

ZOON NEWSLETTER

INVITE...GROW...SERVE

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. ~ Proverbs 1:1-7

Over the past 30-plus years, I have spent the end of December and the beginning of January trying to write an article about the upcoming new year for a church newsletter. Each of them focused on the same theme of being a new person. I could try to end that with this article, but the pull of a new year encourages me to stay the course and share about being the new person God is calling us to be.

God calls us to be holy as He is holy. Holiness means that we are different than the world around us. God is different than we are because He is love and has not sinned. We are different because we are emulating our Heavenly Father. We try to live up to His standards. We don't always live to His standards; this is where forgiveness comes into our lives. When we sin, we can be forgiven. Jesus died and took the penalty of sin on our behalf. God sees Jesus standing in our place when we are forgiven and offers us forgiveness.

God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us be holy. The Holy Spirit is known as the Wonderful Counselor and Advocate. The Holy Spirit will teach us the meaning of Jesus's words and remind us of what Jesus said. Jesus's words are written down for us in the Bible. The Gospels share Jesus's teachings with us. The rest of the New Testament is filled with letters written to help people become followers of Jesus. The Old Testament helps us to see God's love and promises since the beginning of time. The Old Testament gives us a history of how God guided people into a relationship with Him and how they would receive forgiveness when they sinned.

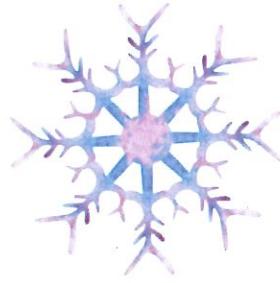
At the top of this page is the opening to the book of Proverbs, a part of the Old Testament. As the opening starts, Proverbs was given so we could grow in wisdom and do what is right. It is quite fitting to start the new year with Proverbs so we may begin with wisdom and understanding. Solomon states that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Fear, in this context, means to be in awe of God. Let's start this new year becoming the people God calls us to by being in awe of God. As we are in awe of God, let's grow in wisdom and understanding. As we grow, let's be intentional in being holy as God is holy.

With Christ's Love,

Pastor Seth



SUNDAYS:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School All Ages 10:45 am -Worship	Christian Learning Center WDM Wing <u>Before & After School</u> 6:30 am - 6:00pm <u>School Age Room</u> Childcare: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm	Rooms 4,5,6,7,8,& 9 <u>Monday-Friday</u> Infant Room Toddler Room Preschool Room	 Office Closed WDM Closed	1 1:00 pm-7:00 pm Blood Drive Vivalent -FLC	2 Community Skate-FLC 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	3
9 am Donut Fellowship 9 am Kids Choir 9:30 am Membership Class #15	5 9 am C. C. Group 9 am Membership Class Room #15	6 9 am C. C. Group 11:30 am Walking FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH 7 pm Trustees - room #11 7 pm Walking - FLC	7 6:30 pm Brotherhood #10 7 pm Basketball - FLC 7:35 pm Zion Choir #10	8 11:30 am Walking FLC 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	9 11:30 am Walking FLC 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	10 7 pm Pickleball - FLC
9 am Kid's Choir 9:30 am Membership Class Room #15	12 9 am C. C. Group 11:30 am Walking FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH 7 pm Women of Faith - LIB 7 pm Walking - FLC	13 -FUMC 10 am Staff Meeting - LIB 6 pm Cube Scouts - EDU Wing	14 6:30 pm Brotherhood #10 7 pm Basketball - FLC 7:35 pm Zion Choir #10	15 11:30 am Walking FLC 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	16 11:30 am Walking FLC 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	17 Community Skate-FLC 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!
1 pm Lacrosse - FLC 5 pm Elementary Youth 6 pm Jr & Sr Youth	19 9 am Kids Choir 9:30 am Membership Class Room #15	20 9 am C. C. Group 11 am Walking-FLC 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - FH 7 pm Walking - FLC	21 6:30 pm Brotherhood #10 7 pm Basketball - FLC 7:35 pm Zion Choir #10	22 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	23 11:30 am Walking FLC 5 pm Softball - FLC 6 pm Cub Scouts - EDU Wing	24 7 pm Pickleball - FLC
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**SPECIAL
JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS
TO OUR OVER 80'S CLUB !**

**BOB STIVENSON
JACK DOVERSPIKE
RON GROSS
JOANNE ALLISON**

*God's best Blessing to you!
Please Remember our over 80
by sending them a card on
their special Day!*

**** Congratulations! ****

**WHO'S WHO IN
JANUARY?**

DECORATIONS

Decoration Committee

OFFERING COUNTING

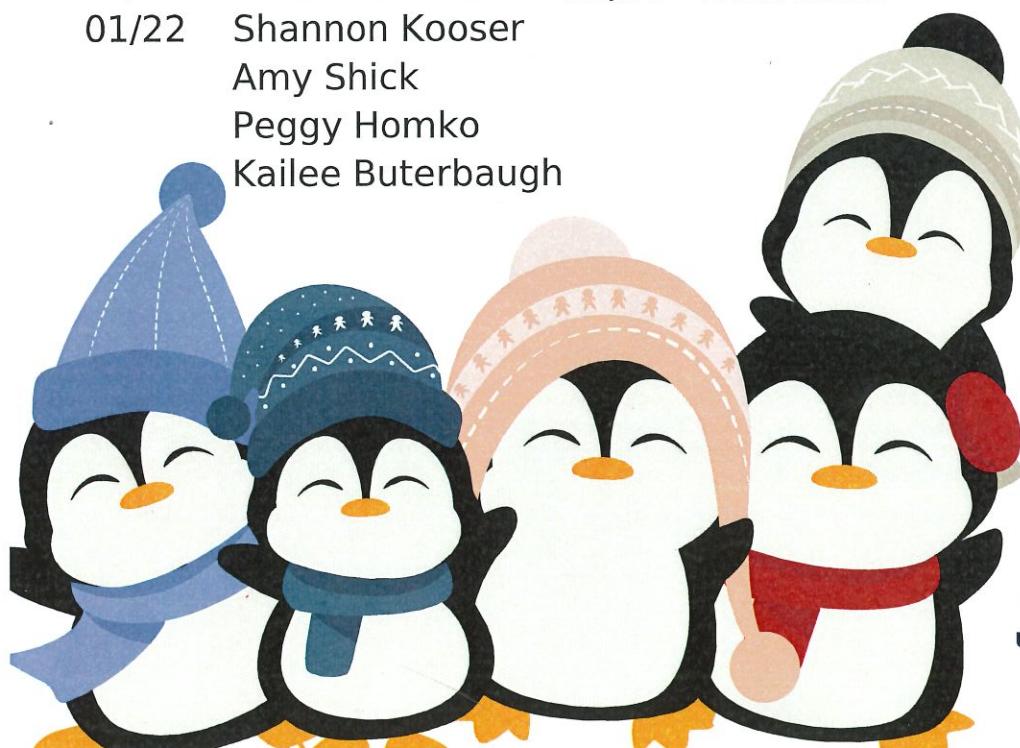
COMMITTEE

Kevin Ben, Scott Sukosky,
Gary Risch Sr.

MINISTRY TABLE

Kidz Klub

We are updating the List of Birthdays for
Zion Methodist Community Church
If we did not include your birthday,
it is probably because we do not have the
date on file. If you want your birthday
published, be sure the office has your
birthdate. If you want to be removed, let
us know. Please forgive us if we missed you
on your special day!



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of 11/30/2024 - Nextier Checking Account					
	General Fund **	Designated Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance 10/31/2024	(\$20,760.08)	\$23,532.83	\$25,972.25	\$45,502.78	\$74,247.78
Deposits	\$54,364.17	\$11,602.64	\$350.75	\$6,796.60	\$73,114.16
Disbursements	(\$34,743.71)	(\$11,553.53)	\$0.00	(\$10,465.00)	(\$56,762.24)
Balance 11/30/2024	(\$1,139.62)	\$23,581.94	\$26,323.00	\$41,834.38	\$90,599.70
		Lisa McClelland, Treasurer			

GENERAL FUND – THIS IS THE OPERATING FUND WHERE A LOT OF OUR EXPENSES ARE PAID LIKE PAYROLL, UTILITIES, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, GENERAL MAINTENANCE, MISSION MONEY ABOVE THE DESIGNATED GIVING, AND OTHER ITEMS.

DESIGNATED FUND – THIS FUND RECEIVES MONIES THAT ARE DESIGNATED TO GO TO SPECIFIC MINISTRIES LIKE MISSIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER SPECIFIC DESIGNATIONS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – THIS FUND IS USED FOR EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT ROUTINE AND ARE USUALLY LARGER LIKE APPLIANCES FOR THE PARSONAGE, ROOF REPAIRS, AND OTHER LONG-TERM ISSUES.

BUILDING FUND – THIS FUND IS FOR THE BY FAITH WE BUILD CAMPAIGN, WHICH PAYS THE MORTGAGE FOR THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

MISSIONS

MOMENTS WITH MISSIONS

Nov-24

200.00	APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT
410.00	AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES
250.00	BLESSING BOARD
1,209.95	BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
800.00	CABOT FOOD BANK
787.50	CALENDARS
150.00	CENTER FOR HOPE
200.00	DAN AND MADEL BECK (MISSIONARIES)
139.71	DISCRETIONARY FUND
250.00	FREEPORT FOOD BANK
150.00	GLOBAL LINKS
395.00	HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
200.00	LIBERTY CHAPEL WATER PROJECT
55.00	MEALS ON WHEELS
100.00	NATHAN KUCHARIK (Campus Ministries)
1,811.54	OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD POSTAGE
200.00	ROBERT & DONNA GABLER
200.00	SAMARITAN'S PURSE HURRICANE RELIEF
1,745.50	THANKSGIVING OFFERING
200.00	TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
9,454.20	TOTAL

15% of Zion's income for November



THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Mission Encounter Projects for January

MISSION ENCOUNTER PROJECTS --- PLEASE NOTE -- ALL MISSION ENCOUNTER SIGN-UPS ARE NOW ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR TO SIGN UP (NAMES AND NUMBERS ARE PROVIDED BELOW).



MEALS ON WHEELS —MONTHLY, 2ND MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 7:30 AM - 11 AM AT FREEPORT UMC, PREPARE AND SERVE A MEAL EACH MONTH. WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATOR: BECKY ROSS (724)467 2048 OR (724)295 - 3229 ROSS4HIM@HOTMAIL.COM



Free Community Meals. The 3rd Wednesday of every month from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the Family Life Center, in partnership with local home school families and Cabot Food Bank. Our next meal will be on, **Wednesday, January 15, 2025.** Volunteers are needed for food preparation, greeting, serving, and cleanup. If you would like to help, please sign up. beside the time slot you are available, and what job you want to do, on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Questions??? Contact Ginger Miller (724)352-9018. All are invited to come enjoy the meal and community fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child

We are ramping up in 2025 to have a bigger year. We are going to collect **Each month** this year. **January collection is for hats, gloves, and scarfs.** Please put any collections in the box under the cabinet in the narthex marked **OCC**(Operation Christmas Child) Thank you collecting year round.



The Blessing Board is a non-profit organization existing to provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost in response to what God has done for us.



Family Promise House

For the month of January the Family Promise House is in need of **Paper Products.** We are collecting **plates, bowls, cups, napkins, plastic silverware, paper towels, gallon size zip-lock bags, aluminum foil.** There will be boxes in the entrance of the church to place these items in.

Mission Encounter team meeting New members on this team are welcome. Please join us if you are interested on serving on our Mission Encounter Team.



COMMUNITY SKATE

Friday January 3, 2025

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ZION METHODIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Friday January 17, 2025

6:00 pm TO 8:00 pm

Bring your skates and skate to that
funky music!

FAMILY LIFE CENTER ACTIVITIES

(All FLC Activities NO Childcare Provided)



Winter Walking

11:30 am - 12:30 am

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January

01/07 & 01/09

01/14 & 01/16

01/21 & 01/23

01/28 & 01/30



Adult Pickleball 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

January

01/11

01/25

Adult Basketball 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

January

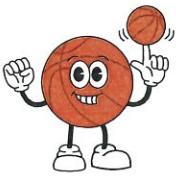
01/01

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01/22

01/29



ZION'S COMMUNITY MEAL

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

WEDNESDAY,

JANUARY 15, 2025

4:30 TO 6:30 PM

AT ZION FAMILY LIFE CENTER

COME AND ENJOY THE MEAL

WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS

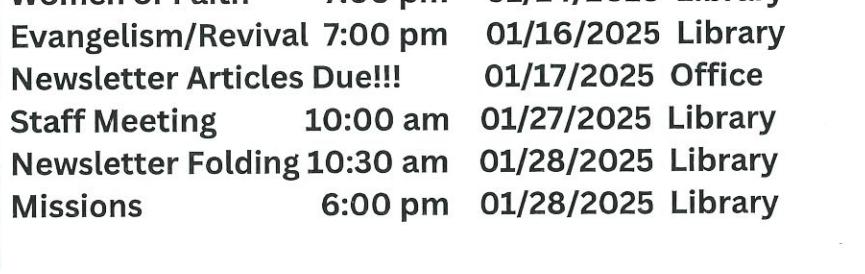
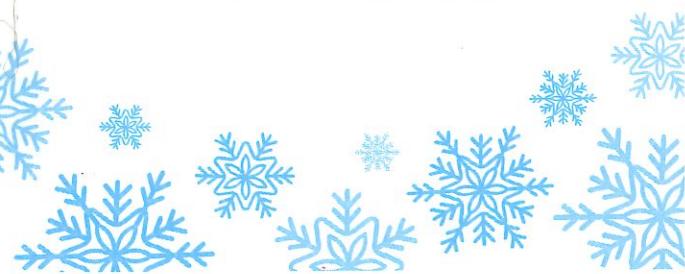
AND NEIGHBORS



Zion Ministries

JANUARY MEETINGS

Trustees	7:00 pm	01/07/2025	Room #11
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	01/13/2025	Library
Administrative Bd	7:00 pm	01/13/2025	Library
Women of Faith	7:00 pm	01/14/2025	Library
Evangelism/Revival	7:00 pm	01/16/2025	Library
Newsletter Articles Due!!!		01/17/2025	Office
Staff Meeting	10:00 am	01/27/2025	Library
Newsletter Folding	10:30 am	01/28/2025	Library
Missions	6:00 pm	01/28/2025	Library





ZION METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Fax: 724-353-1721

E-mail: office@zionsarver.com

Voice Mailboxes (messages only):

Pastor Seth McClymonds: 724-353-9510

Email: pastorseth@zionsarver.com

Church Office (Hope Albaugh): 724-353-9520

Director of Education and Children's Ministries
(Donna Scholl): 724-353-9530

Email: donna@zionsarver.com

Director of Weekday Ministries:

Email: weekdayministries@zionsarver.com

Music Office (Davlin Smith): 724-353-9540

music@zionsarver.com

Trustees: trustees@zionsarver.com



VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings: None Reported

Deaths: None Reported

Births: None Reported

Baptisms: December 15, 2024

Logan James Smith

New Members: December 15, 2024

Kenneth Thomas Dorain V

Karter Joseph Bundy

Logan James Smith

Tyler James Deacon

Welcome to the Zion Family!



If you are considering joining Zion, Pastor Seth would be pleased to speak with you and answer any questions, you might have. If we have omitted your special date or event, or if we have printed incorrect information, please notify the Office Manager, and a correction will be made.



PRAYER WARRIOR LEADER

Prayer Warriors are standing by to pray for you.
Allison Shaw is serving as the point person for our
prayer chain ministry!

Allison can be reached by email, text, or phone.
Her email is aemcc11@gmail.com
Allison's Phone is 724-822-5339



ADDRESS and EMAIL CHANGES

Please NOTIFY the office if your address and email changes.
You can notify us by phone, mail, e-mail, or a note on the
attendance pad.

Over the past few weeks, we have paid a lot of postage
because people didn't give us their new address, so I can't
stress enough, please inform us when your address changes.
Every piece of bulk mail (newsletters, holiday letters,) sent to
the wrong address costs around \$2.05. per piece of mail.



Zion's Faith Statement

"Zion Methodist Community Church is
Jesus-centered, believing in the inspired
authority of scripture, the lordship of
Jesus Christ, and the maintaining of
traditional Methodist beliefs."





Many Thanks,
to all who helped with "Deck
the Halls of Zion" on
11/24/2024. You did a great
job, and most areas are
completed.

Thank you,
----Zion's Decoration Team



Dear Christian Friend,
The Chaplains who serve the
campground ministry want to thank
you for your kind contribution to the
Chaplains in the Park Ministry. Your
donation helped to support many
programs offered by the chaplains
throughout the 2024 summer
season at the state parks..

Gratefully,
Chaplain Timothy A. Bremmer Sr.
Primary Coordinator



Dear Friends in Christ,
The Cabot Church Food Bank would
like to thank you for the very
generous donations this year. We
are so thankful that you are our
partner in the work of our food
pantry, and of course we are aware
of the work you perform hosting
the monthly Community Meal.
Without your faithful support we
would be unable to meet the
increasing needs of many in our
community.

We remain, yours in Christ's Love
Cabot Food Bank

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF,
VOLUNTEERS, AND ALL WHOM
WE SERVE, WE WISH TO THANK
YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR GIVEN TO ST VINCENT DE
PAUL.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP US
IN YOUR PRAYERS, AS YOU WILL
BE IN OURS FAITHFULLY.

**JERRY HARRISON
SOCIETY OF ST.
VINCENT DE PAUL
BUTLER DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Dear Zion MCC,
Thank you for your recent donation.
We truly appreciate your generosity,
Our administrators, cooks, clerks, and
drivers are all volunteers, so your
donation goes directly to those who
most need our help. We are pleased to
be able to offer this service to the
community and your support is critical.
Thanks

Sincerely,
Freeport Area Meals on Wheels
We deliver a Difference



Zion Women of Faith,
The AVAC wished to thank you
for your gift to the ministry
during the month of
November, 2024. We are grateful
for your generosity and support.
Thank you again, and for your
continued support.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Snair
Executive Director

Dear Friends,
The AVAC wishes to thank you
for your generous gifts of
items to the AVAC Family
Promise House during the month
of November. We are very
grateful for your generosity.
Your donation will aid in the
accomplishments of
humanitarian goals of AVAC and
many people will be helped by
your kind and thoughtful
donation.

Dear Church,
Thank you so much for
allowing us to bestow
thanksgiving to God not only
for his son Jesus who set us
free from sin but also for your
faithful financial support that
makes it possible for children
to go to school and receive one
hot meal a day. God is good to
us. He protects and provides.
thanks

**God Bless,
Ermithe and Pierre**



Allegheny Valley Association of Churches



Family Promise

Yours in Christ
Karen Snair

Extra! Extra!
Read All About It!!!



Old Prescription

Glasses: The Lady and Gents of Concordia are collecting old used prescription eyeglasses. To go to those in need in other countries. There is a basket in the narthex. Questions see Pat Gray.



Bring your old tired American flags to Zion to be disposed of properly.

The Girl Scout Troop in our area has provided Zion with a Flag Box (white box with red/white/and blue colors of the flag on it.) It is stationed in lower parking lot against the Zion Family Life Center.



Sarver Community Blood Drive

Thursday, January 2
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Zion Methodist Community Church Family Life Center
438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver, PA



To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to vitalant.org and search with Account Code UC664
- Call 1-877-25VITAL
- Or scan code for a list of all available times



Be There for Patients in Need – Get a T-shirt + \$15 Gift Card
You can be there for patients in need by donating Dec. 21-Jan. 7 and receive this exclusive '90s-themed T-shirt, the third and final in the Vitalant "Decades" series. PLUS, receive a \$15 Rewards gift card. Encourage your friends to donate with you! Donor Rewards program opt-in required to redeem shirt and gift card in the online store. While supplies last.

Details at vitalant.org/Holiday90sDonor

Schedule at vitalant.org

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

vitalant

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ZION?

Would you like to be a member? January, there is a membership class for those who want to become members. We will discuss what a membership means and how to live into our membership vows. If you are interested, Please see Pastor Seth.

Sunday

01/05/2025

01/12/2025

01/19/2025

9:30 am Room #15



ZION JR & SR YOUTH

MEETINGS SUNDAY 6:00-8:00 PM

01/05/2025
01/12/2025
01/19/2025
02/02/2025
02/16/2025

ZION ELEMENTARY YOUTH

MEETINGS SUNDAY 5:00-7:00 PM

01/12/2025
01/19/2025
02/02/2025
02/16/2025

ZION KIDZ KLUB

PRE-K TO 2ND GRADE

MEETING SUNDAY 12:00-2:00PM

02/09/2025

WOMEN OF FAITH

JANUARY 14, 2025

LIBRARY

7:00 PM

PROJECT: BIRTHDAY CARDS

PLANS FOR 2025

PRAY FOR SPONSORED CHILDREN



Valentine Snowball

A semi formal evening for our Special Needs Guest
and Support Person ages 14+

Zion Methodist Community Church
438 Bear Creek Rd, Sarver, PA 16055

Saturday | February 8 | 5 to 8 PM

Includes buffet dinner and DJ

• Please register for this free event on Eventbrite Jan 1 to Jan 25

Complimentary hair, make-up, nails by appointment starting at 3:30 PM

email Friendsgettogether@yahoo.com

appointments or questions

January 2025

Education/Children/Family Ministries Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



As we begin a new calendar year, we pray that as a family, you will also begin a "new year." Make it a year of sharing with others the blessings of Christ. Make it a year of taking care of one another. Make it a year of spreading the Good News. Make it a year of inviting friends to join you in Worship and other church activities. Make it a year of renewal... sharing can be as simple as an invitation to a movie night, a free-skate, or a pickle ball lesson to name a few. It can be a Youth Group meeting, a mission project, or a special outing too. We want to see 2025 be a year of SHARING!

Some January Sharing Opportunities...

WINTER WALKING (open to Adults)

Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 to 12:30 and 7:00 to 8:00 FLC

ADULT BASKETBALL

Wednesday 7:00 to ? FLC

FAMILY SKATE (Open to ALL)

1st Friday from 1-3pm 3rd Friday from 6:00-8:00pm FLC

COMMUNITY MEAL (3rd Wednesday) 4:30-6:30pm ***Invite a neighbor and come enjoy! FLC

ADULT PICKLE BALL Jan. 11 and 25 at 7:00PM FLC

Watch your emails and your Bulletin Board... there may be some additional opportunities coming soon!!!!

Coming soon.... **KIDZ KLUB** for Preschool - Grade 2 Details will be sent home later this month! Elementary Sunday School - We are continuing to work on learning to use our Bibles. We've gone through the basics and will now be starting on Bible stories. Come join us while we explore our Bible!

We are in need of some folks to volunteer their time to become a part of the Education/children's ministries team of Zion. If God has been nudging you to serve and influence a child's life, please see Donna to let her know you're interested!

*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

January

2025

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4:30 TO 6:30 PM

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WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND

NEIGHBORS