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Partners in the Gospel

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 1:3-6)

As I think back on the past year at Zion, I do thank God with joy every time I think of you . . . and it is only right that I must extend a heartfelt “thanks” to everyone for your service and devotion to Jesus Christ and to Zion Church. It’s true that each one of us is given special gifts by the Holy Spirit, which are the talents that bring to us the great satisfaction and pleasure of service.

Often times, many people serve God “behind the scenes” and may go unnoticed by others. It isn’t surprising to think that this is exactly what they desire. Great joy can be felt when serving or giving to God anonymously, because the satisfaction of God’s great pleasure is felt in the intimacy of one’s heart. These people are quite happy if no one else notices . . . and receiving thanks from other people really isn’t required. Nevertheless . . . to these whose service to God is often unknown . . . I say, “Thank You.”

Then, there are others, who have received spiritual gifts and talents that are shared in quite public ways . . . such as singing, or teaching, or administrative leaders, technicians and trustees. I’m sure they also know the pleasure of hearing the sincere whisper of thanks from God in their hearts. Nevertheless, to these people whose service to God is usually seen by many . . . I say, “Thank You.”

Everyone at Zion serves God in some way . . . and as Paul wrote in Ephesians (above) . . . it is because you are “partners in the gospel.” Every one of you are partners with God to grow his kingdom here on earth. For all your time, and talent, and devotion, and generosity in giving . . . I must say “Thank You” to each one of you. I am especially grateful for the Christian love we share and for the encouragement given to me with sincere grace.

And now . . . as we begin another year of ministry and fellowship at Zion . . . our goal is to bring glory and praise to God. The plan we follow is from Him, the service we give

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Guest Speaker from DiscipleMakers Coming

On January 8 we will welcome TJ Renninger, a staff member of Disciple Makers, State College, PA. His message for us will come from the Great Commission.

TJ grew up in Annville, PA, and is the oldest of four children. He is an alumnus of Shippensburg University, graduating with a software engineering degree in May of 2015. He participated in Disciple Makers at Shippensburg and has a heart to reach the college campus for Christ.

2017 Finances and Budget

Our Finance Chairman, Ted Holcombe, will briefly review the Church finances and 2017 Budget with the congregation sometime during our Sunday morning worship in January.

The 2017 Budget is posted on the bulletin board outside the office, and questions or concerns may be directed to Ted.

Start the New Year with Sunday School



Next Sunday, January 8, at 9 a.m. we will begin searching for wisdom from Galatians. Is there a way to defend and protect the church's traditions as it experiences a declining influence in the world? Why believe the gospel? Are we experiencing a "Do-it-yourself" religion?

Join us in the library as we tackle these questions.



2017 Flower Chart

A new Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you decide to provide flowers for placement in the sanctuary for a special occasion, please note the following procedure:

- ◆ If you are interested in ordering and placing flowers, begin by signing your name on the flower chart.
- ◆ For your convenience, instructions for ordering flowers are located next to the chart, and cards are available in the tray on the bulletin board with information to help you when ordering.
- ◆ You will have the option of two area florists: **Grumbine's Flowers or Royer's Flowers**. The address and phone number for each florist is listed on the card available in the tray on the bulletin board.
- ◆ You will be able to choose one or two altar vase arrangements OR one floral arrangement.
- ◆ The cost will be determined by the kind of flowers and arrangements you choose. You will be responsible for **payment directly to the florist**.
- ◆ The florist will deliver the arrangement/s to the church.
- ◆ Please indicate on the chart or inform the church secretary, Bonnie Hoffman (273-2958 or ionaof-fice@comcast.net) of the occasion for which the flowers are presented. This information will be included in the church bulletin.

Thank you for adorning the sanctuary with the beauty of one of God's fragrant creations!

2017 Offering Envelopes

If you haven't already done so, **please** pick up your 2017 offering envelopes from the table in the back of the church sanctuary.

If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Diana Beaver at 269-1134, or by E-mail at dlbeaver60@msn.com.

ATTN: Church Treasurers

Please place all books for audit in the church office by Sunday January 22, 2017 for the Annual Audit Report.

Partners

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is to Him, and the "result" of what we do is determined by Him. And God will be faithful to complete the good work he has already begun at Zion Church. We are simply his messengers, as we seek to connect more people to his love.

Pastor Beth

Servants of Worship Schedules for January

Thank you to all those volunteering their service for Sunday Worship. Below are the schedules for **January 2017**. If you are unable to serve on the date or time you are scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute (*call someone from the volunteers list*). Let us know of the swap or if you have trouble finding a substitute. Chuck and Christina Watson (717-270-6667 or watsoncc@comcast.net)

Greeters	
Jan. 1	Margery Deck & Judy Shirey
Jan. 8	Keith & Amy Donnachie
Jan. 15	Tom Ambler & Maryellen Martin
Jan. 22	Chuck & Christina Watson
Jan. 29	Aaron Robinson & Doris Shyda

Sound Technicians	
Jan. 1	Christina Watson
Jan. 8	Kathleen Steckbeck
Jan. 15	Jake Barrett
Jan. 22	Christina Watson
Jan 29	Ray Arnold

Announcers	
Jan. 1	Bev Henry
Jan. 8	Janet Nelson
Jan. 15	Wendy Barrett
Jan. 22	Robert Beamon
Jan. 29	Sherie Donnachie

Nursery (contact Sue Light with changes)	
Jan. 1	Janice Kingsley & Sue Light
Jan. 8	Janet Swift & Suzie Bachman
Jan. 15	Deb Smith & Bev Henry
Jan. 22	Christina Watson & Sue Light
Jan. 29	Linda Hower & Margery Deck

Zion Iona UMC Financial Info as of November 2016

	Monthly	YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$ 13,006.00	\$ 165,450.35	\$ 144,150.67
Expenses	\$ 10,601.00	\$ 136,177.61	\$ 137,573.50
Net	\$ 2,405.00	\$ 29,272.74	\$ 6,577.17

Loan Balance: \$.00

Average Attendance for the Month (November): 59

JANUARY 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 New Year's Day Epiphany Sunday 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship (Communion)</p>	<p>2 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>3 6:30 Vision Team</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Epiphany of the Lord 6:00—9:00 Cub Scouts Mall Show Work Night (Gable Hall)</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 First Sunday after the Epiphany Baptism of the Lord 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship—Guest Speaker 11:30 Confirmation Class 4:00 Iona Bell Choir (Gable)</p>	<p>9 4:00 LCEHS Mtg. (Lounge) 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9:00 Young at Heart Breakfast @ Quentin Haus 6:00 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Admin. Council Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30 4H Friends (Gable Hall & Lounge)</p>
<p>15 Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Iona Bell Choir (Gable)</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 5:00 to 3:00 (Saturday) Cub Scouts Lock-in (Gable & Lounge)</p>	<p>21 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (Gable & Lounge)</p>
<p>22 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Iona Bell Choir (Gable) <i>Financial Reports Due for Audit</i></p>	<p>23 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:00 SPRC Mtg.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship (Bells Play) 11:30 Confirmation Class</p>	<p>30 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>				