

DECEMBER 10 , 2023– DECEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday – 12/10 Advent 2

9:00 am	Coffee Fellowship	Parlor
9:30 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
11:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Demey Library
12:00 pm	Gingerbread Housemaking	Youth Room
4:00 pm	ZYG Lazer Tag	Manheim
7:30 pm	AA	Baer Room

Monday- 12/11

6:30 pm	Youth Advisory	Parlor
7:30 pm	AA	Baer Room

Tuesday- 12/12

6:00 pm	Grateful Ladies of Zion Caroling	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Stewardship	Demmey Library
7:30 pm	AA	Baer Room

Wednesday – 12/13

9:00 am	Food Pantry	Rosanna Street Entrance
12:00 -12:30 pm	Midweek Communion Service	Nave
5:00 pm	Advent Soup & Sandwich Meal	Leatherman Hall
6:15 pm	Advent Mid-Week Worship Service	
7:00 pm	Preschool Board via Zoom	
7:00 pm	Bells' Angels	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday – 12/14

2:00 pm	ATCC	Choir Room
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Friday – 12/15 Church Office Closed

Saturday – 12/16 Church Office Closed

Sunday – 12/17 Advent 3

9:00 am	Coffee Fellowship	Parlor
9:30 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
11:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Demey Library
5:00 pm	ZYG Christmas Party & Caroling	Youth Room
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #11057	Leatherman Hall
7:30 pm	AA	Baer Room



ZYG

Family Gingerbread House Making Today from 12:00 – 2:00 pm come decorate a gingerbread house with your family. Enjoy Christmas music & games!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Christmas Poinsettia Orders are being received through *Monday, December 11, 2023*, and may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Each poinsettia is \$11.00. Order forms are in the narthex. Please use one form per dedication.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

Mid-Week Worship Services Join us Wednesdays in Advent December 13, & 20, 2023 at 6:15 pm for a brief 1/2 hour mid-week evening service with no communion during Advent. The sermon series this Advent is titled: *“Pause, Prepare, Ponder: An Advent Midweek Series.”*

Soup & Sandwich Meals You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ Wednesday December 13, & 20, 2023 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in Leatherman Hall for delicious meals of soup and sandwiches served before the Advent evening services. No sign up needed.

- December 13- potato soup, ham sliders, apple pie & ice cream
- December 20- cheeseburger soup, BBQ sandwiches & cupcakes

Christmas Eve Worship Services of Holy Communion, Sunday, December 24, 2023
9:30 am Worship Service, 6:30 pm Family Service, 8:30 pm Music Prelude & 9:00 pm Candlelight Worship Service.

Midweek Communion Service Join Pastor Schreffler every Wednesday from 12:00 – 12:30 pm for a short-spoken word communion service in the Nave.

Adult Sunday School Class 11 am Demey Library How curious are you? The Magi were curious enough to travel a long distance to find out about that star? How far to follow a star? And what would they find? How dangerous was their trip? Come and satisfy your curiosity as we continue our video series of unexpected characters and what they have to teach us on our journey to Christmas. Bring your coffee and a friend.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Hat, Glove & Scarf Drive has begun. Please look for sales, make your purchases and bring in your donations, adding them to the “glove tree” in the Narthex. This drive continues through the end of February 2023. We currently have 71 hats, 23 pairs of gloves and 14 scarves.



CHRISTIAN ED



Children’s Sunday School instruction will be as follows for youth ages 2 through 5th grade: Children’s message with Pastor Dave in the sanctuary. Singing with Dan Stokes for approximately 5 minutes on the first floor in Dan’s office Room #102, which is the office located closest to the church office. Meeting in Room # 203 on the second floor for instruction-based on the lectionary text of the week, followed by a related game or craft. Returning to parents in the sanctuary for distribution of communion. Parents can be assured that 2 adults will always be in attendance and all lead teachers will have their clearances on file. If you have any questions about these changes, please reach out to Pastor Dave or any member of the Christian Education Committee. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry.

HUMMELSTOWN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The following items are needed to stock the shelves: Spam, jars of spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, instant flavored oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned soups and clean plastic grocery bags. Thank you for your continued support and donations. Your food donations are greatly appreciated.



THE GRATEFUL LADIES OF ZION

Christmas Caroling Calling all altos, sopranos & people who think they can't sing. Join us Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the church parlor to plan our Christmas caroling routes and pick up our song sheets. Feel free to bring along a friend or husband! RSVP to Nancy Weikel at 717-580-0571. Please also let Nancy know if you have a suggestion for a singing visit location.



ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



Scholastic- A Book for Every Preschooler Campaign through April 30, 2024

At Zion Lutheran Preschool reading to children is a delightful way to start or end their day. We provide 2 - 3 books monthly to every child in our Program. This way, they can build their own library at home. We are using this campaign with a goal of \$500 to ensure that we have enough funds to provide books through the end of the Preschool Year. Please click on the following link <https://shop.scholastic.com/viewCampaign?campaignId=1d6827e4-17d6-4716-b512-f61a7453eb04> to donate and thank you for every book you provide for these children.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Birthdays 12/10/23 - 12/16/23

Stanley Sullivan- 12/11

Sally Cummins- 12/12

Barbara Holmes- 12/13

Richard Weiss- 12/14

Nathan Pedersen- 12/15

Caleb Kiessling- 12/15

Ian McGrorty- 12/16



FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of 12/3/23						
	UNIFIED GIVING	SPONSORSHIP	TOTAL	“Zion 2100” Capital Campaign Week of 12/3/23		
Prior Sunday 2023	\$7,224	\$15	\$7,239			
YTD 2023 Actual	\$291,857	\$3,290	\$295,147			
YTD 2023 Budget	\$282,413	\$5,544	\$287,957	Member Giving	\$192,676	
YTD 2023 Variance	\$9,444	(\$2,254)	\$7,190	Disbursements	(\$38,034)	
YTD 2022 Actual	\$281,036	\$4,624	\$285,660	Balance	\$154,642	

“ZION 2100” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN pledges total **\$564,595** towards the **\$700,000** goal – a most generous expression of our financial gifts. Thanks to everyone who pledged, contributed, and continues to contribute toward this campaign. Pledges continue to be accepted and financial gifts may be made at any time. See the table in the narthex for pledge cards & envelopes. Please clearly mark your donation for this project – and thank you!

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of offering envelopes located on the pews in front of the parlor. They are arranged in alphabetical order by last name. If you do not find a box with your name, please write your name, current address on the tablet and a new box of envelopes will be prepared for you.



END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS



Please note that end of year donations may be made at the church office through Friday December 29, 2023, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm if you are not able to attend the church service on December 31. We will also accept mail postmarked by the end of December. Thank you for your regular and additional gifts to help with the church operating expenses and benevolences.