



November/December 2022

A Message from Pastor Mathew

First, some words from Jesus... "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Matthew 6:33.

Shirley loved to hunt deer. She went every year and had a great time. One year her husband, Jeff, said he wanted to come along. So, Shirley has him take a gun safety class and make all the necessary preparations to make that happen.

On their first day hunting, Shirley has Jeff stay near a meadow while she circles around through the brush. In a few minutes she hears a shot. She runs back to find Jeff pointing his gun at a man and yelling, "That's my deer! I shot it. You back away!"

The man, his hands in the air, says, "Whatever you say, buddy - just let me get my saddle off it first."

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Nope. That clearly wasn't a deer. While operating the gun was important, being able to know a deer from a horse seems quite basic.

It's easy to have that "go get 'em" attitude in life, that motivation. But, what is it we're shooting at? God gives us many enjoyable things in this life and for that we are thankful but he desires that our main desire is for Him and his kingdom founded on love and selfless living. Whether we're talking about offerings and budgets, time and talents, or coffee and conversation, we are to seek the love of God and the good news of Jesus first.

As we enter this fall season of budgets, giving thanks, and celebrating Christmas, let's not just be about that "go get 'em" attitude, but let's have a clear vision about what it is we're aiming at. The Kingdom of God is where it's at. Set your sights on this.

God's peace,
Pastor Mathew

OUR MISSION: WHY WE EXIST

To bring people into a covenantal relationship with the Lord (Matthew 28:19-20), and to equip them for personal growth and impact (Ephesians 4:11-26).



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COE President's Corner *by Daniel Fisher*

As fall arrives, activity has picked up at Zion. Sunday School and Confirmation are in full swing, Bible Studies are going strong, and plans are in motion for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas.

On October 29th, Zion hosted our Mission District Convocation. It was attended by pastors and congregants from NALC Churches within our District. Thanks to The Council of Elders (COE), Christian Life and the Youth who welcomed guests and assisted in serving lunch and providing support throughout the day.

On November 19th and 20th, Zion will be conducting the elections for The Council of Elders. There are **three** positions open; one two-year position and two three-year positions. If you have been a voting member at Zion for at least four years and attend church regularly, you are eligible to be nominated. If you are interested, contact myself, Pastor, Catey Gosnell, Cheryl Squier or the church office. Please consider being nominated for this important and rewarding position.

It is Thanksgiving Pie Time for The Light of Life Rescue Mission. Each year, Zion contributes at least eighty pies to Light of Life for Thanksgiving Meals. This year, we will be collecting Pumpkin, Cherry Pies, and Apple Pies. More information and dates will be announced in the Sunday Bulletins.

December 3rd is Brentwood Light Up Night. Zion's Bell Choir will be performing. Please stop by and hear our wonderful choir perform and enjoy the festivities. If you are able to give an hour or more to support this event, please contact the office.

Sadly, this is the last article I will be writing as COE President. My term as President ends on December 6th. It has been an eventful two years and I want to thank Pastor, the COE members, the ministries and all others that I have worked with to support the Zion's mission and ministries. It has been a team effort and we accomplished a great deal. Please keep the incoming officers and council members in your prayers. Thank you for allowing me to serve. It was truly an honor and a privilege.

God Bless You All,

Daniel Fisher

COE President

NOTE: Vestry Elections will be held after the following services.

- Saturday, November 19th, 2022 5 PM Service
- Sunday, November 20, 2022 10:30 AM Service

Please hold the COE and the congregation in your prayers as we prepare for this transition.

**I will instruct you and
teach you in the way
you should go, I will
counsel you with my
eye upon your.
Psalms 32:8**

Prayer Concerns

Michael Capozzoli
Corey Fischer
Judy Kocinski
Shirley Mosticone
Ian Oeler
Glenn & Phyllis Ribblett
Ruth Rodkey
Bill Savage
Robert Schorr
Pat Sheridan
Larry Shurtz
Dana Watkins

ZLC

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Gavin Aultz	November 4, 2007
Griffin Buzzelli	November 14, 2021
Cassidy Delu	November 12, 2016
Ashley Dodge	December 31, 2006
Abby Dolgos	November 5, 2006
Nicholas Garris	November 8, 2020
Tommy Gruntz	November 17, 2012
Shepard Hoffman	November 13, 2016
Mark Morrow	November 20, 2011
Emma Oeler	November 2, 2013
Ian Oeler	November 2, 2013
Bianca Puglin	November 21, 2004
Emily Schubert	November 29, 2009
Alec Warden	December 4, 2005
Vanessa Warden	November 21, 2010
Alex Wiskeman	November 23, 2011
Ladaya Wiskeman	December 9, 2007

*If we are missing your child's baptism date, please advise the church office.

Congratulations!

To Zion members,
Jared Demi & Jessica Jarosz on the birth of their daughter, Vienna Antonette Demi born on October 9, 2022.

To Zion member,
Melissa Wagner and her new husband, Brandon White, on their marriage which took place at Zion on October 21, 2022.

If you would like to share a prayer of praise or thanksgiving in a future newsletter, please notify the office.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1



YOUTH MINISTRY



SARRIS CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE

Benefits the
Youth Mission Trip
Order forms are located on
the downstairs' counter and
in the Narthex.

Deadline for ordering is
11/20/2022

Christian Life



Every year Zion supplies Christmas presents for seniors in our neighborhood nursing homes through the Angel Tree program. Please take a tag from the trees in the Narthex or lower-level entryway. Please return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 4, with the original tag on them. Place your gifts in the Heritage Room. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Karen Stoddart kastoddart@gmail.com or 412-580-5814.

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

Pastor Mathew will be leading a 5 week class on Wednesday evenings going through the story of the Bible. The focus will be on the storyline from the end of King Solomon's reign to the time Israel and Judah implode themselves and are finally conquered. Join us on an entertaining, interactive journey as we follow God's people in Israel screwing things up again and again to the point where God simply can't take it anymore.



Starts on **11/9/22 @ 7:30 PM**

Sign up on the Zion Website or by calling the office.



THANKSGIVING PIE DRIVE



The Light of Life Mission is grateful for Zion's support each year in providing a large number of pies for Thanksgiving meals. The meals are served within the mission and to families served by the mission in housing around the Northside; over 1000 meals. What is needed for 2022: 60 pumpkin, 30 apple, 30 cherry. Deliver pies in a disposable pie tin between Tuesday morning 11/22 & NO LATER than 10:00 AM on 11/23. Please complete a bulletin insert to let us know what you are bringing to assure we have an adequate number of pies.

BRENTWOOD'S 20TH ANNUAL LIGHT UP NIGHT

DECEMBER 3, 2021 4:00—7:00 PM

Brentwood Towne Square

STOP BY AND LISTEN TO THE ANGELUS RINGERS PERFORM

Enjoy refreshments and entertainment, meet Santa & Mr. Clause, or shop for the perfect gift at Lil Shoppers Christmas Shoppe. Volunteers needed to help at booth.



Ministry of Property *by Dana Watkins*

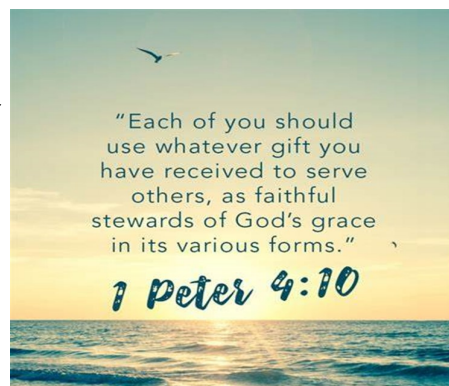
The Ministry of Property had a very productive 2022 with many projects completed, progressing or in planning. During the Winter, the third-floor hallway was painted in preparation to recarpet. There was a substantial number of leftover carpet pieces from prior installations. By using these pieces, we only had to order a small number of extras to complete the job.

This Spring, we worked with Curt Neill and VBS to obtain and build a Conestoga wagon for their "Going West" theme. After a successful VBS, our attention was to repair and paint the entrance portico off the parking lot. This was an arduous undertaking which took many hours of our member's personal time. Due to vacation and health issues of some members, this project will most likely be completed next Spring.

As most know, a substantial amount of effort and time this year has been devoted to assessing our air conditioners. The large unit which cools both the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary is twenty-five years old. Fortunately, it survived another year. The unit which cools the third floor should be replaced. It has been leaking refrigerant for a few years. The refrigerant used in both units is obsolete and thus very expensive. To change these units, the lines which transport the cool air from the condensers to the air handlers in the attic must be replaced along with the air handlers. These are not easy fixes. The location of these units adds to the replacement expense. Setting a scope of work for bidding and obtaining qualified contractors is very time consuming, however, we must do our due diligence.

As always, the coming year will be challenging to us and the congregation. Prior to a work day, our ministry meets for breakfast to plan, pray and enjoy fellowship. If you are able to serve God thru this ministry for a few hours, a day or as a regular ministry member, please notify the office.

Dana Watkins
Ministry of Property, Chair



ZION VOICES

Let's get Zion singing again!

Rehearsal: 4 Tuesdays at **7:15 PM** in the sanctuary:
11/29/22; 12/6/22; 12/13/22; 12/20/22

We will sing on Christmas Eve (Saturday, 12/24/22 at the 8:00 PM service. You must commit to at least 3 of the 4 rehearsals.

Please contact Sherry Galland to sign up to sing!

QUILTERS (A Zion Small Ministry) by Betty Jane Szydlowski



The Zion Quilt Ministry is a global outreach ministry. We make quilts and school kit backpacks for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) which are distributed internationally. Those in need may be escaping conflict, natural disasters or extreme poverty.

The quilts are used for warmth, as privacy walls, beds, to carry young children or what few possessions they

may have, and other purposes. The school kits go to children and occasionally an adult so that they can attend school. In many parts of the world, students cannot attend school unless they provide their own supplies.

Our fabric, used linens and blankets, school supplies and monetary funds are provided by the generosity of the congregation. We are most grateful and could not continue without it.

We use all of the fabric we receive. Fabric that has religious, national symbols or camouflage can't be used for international distribution. Quilts made with this fabric go to the NALC Disaster Relief whose scope of operation is national.

Each year our goal is to make 100 quilts and 100 backpacks. This year we made 92 quilts for LWR, 16 quilts for NALC and 104 backpacks filled with the required supplies.

We meet every Thursday from 10 AM – 3 PM. Members come as they are able to cut squares, put the layers of the quilt together or tie the quilts. Usually, two members do the sewing of the quilts and backpacks. Others serve the ministry by sewing the quilt tops at home from the squares and instructions we provide. Whatever your skill level, if you can use a pair of scissors, tie a knot, or pin pieces of fabric together, we welcome you to the ministry. Please join us one Thursday a month or every Thursday or sew from home. It's a wonderful way to be a good Samaritan. A true blessing is the fellowship we have as we laugh, joke, tell stories and care for one another as we work.

On Monday, October 24, 2022, Andrea Zonneveld, the Community Education and Event Coordinator for the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA, provided Zion members with an excellent presentation on Epilepsy. The presentation included information on how to recognize a seizure, how to help someone who is having a seizure and resources available for persons impacted by seizures, as well as opportunities to support the Epilepsy Association. For information see: www.eawcp.org



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SERVICES & FELLOWSHIP

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

7:00 PM

(STAY FOR PIE SOCIAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP)



Advent
Evening Prayer
Wednesdays at
7:00 P.M.
November 30
December 7 & 14



Christmas worship services:

Christmas Eve

5:00 Children and Family Service

8:00 Traditional Candlelight

11:00 Traditional Candlelight

Christmas Day

10:30 AM