

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION -- December 16-23**

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK:** Thank you, Lord, for being the eternal life-giver. Amen.

### **Sunday, December 16 –3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent/Joyful Noise (ALS Association)**

The flowers are sponsored by the Propst family in loving memory and in celebration of Danny and his birthday on Friday 12/14.

The wine is sponsored by the Alsedeks in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Worship -- 8 & 10:30 AM

Faith Formation Classes For All Ages -- 9:15 AM

Yarn Ministry – 1 PM (Parlor)

Christmas Caroling – 3:30 PM (Oak Leaf Manor, H'burg Pk.)

### **Monday, December 17**

Food Pantry -- 10 AM-1 PM

Council – 7 PM (Connection Zone)

### **Tuesday, December 18**

Bible Study -- 9-10:30 AM (Parlor)

Prayer Team – 7 PM

### **Wednesday, December 19**

Food Pantry -- 10 AM – 1 PM

### **Thursday, December 20**

No Community Meal

Choir – 7:30 PM

### **Friday, December 21**

Bridge – 1-4 PM (Connection Zone)

### **Saturday, December 22**

### **Sunday, December 23 -- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Worship -- 8 & 10:30 AM

Faith Formation Classes For All Ages -- 9:15 AM

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT SERVICES** – This Sunday, as we travel on the *Journey of Advent*, Isaiah assures us that we will be blessed and strengthened by our Lord. Next Sunday (12/23), the last Sunday in Advent, Isaiah explains that we will be renewed in *The Wait*, which we experience as we prepare for the Coming of Christ. Please join us for these enlightening services based on the words of Isaiah.

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING** – The Joyful Noise Offering will be taken on Sunday (12/16) at both services. The collection this month will go to the ALS Association. This organization hits close to Zion. As some know, Dave & Donna Dumeyer's daughter, Jennifer Kready, has been diagnosed with ALS earlier this year. This collection will go to research and treatments that will help people like Jen.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** – If you would like to sponsor poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, Monday (12/17) is the deadline to return your sponsor form. Forms can be found in your mailbox or on the ushers' table. The cost is \$10/plant.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** – Christmas Eve services this year will be held at 7 & 10 PM. Both services will have holy communion and candle-lighting.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – Everyone is invited to come Christmas Caroling on Sunday (12/16) evening beginning at 3:30 PM. Meet at Oak Leaf Manor (H'burg Pk.) at 3:15.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** – The Choir will be singing special music for Christmas Eve and we want you to join us! Now is the time to sing without a full commitment. Rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM in the choir room! Talk to James for details.

**CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!** – Are you a present or past member of your high school or community band or orchestra? If so, share your musical gifts with us here at Zion on Christmas Eve! We want you and you are needed. See James for more details about upcoming rehearsals.

**COOKIES ON DEC. 30** – After the service on Dec. 30 (10 AM), there will be a time of fellowship and cookie sharing. The Zone will be set up festively and there will be hot chocolate, milk, coffee, and cookies from whoever cares to bring some to share!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, ZYM...THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...** You may have been asked to be a teacher or an aide, and in the past, that meant a L-O-N-G commitment. We are now asking: Can you do once a month, or 4 times a year? Really, ANY help would be appreciated. So, think and pray on that, and if you can help, please contact Jeff!!

**SUNDAY SERVANT COORDINATORS** – If you haven't emailed the schedules for the first 6 or 12 months of 2019 to Anne yet, please do so by Monday, 12/17. If you can't do it for all of those months yet, please email for at least January.

**SNOW REMOVAL** – As in years past, we have a contract to have the snow pushed off the lots and driveways. But, in trying to save some money, the Property Team is going to try to take care of the walkways. If you are able and willing to help with snow removal in this capacity, please contact Todd Benedict (717-577-7620). Todd is hoping to get a group text message together to facilitate communication when we have snow that needs to be dealt with. The Property Team thanks you in advance for

helping in this way.

**YEAR-END REPORTS** – All Team Leaders and Ministry Teams need to be thinking about and writing the 2018 year-end report. Please email Anne ([zionluth@comcast.net](mailto:zionluth@comcast.net)) your report of what you have accomplished and done over the last year as well as your goals for 2019, by December 21.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** – If you didn't get your newsletter articles or announcements to Anne yet, please do so by Monday 12/17. Please email anything you or your team would like to have included ([zionluth@comcast.net](mailto:zionluth@comcast.net)).

**TELLERS NEEDED** – One of the Teller Teams has 2 openings! If you are interested, please let Ron Crawford (717-898-8534) know. You would be on the rotation to count money on a periodic basis...no more than 4 times a year.

**COMMUNION FORMS** – During the Advent & Christmas season please be sure to fill out a communion card after you have communed. If you filled out a form last Sunday you do not need to fill out another one. Please put the cards in the office mail basket in the Narthex after the service.

**SPONSORING IN 2019** – The Flower/Bulletin/Wine Sponsor Chart is posted and ready for sponsors throughout the coming year. Cost for flowers is \$40, bulletins & wine are each \$30.

**NAME TAGS** – Please take a nametag from the table in the back of the Sanctuary and wear it throughout the morning at church. This is helping James and Pastor Barb as they get to know everyone.

**THANK YOU...**

To everyone who helped out with the Community Meal this past week and to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Your willingness to volunteer your time and energy is most appreciated.

**PRAYERS FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE** – “This week we remembered your congregation in our synod staff's prayers and on our synod-wide prayer list. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry and mission and thank you for your faithful witness. We appreciate you! May God bless and keep you this week and always.

**STAFF EMAILS & CONTACT INFO** – Need to get in touch with any of the staff?

Here is a reminder of the contact info...*please note the change in Pastor Barb's email from what was publicized previously:*

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## **OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH AT A GLANCE**

***Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:15 PM: Christmas Caroling at Oak Leaf Manor***

***Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>, At both services: Joyful Noise Offering***

*The collection will be taken for the ALS Association*

***Mon. 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Services***

*7 & 10 PM [Prelude music begins 30 minutes prior to the start of each service]*

*Both services will have candle lighting and Holy Communion*

***Sun. 30<sup>th</sup>: One Worship Service at 10 AM***

*Bring cookies to share after the service!*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### ***FOR HEALING***

Doug Grow

Nathan Bear

Joan Mays

Lucy Davis

Jere Grube

Tom Williams

Jennifer Thompson

Holly Hoover

Greg Albright (Brother of Adele King)

Laken & Donovan McCoy (Waitress at Miss Callee's & her newborn son)

Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)

Ron Carroll (Step-Father of Wilson Pipkin)

Joe Gorklaski (Husband of Kathleen)

Steve Ulmer (Friend of Brenda Stover)

Michelle Adams (Friend of Heather Gronholm)

Carol Sener (Sister of Phil Houseal)

### ***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Dave Dumeyer & family

Charlotte & George Potts

Marlin Zimmerman

Jessie Snavely

Bette Geibel

Grace Rohrbach

Pauline & Gene Weiksner

Ruth Albright

Mary Grzybowski

Janet Bair

Arlene Miller

Barb Williams  
Vearl Booth (Stepfather of Jeff Engroff)  
Lois Wise (Stepmother of Dave Wise)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)  
Delaney Klepper (Studying in Spain for the semester)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Christopher Wright  
Doug Kautter  
Chris Andrew  
Thom Whitesel  
Ryan Stitzel  
Jonathan Hoover  
Justin Gorlaski  
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Travis Jackson  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Nate Deibler, Nancy Smith  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Stover  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Kathryn Unger

**HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Tracy Ingersoll  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sara Hoover, Sam Myers  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Klinger  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cathy Benedict, Marty Gerlach

**CONDOLENCES** to Adele King & family on the death of her uncle, Leon Duschl.