

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

November invites our annual focus on stewardship. The Fall Congregational Meeting at the end of October reviewed the challenges posed with our 2016 Proposed Budget Guidelines. Since we have enjoyed such a long record of budgets in balance, reviewing and passing operating budgets is typically met with a growing sense of confidence that God is good, and the people of Zion are generous. That's been our recent history and our present experience; it is our future expectation as well. Without doubt, there are changes on the horizon as we look ahead to 2016; but our faith has taught us that change is good ... as we commit ourselves to looking to God for guidance, trusting the Spirit's lead, and living the mutual support that is our greatest strength.

2016 will bring a change in pastoral leadership as retirement plans signal the beginning of a new chapter in our congregational life. But before we get to that new chapter, we need to remain focused, for at least two more months, on the challenge of ending 2015 on a strong note, by living and giving generously and with gratitude. Early on in my tenure as Zion's Pastor, I learned that our people will respond with support as needs are made known in clear and compelling ways. That's why I have been so consistent since early this year in letting us know that our biggest financial challenge involved learning how to respond to the drop off of rental income, which decreased from almost \$26,000 in 2014 to under \$6,000 this year. That is quite a drop, even though we've tried to make sure that we always rely more on congregational giving than on rental income when it comes to supporting our mission and ministry at Zion.

Our leadership has been vigilant in doing our part to control expenses as we assessed how best to proceed. We organized some targeted fundraisers along the way and managed to maintain our balance through it all. It's been a challenge; and we've been creative in staying on top of the goals we set heading into the year. What we need now is a strong finish to a good year. It's that time of year when our members need to pay closer attention to the kind of end-of-the-year giving faithfulness invites and gratitude requires. Looking back, many helped as *Early Bird Giving* got us off to a good start. Still more offered what we call *Advanced Giving*, which kept the momentum in place. Now a strong and generous finish will make our year complete.

November is a month that focuses on giving thanks. From the good news of All Saints Sunday on November 1st, through the celebration of Thankoffering Sunday on November 8th, with gratitude to veterans on November 11th, and then the Festival of Christ the King Sunday on November 22nd, a Community Thanksgiving Service on November 24th, and Thanksgiving on November 26th, there will be no shortage of occasions for acknowledging that we have been richly blessed in many ways. Now is the time to lay hold of the joy that can be ours by growing in grace and living our faith. Now is the time to trust the grace God gives, as we raise the bar of living with generous hearts. This is November's challenge; and what better way could there be to prepare for the best news of all, when, with the arrival of Advent and a new church year, we get to celebrate the greatest of God's gifts, the gift of God's Son for the life of the world. The birth of this baby in the manger leads to the revelation of God's love on the cross. Let's say YES to November's challenge, offering thanks with lives that display our grateful praise.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We began our evening with a light and delicious dinner, prepared by Dale Jacobs and Dave Palumbo, with lots of help from the Church Council. Dave focused on some hot, out-of-the-oven sandwiches, with ham, turkey, and Italian options. Dale added a tasty tortellini salad, and a tossed salad, too. Council members chimed in with delicious desserts. It was an enjoyable start to yet another enjoyable Congregational Meeting.

We easily met our quorum, as is usually the case when the Congregational Meeting is scheduled on the same night as our Annual Halloween Party. President Mark Votaw called our meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Carole Singer led our singing of *We All Are One in Mission*. Pastor Sherwindt offered a word of prayer, after which Mark Votaw turned the presentation of our 2016 Proposed Budget Guidelines over to our Treasurer, Dave Palumbo. There were three specific comments offered. First, that annual Pastoral Compensation package in 2016 for Pastor Sherwindt was reduced from 2015 levels because he plans to retire in July. As a result, and this is the second point, costs for Interim Pastoral Ministry from August to December have been added to the 2016 budget. Finally, while rental income is significantly lower in 2015 than we had foreseen, we expect to test the rental market for the parsonage before too long; and that should positively impact our projected income for 2016.

We are confident that we are on course to balance our budget yet again. The motion to accept our 2016 Budget Guidelines was met with unanimous approval. That's right, unanimous approval! When the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m., we gathered in Luther Hall to draw the winners of our raffle baskets.

LATEST PARSONAGE UPDATE

When Midwest Services announced that the men whose finances they oversee were downsizing to a smaller apartment, we thought that the time had come to consider selling the parsonage rather than continuing in our role as landlords. Meetings were held. Trustees were consulted. A title search was conducted. Remaining open to the option of selling seemed like the sensible thing to do. Then we began to consult with realtors to determine what work needed to be done, what a realistic range of listing and selling prices might be, and what the rental market in North Canton looked like. It was truly eye-opening.

What we learned was that the placement of the parsonage required that we sell a larger portion of our 9-plus acre corner lot than seemed desirable. After a quick survey of comparable homes in the area and neighborhood, we began to see that it wasn't prudent to sell, especially when the rental market in North Canton places a high premium on a well-built house with lots of room inside, spacious grounds outside, good neighbors, and a lot of privacy. Many of us, as it turned out, were surprised to conclude that the best way to maximize the value of the parsonage at the present time was to continue to make use of it as rental property.

So, we organized several work crews. Some volunteers cleaned the basement and garage, worked on the grounds, and inside, too, by removing carpet and sealing floor boards. Others helped with getting walls and rooms ready for painting – removing wallpaper, spackling, sanding, and taping. Then came the painting crew. The good news is that we had lots of help, and made tremendous progress. We extend our thanks to everyone who found the time to join in and help.

SOME FINANCIAL NEWS

Resource Ministry: October provided lots of good news for our various church funds. We ran yet another monthly budget service with the operating budget. Balances in our Merrill Lynch account bounced back with one of the best Octobers on record. Much of the focus for the month was on the Youth Missions Craft Show, and the funds that are raised for our Youth Fund. So, while our small year-to-date surplus grew from just under \$100 to right around \$222, special giving in support of Zion's youth raised in excess of \$4,126 for our Youth Fund! We are very happy with the effort that was offered, and with the results we enjoyed. Thank you for the baked goods donated, the dinners bought, and for the raffle basket tickets purchased. With so much going on in your lives and ours, it is very gratifying that so many give so much for Zion's youth. We thank you for your support.

Property Ministry: We clearly saved a bundle by calling on volunteers to help us get the parsonage in shape! We'd like to thank the Thursday morning retirees – Carl Geib, Richard Biggerstaff, Clarence Givler, Verle Elsass, and Bob Lancashire – for everything they do in moving work on the parsonage forward. We'd like to thank Dave & Renee Palumbo for taking the lead in moving our painting the parsonage forward. They were joined by many others – Todd Elsass, Carol Rossbach, Laura Thompson and Christopher, Don Roan, Darlene Milavickas, Eric Dague and Darla, Mark Votaw, Randy Cizek, Cathy Harvey, Pastor Sherwindt, with honorable mentions going to Brian Walters, Brian Kay, Joan Cogan, and John Brokloff. It has been a congregation-wide effort; but we truly do appreciate all the help that everyone has offered. We still have lots to do. So feel free to join in the fun, and in the work, too.

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Worship Ministry: While November has something special going on every week, with All Saints Sunday on November 1st, Thank-offering Sunday on November 8th, Pastor George Gaiser in the pulpit on November 15th, the Festival of Christ the King Sunday on November 22nd, a Community Thanksgiving Service on November 24th, Thanksgiving on November 26th, and the 1st Sunday of Advent on November 29th, that last item signals the beginning of yet another series of Sunday evening Advent dinners. While the assignment of hosting duties is yet to be determined, we are looking forward to the inclusive design for participation that emerged with what we did during our Lenten dinners earlier this year. In addition to having hosts – like the Chancel Guild, the Men of Zion, Church Council, and the Youth of Zion – we invited members to sign up to prepare one of their favorite soups, or a great chili. This format wound up getting some new folks involved, both with dinner and with worship, too. We don't yet have any themes for our services; but that'll come by the time we get to the end of the month.

Caring Ministry: The Great Turkey Give-away is right around the corner. We need 87 turkeys for the families we serve through the ministry of our food pantry, and for the partnership we've developed over the years in working with Siffrin homes. If you donate the cash, we'll shop for the turkeys! We need your gifts by Sunday, November 15th. While Cathy Harvey takes care of planning for the food pantry side of our holiday specials, Debbie Fox is already getting everything ready for our Advent Giving Tree, another great holiday tradition that has been very effective in terms of involving the entire congregation is our ministries of caring.

OUTSTANDING NEWS FROM OUR 2015 YOUTH MISSIONS CRAFT SHOW

Thank you, Connie Frank, Debbie Fox, Dale Jacobs, and everyone who joined in yet another remarkable effort! The Twelfth Annual Youth Missions Craft Show & Oktoberfest was a fabulous day and a fundraising success. We downsized our efforts this year to focus only on the most desirable rooms for crafters: Luther Hall and Memorial Hall. Luther Hall has great presence with its wall of windows, while Memorial Hall shocked our crafters with the new lighting that brought its brightness to life. We also used what was once Senior Independence to offer more space for crafters, and for eaters, too, especially for those who wanted to dine in. Connie Frank again assumed her leadership role for the Craft Show side of this Oktoberfest extravaganza; Dale Jacobs was the key to our success with the German dinners; Debbie Fox filled in the gaps that kept everyone involved with raffle baskets and baked goods. Between craft tables rented, German dinners sold, the bake sale table, the concessions stand, and our themed basket raffle, we could not have asked for more from all who helped.

Speaking of craft tables and German dinners, we rented forty-six tables to forty crafters. We sold over 250 German dinners, with lots of coneys and brats making the concession stand another great success. In terms of dollars and cents, when the final totals were tallied, our income from renting craft tables was \$1,610.00. Between our pre-sold tickets for our German dinners and the Concession Stand on the day of the Craft Show, add another \$2,515 to that total. The Bake Sale contributed \$153 to our totals. Last, but not least, our Themed Raffle Baskets produced an additional \$706 in ticket sales. All of this adds up to almost **\$5,000** in total income. There are, of course, expenses that need to be covered in paying for an event like the Craft Show; but funds raised after expenses are still kind of mind-numbing. We raised \$4,126 for the Youth Fund! It is hard not to stand in awe at what this Oktoberfest extravaganza has become, both in terms of dollars that are made and the volunteers who step forward.

Once again, we had great help in the kitchen, with Dave Palumbo, Darlene Milavickas, Marilyn Espe-Sherwindt, Mark Votaw, Cathy Harvey, Eric Dague, and Ron Tvorik joining our Singing Chef. Connie Riffle, Melissa Riffle, Matt Leasure, and Janet Slease were at the kitchen counter rounding out the Concession Crew. Connie Frank had great support from her husband Jeff, and daughters, Carley & Cassie, plus lots of other husbands and wives, children and friends. Thank you to Darlene Milavickas, Todd Elsass, John & Marcus Rhodes, Heather Hoffman, and Jayne Schrader for setting up on Friday night. Thank you, too, to Renee Keith, Nathan & Jeremy Fox, Laura & Christopher Thompson, Kay Reiss, John & Marcus Rhodes, Eric & Justin Dague, Casey Walters, Chrissy Nicholson, LJ Brown, Linda Tvorik, and Chuck Danner for all you did in helping with the bake sale, raffle tickets, and youth duties during the day of the Craft Show! Finally, we would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped with clean up Saturday afternoon. Everyone pitched in and we were done in record time!

This event takes a large group of committed volunteers. All we can do is to extend our thanks to everyone: all of you make this event such a great day! We are grateful for the way in which our entire church family finds some way to get in the act of supporting our youth with the Youth Missions Craft Show. We just can't say it enough, "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all!"

GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



WE EXTEND A HEARTFELT HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, November 8th:** Thanksgiving Service Project for All Youth during Sunday School
Sunday, November 15: Thanksgiving Service Project for All Youth during Sunday School
Sunday, November 29: The Advent Giving Tree is introduced with our First Advent Dinner
Saturday, December 12: Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program and a Pizza Party!
Sunday, December 13: Zion's Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 a.m. service (only)
Sunday, December 13: Sunday School & Youth lead with the Sunday Evening Advent Service
Sunday, December 20: Youth, Parents, and Leaders host our Sunday Evening Advent Service

PRE-K THROUGH THE SIXTH GRADE

As we look to November and December, we will continue our normal Sunday School lessons at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. We will also start practicing for this Christmas Program at the end of November. We will have reading and non-reading parts for all of our youth this year from ages 3 through High School. We look forward to a great program, along with the great lessons they will continue to learn during the Sunday School Hour.



We are entering into a great time of the year for Zion's Sunday School children, and they will have a lot of fun and learn so much about the Good News of God's love for all people. We get to practice some of that love with the Advent Giving Tree, which our Sunday School sponsors on behalf of the families we serve through our Food Pantry. By the time we get to the big weekend, we will have collected money for Christmas hams and received presents for several of our pantry families. The Christmas Program will be performed at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 13th. We will have dress rehearsal, our traditional Christmas Pizza Party, and our wrapping of the Advent Giving Tree gifts on Saturday, December 12th.

MORE CRAFT SHOW & RAFFLE BASKET NEWS

The Raffle Baskets created by the Sunday School classes were awesome once again! Thank you to our teachers, the youth, and their parents for their donations for the baskets; and we extend special THANK YOUS to Dave Zastawny from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for donating the Pink Ribbon Basket, and to Evelyn Moore and Susan Heyard for donating the Holiday Basket.

The Raffle Basket winners were drawn at the end of our Halloween Party (and after our Congregational Meeting) on Wednesday, October 28th. The winners are as follows:

- Our SWEET TREATS BASKET went to Linda Ramsel;**
Our FAMILY FUN BASKET went to Emma Shaheen;
The OHIO STATE FAN BASKET went to Jenny Jencks;
The PINK RIBBON BASKET went to Corky Coulter;
Finally, our HOLIDAY BASKET was won by Kay Davis!

MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S YOUTH

NEWS FROM THIS YEAR'S YOUTH HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

This year's **Halloween Party** was all about good food and playing games! We were a small group, but still full of energy and fun! We started out with pizza and snacks and then played the mummy wrap game and then went pumpkin bowling. After, we had ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and cupcakes followed by more games, this time in the dark. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the party such a great success – especially Janet Slease, Connie & Melissa Riffle, Connie Frank, Dean Fox, Cheryl Roman, Emma Shaheen, Carley Frank, Nathan Fox and Eric Dague. Everyone had a great time and nobody left hungry. It was a great night! We would also like to thank everyone who donated items for the party.



THANKSGIVING SERVANT EVENT



Thanksgiving will be here before we know it; and all of our youth, from age 3 through High School, will get to join in as we work on our traditional Thanksgiving service projects during the Sunday School hour this month. Our Sunday School kids and Zion's older youth will make specially decorated Thanksgiving bags on Sunday, November 8th. These are the bags that our Food Pantry Crew uses for their Thanksgiving dinner food deliveries. Our goal is to prepare eighty-five decorated bags this year! We will then fill these bags during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, November 15th. We are also asking each family to donate boxed mashed potatoes and/or turkey gravy. These are two items that are greatly needed for the Thanksgiving dinners we provide as part of November's service project. We'll need these items by Sunday, November 15th, before Sunday School. Everyone's help and support is greatly appreciated as we work together to help our community this holiday season.

SOLA SCRIPTURA!

Jeff Hissong has been leading our Adult Sunday School Class in a refresher course that has covered Lutheran basic, Scripture basics, and Bible basics. We learned about the importance of the Canon, with 39 books of the Old Testament, 27 books of the New Testament, and the Apocrypha, too. Jeff enjoyed teaching us about the Septuagint and the Vulgate, when the Old Testament was translated from Hebrew into Greek, and the entire Bible was translated into Latin. Luther's German translation of the Bible started a trend that changed the world and the church. Along the way, Jeff took us on a tour of the British Museum in London, where the Rosetta Stone is on display. That's what broke the code connecting classical Greek and both Demotic and hieroglyphic Egyptian, which helped scholars translate ancient sacred texts.

Wow! Now that's Bible history! Jeff loves the truths that the Scriptures proclaim; and he loves using archeology, comparative religions, along with the analysis of language and culture to make the Bible come alive! With the arrival of November, we now begin a survey of the seven covenants that organize the Biblical story, beginning with the covenant with Adam in Genesis (chapters 1-3), and then with Noah (Genesis, chapter 9), and Abraham (Genesis, chapters 12, 13, 15, 17, 22). There is the Palestinian Covenant involving the land in Deuteronomy 30, and the covenant with Moses involving the law in Exodus 20 (and Deuteronomy 11). Then there is the Davidic Covenant (2nd Samuel 7), and the new covenant in Jeremiah 31.

All of us who attend these sessions know that we are blessed with the gifts that Jeff is willing to share as our teacher and guide. Make it a point to join us. You'll be glad you did; and so will we. See you on Sunday.

THE WOMEN OF ZION

BLANKET SUNDAY was a great success when measured by how beautiful the Sanctuary looked with the many colored quilts draping the pews and filling the Chancel on **October 11th**: 47 quilts, 20 blankets, 20 school kits, 20 personal care kits. With help from Verle Elsass, Don Roan, Carl Geib, Betty Tracy, Edna Smith, Bob & Linda Lancashire, these items were packed into 24 boxes, loaded onto the Elsass pick-up, and readied for delivery to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, where they became part of a larger shipment headed for places all over the world.

The monthly *Women's Bible Study* meets on **Tuesday, November 17th**, with our focus on what it means to slow down and appreciate a *Slow Faith*. In Session 3, we will look to Jesus for the secret to a Sabbath rest that helps us to embrace the changes God desires. We will read three parables in the Gospel of Luke that address time: yeast in a loaf, seeds in a garden, and people becoming disciples – all need time to develop. Well-ripened fruit and well-leavened bread stand as symbols of the reign of God, when all creation will live in peace. We will also consider a handful of non-biblical parables, especially from the area of music. The title of Session 3 is a musical notation, *tempo giusto*, which means “play at the right speed.” This phrase has come to encompass a movement among musicians calling for slower-paced performances. Musical performance has gotten steadily faster beginning with the industrial revolution. Everyone seems to think that faster is more exciting. Carl Honore wrote a book suggesting an alternative to faster and faster: *In Praise of Slow, How a Worldwide Movement Is Challenging the Cult of Speed*. Join in the discussion on November 17th, in the Resource Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

PEACE IN PALESTINE

The Bishop's Fall Gathering at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church featured The Rev. Dr. Wally Taylor from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, who provided a show-and-tell presentation that offered *A Perspective on the Holy Lands*. Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt all lay claim to some portion of what we know as the *Holy Land*. This is a place that is overly crowded, with generations schooled in a culture of vengeance, and an intergenerational duty to settle old scores and defend family honor. It is a land defined by historic hatreds, tribal rivalries, and very different aims. Chances remain slim (to none) for finding a way to peace in the Middle East.

What the ELCA has tried to do is to stand with the poor and oppressed, the down-trodden and ignored, providing a platform for telling the story of those who do not have much of a voice on the international stage. The Lutheran World Federation, led by its President Bishop Munib Younan, who since 1998 has served as Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine and Jordan and the Holy Land, has focused on building hospitals, addressing issues of job training and employment, and providing advocacy for telling the Palestinian story. This is not to suggest a political alliance, only a practical desire to make sure that every voice is heard.

All of us benefit when we widen the conversation beyond filters that present stereotypes and caricatures rather than a fuller picture of what turns political grievance into a vicious cycle of violence. Life on the ground in Israel is much different from the snapshot we get on the nightly news. While Dr. Taylor's trips to the Middle East are more interested in archeology than politics, endless stories of chronic brokenness leave us all searching for answers and hoping that prayers for peace will help.

DAVE IN NICARAGUA

Twice in one day, once in the morning and then again in the evening, on October 21st here at Zion, Dave Zastawny, our Thrivent representative, told wonderful stories of love in action. He was selected along with 28 Thrivent representatives and employees from around the country to become a part of a mission trip to Nicaragua, where, as a part of a project called *Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity*, he helped construct block homes by carrying dirt and rock, mixing cement, digging trenches, and just generally adding to the sweat equity that creates affordable housing for partner families who will soon live in the three new homes that Dave helped build. The slide presentation, the stories told, and the cookies shared left a lasting impression of the good work that Dave did. Before he finished, he encouraged us to visit the Thrivent website, where we would find more information about how easy it is to sign up for these mission trips, and the financial support that Thrivent offers to assist us in our desire to change the world for good.

Thrive with Thrivent: Join Dave Zastawny between the services in Luther Hall here at Zion on ***Christ the King Sunday***, which is ***November 22nd***. You can always count on Dave to bring the best cookies with him. We'll provide the coffee; and we can rave about the returns Thrivent has produced for those who trust them with some of their retirement savings. On another note, because of the emphasis Dave has placed on directing our *Thrivent Choice Dollars* to Zion, we have received \$1,842 in direct deposits from Thrivent this year, which compares very favorably with the \$665 we received last year. Thank you, Dave; and thank you, Thrivent members of Zion! Plan to join us on November 22nd. You'll be glad you did.

THANK YOU'S & MORE

From Zion to Zion: The Sunday School staff and Craft Show leaders would like to thank the congregation who donated items for the concessions and the bake sale items to help raise funds for the youth during the craft show. Your amazing support is always greatly appreciated! We also extend our thanks to our youth, for the good work they did in making delicious chocolate covered oreos and chocolate dipped pretzels for the bake sale. Finally, thank you, Connie Frank, for all you do to make our Youth Missions Craft Show a huge and incredible success.

Remembering Doris M. Cogan (1922-2014): As a way of remembering and honoring Doris Cogan, a scholarship has been created in her name by her family, with her daughter, Joan Cogan, as the primary contact. The value of the scholarship is \$4,000.00. It is designed for Lutherans who are already in college. Applicants are asked to write a two-page, single-spaced essay explaining how their work habits have evolved since entering college. One of the great challenges facing college students today is to finish! What this scholarship asks you to do is convince the committee that you are fiscally responsible and focused on completing your degree.

As a personal aside, I would just like to remind our readers that this scholarship is looking for students just like your son or daughter. Please take the time to apply. Application forms are available through the Church Office. We ask that you return your completed application and essay by January 1, 2016. Recipients will be notified of the committee's decision by January 15, 2016. Last year's recipient of this scholarship remembering and honoring Doris Cogan was our own Ethan Frock. Your son or daughter could very well be this year's recipient.

IMPORTANT DATES & MORE

Remembering Veterans on November 11th: The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month has been set aside by the nation to honor those who have served in America's military.

Originally declared a national holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to commemorate the signing of the Armistice, which ended World War I on November 11, 1918, this day has been know as Veterans' Day since President Dwight Eisenhower and Congress updated the tradition in 1954.

With bravery and strength they serve;
 With dignity and pride they stand;
 With courage and hope they fight.

As Winston Churchill once said, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

Gracious God, make us instruments of your peace in a world where war is too often the norm. Teach us how to live at peace: enjoying peace within, peace with others, peace in the world; in Jesus' name. Amen

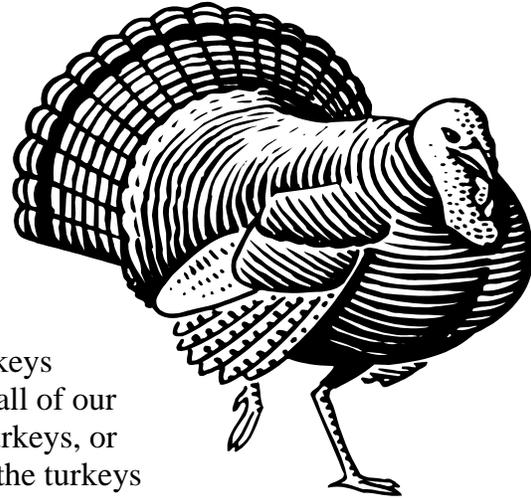
ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN OCTOBER

October Income	\$ 16,155.27
October Expenses	\$ 16,023.75
October Surplus	\$ 131.52
Income through October	\$ 179,283.60
Expenses thru October	\$ 179,060.97
2015 YTD Surplus	\$ 222.63
Food Pantry Fund	\$ 7,930.96
Zion's Youth Fund	\$ 9,000.11
Bicentennial Fund	\$ 8,252.78

We thank you for your generous support!

THANKSGIVING MEANS TURKEYS FOR AROUND EIGHTY-FIVE FAMILIES

We're looking for a few good turkeys - not the human kind, but the poultry kind!



Please help us achieve our goal of providing 85 turkeys so that we can offer a full Thanksgiving dinner for all of our food pantry families. You are welcome to donate turkeys, or cash so that we can purchase the turkeys. We need the turkeys and the cash donations to be in place by November 15. That will give us the time we need to make sure that our pantry clients receive the gifts we have for them. We also are lacking in the boxed mashed potatoes department. If each family could bring in gravy or a box of mashed potatoes, that would be great. Remember, all donations are due by Sunday, November 15.

We are now accepting Cash Donations or the Actual Frozen Bird!

When it comes to Thanksgiving, we not only serve our pantry clients, but also 32 of the Siffrin homes in Stark County! Siffrin homes are group homes for individuals with mental or physical disabilities. Our goal for Thanksgiving is *eighty-five 12-pound turkeys*. The turkeys are just a part of what we supply through the ministry of our Food Pantry. Every family is handed bags filled with stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberries, applesauce, noodles, muffins, pies, and something to drink. We know that with your help, and God's, we will achieve our goal. Feel free to call Cathy Harvey or the Church Office (330-499-3909) with any questions.

The North Canton Ministerial Association presents our –

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, at 7:00 P.M.

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As we celebrate our sense of community and camaraderie in service,

With the offering designated to support the Stark County Hunger Task Force
