



# The Rosette

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Many of us have devoted a lot of time, talent, energy, expense and love over the past few weeks and months to holiday preparations. When advent gives way to celebrations of Christ's birth and our weeks of getting ready are fulfilled on Christmas, what then?

One of my favorite poems of this season reminds us that just when the rest of the world is moving on, the true work of Christmas is just beginning:

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

Emmanuel, God with us, came and lived among us so that we might learn the work of Christmas.

What then? With 2024 on the horizon, commitment to the work of Christmas would be a good and faithful new year's resolution. The poem above by Howard Thurman defines this work in terms of the mission Jesus announced when he began his ministry in Nazareth (see Luke 4:18-19). Another way to think about the work of Christmas is in fulfillment of the greatest commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength... and to love your neighbor as yourself.

How will we love God and neighbor in this new year? The One born among us at Christmas shows us the way. May His way be a blessing.

*Pastor Kate*

# Un-decorating for the New Year

Following the service of worship on December 31<sup>st</sup>, we welcome your help in taking down and storing away this year's Christmas tree and decorations. Many hands will speed the clean-up and preparation for worship in 2024.



## Zion's Annual Report coming soon

Zion's Annual Report for the year ending 2023 will be available at the end of January. Please watch for it at that time.

## January Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, following worship each week, Pastor Kate will lead a study of the book of Ruth. Ruth is remembered for her faithfulness and for being the great grandmother of King David. The four week study will explore a series of questions: Where does loss push us? Where does loyalty pull us? Where does risk take us? Where does hope lead us? All are welcome, as we explore the answers with Ruth as our guide.

## Capital Campaign Update

With gratitude for the faithful stewardship of God's people at Zion, a final payment has been made to the Special Gifts and Bequests fund and the \$80,000 capital campaign debt has now been cleared from the books!

In 2019, we introduced the "Building for the Future" Capital Campaign with words from Psalm 37:5 – "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act."

Over the course of the past 4 years, we have trusted in the Lord and seen God at work as we have prayed, worshipped, shared and served together.

*For your stewardship of God's gifts: thank you!*

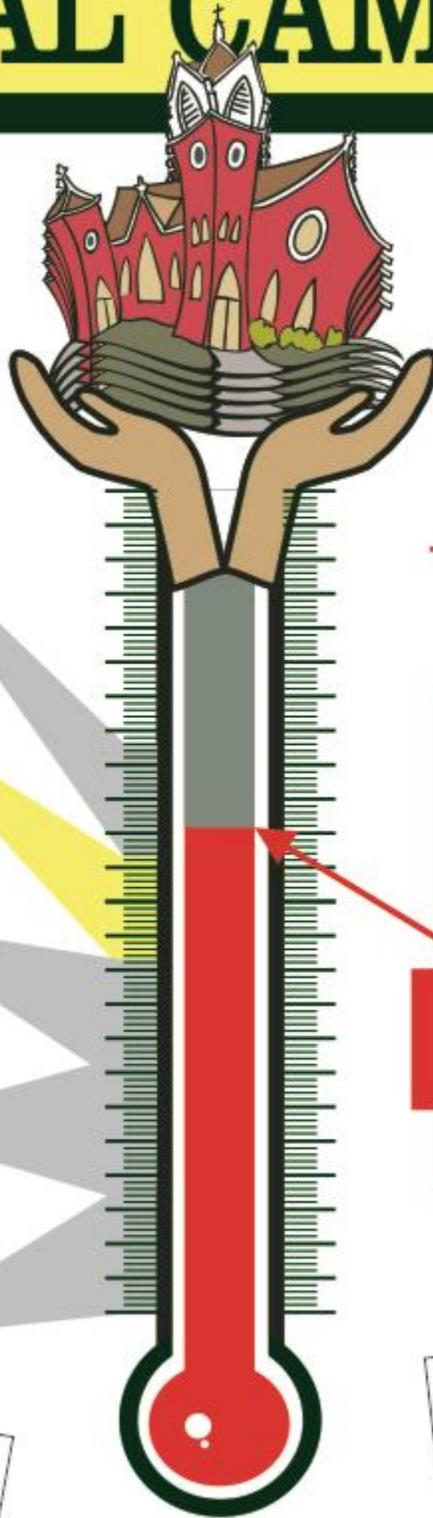
*For the ways you have been generous in giving: thank you!*

*For your partnership in the gospel at Zion: thank you!*

As the new year begins, all 2024 giving to the capital campaign will be directed to the Greater Zion Fund for future capital projects (including, for example, a new boiler system).

# Investing in the Future

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



### PROJECTED ANNUAL PLEDGING



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**CURRENT GIVING**

**\$141,525**

thru 12-18-2023



We are now working on our 4th year's commitment!  
You may make contributions to the Capital Campaign  
by using your regular offering envelope  
and designating in writing "Capital Campaign" on the line marked "other".

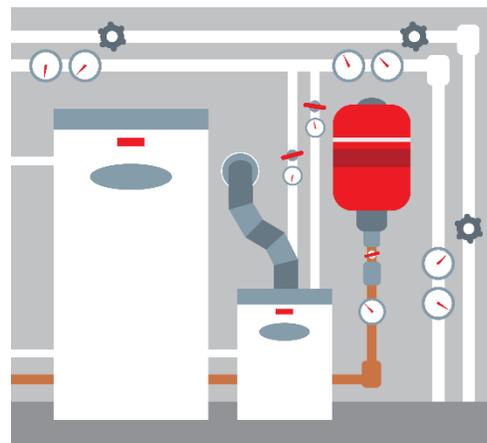
# Property Updates

## Sanctuary Heating System

Heating for Zion's physical plant is provided by 2 steam boilers – one in the education wing (installed in 2018), and one for the sanctuary and adjacent areas dating from the 1980's.

The annual servicing of the boiler systems was completed in December and the technicians are recommending replacement of our older boiler. This is “breaking news” and no action has yet been taken to determine next steps.

We will need an ad hoc committee to seek and review bids for a new boiler, and to oversee the installation process. More information will be coming your way after the January council meeting.



## Lighting in the Sanctuary

On various occasions over the past few months, concern has been expressed about the lighting in the sanctuary. On grey and gloomy days in particular, some worshippers and members of the choir have difficulty reading the bulletins and the overall sense is that our lighting is insufficient.

Earlier in 2023, the council discussed options for improvements to our sanctuary lighting, using funds specifically given and designated for enhancing our worship space. It has been difficult to identify qualified consultants for this work, as church lighting is a specialized field. Late in 2023 we began conversations with a local electrical company to explore ideas for lighting upgrades and improvements. We hope to move ahead with this in the new year, but are dependent on the availability of very busy technicians. We will keep you posted.

## Baseboard Molding Replacement

The baseboard molding on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the education wing needs replacing. Before we hire someone to do this, are there any volunteers?

## Annual Congregation Meeting Held

Zion's annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We passed the 2024 budget, received an update on the status of the capital campaign, and revised the Special Gifts & Bequests by-laws. We elected two new members to Council – Yvonne Kauffman and Lenny Burns, and re-elected Jim Scales.



## World Hunger Silent Auction Results



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Zion's recent Silent Auction to raise funds for World Hunger was again a success. Bidding for the donated items brought in \$600 in support this year. Great job, everyone!! We want to thank all the

people who donated items, as well as those who bid on and purchased the available gifts. Your generosity is very much appreciated!!

## 2024 Offering Envelopes available

Zion's 2024 boxed envelope sets are available for pick-up in the church office. Don't forget to stop in and get them if you haven't done so already.

### FYI

**OH, THE  
WEATHER  
OUTSIDE IS ...**



**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In case of inclement weather on the morning of worship, please check Zion's facebook page, or call the office for the status of worship or other activities. Pastor Kate will record a message for the church answering machine (*press 1 for worship schedule*) in the event we need to cancel worship. If Sunday morning in-person worship needs to be cancelled, we hope to offer an alternative online.

If weather conditions are questionable, please use your own discretion as to whether you want to go out or not. We certainly do not want to have anyone experience an accident trying to get here. Please, be safe. We will see you at another time.

## Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion met on December 19<sup>th</sup>. After a short prayer, the group had fun enjoying fellowship time together over a wonderful Christmas brunch.

### Upcoming Events:

**January 15:** We welcome Corinna Harnley and Teresa Nolt, Manheim Community Board members! They will address the group on the impact the “Home on Ferdinand” is making in the community.

Our meetings are held every third  
Monday of the month at 1:30.

*Please join us! We'd love to see you!*



## Food Pantry Needs



During the month of January, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for boxed rice (no bags), applesauce, canned potatoes, canned pasta (i.e. Ravioli), Spam, dry pasta, rice/pasta sides, soup, Helper meals, including Tuna Helper, and diapers. They no longer need plastic grocery bags at this time.

Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Please put your donations in the grocery cart outside the church office or drop them in the collection box on the front porch of the food pantry located at 334 W. Gramby St., Manheim.

Monetary donations may also be sent to the MC Food Pantry, c/o Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N. Penn St., Manheim, PA 17545.

# Preschool News

As the holiday season approaches, our preschool calendars are full of crafts, activities and family fun. Christmas songs are filling the halls. We had a wonderful time at the Christmas Tree Lighting with crafts and activities.



Pastor Kate led us in building a nativity, welcoming our preschoolers to stage with parents and families in attendance.



We are blessed to get to see the magic of Christmas through the eyes of children and hope the season finds you full of peace, hope, joy, and happiness.

We are thankful for all of you!



Wishing you a blessed Christmas!  
*Katie Mummau*

## January Birthdays

- 1/2 Jody Hess
- 1/6 Cathy Knittle
- 1/13 Patsy Gabel
- 1/20 Allison (Breneman) Yelk
- 1/21 Arlene Gernert
- 1/24 Esther Brosey
- 1/25 Olissa Clingenpeel
- 1/29 Carol Blanck
- 1/30 Helen Blank
- 1/31 Martha Maney



## January Anniversary

1/16 Jeff & Stacy Fry

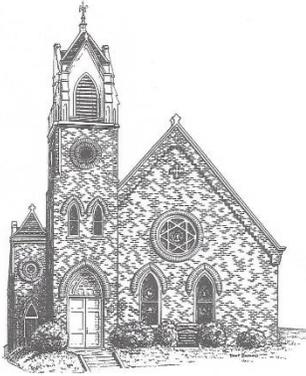
Dear Friends at Zion,

Thank you for the sharing of Christmas cards, notes, treats, and gifts. It is a blessing to be remembered and encouraged in this holy season.

*Pastor Kate*

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and gifts this Christmas season. I feel truly blessed working in an environment where people genuinely care for each other. May God be with you all during your holiday get-togethers, and into the new year.

*Donna Dieter*



# Parish Registry

*Death:* Kay Hoffer on December 17, 2023

*Transfer:* Wayne Olson to Christ Ascension Lutheran,  
Philadelphia, PA

## Financial Notes:

**with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.**

<b>OFFERINGS</b>	Mo. Total	Budget
November General Fund offering	19,620	18,532
November Capital Campaign offering	1,526	-----
December General Fund offering (as of 12/18)	13,540	23,165
Dec. Capital Campaign offering (as of 12/18)	2,780	---



## Prayer Chain

The Expanded Prayer List is published at the beginning of each month. Printed copies are available at the church. **Please contact Linda Keiffer @ 742-2149** to add a name to the list and to initiate the prayer chain. She will, in turn, notify the church office of the name and the reason for prayer.

Current Prayer Warriors to Zion's Prayer Chain include: Rubye Barto, Holly Brosey, Linda Keiffer, Yvonne Kreider, and Verna Landry.

***Take note:*** Please have permission from the person whose name you are placing on the list for prayer. The name of the contact person and phone number are also important for updates and further information about the person being prayed for.

# January Readings

1/1	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21	1/9	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Exodus 30:22-38 Acts 22:2-16
1/2	Psalm 148 Proverbs 1:1-7 James 3:13-18	1/10	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Isaiah 41:14-20 John 1:29-34
1/3	Psalm 110 Proverbs 1:20-33 James 4:1-10	1/11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:6-15 2 Corinthians 10:1-11
1/4	Psalm 110 Proverbs 3:1-12 James 4:11-17	1/12	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:16-23 Acts 13:16-25
1/5	Psalm 110 Proverbs 22:1-9 Luke 6:27-31	1/13	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Samuel 2:21-25 Matthew 25:1-13
1/6	<i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	1/14	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51
1/7	<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	1/15	Psalm 86 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
1/8	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Genesis 17:1-13 Romans 4:1-12	1/16	Psalm 86 1 Samuel 15:10-31 Acts 5:1-11
		1/17	Psalm 86 Genesis 16:1-14 Luke 18:15-17

# January Readings, cont'd

1/18 Psalm 62:5-12  
Jeremiah 19:1-15  
Revelation 18:11-20

1/19 Psalm 62:5-12  
Jeremiah 20:7-13  
2 Peter 3:1-7

1/20 Psalm 62:5-12  
Jeremiah 20:14-18  
Luke 10:13-16

1/21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

1/22 Psalm 46  
Genesis 12:1-9  
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

1/23 Psalm 46  
Genesis 45:25-46:7  
Acts 5:33-42

1/24 Psalm 46  
Proverbs 8:1-21  
Mark 3:13-19a

1/25 Psalm 111  
Deuteronomy 3:23-29  
Romans 9:6-18

1/26 Psalm 111  
Deuteronomy 12:28-32  
Revelation 2:12-17

1/27 Psalm 111  
Deuteronomy 13:1-5  
Matthew 8:28-9:1

1/28 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

1/29 Psalm 35:1-10  
Numbers 22:1-21  
Acts 21:17-26

1/30 Psalm 35:1-10  
Numbers 22:22-28  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40

1/31 Psalm 35:1-10  
Jeremiah 29:1-14  
Mark 5:1-20



# Altar Flowers



Jan. 7 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Jan. 14 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Jan. 21 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Jan. 28 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

**Note: Flowers are \$40 per week, and must be paid to the church by the beginning of the month for the flowers you are sponsoring. Thank you.**

# Bulletin Sponsors

Month of January – *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Bulletins are - \$9.00 per week



# Worship Help Schedule

**We need helpers for this position. Please sign on the volunteer sheet outside the church office.**

Date	Greeters/Ushers	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants
1/7	Dave & Betty Wise	Ronda Moore	
1/14	Donn & Deb Gehman	Paul Caplinger	
1/21	Martha Rudisill	Mary Welliver	
1/28	Bob & Mary Ann Greiner	Norm Drescher	
2/4	Jody Hess	Brian Miller	
2/11	John Stouch	Denny Valins	
2/18	Doug & Susan Shaw	Kyle Spohn	
2/25	Dan & Jean Rambler	John Blanck	

# Zion's Prayers

**Please remember Zion's members as you pray:**

Helen Blank	Kate Eichelberger	Barbara Grunenberger
Missy Hoffman	Bill Martin	Erma May
Jackie McKinney	Betty Minnich	Joe Murray
Sue Murray	Donna Ober	Donna Rhodes
Nic & Stefan Spohn	Mary Welliver	

**Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:**

Emily Bair	Daryl Barry	Edna Barto
Neil Bartsch	Tom Beil	Kathy Brosey
Winnie Cammauf	Bill Duncan	Jaxson Eberly
Lee Elgire	Judy Erb	Lewis Ettinger
Dave Faus	Jerry Fickling	Judy Fiene
Jeff Fry	Hana Haatainen-Caye	Mason Heishman
Yasir Makki	Sandy Pennell	Ed Pfoutz
Brandy Rhodes	Mahlon Schreiber	Abby Shipe
Kyler Shupp	Frank Smith	Michelle Spaeder
Rachel Toole	Thad Toole	Joyce & De Warn

**Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:**

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

*Please take some time to remember  
all these people in our prayers.  
They each have individual needs that  
your prayers can help them with.*

