



Zion Messenger

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December 2023



"Hope that lies on the biers of our lives"

Another Advent! The end is not near my friends, the end is looming larger and larger each and every day. What end am I talking about? With Black Friday just passing us by, signaling the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, the chaos that we usually see reported on Black Friday signals the end of our sanity, according to me. But according to one article I read about Black Friday sales, Walmart employees are reporting the end of Black Friday chaos. (*"Black Friday as we know it is dead at Walmart, current and former employees say"* Alex Bitter and Dominick Reuter Nov 21, 2023; [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com)) With more sales spread over the weeks before and after Thanksgiving, and more shoppers turning to online shopping, the chaos of past Black Fridays may be just that, a thing of the past. And yet, as Christians we know that dead things sometimes live again.

That is the title of another article I recently read from Christian Century Magazine – the title is actually *"Can Dead Things Live Again?"* by Brian Bantum in the October 2023 issue.

Advent Season starts on December 3rd - the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Advent leads us to the birth of Jesus, of course. But Advent also leads us to the ever-present hope of the second coming of Jesus. I say ever-present because we will never know when Jesus will return. But that means we are to live in a constant state of preparedness for just this event. This is one of the most important themes in Advent – preparation. We will hear the call to "preparedness" and "alertness" throughout the next four weeks.

Advent 1 will bring us the Gospel reading from Mark 13:24-37 with the call to keep alert because: *"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."* Advent 2 will bring us the Gospel reading from Mark 1:1-8: *"John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me...'"*

Advent 3 will bring us the Gospel reading from John 1:6-28 with the testimony of John the Baptist: *"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light."*

Advent 4 finally brings us the Gospel reading from Luke 1:26-38 and the favor Mary finds with G-d: *"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."*

The message will be consistent and clear: keep awake for the coming of Christ, but do not be afraid. We know how challenging it is in this crazy world to keep awake for the coming of our Lord – that is hard enough for most of us to maintain just for a season let alone to keep it in the forefront of our minds every day. But this is what takes me back to a quote from Brian Bantum's article in Christian Century Magazine *"Can Dead Things Live Again?"* He uses the story of the raising of the Widow of Nain's son from Luke chapter 7 for this quote: *"...we need to let God speak to the hope that so often lies on the biers of our life."*

When Jesus raised the son of the Widow of Nain off of his funeral bier, not only did she get her son back, but she got her son's future back.

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Worship



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WORSHIP SERVICES IN

DECEMBER 9:30 AM

Advent 1

December 3, 2023

Advent 2

December 10, 2023

Advent 3

December 17, 2023

Advent 4

December 24, 2023



ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us Wednesdays in Advent December 6, & 13, & 20, 2023 at 6:15 pm for a brief ½ hour mid-week evening service with no communion during Advent.

ADVENT SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ Wednesday December 6, & 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 6- tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich & brownies
- December 13- potato soup, ham sliders, apple pie & ice cream
- December 20- cheeseburger soup, BBQ sandwiches & cupcakes



OF HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

9:30 am - Worship Service

6:30 pm – Family Service

8:30 pm – Music Prelude

**9:00 pm – Candlelight
Worship Service**

CHRISTMAS 1 WORSHIP SERVICE

OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 31, 2023 at 9:30 am

Continue the celebration of the birth of Christ and join in singing favorite carols.

Worship

REPAINTING OF THE NAVE

The repainting of the Nave will begin the week of January 2, 2024. Repainting the Nave is one of the major projects in the Capital Campaign and we are thrilled to be able to move forward with this action. Unfortunately it also means that the Nave (worship space) will be closed throughout the painting process. They anticipate completing the job the week before Easter, March 31, 2024. After a lengthy discussion with the Worship and Music Committee regarding the painting we have proposed a motion to Church Council to move our worship services for the month of January and the first Sunday in February to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sand Hill. This motion has been sent to Church Council and will be formalized in the weeks to come. The Worship and Music Committee will meet again on February 5, 2024 to reassess this decision and will make another proposal how to proceed until the painting in the Nave is completed.

We view this as an opportunity for Zion to worship together with our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's and to continue to build the relationships that began on Reformation Sunday. After our wonderful experience with the joint worship service on Reformation we feel it would be a more worshipful experience to offer up prayer, praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ in a church Nave rather than in the church basement. The thought of spending ten (10) weeks worshipping in our basement is limiting at best. There is adequate parking at St. Paul's and the building is completely handicapped accessible. Both worship and music committees will be meeting the beginning of December to discuss issues like scheduling greeters, ushers, lectors and lay assistants, and how we will handle coffee hours and offering envelopes. The church service will continue to be held at 9:30 am and will be live-streamed on our YouTube page. Pastor will also continue to offer a Wednesday noon spoken service in Zion's parlor throughout the painting process.

There will be additional announcements in the bulletin about the repainting of the Nave including the address and directions to St. Paul's.

Zion Youth Group



Family Gingerbread House Making Day



Come decorate a gingerbread house with your family! Enjoy Christmas music and games!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

DECEMBER 2023

- \$- Friday, December 1st - Sunday, December 3rd – Fall Retreat at Camp Nawakwa, 1033 Nawakwa Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307
- Sunday, December 10th - Gingerbread House Making event - Lunch will be provided
- \$- Sunday, December 10th - Annual Laser Tag Day at the Laserdome - 2050 Auction Rd Manheim PA - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 18th - ZYG Christmas Party + Caroling to congregation members - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Shayne Yonchiuk,
Director of Youth Ministry
zyghtown@gmail.com

Outreach Ministries

GLOVE, HAT & SCARF DRIVE



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. So far, We currently have **36** hats, **11** pairs of gloves and **14** scarves. Thank you! Let's help keep others warm this winter.

HUMMELSTOWN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Spam
- Jars of spaghetti sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Instant flavored oatmeal
- Canned soups
- Clean plastic grocery bags- Please donate your clean grocery bags for food distribution in the food pantry.



MEDICAL OUTREACH SERVICE WISH LIST FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN

The health clinic at Christ Lutheran Church needs the following items: +2.5 strength reading glasses, Emergen- C/ Airborne/Zin, bottled water, Vaseline, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, muscle rub, and antihistamine (Benadryl, Claritin, Zyrtec, Chlor tabs). Please place your donations in the Christ Cares closet or drop off at the church office.

BLANKET DRIVE RESULTS

We collected **75** blankets that were divided between Christ Lutheran Church and the Bethesda Mission. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your generosity.

CROP WALK RESULTS

Way to go Zion! We have raised \$1,135 for the Crop Walk to help fight hunger locally and globally. Thank you!

Music Ministry

ZION'S MUSIC MINISTRY & HUMMELSTOWN HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Zion's Music Ministry is delighted to be part of Hummelstown Holiday Happenings, Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 3:00 pm in our Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will share anthems they are preparing for Christmas Eve and The Bells' Angels will play beloved Christmas favorites. We look forward to supporting our community and ushering in the season with beloved carols proclaiming the message of Christ's incarnation.

With Appreciation

From Susan Everson

DEAR MEMBERS of Zion -
I WANT TO THANK you for my 20+ years.
This was a huge but much needed relocation, and an adjustment I'll be making for a while.
I especially thank Don Stokes for helping me fulfill a dream I didn't even know I had - playing piano at Church again.
The Bell group was very welcoming and I'll totally miss it.
Thanks also to Audrey Willis, Dick Dimmon and the many others who never failed to make me feel "seen."
A special thanks to Elaine Skelton and Sherry Ebersole for helping me pack. I never could have done it alone.
Please put the enclosed check into the MUSIC PROGRAM whether it's toward the organ fund, new music, whatever.
Saying my writing is awful. My hands have not been good.
With best wishes to all!
Susan Everson

Thank
You

From Donna Weaver

I'd like to thank everyone for your prayers and cards.

Pastor's Pondering

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In other words, not only did Jesus give her son new life but he gave him back the hope of his future potentiality. It reminds me of G-d's comment to Cain when G-d asked him about the whereabouts of his brother Able. G-d replies "... *your brother's blood(s) is crying out to me from the ground!*" G-d is not just speaking of his brother's life but of the loss of his potential kin, his potential work, his potential progeny. It is the same for the widow's son. It can be the same for you and for me.

Brian Bantum writes: *Every time the widow sees her son return home from work, every time he smiles or wanders off in thought, she will recall what could have been. Jesus gives her a new possibility. And if the people in the crowd had eyes to see, they would be talking about the dead future Jesus makes living again, not just the dead person brought to life...(and) we begin to see the possibility of new futures, of new relationship and restoration...*"

You and I also need to, as Bantum writes, "*let God speak to the hope that so often lies on the (funeral) biers of our life.*" We all have things we have lost in our lives – or things we believe have long since died. It is always easier to remember the things we have lost than to count the blessings we have. And sometimes those blessings are so fleeting we miss them. A car that just missed us when they ran a stop sign. The deer that did not run out in front of us. Being born in America to a family that was without want.

The season of Advent will take us to the edge of our fears – "*...watch out, keep awake, be prepared for you know not the day or the hour.*" And just when we think Advent is only about fear and the unknown, Jesus also says to us "*Do not be afraid.*" Perhaps this Advent as you prepare for the coming of Christ, you can also remember the ways G-d has blessed your life – the ways a relationship with Jesus gives us all hope. Remember how G-d moves in and through your life – both in the dramatic and in the ordinary. And maybe, just maybe, G-d will speak some hope to the many things that lie on the biers of your life.

Many Advent and Christmas Blessings!
Pastor Dave

Link to the article "Can Dead Things Live Again?"

<https://www.christiancentury.org/column/voices/can-dead-things-live-again#:~:text=%E2%80%999CCan%20dead%20things%20live%20again,on%20the%20biology%20of%20it>

Contacting Pastor Dave

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Youth Advisory

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE



Zion's Youth/Youth Advisory Committee will conduct our annual "Christmas Angel Tree" to benefit the 150+ children served by the Hummelstown Food Pantry from November 6, 2023 through December 4, 2023. This year we are requesting \$25 gift cards to Walmart (or checks made payable to Zion and marked "Angel Tree"). We know that many of you enjoyed selecting a child's tag and shopping for them, but as the number of children in need has grown in recent years, we have struggled to find enough shoppers. At the same time, with the ever-increasing number of children, the work to tally, organize, package and wrap the gifts has become overwhelming. Having gift cards to just one store will allow parents/guardians to shop for all of their children at once and provide them with the means to select a variety of gifts of their own choosing. Please continue to support our neighbors in need: Drop your Walmart gift cards or checks in the box marked "Angel Tree" in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas after the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, December 3, 2023. We will have lunch in Leatherman Hall before the decorating begins. Please sign up in the Narthex.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday school instructions will be as follows for youth ages 2 through 5th grade:



1. Children's message with Pastor Dave in the sanctuary
2. Singing with Dan Stokes for approximately 5 minutes on the first floor in Dan's office, which is the office located closest to the church office
3. 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
4. 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

11:00 AM IN THE DEMEY LIBRARY



Join us on a sacred journey to Christmas through Scripture as we spend time with Elizabeth, Zechariah and the magi along with people found in the Old Testament who point us to Christ. We will

consider our inner life as we think about King Herod, experience the Holy Land, and discuss the things that matter in our lives. This four week video series is sure to be vibrant and meaningful. Bring your coffee and a friend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



All men of the church are invited for a time of fellowship on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 9:00 am in Leatherman Hall.

Come enjoy a good breakfast and great conversation. Sign up in the narthex.

THE GRATEFUL LADIES OF ZION



Christmas Dinner Leed's Restaurant

Ladies of Zion, please join the Grateful Ladies of Zion for their Christmas celebration at Leed's Restaurant in

Harrisburg on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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.

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.

Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes Narrative November 19, 2023

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Beth Rager at 11:15 a.m. Pastor David Schreffler indicated that 88 persons were present; enough to meet a quorum per the constitution. Pastor Schreffler offered an opening prayer. The Agenda was approved and President Beth Rager introduced the Council Members.

Report of 2023 Nominating Committee and Finalizing of Ballot

President Rager thanked the nominating committee as well as those who agreed to run and announced the following have agreed to serve if elected (*indicates those currently serving): Carol Keyes,* Kris Eisenbise, Dr. Craig Fultz, Fran Gruber, Kristie Swanger.

President Beth Rager asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. President Rager appointed tellers for the balloting which took place immediately following.

The November 20, 2022 Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes were approved as were the February 27, 2023, Emergency Congregation Council Meeting Minutes and the March 16, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. All were approved without dissent. Also approved were the July 23, 2023, Special Congregational Meeting Minutes.

Announcement of the 2024 Nominating Committee

President Rager announced that the outgoing members of council (Beth Rager, Charlie Will and Kaycee Beekler) would serve as the 2024 Nominating Committee. The motion carried.

Finance Report Presentation and Adoption of 2023 proposed budget

Treasurer Lynn Knepp presented a thorough financial report. He shared some key points, including:

- The 2023 increase in the Zion 2100 and Organ funds primarily reflect membership giving. It should be noted that the activity in the Zion 2100 fund is shown in the bulletin each Sunday.
- The budget for 2024 was based on a comparison of revenue for the nine months of 2023 to the nine months of 2022 and then applying that ratio to the full year 2022 number. As is always the case, because we are doing the budget for 2024 before the end of 2023, the wild card is the income stream during Advent. The numbers each week in the bulletin compare actual to budget, and it presently shows a positive variance. But the budget amount is based on historical giving by month. Thus, the budget does have larger numbers in the months containing Easter and Christmas, especially Christmas. This means that while we are showing positive variances now, we will need strong giving in December to result in a positive variance to budget for the full year. Last December giving was exemplary. Being conservative, the 2024 revenue budget does not include quite as strong a December as achieved in 2022.
- For 2018 through 2022, we budgeted the use of money from the Memorial Fund to present a balanced budget, but we did not have to use any of those monies. For 2023, we again budgeted amounts from the Memorial Fund to balance our budget. But with a 2023 beginning Unified Fund balance of \$87,968, I am sure we will not have to sell any of our investments inside the Memorial Fund to support our 2023 expenses. We have shown the use of the Memorial Fund of \$25,680 to balance our 2024, budget but it would be nice if we could carry enough of an ending Unified Fund balance through from December 2023, to not touch the Memorial Fund in 2024. Naturally, this means we have to have a good Advent cash flow and hold expenses in check for October through December.
- Ministry to Others: The budget amounts shown for 2024 are again the same as 2023. The synod amount is paid monthly. The other benevolent amounts are paid at year end with council's approval.

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- This decision is based on our financial status at year end. However, the council consistently makes every effort to pay the amount budgeted. Let's not forget these numbers do not display the entire universe of Zion benevolence to others. You have to consider Zion's covering the occupancy costs and volunteer time for the food bank, and other volunteer organizations as well; the money going through In/Out; and the many separate benevolent appeals/actions during the year such as drives for blankets, school packs, gloves, etc.

The treasures report and the 2024 budget were both approved without dissent.

Steering Committee Report

Dr. John Kiessling provided an update from the Steering Committee, noting that Capital Campaign contributions are matching commitments. He noted the completion of the installation of emergency lighting and the breezeway roof.

He indicated that later in the week the congregation would enter into a contract with Specialty Coatings of Loysville for painting of the sanctuary and that the Steering Committee was also meeting later in the week to continue the work of prioritizing and budgeting for repairs and renovations presented earlier.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Schreffler expressed his thanks to the congregation for their commitments of time, talent and treasure and encouraged all to pray for guidance as to where they can add their gifts.

Council President's Report

President Rager referred members to her report in the annual report. She thanked all who provided support this year in service to Zion.

Family & Youth Minister's Report

President Rager referred members to Shayne Yonchiuk's report, which was distributed following the worship service.

Organist's Report

President Rager referred members to Dan Stokes' report in the annual report.

It was affirmed by the congregation that Dan continues to be a blessing to Zion and the congregation appreciates his willingness to continue in the role of Minister of Music.

Congregation Ministries Reports

President Rager referred members to reports from the following committees are included in the annual report:

Christian Education - Shannon Bastian and Jim and Irma Stough, co-chairs

Evangelism - Scott Eisenbise, chair

Kitchen - Edie Wiestling, chair

Property – Patricia Graybill, chair

Social Ministry – Debbie Kepner, chair

Stewardship – Lisa Ditty and Pastor Schreffler

Technology - Timothy Bastian, chair

Worship & Music - Rose Knepp, chair

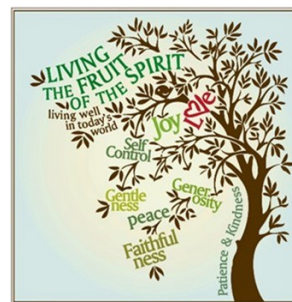
Youth Advisory - Beth Rager, chair

Zion Preschool - Julie Joseph, director

There was neither Old nor New business brought before the congregation.

President Rager announced that the following were elected to serve Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2026, include Kris Eisenbise, Fran Gruber, Carol Keyes, Kristie Swanger.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Pastor Schreffler led the singing of the Doxology in closing.



COUNCIL INSTALLATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

All Council members are to plan to attend the January 7, 2024, worship service for installation at the start of the new term of Council.

November Moments



Veterans pictured
top row left to right-
Clair Fry
Joe Sultana
Tim Bastian
John Ebersole
Jim Davis
Dave Templin

Bottom row left to right-
Peggy Wilson
Richard Boudier
Kris Eisenbise
William Etnoyer
Sharon Slaughter





Let's join together to celebrate these 80+ milestone birthdays.
Thank you for helping to make these birthdays special.
Please send your greeting cards to:

Patricia Swigart
Celebrates 87 years
December 6, 2023
Mrs. Patricia Swigart
2101 Ellis Avenue
Huntington, PA 16652

Vera Thompson
Celebrates 93 years
December 22, 2023
Mrs. Vera Thompson
264 West High Street
Hummelstown, PA 17036

Charles Speraw
Celebrates 82 years
December 6, 2023
Mr. Charles Speraw
41 Bromley Court
Hershey, PA 17033

Jacquelyn Fox
Celebrates 90 years
December 26, 2023
Mrs. Jacquelyn Fox
20 Runyon Road
Hummelstown, PA 17036

Barbara Holmes
Celebrates 84 years
December 13, 2023
Ms. Barbara Holmes
609 West High Street
Hummelstown, PA 17036

James Stough
Celebrates 83 years
December 31, 2023
Mr. James Stough
1134 Cord Drive
Hummelstown, PA 17036

Poinsettia Orders

Please use one form per dedication.

Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Each poinsettia is \$11.00. The deadline to place your order is Monday, December 11, 2023. Additional forms are available in the narthex or from the church office.



In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Dedicated by: _____

Phone/Email: _____

December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31 Christmas 1 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:30am In Person & Live Streamed Worship w/Holy Com- munion 11:00am Adult Sunday School 7:30pm AA			 <p>Coffee fellowship before the 9:30 am worship service in the parlor. Hosted in December by: The Christian Education Committee</p>			

Zion Messenger

Worship Services of Holy Communion

9:30 am

Live Stream & In Person

Sunday School

For children during worship service

For adults at 10:45 am

The Rev. David J. Schreffler, Pastor

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Newsletter

Deadline is:

Monday

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If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please call the church office at (717)566-2589.