

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

October begins a very busy month for Zion. Our first Sunday celebrates the work of our women with *Blanket Sunday*. The Women of Zion have been working on quilts all year long, along with collecting items for health kits and school kits, all of which will be gathered together at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, and distributed through Lutheran World Relief to help families around the world. It is a great tradition, and a humbling reminder of the persistence it takes to fill with world and touch all people with God's love through our service. Our thanks go out to the Women of Zion, and to the great work that is done by Lutheran World Relief, which is perennially among the most efficient in maximizing the amount of each dollar given that goes to persons in need, and using the least amount possible to fund our organizational overhead. You can still help our women in their work for Blanket Sunday by bringing in blankets to add to the totals we give through Lutheran World Relief.

October 11 offers an opportunity to extend our best wishes to *Steve and Linda Ross* during the fellowship hour between the services. Actually, Steve and Linda are leading our Sunday School Class on developing a healthy sense of membership. All of us who know the Rosses know them as a wonderful blessing to our congregational family from the moment they discovered us. They have been active at Zion in every way – Church Council, coed softball, the Chancel Guild, our youth programming, including all three mission trips to New Orleans, the Men of Zion, the Food Pantry & Clothing Closet, stewardship drives, witness teams, Christian education, church dinners, serving as worship leaders, as a part of our transportation crew, with the crews that have contributed to work days, renovation projects.... I think we all get the picture; but more importantly, we've all been blessed with their sense of membership, and by the friendships that have been formed. Plan to join us on Sunday, October 11, between the services as we take time to celebrate these connections with the usual: good food, great fellowship, and lots of fun.

On October 18 we will be exhaling with joyous relief, having just completed a very successful *Craft Show and Oktoberfest*. We all know what that means: German dinners, raffle baskets, our bake sale, the concession stand, and crafters galore! This year we will have more crafters and more craft tables than ever before. We'll have crafters in Luther Hall, Memorial Hall, Senior Independence, in the Youth Room, along the hallways, around the bend, and everywhere in between. It's going to be quite the spectacular event. So, please – let your friends know about our Sixth Annual Youth Missions Craft Show, and make sure that you're here to help make October 17th a Saturday to remember. We really do need your help with this year's Craft Show. We've had a great response from area crafters, and we are looking forward to a healthy crew of volunteers to make this year's edition an out-of-this-world success.

That leads us to the fourth Sunday of October, which is the *Festival of the Reformation*, a high point for Lutherans in discovering our roots and celebrating the Good News that we are saved by grace through faith. We will invite the color red to take over our Sanctuary, and challenge the Spirit of true freedom to take over our lives. On Wednesday, October 28, we will have an opportunity to test this freedom with our annual Congregational Meeting, beginning with dinner in Memorial Hall at 6:15 p.m., followed by our discussion of the 2010 proposed budget in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. surrounded once again by our Sunday School Halloween Party, which begins with pizza at 6:00 p.m. It should be a great night and a busy month for everyone at Zion.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

WELCOME, FRED LOCKER!

Susan Heyard called our September Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Jayne Schrader, Dave Palumbo, Linda Lancashire, Dale Jacobs, Tina Beaber, Mark Votaw, and Pastor Sherwindt.

Our first order of business was the August Treasurer’s Report, which continued the good news of strong summer giving. Our income exceeded expenses in August by \$834.45. Total revenue was healthy at \$17,478.20, which compared well with actual expenses of \$16,643.75. Additional high points from the August report included the good news that we raised \$1,575 for the Food Pantry through our *End-of-the-Summer Party!*

We then moved on to the main item on the agenda, the Proposed Budget for 2010. Mark Votaw (our Resource Ministry Elder) invited Treasurer Dave Palumbo to present our proposed guidelines for 2010. Council will meet in October to finalize the figures we’ll propose at Zion’s Fall Congregational Meeting, which is when we discuss and vote on the proposed budget. This meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 28th, beginning with dinner in Memorial Hall at 6:15 p.m., followed by our meeting in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Many of us already know Fred as one of our two early service organists on Sunday. Fred Locker and Phil Lehenbauer are outstanding organists who have been sharing leadership responsibilities at our 8:00 a.m. traditional service for almost four years. Both are also musicians and teachers, Phil at Fairless and Fred at Jackson, where he heads the choral department, and has served in virtually all choral capacities over the course of 25 years. Our column here is not long enough to list Fred’s accomplishments over the years. Suffice it to say that when Fred offered to help meet our needs with regard to directing the Senior Choir, we could not have been better served or more richly blessed.

A life-long Lutheran, Fred has worked in and around church music programs his entire life. His experience runs the gamut from smaller rural congregations to large and growing churches. After serving as the music director at St. Stephen Martyr several years ago, he decided that it was time to take a break from serving as a worship leader to worship in the pew with his family. His wife Joy and son Erick enjoyed the change. With his son heading off to college this year, Fred saw that he might be able to help us strengthen our commitment to the Senior Choir.

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS FOR AUGUST

August Income	17,478.20
August Expenses	<u>16,643.75</u>
August Surplus	834.45
Income thru August	164,488.09
Expenses " August	<u>168,235.30</u>
Deficit thru August	(3,747.21)
2009 YTD (Deficit)	(3,747.21)
2008 YTD (Deficit)	(4,554.92)

We thank you for your generous support!

It didn’t take much consideration to get us to jump at the chance to turn Fred’s interest into our gain! The Lord works in wonderful ways, and we were happy to say YES to the gift God had just given. Fred began leading rehearsals on Wednesday, September 16, and the Senior Choir was singing at the 8:00 a.m. service on September 20. We are so blessed to have a Director as talented as Fred. Please consider joining the Senior Choir so we can take full advantage of Fred’s willingness to serve. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m.

THE WOMEN OF ZION, 1

On Saturday, September 19, Zion hosted the Fall Gathering for the **Canton-Massillon Cluster** of the Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization (*NEOSWO*). Their theme was *United by the Spirit*. Zion was well-represented, with Betty Tracy, Joyce Gibeaut, Carol Rossbach, Juanita Cignetti, Carol Synder, Helen Edwards, Kay Davis, Mabel Kolarik, Ruth Elsass, Linda Wilson, and Helen Heller in attendance, along with Pastor Sherwindt as the worship leader, and Chuck Danner at the sound board. There were 46 in attendance at the Fall Gathering.

The morning's meeting began with words of welcome from Cluster President Amy White and our own Joyce Gibeaut. We were happy to see Margaret Reichenbach, and to hear her talents displayed at our pipe organ in her role as organist for the day. With an eye toward 2010, when the ELCA will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women, Pastor Sherwindt spoke of the historic role of women as leaders in the life of early church.

The meeting continued with reports dealing with mission, growth, upcoming meetings, local elections, an offering, with an offertory prayer and blessing spoken over 43 Health Kits, which were contributed by the churches represented at this cluster meeting. The women of the Canton-Massillon Cluster were then invited into Luther Hall, where the Women of Zion served a delicious lunch, which included chicken salad, fruit, rolls, and a delicious brownie sundae!

Following lunch, Shirley Griffin entertained and informed with a dramatic presentation that talked about *Mary and Martha's Aprons*. All in all, the morning was a great success for Zion, for the Canton-Massillon Cluster, and for Lutheran World Relief.

THE WOMEN OF ZION, 2

We hope that you have found some bargains on buying blankets. Bring them to church with you on **Blanket Sunday, October 4**. We ought to have one colorful display covering our pews when we add your blankets to the quilts that Zion's Comfort Givers have been working on in Luther Hall throughout the year. It is always a sight to see! Our blankets and comforters become a part of a larger shipment through which *Lutheran World Relief* delivers blankets, quilts, school kits and health kits to families all across the globe. In 2008, with the help of Verle Elsass and Garry Leed, the Women of Zion were able to pack up their 64 quilts, 19 blankets, 78 school kits and 64 health kits, and get them delivered to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville. This year, Zion's Comfort Givers will gather in Luther Hall at 9:30 a.m. on **Thursday, October 8**, to begin packing our items in boxes so that they can be driven to Jerusalem Lutheran Church on **Saturday, October 17**. Join in if you are able to help.

The monthly Bible study for the Women of Zion meets on **Tuesday, October 20**, when we will continue our study of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, *To God's Beloved*. Session 2 is entitled *The Obedience of Faith*. We will learn about the role of Abraham as the father of all who believe. "*For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.'*" Abraham did not please God through his works, but by his faith. "*For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of all of us.*" (Romans 4:3 & 16) It's a great letter, a great Bible study, and a great group. Please join us.

HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

The Bishop was coming to Zion, and she needed my office to robe for worship. I knew that I had no choice but to muster up the courage to clean it. Even the longest journey begins with one tiny step. So, I began to sort through piles of papers and boxes of files to clear my desk and the floor. I came across a pile off in the corner that had photographs on cardstock, with *Family of God* written along the top. These were collages that our children had made several years ago as they thought of Holy Communion as a meal for the family of God. What great pictures ... of children who are now young adults, visual reminders of how time flies, but also of how constant are the truths upon which we build our lives: God's love, seen in Christ, tasted in the meal, celebrated in community, the family of God.

What joy it is to offer our *communion class for kids*. Debbie Fox, Charlie Danner, Miriam Keating and friends will again help lead our *Learning about Holy Communion* classes, which began on September 27. "What are the classes like? You ask. Mr. Danner said it best: "We discuss the *Means of Grace* as the ways God shows His love to us through the Word and Sacraments. Part of this discussion raises the question of what is required of us to know we are ready to receive the body and blood. Our answer – simply a believing heart. This opens the door to discussing a believing heart as a faithful heart, a loving heart, a forgiving heart, all while remembering that we have Jesus in our hearts to be with us."

These classes are a great experience, for the kids, the teachers, their helpers, and parents, too. There's always something new to learn about the meaning of Holy Communion. We will be creating collages again. Bring some photos and pictures from home to help us visualize what our *family of God* looks like.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Inclusion, inclusion, inclusion: if you want to know where Jesus stood when it came to his vision of the kingdom of God, inclusion is the place to start. Our Gospel texts have focused on the place of children in the ministry of Jesus, and their point has been to highlight how Jesus challenged his disciples and God's people to reach beyond conventional wisdom and traditional boundaries that left women, children, sinners, Samaritans, and outsiders of all sorts at the periphery of who counted most, or, in this case, who counted least. The holy meal we celebrate with communion grew out of a living memory of the meals Jesus shared with tax collectors and sinners. Again, inclusion is the point. That's who we meet when we are looking to find the historical Jesus of first century Palestine.

As it turns out, this focus on inclusion also has a lot to do with why advocates for change when it comes to issues of human sexuality and gender identity claim that they are being true to Jesus' vision of the kingdom, true to Jesus' focus on God's grace, true to Jesus' interest in reaching out to the vulnerable, to those traditionally judged unworthy and excluded from the community of God's people. We will explore these emphases further as our Adult Sunday School Class takes a closer look at the Scriptures that have influenced the ELCA's social statement on *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*.

Our schedule in October takes up the human sexuality discussion on October 4. On October 11, we'll have fun reviewing healthy membership habits with Steve and Linda Ross. Then, on October 18, we will return to our quest to find the historical Jesus. On October 25, the Festival of the Reformation, we will celebrate our Lutheran heritage by taking a look at the history that makes Lutherans who we are.

GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Saturday, October 17:** Youth Missions “Oktoberfest” Craft Show 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28: Zion’s Annual Sunday School Halloween Party at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 1: All Saints’ Day: Communion Class Certificates at 10:30 a.m.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THE SIXTH GRADE

Our Sunday School year is off to a great start! The kids are enjoying our new curriculum – Spark! There are great stories, crafts, games and snacks that go along with each lesson. Your children will also be bringing home a family newsletter each week so you can share in what they are learning. We have developed a familiar routine for Sunday School every week, which begins with the Children’s Choir practice at 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room, followed by Sunday School classes that start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:20 a.m. This year’s teachers are as follows: Connie Riffle for Pre-K thru 1st grade; Janet Slease for 2nd & 3rd grades; Vicki Givler & Sharon Stout for 4th & 5th grades. We thank our teachers for all of their time and dedication to our children, and we ask that our parents support them with faithful attendance.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR, WITH KELLY WALTERS

We have great news about the Children’s Choir. Kelly Walters will lead our Sunday School Choir! She did such a great job during Vacation Bible School that we know she is a great fit for this ministry. The children will meet each Sunday at 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room, and then practice for 20 minutes. They will sing once a month during the 10:30 a.m. service. We thank Kelly for leading our children, and we look forward to hearing the children’s beautiful voices on Sunday mornings during worship.

ZION'S “COMMUNION CLASS FOR KIDS” CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER

Charlie Danner will continue to lead our *Communion Class for Kids*. This class takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. Its first session was September 27, and classes will continue through October. On November 1st, *All Saints Sunday*, we will congratulate our children with certificates that thank them for participating in this important introduction to the meaning of Holy Communion. Charlie’s class will be for our Sunday School children in Kindergarten thru 6th grade. Debbie Fox & Miriam Keating will also have short sessions during this time for our Pre-K children, if parents are interested. Please contact Charlie Danner or Debbie Fox with any questions.



MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S YOUTH

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION AND THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

We will once again have the Youth Halloween Party during Zion's Fall Congregational Meeting, which is **Wednesday, October 28th**. The Halloween Party goes from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We'll meet in Memorial Hall, and start with pizza and other snacks for dinner. We will have games, crafts, and lots of other surprises, followed by our *trick or treating* at the end. We ask that children wear their costumes, and that they bring a pumpkin to decorate. If anyone would like to donate candy or small items for trick or treating, that would be appreciated. Sign up sheets for the Halloween Party are located in the Church Office. Sign up by Sunday, October 25, so we'll have enough food and supplies. Friends are welcome. Also, we would like Zion's older youth to help out if they are available that evening.



ZION'S SIXTH ANNUAL YOUTH MISSIONS CRAFT SHOW & FALL "OKTOBERFEST"

The Craft Show is fast approaching! Zion's Youth will once again have a table at this year's show. The kids will be making chocolates and other goodies to sell this year along with our Bake Sale Table. We look forward to the delicious items our youth are making. We will again have great raffle baskets that will be donated by the Sunday School Classes. Raffle tickets for these baskets will go on sale Sunday, October 11: the cost will be 3 for \$1, or 20 for \$5. The baskets will be raffled off the night of our Congregational Meeting, October 28. This year's baskets are as follows: Miss Janet & Miss Connie's Classes (Pre-K thru 3rd) will make a ***Celebrate the Holidays Basket*** and a ***Sweet Treats Basket***; Miss Vicki & Miss Sharon's Class (4th & 5th) will create the ***Ohio State Fan Basket***; the Catechism Class will make our ***Arts & Crafts/Rainy Day Basket***; the High School Class will make the ***Family Movie Night Basket***.

Our Youth Missions Craft Show raises money for all sorts of youth ministry programming, including the planning of future mission trips and youth events. We will be selling tickets for the German take-out dinners for \$8 each. Please help support our Youth as they join us in growing in love and service by grace. And Youth of Zion, don't forget that your help is needed, too, especially on October 17th, when we will need help with all aspects of the craft show. We will need the kids to staff the youth tables, to help the other crafters unload, to help in the concession area and bake sale table, and to be available for any other odds and ends that come up. ***We will also need help with set up on Friday, October 16th, from 6 – 8 p.m.*** There will be sign up sheets in Luther Hall for all those who can help! There will also be sign up sheets for the congregation in Luther Hall for food items, bake sale items, set up, and help during the craft show. Your support as always is greatly appreciated!

COLLECTING "ACME RECEIPTS" RESUMES

We are now collecting Acme Receipts to help raise funds for the youth. This year we will receive ***cash back credit*** for receipts dated ***September 27, 2009 through February 20, 2010***. Please be sure your receipt has the "***Community Cash Back***" amount at the bottom. There will be collection cans in Memorial Hall by the coffee counter on Sunday mornings, and in the Church Office all week long. Please save your receipts and help us raise money for our youth! Thank you in advance for your great support!

MEN OF ZION NEWS

Zion's End-of-the-Summer Party – a huge success! The weather was simply spectacular. We had great attendance, great food, great music, and great support for the Food Pantry. By some accounts, more than 150 persons joined us on this Sunday afternoon during the heart of Labor Day Weekend. Having the Cizeks among the grilling stations made quite a difference in the number of grills that were working to prepare food! Thanks also to Mark Votaw, Steve Ross, Brian Walters, Chris Thomas, Carl Geib, Bob Lancashire, and Dale Jacobs. Thanks also to Cathy Harvey for doing so much to involved many of our members in bringing sides, salads, and desserts. It was a nice surprise to have Debbie Lancashire serve as the *set-up act* for **Zach!** It was an extraordinary way to say farewell to summer and hello to our new program year.

Our Parking Lot Repairs Remain On-going: Our hats go off to Chris Thomas, Carl Geib, Verle Elsass, Gary Horton, Bob Lancashire, Garry Leed, Kevin Kurkowski, John Mikach, Chuck Danner, Brian Walters, John Rhodes, John Brokloff, and Dan & Linda Wilson for all that you have done to help in our battle against creeping cracks and some massive holes in the church parking lot. The battle has not yet been won, and the work continues; but we have made good progress, and look to stave off expensive resurfacing repairs for yet another year. We extend our thanks to all for your help with tar and asphalt repairs.

The regular monthly meeting is **Wednesday, October 7th**, when, in addition to gathering in Luther Hall for dinner at 6:00 p.m., the Men of Zion will make plans for helping with this year's edition of the *Youth Missions Craft Show & Oktoberfest*. It's going to be bigger than ever, and we are going to need all the help and all the helpers we can muster.

ODD 'N ENDS & MORE

Dear members of our Zion church family,

On behalf of the Canton-Massillon Conference and the Northeastern Ohio Synod, I would like to thank you for everything you did to make Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's visit at our rostered leaders meeting absolutely perfect. Between the assistance with worship, the kitchen crew, our office volunteers, the custodial staff, and even Zion's Comfort Givers, the refreshments, the worship service, and time for fellowship afterwards couldn't have gone more smoothly.

My deepest thanks you all,

Pastor Mark Sherwindt

<p><i>A New Telephone Directory is in the works:</i> It won't be long now before Zion's updated telephone directory is ready for distribution, and in the hands and homes of members and friends. Our Mission Fair offered great feedback for changes and corrections. One more round of re-checking, and we'll send it to press.</p>
--

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION

On October 1st at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, Illinois, representatives of the ELCA and the Lutheran World Federation joined Roman Catholics and Methodists to celebrate the 10th anniversary of a historic agreement, the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*. Leaders of the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church signed the Joint Declaration in Augsburg, Germany, on October 31, 1999, after years of theological dialogue. It was affirmed in 2006 by the World Methodist Council.

The *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* declared that the LWF and the Catholic Church had reached a common understanding on justification, agreeing that believers are saved by faith in Jesus Christ and not by works. The churches declared that certain sixteenth century condemnations of each other no longer applied. Interpretations of the doctrine of justification had caused disagreement in the church nearly 500 years earlier, which led to what we now know as the Protestant Reformation.

While the Joint Declaration does not cover everything that Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists teach about justification, and does not resolve all differences, according to the Rev. Donald McCoid, Executive Director of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, "this consensus on basic truths of the doctrine of justification marks the most significant agreement since the days of the Reformation. Remaining differences are not sufficiently substantial for the 16th century condemnations to continue in force."

The October 1 celebration at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago will be matched by a second international observance, which is to be held on October 31 in Germany.

ELCA AND SYNOD NEWS

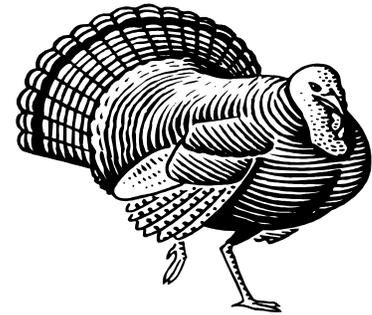
The Bishop's Fall Meeting: Bishop Eaton visits our quadrant of the Synod on Thursday, October 29th, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 156 Poplar Street, in Bolivar, for an annual meeting that begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m., continuing on afterwards with a program that lifts up the theme *What's Hot & What's Not*. What's hot is working together; what's not is going it alone. Several workshops follow the *soup 'n sandwich* supper. For example, *Show Me the Money* takes a look at stewardship, where what's hot is using alternative funding sources and methods, and what's not is only passing the plate. The cost for dinner and the workshops is a \$7.00 donation at the door. All are invited. Please see Pastor Sherwindt with your interest in attending.

Bishop Eaton addresses concerns: "By now you have heard of the actions taken at the churchwide assembly: the social statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, and the four recommendations on ministry policies that were adopted. The response to these actions across the church and in our synod ranges from grief to joy, from consternation to relief, from lamentation to celebration. One thing we all have in common is wondering 'What's next?' It is important to note that the policy changes will not take place immediately. Specific language must be developed by the appropriate churchwide units in consultation with the conference of bishops.... The earliest that can happen is at the council's next meeting in November.

In the meantime let us commit to pray for one another and for the ELCA, let us engage more fully in Bible study and the *Book of Faith* initiative, let us "not grow weary in well-doing" as we serve the hungry, the homeless and the stranger and let us meet together at the cross, our true source of life."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM ZION'S FOOD PANTRY: LET'S TALK TURKEY

“Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble!” is turkey talk for, “Eat cow, not turkey!” Gobble, gobble, gobble. Time is running out for turkeys all across the nation. With the need for ninety-two turkeys at Zion’s Food Pantry, we will be doing our part to help decrease the turkey population this season.



Once again it is time to ask for your continued support of one of Zion’s missions. As in the past, we will be providing sixty complete Thanksgiving dinners to our pantry families, and an additional thirty-two dinners to the Siffrin Group Homes. You may ask “How can I help?”

There are two options which will give you the opportunity to support this need. If you so desire, you may purchase a 12-pound turkey, or you can make a monetary donation and we will be glad to shop for you. Please keep in mind that all frozen turkeys and monetary donations need to be in place by the first of November. When it comes to gathering together the fixings for all these turkey dinners, not only do we provide 1,288 pounds of turkey, but we also offer 460 pounds of potatoes, 184 cans of fruit, 1,104 rolls, 92 pumpkin pies and pounds upon pounds of stuffing.

While we are so very fortunate to share the holiday with friends and family, we need to be mindful of the unfortunate truth that somewhere, someplace, there will be persons going to bed hungry and alone. The holidays make us more aware of the needs of those around us; but let’s face it, hunger is not seasonal. It happens all year.

God Bless,
Shirley Cavender

[As we head into a very demanding time for the ministry offered by our Food Pantry & Clothing Closet, it might be beneficial to take a moment to give thanks for the many ways members and friends of Zion help contribute to the cause. Our *End-of-the-Summer Party* at Zion proved to be a great fundraiser for the Food Pantry. Members and friends raised \$1,575.00! During the course of that great day, we presented a check for \$554.74 from the children who participated in Vacation Bible School this year. Earlier this summer, Gary & Shirley Horton asked that friends and family give gifts to the Food Pantry to honor their 50th Wedding Anniversary. This resulted in \$500.00 for our Food Pantry. All of this is in addition to the regular monthly contributions that so many of our members faithfully give.

We also have partners in the community of North Canton that donate to the Food Pantry. The *Koinonia Fellowship* from Community Christian Church donates \$600.00 annually. Our friends at Grace United Methodist Church contribute \$450.00 annually. Members from Northminster Presbyterian contribute food and money to this ministry. The youth of St. Paul’s Catholic Church contribute lots of food through their food scavenger hunts. Susan Heyard recently organized a food drive through the employees at the Hoover Distribution Center and TTI, which brought almost two tons of food to our pantry. Let’s not forget the Postal Service and their annual food drive. We thank God, and these many partners, for the help they give to assist in the good work that is done through Zion’s Food Pantry and the Stark County Hunger Task Force.]