



Zion News

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation
~ 2 Corinthians 5:16-17



**Join Us for a Chili Bowl
and Quiz Bowl!**

Zion Youth invite you to join in a marvelously fun evening for all generations. Come support this fundraiser for the Youth's Summer Mission Trip. On January 18th from 6:00-9:00pm we gather in the Chapel for the First Annual Chili Cook-Off and Quizbowl. So friends, start practicing your chili recipes for the competition. The youth will judge with categories like: hottest chili, most creative chili, best vegetarian chili, and more.

We will also have a Quiz bowl where teams compete with their knowledge. Prior to coming we will form teams. Each team ideally will have a sports person, a Bible person, a music person, a pop-culture person and more. We will publish the categories earlier in January. So SAVE THE DATE and INVITE Friends.

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Worship online [via Zoom](#)
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Sunday School: 9:45am
Sunday Service: 11am

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CHRISTMAS AT ZION!





January 01

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JANUARY WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship – 11am in the sanctuary and virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive

Tuesday's Supper and One Stop Shop – Every Tuesday from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Potluck & Devotion – Re-starting on 1/8 at 6:00pm in the Burhans Room

4-H Club – Thursday 1/2 and 1/16 at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

Christian Education Team Meeting – 1/6 at 5:30pm

Properties Team Meeting – 1/2 and 1/30 at 2pm

Executive Team Meeting – 1/3 at 2pm

Consistory Meeting – 1/6 at 7:00pm

Staff Meeting – Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Burhans Room

Easy-cise Class – 1/11 at 9am

Choir Practice: Thursdays at 5:30pm

ONA Fellowship – 1/12 at 12pm

January Birthdays

Brian Johnson	1/3	Scott Richardson	1/22
Lexie Shirley	1/14	Sarah Kalkbrenner	1/25
Frank Gerlando, Jr.	1/14	Louise Danzer	1/26
Alden Grosh	1/17	Susan Delosier	1/27
Brooks Grosh	1/17	Benjamin Kelly	1/29
Thelma Summers	1/22	Linda Kelly	1/29
Frank Ebersole	1/22	Jessica Green	1/31
Holly Bell	1/22	Chris Emmert	1/31

January Anniversaries

Claire Marie and Byron Stay	1/1	LoriBeth and Kenlin Martin	1/1
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Consistory Highlights

President Kim opened the meeting by speaking about the many activities planned for December to celebrate Christmas. She also encouraged all to invite friends to join in these activities. Several people have thanked ZION for our recent support, including Holly Place, the Maryland Food Bank, and the singers during the November 16 service. It's a Blessing to be a Blessing has asked if we would make sandwiches to support their efforts in the community.

Some exciting news was shared in the committee reports – our new member numbers are up as are our giving numbers! Let's keep building this momentum! Christian Education reported that a new youth group for young people in Grades 6 – 12 will kick-off in January. The location for this group will be determined and may meet in families' homes. More details will follow. The Friendsgiving celebration was quite a success with 14 participants. We are still waiting on quotes for the parsonage restoration work which is part of our Visioning and Strategic Plan. Carroll thanked the many volunteers who covered the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on Nov. 18- 20. She also displayed the still vacant dates and asked for volunteers for those dates to contact her.

The Annual Congregational vote on the new budget and new consistory members will be held immediately following worship on December 8. On the proposed budget, our insurance may increase more than what has been proposed in our budget as we have not yet received a bill for 2025. The Bobby Jo Valentine Concert will be held that same day, December 8th at 4 pm. The reception will be simple by offering bottled water and little bags of pretzels and candy canes. Many flyers announcing the concert have been distributed in the community courtesy of Becky Hohman.

The conditions for the use of the FEMA grant money may potentially limit our use of the funds. As part of the grant's protocol, we must always have 3 bids including at least one minority owned business bid. We are not obligated to hire a minority owned business however. Bids for the sidewalk, automatic door and gate to parking lot are still pending.

On December 24, only the Tuesday Night Soup Kitchen will be open because we have our Christmas Eve service at 7pm. The time will be from 5-6:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal.

Volunteers are also needed for the Tour of Historic Houses of Worship on December 26th from 3-7 p.m. Volunteers will welcome people into the church, help guests sign the signup sheets, give tours of Zion, and serve refreshments. If you can help by volunteering or donating cookies, please let Carol Mooers or Kim know.

In other church business, Kim and Carroll will apply for the monthly United Way grant for the Tuesday Night ministries again in December. Protocol training, especially for ushers and greeters, for the new magnetic doors will occur sometime in January or February. The Consistory's first meeting in January will be held on January 6 and the new officers will be elected.

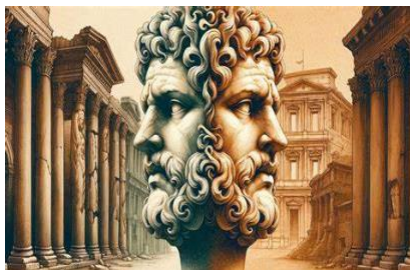
Becky made a motion to offer Scott expanded leave as needed during the transition of his mother-in-law to his home. The motion passed unanimously.

With all of these seasonal activities, we will be seeing a lot of each other. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Past or Future? – A Parish Nurse Note

January is named for the Roman God Janus, a symbol of beginnings and endings, gates and doorways. He has 2 faces; one looks toward the past and the other looks toward the future. January is often a depressing month for many. The holidays are over, it is dark more than light outside, it is usually cold, and of course, the holiday credit card bills arrive. Some probably wish they could hibernate like bears, avoiding everything until it warms up again and things look brighter.

January is the start of a new year. We should shift our focus from the holidays to our own well-being. We should focus on new goals, new intentions and new beginnings. Easier said than done!



It is time to renew your heart and mind. Become more aware of your health. Strive for a healthy diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables. A plate full of bright colored food is uplifting as well as nourishing. If you have room for a garden, plan what you want to plant in the spring. Consider vegetables, herbs and flowers according to what you like. Maybe you have room to plant some extra to share with others. Gardening is great exercise and exercise is another part of focusing on your own well-being.

New intentions and goals are easily broken or forgotten. Try to make them your special focus for 2025. Join an exercise group (ours at Zion is fun, friendly and a good workout...all from a chair!) Shop from a list and plan meals ahead of time to avoid impulse buying and fast-food substitutes for healthy ones. Keeping a journal of both your exercise and diet can be eye opening as well as a good way to try to stay on track. Be reasonable in your undertakings. Little changes can make big differences in the long run.

Ask a friend to join you in your endeavors. Not only is it more fun with a partner, but you are more apt to stick to your goals when you are not alone. Be creative! Park away from your destination and walk there. Play with your children or grandchildren. Try new foods that are healthy. Commit to a weekly group, whether it is choir, a book club, an exercise group or just getting together regularly. Joining a group that focuses on helping others is great for your own health and, of course, it benefits those you are helping.

I found two quotes that are appropriate for this time of year:

"January is a quiet month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet, doesn't mean that nothing is happening."

"What the new year brings will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

This year can be great if you make it that way!

Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot , RN Parish Nurse



Sources:

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What's Happening

January 3 – Youth Group Party

Attention Zion Teens (Grades 6-12) and parents, we will be hosting a party on Friday, January 3 at 5:30pm to kick off the new year and jump-start our Youth Group program for middle and high school students! Please bring an inexpensive gag gift for a white elephant gift exchange. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

January 5 – New Consistory Members

During the Worship we will pray for our new Consistory and new Consistory members Rick Walters and Aly Wilson

January 20 – Annual Reports are Due

Make sure you have your reports to Rae so she can compile them for our annual report.

January 24 – Zion Book Club

Please join us for this month's book discussion at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck at 7pm.



2024
YOUTH
YEAR
IN
REVIEW

Date	Lector	Ushers	
January 5	Burnie Clutz	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald Willian Wantz
January 12	Barb Hendershot	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons
January 19	Calvin Livingston	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
January 26	Carol Mooers	Frank Ebersole Rich Owens	Carol Mooers Rick Waters

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	November	Year-to-Date
Income	\$9,488	\$85,894.59
Transfers	\$0	\$300,000
Insurance Claims	\$0	\$13,812.23
Expenses	\$29,559.19	\$414,847.84
Net Income	-\$20,071.19	-\$15,141.02

<p> Pastor: Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette Admin Assistant: Rae Smith Multimedia Specialist: Brandon Hackett Music Director/Organist: Claire-Marie Moblard Choir Director: Byron L. Stay Treasurer: Lisa Saum Special Funds Treasurer: Carol Mooers Parish Nurse: Barb Hendershot Consistory Elders: Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz and Carol Mooers Consistory Deacons: Rich Owens and Calvin Livingston, Megan Shroyer, Matt McDonald, Becky Hohman and Jean Simmons </p>	<p> Zion News is published monthly by Zion Reformed United Church of Christ 201 North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. </p> <p> Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm Telephone: 301-739-7244 Email: zionrucc@myactv.net Website: www.zionreformed.church </p> <p> Deadline for articles is the 13th of each month prior to the month of publication. All articles are subject to editing for space. </p> <p> The medical information in this newsletter is provided without any representations or warranties, express or implied. You must not rely on the information in this newsletter as an alternative to medical advice from your doctor or other professional healthcare provider. </p>
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