

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

September 2017

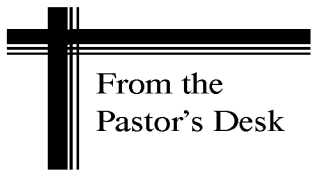
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER "TIDINGS" IS Wednesday, September 20



From the
Pastor's Desk

I like to read books about the church! There are so many books out there explaining the challenges the church faces in being relevant today in our culture and society. One of the grim results we have to face head on is that 90% of the churches are declining while only 10% are growing.

There are many reasons put forth to explain the decline of the church but according to research there is only one common denominator in those churches that are growing and thriving.

Before I tell you what it is, first things first, we have to stop coming up with excuses and do something about it. The churches that are growing and thriving have one thing in common. They all believe in their mission they believe they are making a difference in people's lives. **Those thriving churches believe they solely exist to bring others to Jesus. Their sole purpose and mission as the church is to bring others to Jesus so he can change their life.**

I firmly believe that Zion Lutheran church makes a difference in our lives. I believe in our mission statement **Serving Christ through serving others.** May we continue to invite our neighbors to Zion Lutheran Church and see how Jesus is changing lives!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: PERSONAL CARE KITS *for PROJECT PROMISE*

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

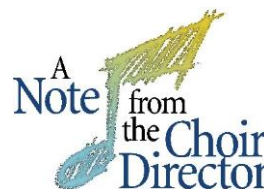
TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging* **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

** Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.



Choir will start on Wed. , Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m. Our first Sunday to sing will be on Sunday the 10th. Anyone who loves to sing, have fun, while praising the Lord is welcome to join us.

WOMEN OF ZION MEETING TIME CHANGE

Beginning in September and continuing through the fall and winter months, the Women of Zion meetings will be held at **5:00 p.m.** on the second Sunday of each month. ***The next WOZ meeting will be Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m.***

See you then!



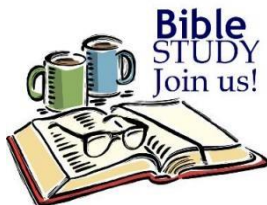
Due to computer glitches and photo quality issues, the photo directory update is progressing at a slower pace than expected. The Communications team will be retaking photos beginning at the Congregational meeting / Thanksgiving dinner in November. Look for updates in future issues of the Tidings and in the bulletins.

SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS REPORT

As of August 13th, 15 pairs of shoes, 44 pairs of socks and \$200 had been donated to our July Mission of the Month. This non-profit provides shoes and socks to children in need. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile cause!

FOOD MINISTRY

We need your help . . . Zion provides meals to those in our congregation who are recovering from a medical procedure and need help with meals. If you are able to take a meal to a family, we would appreciate it if you would contact Ruth White at 667-3149.



Starting on Sunday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m. we will be looking at the book "The Shack". I hope through this study we can learn more about God's Grace, Forgiveness, and how much he Loves us.
Through the difficult challenges in life

God is always here.



ZION'S ANNUAL MUM FESTIVAL GARAGE SALE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

You know it's time you finally tackled the basement, the garage and the attic to rid your home of clutter. And we know where you can send all of your unwanted stuff/treasures! Zion's Mum Festival Garage Sale!!!

We'll begin setting up the sale on Sunday, September 17 from noon until 4:00 p.m. You may drop off your donations of clean, usable items (no clothing and no TVs) on Saturday evening, September 16 from 4:30-6:00, Sunday after church until 4:00, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18 & 19 from 8:30 to noon and from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Donations need to be placed in the designated area in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not place items on the sale tables. If you need to have items picked up, please call Bob or Deb Keppel at **667-2228**.

We will need help setting up the sale and pricing the items, not to mention on the day of the sale, so **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY!** The sale will be open on Thursday, the 21st at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Friday, the 22nd from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

We need your donations and we need YOU!! Proceeds benefit the outreach ministries of Zion.

SEE YOU AT THE SALE!

On August 13 Zion welcomed new members Matt, Kristy, Bryce and Reese Clum. Bryce & Reese were baptized that day also.



- 1 Barbara Stafford
- 2 Jeffrey Mitchell
- 4 Lilian Nichols
- 7 Tim Garvic
- 10 Jessica Lopez
- 13 Darryl Bendickson
- 14 Sheffield Hyde
- 15 Mark Helke, Debbie Turner
- 18 Linda Short
- 19 Teresa Darrah, Kathy Groth
- 26 Bryce Clum
- 28 Nancy Clark



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Those who help and participate in Zion's Sunday School Programs as we begin a new school year.

Home bound residents specially thought of: **Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Mary Jean King, John Kruse, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish, Ramona Watkins, Ahdele Young.**

Bryce & Reese Clum who were baptized on Aug. 13. Their Parents *Matt & Kristy Clum* became members on Aug. 13th.

Susan Smith who is going through chemotherapy.

Sue Coon who is recovering from heart surgery.

Mary Ann Gross who is adjusting to assisted living from independent living.

Barb Kruse & Larry & Lil Nichols, prayers for healing.

Fred Aller was admitted to Miami Valley Hospital ICU with sepsis mid August.

Ann Whitmer, sister of Kim Jones, was put on the transplant list and received a liver. Surgery was Aug. 10. Please pray for Kim's brother-in-law Dale, the person who will give Ann the liver and continued healing for Ann.

George Hudson, Pat Cowan's brother-in-law, who suffers from cancer.

Frank & Rosemary, who need support from their family.

Roy Thompson who suffered a heart attack.

Cris (Shoup) White who has breast cancer.

Beth Wilburn and baby.



Dear Friends: Thank you for your wonderful gift of \$200.00. Your continued support of Ronald McDonald House of Dayton is so appreciated. Your belief in our mission couldn't be carried out without you. *Sincerely, Rits Cyr, CEO*

Congregation of Zion Lutheran,

We very much enjoyed our visit at your service. We want to thank you for your generous donation. It will be put to good use. We hope to see you again soon. *Susan & The LightReaders*

Dear Zion Friends,

WOW! What gratitude I feel for all of you praying, for our wonderful God listening, granting those prayers, and for breath each day! Please know how special you are to me! Also, thank you for all the notes and cards.

A very BIG thank you to Pastor Jeff for the prayers and visiting. How blessed we are to have this man of God leading our congregation.

Again, you are all special – Love and Thanks to you all! *With Love and Sincerity, Sue Coon*

THANK YOU SOOOOOO MUCH for the use of the Fellowship Hall for our dome Theater Event. The space was perfect – bathrooms & drinking fountain close by, easy access from the parking lot, close to the library and lots of space!!! We had about 200 people throughout the afternoon. It was a great success. Thanks again.

Heidi Martin, Tipp City Public Library

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY – August 7, 2017

General Preservations contacted Bob Keppel in regards to the contract for the brick tuck pointing and sealing of the south and west walls of the sanctuary building. Work is to be started mid to late August.

Rail damage on the handicap entrance on the Walnut St. door was repaired on July 13.

OK Interiors has been contacted to repair the dividing door in the adult Sunday School room.

Cintas will be contacted about replacing the existing four entrance mats on the Walnut St. entrance with one large mat. The four mats have been a safety concern.

Rieck services will be contacted about a noise coming from furnace #3 upstairs in the new addition.

Toilet in the upstairs women's restroom needs a new seal and will be replaced.

Discussion held on mulch for next year. Either some of the old mulch needs to be removed or skipping a year might be necessary.

The committee completed the elevator check and replaced bulbs.

The next meeting is Monday, September 11, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING – August 8, 2017

WEBSITE COMMUNICATIONS:

Pastor and Chuck met on July 17 to discuss ways to improve our website. The entire front page needs to be updated. Pastor's information has been updated. Photos from Youth Activities can be added to change the activity posted and kept better up to date. Pastor is interested in learning techniques from Chuck.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

Deb K, Ina Crenshaw and Linda Short worked on importing pictures and text on the office computer. At the end of a frustrating hour, it was decided that the directory cannot be done on the church's computer. Chuck and Deb will see about using Deb's Mac to create the directory pages. The quality of the pictures is also a concern. Deb will investigate purchasing a new digital camera to retake the pictures. This project is on hold until 2018. We will order more paper, and 15-20 new binders yet this year.

OTHER:

1. Tom will present our annual budget request to the Finance Board in September: \$600.00 for 2018.
2. Church Picnic on August 27th – Chuck is asked to do a Mass Email to promote. Notice to be posted on the door of

the church. People are asked to bring a dish to share for the lunch following the 10:00 Service in the Roundhouse

BRAINSTORMING WITH PASTOR: OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. SIGNAGE: YOU ARE INVITED TO SERVICES. TO ALL THOSE WHO USE OUR FACILITIES : POST OUR SERVICE HOURS. USE COLORFUL INVITATIONAL PERMANENT SIGNS. KATHY WILL WORK UP SOME IDEAS TO SUBMIT TO HAAS SIGNS.
2. PERSONAL INVITATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WE SERVE: ONLY 10% OF CHURCHES ARE GROWING, BECAUSE WE DON'T PUT JESUS OUT THERE. WE COULD PRINT INVITATIONS TO HAND OUT WITH THE BULLETINS. KEEP UPDATED AND TIMELY SUCH AS UPCOMING EVENTS (PICNIC (GARAGE SALE) (BRAT SUPPER) PERHAPS A MONTHLY EDITION – USE COLORED PAPERS. MEMBERS COULD HAVE SOME COPIES TO GIVE TO PEOPLE WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES TO SHARE OUR SERVICE SCHEDULES, ACTIVITIES, ETC.

WELCOME CENTER SCHEDULE:

Sat Sept 2: Kathy	Sun Sept 3: Peggy
Sat Sept 9: Miriam	Sun Sept 10: Jill
Sat Sept 16: Miriam	Sun Sept 17: Sharon
Sat Sept 23: Deb K	Sun Sept 24: Sharon
Sat Sept 30: Kathy	Sun Oct 1: Debbie

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 AT 5:00 PM

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - Aug. 8, 2017

1. Approved July council minutes.
2. No financial report treasurer was on vacation.
3. New members accepted into membership Matt and Kristy Clum and their children Bryce and Reese who will be baptized on Sunday August 13.
4. Our contract on copier was discussed we will get more information and discuss at next meeting.
5. Confirmation begins on Sunday September 10. Pastor will be asking for sponsors for our confirmation class.
6. Council approved the purchase of an organ at a cost of \$11,000 dollars we have \$14,700 in the organ fund.
7. Pastor shared that the 500th year Reformation series has been well attended on Sunday mornings. With forty people participating the last class is Sunday August 20.
8. On Sunday August 27 worship will be at the Tipp City Roundhouse at 10:00am followed by the picnic.

Next Meeting is Tuesday September 12 at 7:00pm

WOMEN OF ZION – August 13, 2017

Members present: 7

Devotions by Deb Keppel: Invincible based on 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

The secretary's report and the Treasurer's report were tabled as our secretary and treasurer were unable to attend.

Correspondence included thank you letters from Ronald McDonald House Charities and Tipp Monroe Community Services for our recent donations.

Old Business: \$200 in monetary donations was received from Zion members for the July Mission of the Month – Shoes 4 the Shoeless. Since our meeting, Jackie Glawe reported that 15 pairs of shoes and 44 pairs of socks were donated as well.

New Business:

Thanks to Bob Keppel, WoZ received \$250 from Thrivent Action Team funding to pay for printing, advertising and refreshments for the Mum Festival Garage Sale. Press releases will be sent to the Troy Daily News, Dayton Daily News and The Tippecanoe Gazette. Thanks to Sharon Byrd for creating and posting the sign-up sheets for this event.

WoZ will provide drinks for the church picnic on August 27. Donna Slyman will pick up these for the picnic.

Ruth White reported that WoZ will provide food for the **Art for the Heart** event held at Zion in February. A team of 4-5 members is needed to organize and carry out the cooking and serving.

A check for \$320 was received from The Clothesline. Several Zion members volunteer at the clothing thrift store to sort clothing and work at the check out counter.

WoZ hopes to organize folks to provide a meal for members of our church family who may be dealing with an illness or other difficult time. More information will be given at the church picnic in August.

At the September meeting, we will be assembling school kits in preparation for having them shipped.

*Next meeting is Sunday, September 10 at **5:00 p.m.**
(please note the time change)*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

August 22, 2017

In attendance were Melinda Schall, Susan Pytel and Jackie Glawe

The meeting was began at 6:10pm with a prayer.

- Jackie shared Sunday School for children and adults will begin Sept 10th where a balloon release will take place.

- Sunday School teachers will be needed throughout 2017-2018. Jackie shared that Jen Garvic will teach Pre-K again and that Lilo has offered to once again lead 5th-8th grade on certain dates. Terri Darrah will once again lead the High School class.
- Youth Group enjoyed several events throughout August such as a pool party, games and devotions at the Schalls. Ice Cream and fellowship at Duckys Snowballs & Ice Cream. Aug 17th was the last day of weekly Summer youth group.
- We went over the events for Sept which are With God's Grace mobile food pantry and Air 1 Positive Hits concert.
- We discussed ideas for Oct, Nov and Dec.
- Aug 20th, Jackie held a meeting for the eligible youth and their parents for the 2018 National Youth Gathering that will be held in Houston. The meeting was well attended. A \$150.00 deposit with registration forms must be received by Oct 29th. Parents and youth that are interested but unable to make the meeting were given informational packets. Jackie shared that in the meeting she went over fundraisers and that everyone participating and their parents will need to be involved in the fundraisers and also that the high school Sunday School class will be using the youth gathering "Getting Ready" materials for class since they are relative to all students and we request that youth participate in these classes as well as adult sponsors.
- We discussed the possibility of children grades 2nd - 5th attending a 1 night camp at Camp Mowana Oct. 13th&14th. Jackie emailed parents to see if they would be interested in their children attending.
- We discussed and agreed on the fundraisers we have so far for helping fund the Youth Gathering will be God's Creation Calendar sale. Wall calendars are \$7.00 each. We have pre-purchased 50 calendars. Flower Bulb sale with various options and prices. Jen Garvic along with some from the youth group will have order forms at a table after Sunday worship service this Sunday at the roundhouse and continuing weekends. Youth are also to ask around for orders. Money needs to be collected at time of order. The Quarter Auction will take place Oct 26th at Zion in the fellowship hall. Susan Pytel will be the contact person. We will also have food available. The flamingo flocking will begin at the end of August and Melinda Schall will be the contact person. We are looking into other

fundraisers such as Wendys 15%, Chili cookout, beverage sales at garage sale/mum festival car show and other idea's.

The meeting was ended at 7:20pm with The Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Jackie Glawe

WORSHIP & MUSIC – August 23, 2017

Present were: Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Linda Holt and Lori Sebastian.

Pastor began in prayer.

We welcomed Linda Holt! Linda has already graciously agreed to provide trumpet for our 500th anniversary Reformation service. Thank you Linda! We talked about summer special music and thanked appropriate people. The Sunday after Labor Day, we will switch liturgies. Terri updated us on choir plans.

Practices resume after Labor Day (Wednesday at 7PM).

Terri has already pulled most music through Christmas.

We are starting with 2 part anthems and moving into more challenging material. We will be off Sunday, October 1 and 15, and November 26. If people have interest in providing special music these 3 Sundays, see Lori. Also choir will not rehearse September 27 (youth concert) and November 22 (Thanksgiving week). Many of us are really looking forward to choir resuming because we have a lot of fun!

We talked through altar preparation. Offering both wine and grape juice for communion seems to be accommodating to several in our congregation. The altar guild members were thanked for all those little things they do that go unrecognized (flowers, preparing communion, and cleaning up after the service).

Lori updated us on the organ status. Norm Willoughby is installing the organ this week. (As of the time, of Lori writing this, Norm has finished installation – Friday, August 25th!) Norm installed 2 additional (bass) speakers in the space behind/above where Pastor sits. He was able to rewire the existing speakers for use in the front of the sanctuary with the new used Allen organ. Total cost was \$11,000, which was taken from the organ memorial fund (ample funds were available to cover the expense) – thanks to many in the congregation who made donations! The organ came with a 2 year parts and service warranty. Norm will also return (time to be determined) to give Lori 2 additional instructional lessons. The organ has a lot of bells and whistles!

Pastor Glawe led us in a study about worship. What did we like about our current worship? Various answers: that people participate, that we all sing and worship together, that the kids are involved, that we pray out loud for congregational members. All mentioned the power in hearing everyone collectively participate. Pastor also asked us if worship was centered on Christ? All of us agreed that we felt this was the primary reason of our worship; almost every Sunday Pastor is having us spell J-E-S-U-S from the pulpit! Pastor mentioned we would have some cards printed that would help us invite others who might wish to join our worship. We talked through Reformation ideas. Pastor is going to order a few inserts and medallions to help us center on what the Reformation was about.

Next worship and music meeting we will discuss Reformation themes for each October service. We also discussed possible Christmas Eve times, since service falls on a Sunday. The worship and music committee thought omitting the 10AM service and holding the regular 2 evening services (5PM and 7:30PM) will be the proposal sent to council for approval. This year, since Christmas Day falls on Monday, there will be no worship service then.

****GRACE PLACE NEWS****

YOUTH GROUP 6th - 12th grade

August 3rd we had a awesome time at The Schalls house enjoying a pool party, games and a devotionals.

August 10th we enjoyed some ice cream, games and fellowship at Ducky's Snowballs & Ice Cream.

August 17th was the last weekly summer youth group meeting.

August 21st thank you's go out to Gary & Kathy Groth and Ina Crenshaw who helped at the "With God's Grace Mobile Food Pantry" in Vandalia. Most of the youth group had open house at school or sporting events so I was really thankful to still have some helpers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT...

Sept. 18th - Help unload and distribute food at With God's Grace mobile food pantry Vandalia Village Apts. 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Sept. 22nd- Garage Sale / Car show - Help sell beverages in the 5pm-9pm

Sept. 27th - 10 youth and 5 adults will be attending the Air 1 Positive Hits concert at The Rose Center where 5 different Christian recording artists will be featured sharing their faith through music, stories and testimony.

Oct. 16th - Help unload and distribute food at With God's Grace mobile food pantry Vandalia Village Apts. 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Oct. 26th - Help at fundraiser - Quarter Auction 5:30pm - 9pm Zion Lutheran Church fellowship hall.

Nov. - Movie night - date to be announced.

Nov. 20th - Help unload and distribute food at With God's Grace mobile food pantry Vandalia Village Apts. 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Dec. 18th - Help unload and distribute food at With God's Grace mobile food pantry Vandalia Village Apts. 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

ELCA 2018 National Youth Gathering

The 2018 Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, TX. Jackie met with parents and youth on Sunday Aug 20th.

To be eligible for the Youth Gathering youth must be entering into the 9th grade the fall of 2018 up to graduating seniors.

Youth and adult sponsors are asked to participate in the high school Sunday School class where "Getting Ready" bible study materials will be the lessons for 2017 - 2018. However, these materials are suitable for all students and relative to their faith journey so this is an open class to all 9th - 12th graders each Sunday morning at 9am in the high school room upstairs.

Youth, parents and adult sponsors are also required to participate in as many of the fundraisers as possible to help cut the costs of

the gathering experience.

Fundraisers

The following fundraisers are going on now or will be starting soon.

Beautiful God's Creation 2018 Calendars - \$7.00 each available by the office or see a youth group youth or Jackie

Flower Bulb Sale - see page inside this newsletter. Orders may be given to any 6th - 12th grade youth or Jackie Glawe or Jen Garvic.

You may also call Jackie with your order at 937-478-3318.

Orders will be taken until Sept 17th. Flower bulbs will be delivered when received at end of Oct, beginning of Nov.

Oct 26th - Quarter Auction at Zion Lutheran Church. Doors open at 6:15pm, Auction will start at 7pm. Food will be available for purchase.

***Please share about our fundraisers with your family and friends!! And thank you for helping support Zion youth as always!*

Blessings, Jackie Glawe

Zion's Youth Group is selling beautiful 2018 God's Creation wall calendars. They are a sturdy 9x11 size with scripture from the International Version Bible. They are \$7.00 each, cash or checks (made out to Zion Lutheran Youth Group) are accepted. See 6th - 12th grade youth or Jackie to purchase a calendar. They are also available in the Walnut St. entrance area. These make great gifts too!

Youth Group Fundraising:

This year I want to make our fundraising efforts for Zion Lutheran Youth Gathering Group easier by using a service called FlipGive. We just

shop online with popular brands like Walmart, Apple, Under Armour, Lands End, etc or buy eGift cards to restaurants and our team will earn cash back! If you purchase online with these and more retailers and set up Flipgive this will help our Youth Group get to the Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018.

To get started all you have to do is join the team and shop. We even earn an extra \$5 when you make your first purchase.

Remember to visit our team store before you shop online, eat out, or travel so that our team will earn cash back. This is the easiest way to raise money, and we can actually buy the things we want with no extra fees!

Join the team now:

https://www.flipgive.com/teams/59103-zion-lutheran-youth-gathering/group/joins/intro?fundraiser_name=Jackie+Farmer+Glawe

Or if you're not ready to join yet here's a list of the brands and restaurants you can shop:

<https://www.flipgive.com/teams/59103-zion-lutheran-youth-gathering-group>

You can also help by purchasing items through smileamazon.com (when purchasing through amazon) first go to smileamazon.com and it will link up to your amazon account and then select Zion Lutheran Church Tipp City Ohio as your Charity and a small percentage of anything you purchase through smileamazon.com will go to our youth group to help with our funds for the National Youth Gathering in Houston 2018.

Feel free to share this with friends!
Thank you in advance for considering to help out. ;) Jackie Glawe, Christian Education Director
Zion Lutheran Church, 14 W. Walnut St.
Tipp City, Ohio 45371



GUESS WHO'S BACK?! ...

I will give you a hint . . . **THEY ARE PINK** . . . Yep that's right the Flamingo's are back! And they have already visited several yards. If you receive a flock of these cute little plastic pink darlings you should also find a letter somewhere around your front door with instructions. It may make any amount of donation to the Youth Gathering Fund and let and let Jackie Glawe know where you would like this flock to fly to next. You may also purchase **ANTI-FLOCKING INSURANCE** suggested donation \$10.00 (forms are located on the table by the Walnut St. entrance). If you wish not to participate in this, that's ok too, just add your name to the **NO CALL/NO FLOCK** list located on the table by the Walnut St. entrance or let Jackie know.

P.S. Thank you in advance for letting our youth enjoy this fun fundraiser. They have begged me since the last flocking in 2015 to do this again. The best thing is not only does it help with our fundraising but the youth have so much fun doing it. They get to know each other better and bond as a team. I also think many adults get to have fun with sending these little surprises to their friends and family. Feel free to share outside of our congregation however, you may want to give them a little heads up to keep our youth safe when making deliveries.



Please have all information to be included in the October tidings in by Wednesday, September 20.

