
following 10:30 Worship service
Light lunch served



Nickels and Noses for December

Please note that these numbers are two months behind due to the newsletter publication schedule.

Worship Attendance (4 Saturdays 5 Sundays)		Offering	
6pm	160	Monthly Giving	\$57,607.53
8am	310	Monthly Budget	\$34,677.00
10:30am	518	Year-to-Date Giving	\$456,778.75
Total	988	Year-to-Date Budget	\$416,080.00
Weekly Average	206		

That is not a typo in the offering. By the movement of the Spirit and your generous response, Zion had an over \$40,000 surplus at the end of the year!

Year of Scripture 2:

The Apocrypha and Deuterocanonical Books of the Old Testament

February 1 Judith 6
 February 2 Judith 7
 February 3 Judith 8
 February 4 Judith 9
 February 5 Judith 10
 February 6 Judith 11
 February 7 Judith 12
 February 8 Judith 13
 February 9 Judith 14
 February 10 Judith 15
 February 11 Judith 16
 February 12 Esther A(11-12)-1
 February 13 Esther 2
 February 14 Esther 3-B(13)
 February 15 Esther 4-C(13-15)



February 16 Esther 5-7
 February 17 Esther 8-E(16)
 February 18 Esther 9
 February 19 Esther 10-F(11)
 February 20 Wisdom 1:1-15
 February 21 Wisdom 1:16-2:24
 February 22 Wisdom 3:1-4:16
 February 23 Wisdom 4:17-5:23
 February 24 Wisdom 6
 February 25 Wisdom 7:1-8:1
 February 26 Wisdom 8:2-21
 February 27 Wisdom 9
 February 28 Wisdom 10
 February 29 Wisdom 11:1-12:2

If you want Zion to order you a copy of the Apocrypha but you haven't contacted the office, please do so as soon as possible. They will cost \$15 each, so we're not ordering extras. Do shop around. You can find many versions of the Bible with the Apocrypha included for less than \$15. We will be using the NRSV if you want the translation to match.

Tithe.ly – Online Giving

We've started using Tithe.ly as our online giving provider. In addition to the online giving through our website, you can use the Tithe.ly app or text-to-give. Coming later this month, we also plan to have a Zion app through which you will also be able to give.



The Tithe.ly app works for all smartphones. Just search the App Store or Google Play. The logo is part of this column. You can use the app to set up your account, offer one time or recurring offerings, and designate where you want the offering to go.

We also have a text to give number. On your smartphone, you can text "give" to 844-683-7315 and get set up. Once your account is ready to go, all you have to do is text Give (and the amount) to the number. For example, after setting up your account, if you want to give \$100 you would text "Give100" and you have made a one time \$100 offering to the general fund!

Carolyn's Corner . . .

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Northwestern Ohio Synod, has asked that our focus this year be on the Mission of God. Bishop Daniel writes, "God has a mission, and God's mission has a church. In Scripture, we encounter the Triune God working to restore and renew all things. The Bible begins with creation and ends with the promise of a new creation." How do we do this? We pray, read the Bible to see what it might say to us and join in sacred conversations (Bible study); we encourage our congregation to align its identity and work with the mission of God; and we participate in that mission.

Zion is already busy in the community and the world. Do we however, understand why we do the things we do? Jesus said that we should take care of the widow and the orphan. Is that the reason we volunteer/donate to Care & Share and Crossroads? Is that why we send quilts, school kits and personal care kits to LWR? Or purchase animals for Good Gifts? And prepare meals for funeral dinners or for those who are unable to do so for themselves? Or, visit someone who is in the hospital or care facility or drive someone to their doctor's appointment? Is this why we are part of Adopt-a-School? The list is long – some things we do through Zion and others individually. Some mission is planned, while other is spontaneous. We do the things we do because we care. We do the things we do because Jesus said that we should take care of our brothers and sisters.

Another opportunity is coming our way – one we can all do. Julie Kessler has been saving tabs from Coke cans for a long time and she is asking us all to join her. We will give these tabs to The Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland. They sell them as aluminum to help defray costs of the House. The cost of one overnight for a family whose child is in the hospital is approximately \$100. Each family is asked to donate \$20 toward this cost, but no one is turned away if they are unable to pay. They collect only the tabs because they are pure aluminum, whereas the can may not be. The tabs take up much less space for the weight than the cans do, so they are easier to collect and manage. Tabs from any can may be collected; beverages, soup, cat food, vegetables and fruits are not being packaged with pull tabs, so check your pantry. There will be a collection container in the Gathering Room for you to deposit your tabs.

And if you'd like to take a field trip, on Friday, May 15th, from 2-6 p.m., we can join the **5th Annual Pull Tab Palooza!** See/hear about their pet therapy partners, nibble on tasty treats, create art with sidewalk chalk, and partake in our gift basket drawings and more! Just let me know if you have an interest in going.

So, let's all join in **Julie's Pull Tab ministry** – let's aim for a million!

Blessings,
Carolyn

Environmentally Friendly Cups

Zion's morning coffee will soon be served in paper cups! As we look toward ways to better care for God's creation, it was determined that paper might be a better choice. The Parish Life Ministry team will continue to explore best practices and keep us informed.



Stellhorn Library Adult Forum Schedule

In the month of March, the Stellhorn Library Adult Forum will be on field trip! To the sanctuary!

Through the Sundays in Lent leading up to Palm/Passion Sunday, we'll take time to look at most of the volunteer positions we have that make our Sunday services work. (The Altar Guild and Children's' Message are the exceptions because they take more than an hour to present.)



These classes will be for those who are already doing these volunteer positions, those who want to do these volunteer positions, and anyone interested in all the different aspect of our worship. Attendance does not mean you will now be doing this job, but you will have the opportunity to sign up.

On **March 1st**, we start off by looking at the important roles of Acolyte and Crucifer with a special guest presenter.

On **March 8th**, we'll talk about the role of the Lector—including giving people a chance to speak over the sound system.

On **March 15th**, we'll look at the role of Intercessor, the person who leads the Prayers of the People.

On **March 22nd**, we'll gather in the small balcony and learn about the sound system and slides.

On **March 29th**, we'll talk about everything involved in being an usher.

Remember, this isn't just going over the tasks. We'll also talk about why these roles matter for our worship. Hope to see you at the classes!



First Communion Exploration

For anyone who is ready to explore the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Meeting dates/times for child and parent(s) are Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 from 6 - 6:45 p.m. To register or for more information, call Carolyn at 419-625-2112.



Children of Zion

Children's Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:15a.m. in Zion's basement. All children are welcome. Parents are also always welcome to join us in this time when we experience the Bible stories in new and multisensory ways. Questions? Call Carolyn at 419-625-2112.



Lent Begins. . .

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 26th 7:00 p.m.

Memorials December 16, 2019 - January 15, 2020

In Memory Of:

Joyce Leimbach: Hallie Dessecker
Ellsworth & Ruth Grubbe: Roger & Patricia (Grubbe) Pennycook
Richard & Louise Pennycook: Roger & Patricia Pennycook
Nick Denslow & Loved Ones: Patty Denslow
Arnold Leedy: Doris Suman



Baptisms:

None

Funerals:

Arnold Leedy (date of service 1/15/2020)

Weddings:

None

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM

Andy Castello and Vicki Boesch would like to invite Zion's high school students to join us every Sunday morning from 9:15-10:00. If you know a high school student, please share this good news with them. If you are a high school student, come and join us in the youth room.

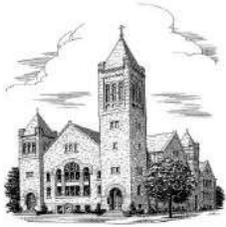
See you there!



Giving Statements were mailed the week of January 27th. If you have not received yours, please call the church office. Please note if there are changes that need to be made such as name or address change or giving errors, call or email us with those changes.

419-625-2112 or loriharris@zionsandusky.org

Deadline for March Zionews is Wednesday, February 19st. Please email submissions to Lori Harris (loriharris@zionsandusky.org)



February 2020 Worship Leaders



	2/02/20	2/09/20	2/16/20	2/23/20
8:00am Wine	Randy Koch & Carol Albert	Jon Carver & Kris Stradtman	Tom & Cindy Patterson	Dick & Marlene Long
10:30am	Lyle Marquardt & Judy Burrows	Suzanne Jeffrey & Chet Leser	John & Judy Mears	Ron Dahs & Judy Burrows
8:00am Lectors	Andy Gundlach	Jean Bossetti	Dick Long	Addison Stradtman
10:30am	Laurie Mears	Madison Yontz	Carla Mitchell	Karen Wu
8:00am Prayers	Karen Slater	Carla Mitchell	Judy Burrows	Betty Bickley
10:30am				Marjorie Burton
Children's Message	Nancy Kinsel	Marj Burton	Dale Cerny	Laurie Mears
8:00am Soundboard	Andrew Castello	Andy Gundlach	Dean Meyers	Janet Stradtman
10:30am	Dan Willey	Tom Kostel	John Nejedly	Dan Willey
8:00am Gathering Host	Greg & Tami Schultz Scouts of Troop 8	Rich & Mary Ann Bevington	Virginia Lillian & Connie Castello	Mike & Oksun Todi
10:30am	<i>meeting</i>	Dean & Karen Slater	Faye Gast	Earl & Bea Rosen
Greeters	Linda Reichenbach	Lila Bertsch	Ron Dahs	Dianne Farrar



Ushers:

8:00am Darlene Lowery, Tom Wieber, John Chapman,
Janet Stradtman, Sharon Lavey, and
Dawn McKillips

10:30am Earl & Bea Rosen, Tom Kinsel and Julie Kessler

2/3/2020	2/10/2020	2/17/2020	2/24/20
Virginia Neuman, Nancy & Tom Kinsel, and Dean Meyers	Karen & Dean Slater, Alan Mitchell, and Dick Long	Kay Eash, Vicki Boesch, and Roger & Barb Newton	Jeannie Johnson, Dean Meyers, Alan Mitchell, and Bruce Bravard





Quilters



Do you have a sewing machine at home? The Quilters need ladies to sew the edges on the quilts which is the final step to complete the quilts before shipping. You would have only 2 or 3 quilts to sew. If you can do this project please stop by on Monday evenings 6 – 8 p.m. or Tuesday mornings 9 – 11 a.m. in the basement to pick up the quilts. This is not a hard job – but a very necessary one. Please consider helping!

As We Were. . .

Frauen Verein (German meaning *Women's Club*) was the origin of women's groups at Zion. It was begun 15 Feb 1885. Divided into 2 Societies, the Women's Society and the Young People's Society, but they would meet separately. Officers were elected, but at the 2nd meeting Pastor Dornbirer was made president and Mrs. Susanna Lehrer was VP. The pastor would give a Bible Study each month. In the 1920's the pastor became the chief adviser and the women were the officers. Purpose of the Frauen Verein was for the beautification of the interior of the church and to assist the poor and needy women of the congregation, if any surplus cash then the group had the power to decide how it would be used. In January 1914 an English speaking group was formed and Dr. Stellhorn was the president, Emma Ebert was the VP.



Sewing Verein was organized in 1892, renamed helping hands in 1941 for making quilts and rag rugs. This group continues today as "*The Quilters*"

-Submitted by Judy Mears

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt, Marjorie Burton, Karen Dehn, Tom Kinsel, Stephen Lippert, Carla Mitchell, and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary
 Guest(s): Don Hanck, Nancy Stewart, Jarrod Todt, Kevin Yontz
 Absent/excused: Carol Albert, Barbara Newton, Martha Thompson and Savannah Castello

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Pastor Eric led the Council in a devotion followed with a prayer.

AGENDA:

The amended agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of December 11, 2019 were approved.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Don Hanck gave an update on the Capital Campaign and other related items.

CLERGY REPORTS:

Pastor Eric – verbal report submitted.

A motion was made to offer the gifted Meadow Green Memorial Park Cemetery plot to the Leedy family. Motion was seconded and carried.

Deacon Carolyn – written report submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Burton – The Treasurer's report and financial reports were reviewed and discussed.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Worship & Music – **Carol Albert** – Absent.

Faith Formation – **Chris Antel** – No recent meeting.

Stewardship & Administration – **Andy Castello** – Nothing to report.

Youth & Young Adult – **Karen Dehn** – Job description forthcoming.

Property & Facilities – **Faye Gast** (acting pro-tem) Nothing to report.

Parish Life – **Darlene Lowery** – Gathering Host assignments distributed. February Greeters schedule.

Mission & Outreach – **Martha Thompson & Tom Kinsel** – Nothing to report.

FLAMe – Final meeting will be in January, no regular meetings after that.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Capital Campaign** updated earlier in the meeting by Don Hanck.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Annual Meeting Agenda** – reviewed and updated.
- **Council Retreat** – February 8, 2020 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Coffee Cups** – A motion was made to authorize for the purchase up to \$200 for the purchase of eco-friendly coffee cups. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Loan Proposal** – A motion was made to present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting the terms for a potential loan for funding project costs not included in the Capital Campaign. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary



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Stephen Patterson, our local Thrivent representative, would like to offer some workshops at Zion, but he would like to know what we want him to present. Following is a survey of topics on which he offers workshops. Please review them, fill out the survey, and return it to the office or put on the collection plate by March 1st. You even have an extra day in February to do them this year!

FINANCIAL EDUCATION SEMINARS

Name: _____

Age: _____

Gender: _____

For each item identified below, circle a number to the right that best fits your interest in attending a seminar on the stated topic.

One (1) being a seminar you would definitely attend and Ten (10) being a seminar you have no interest in attending.

Please circle each number ONLY ONCE.

Item	Scale					Scale				
	Highly Interested	Interested			Somewhat Interested	Not at all interested				
Retirement Planning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Estate Planning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tax Planning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Social Security	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Investment Strategies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
College Planning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Life Insurance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Long Term Care Insurance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Income Generation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
In Retirement Income Solutions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Medical and Disability Insurance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Employee Retirement Planning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

February 2020



- ◆ All calendar activities will take place at Zion unless otherwise specified.
- ◆ Calendar events/meetings reported as of 1/19/2020. Please check with your Team Leader and check the weekly bulletin calendar for any additions/changes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:30 am Wedding 6:00 pm Worship
2 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Children of Zion 9:15 am High School Forum 9:15 am Adult Forums 11:30 am Annual Congregational Mtg	3 4:30 pm Concert Assoc. Meeting 5:30 pm Temple Caretakers 6:30 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts 7:00 pm Firelands Chorus 7:30 pm Dartball at Castalia	4 9:00 am Quilters 11:00 am Apocrypha Study with Pastor 1:00 pm Lectionary Study –Mr. Smith’s 2:00 pm Executive Council—Mr. Smith’s 5:30 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Apocrypha Study with Carolyn	5 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Agape 7:00 pm Circle of Friends	6 9:30 am Priscilla 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Senior Choir	7	8 6:00 pm Worship
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