

THE CHIMES

PASTOR'S POINT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is amazing that as the calendar changes, we have a very tangible reminder that our past is behind us, and a blank slate of a new year lies before us. 2 Corinthians 5:17 puts it this way... "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

As Christians we know and proclaim that Jesus came to save us from our sins. But do we actually accept that gift? How often do we try to move into a new year still burdened with the weight of past failures and shortcomings? We say that we receive God's grace, but do we really? Do we truly understand what that means when we say that the old has gone and the new has come?

Jesus died for you. He came at Christmas, born fully human and fully God, in order to become the lasting sacrifice for our sins. Understand that this is not permission for us to willfully go about pursuing a life of sin; but it is, for those who repent and believe, a complete and total declaration of forgiveness of all of our sins for all eternity.

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Which means that our past is truly behind us, and only God's future remains. The war we waged with God in our sin is over. Because of Jesus, we are truly a new creation. So sin, shame, guilt, even death no longer have any say in who we are or who we are going to be. You and I, we belong to Jesus. And nothing in heaven above or on earth below gets to re-write that gift of God that is Jesus Christ. It is total. It is complete. And it is finished.

Jesus has saved you from your sins. Stop second guessing and receiving only a partial gift. Repent and believe. You are forgiven and set free—so go and live for God in 2023!

I'm proud to be serving Jesus with you.

Pastor Adam



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

- Our meeting was started by filling the goody bags for the Sunday School children.
- A prayer was given by our president, Vicki Dowling. We then enjoyed a scrumptious pot luck meal.
- Our meeting was opened by Vicki. A thank you note received from Theresa Cravey was circulated.
- Devotions were given by Jodi with a reading of the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke. Discussion was held on the differences in the story.
- Mystery Event by Jodi. Questions centered on Christmas and our upcoming sale.
- Treasurer's Report Our previous balance was \$363. Susan sent a memorial for LaVon Brockman, our current balance is \$320.05.
- The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved with no changes.
- **Old Business** we will meet at the church at 8:45 Sunday for our sale. Susan will get change. We will use the Sunday School whiteboard to list soups available for sale. The price for the soup will be \$12. Stickers for prices are in the Priscilla Circle inbox in Jordan's office.
- **New Business** the food pantry doesn't need hams for the pantry families. We will be giving a love offering in February for our pastors, organists, and praise team.
- **Missions** we will continue with the December Advent mission for the food pantry, and Jnelle will have another project in January!
- Elections for the 2023 officers were held. All existing officers will be retaining their positions.
- President- Vicki Dowling
- Vice President- Julie Funkhouser
- Secretary- Carol Smith
- Treasurer- Susan Maguire
- Mission Coordinator- Jnelle Keysor
- Next meeting is January 18th. Carol will have Mystery Event & Devotions.
- The Serenity Prayer was read and the meeting was closed by President Vicki.

DEACON'S REPORT

Those in attendance: Pastor Adam Magill, Tim Ambrose, JoEllen Travis, Susan Maguire, Jodi Volkens, Becky Von Weihe, Val Harrill

Meal provided by the Magills at their family home. Review November Minutes

Old Business:

- Nominating committee update
- Members Recognition Reception November 6 desserts/cookies/coffee
- Recognizing Veterans on November 13 JoEllen Travis reader, Sunday School kids made and gave a gift to those in attendance
- Decorating the church for Christmas Sunday, November 20
- December communion Jodi and JoEllen

New Business:

- Nominating committee working to finalize list
- Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24 at 6:00 pm- Communion served, Susan and Jodi providing bread
- Christmas Morning Service Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am Communion served, Susan and Jodi providing bread
- Message Board add messages and information to the screen prior to the start of Sunday church services
- Next meeting is Wednesday, January 4
- Annual meeting is January 22, 2023
- January communion Val and Becky

Deacon Discussion: How do we keep adding members? How do we keep people involved with our ministry? We feel we want to be a friendly, inviting church. We want to continue with our outreach to the community.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Adam Magill

DORCAS AID

Dorcas Aid met on December 8th at Zion for our annual Christmas salad luncheon with nine members and Pastor Magill present. We were happy Jeralynn Rollins could join us. Each member (not honorary members) furnished a salad. We enjoyed a variety of salads and Sharon King brought croissants and Marlene Schnepel made a delicious dessert. Also another member brought Christmas cookies we we all had more than we could eat.

- After enjoying our lunch we played some games with each person having a gift to take home.
- Eunice Anderson read a Christmas prayer.
- Pastor Magill gave the prayer before we ate and also closed our afternoon of fellowship with another prayer.
- Next meeting will be February 8th which will also be our Love Offering month.

Eunice Anderson, Secretary

Sunday School Resumes January 8th



Sunday School for kids and adults will resume on Sunday, January 8th at 9am. Confirmation will resume on Wednesday, January 11th at 3:30pm.

Un-deck the Halls

Sunday, January 8th Following the 10am service



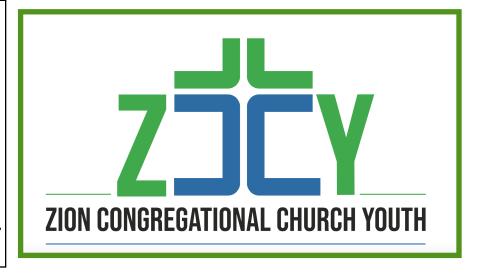
Stay and help the church get un-decorated as we remove ornaments and other decorations until next year.



Sunday, January 22nd

Zion's Annual Meeting will be held in the overflow after church on Sunday, January 22. All members are invited to attend as we make decisions for the church in 2023. Please note in order for there to be time to get it compiled and printed, all committee reports are due on January 8.

Zion's Youth will meet next on Wednesday, January 4th at Jordan and Katie's house at 6pm for food and a ping-pong tournament.





Soren Kierkegaard (1813–1855)

O Lord Jesus Christ, I long to live in your presence, to see your human form and to watch you walking on earth. I do not want to see you through the darkened glass of tradition, nor through the eyes of today's values and prejudices. I want to see you as you were, as you are, and as you always will be. I want to see you as an offense to human pride, as a man of humility, walking amongst the lowliest of men, and yet as the savior and redeemer of the human race.

Amen.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Date of Service	<u>Total</u>	
Dec 4th	110	7 (N
Dec 11th	115	
Dec 18th	165	CONGREGATIONAL
Dec 24th	135	— CHURCH —
Dec 25th	78	

WEEKLY OFFERING

November Online	\$4,705
Dec 4th	\$2,748
Dec 11th	\$4,850
Dec 18th	\$5,812
Dec 25th	\$1.753



PRAYER LIST

- BERNARD BRYANT
- JEANA WILHITE (COPD AND RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS)
- NIXON QUICK (CANCER)
- Doug Klahn
- GREG LANG
- THERESA CRAVEY (BREAST CANCER TREATMENT)
- MARLON MCKENZIE (CANCER)
- MICHELLE GRAHAM (CANCER)
- ELI SHEPHARD
- ZACH DICKERSON
- KENDAL TRIPP
- ALL ARMED FORCES & LAW ENFORCEMENT

ABOUT US

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10AM CHURCH SERVICE

SENIOR PASTOR:

DR. ADAM MAGILL

PASTOR OF YOUTH AND IMPACT DIRECTOR:
JORDAN CAMPBELL

PIANISTS/ORGANISTS:

JILL DAVIS, GWEN HENKE,
SHIRLEY KOEHLER, MACHELLE MITCHELL,
SANDY ENGLAND

MODERATOR:
JIM MOORE
VICE-MODERATOR:
JERI SCHNEPEL

HEAD DEACONS:

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