

12/5 email to congregation

**12/6/23 5:15p Dinner Menu:** Rustic Autumn Vegetable Soup and Chicken Noodle

**MIDWEEK Activities return Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> . Midweek kids and Confirmation class from 6:00 – 6:30p Advent 1 Service at Noon and 6:30p**

### **Sunday, December 10, at 11:30, Special Congregational Meeting**

The board of directors voted to convene a special meeting with the following agenda:

- Vote to approve Pastor Tim's call to Assistant Pastor (administrative formality required by the Synod).
- Vote to approve language changes to the bylaws proposed by the board (to permit more flexibility to future boards and call committees in filling vacancies).
- Vote to determine whether the congregation will commit to supporting the vicarage (internship) of two future ministers. We have a very exciting and unique opportunity to share our faith and gifts in ways that will touch many lives for many years to come. Please see attached file for details.

### **GRATEFUL HEARTS, THANKFUL HANDS BAZAAR GREEN DOT** sale..

Come and enjoy shopping in the Gathering Room as many bazaar items have been reduced for you. Look for the green dots!!!

**HELPING HANDS Gift Tree / Money Tree is set up in the main hallway.** Please help share God's love by helping less fortunate families within our community celebrate our Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas.

### **ATTENTION FAMILIES:**

Are you a parent(s) of a child under 2 years old? Do you want some community with other parents going through the same joys

and challenges of this stage? Join us once a month for discussion and networking down in the Nursery at Zion. **We'll meet Dec. 10 at 9:15am!**

Christmas Party for the Youth (6th-12th grades) on the **15th from 3-5pm** and Christmas Party for families with kids through 5th grade on **Sunday the 17th at 11:30am.**

Join Zion Children's Ministry and Friends of Jesus Preschool for a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th. The children will be presenting the Christmas message in late service that day and then get to have some more fun from 11:30am-1pm. We will have activities for the whole family of kids through grade 5.

**ZION PALS:** Are you interested in being a positive role model in a child's life? Kids who see a familiar face or two at worship on Sunday's and other church events are much more connected with the Christian community (also known as a church).

If you're willing to send a few cards, share a positive message, and participate in a few Sunday school activities, or simply want more information, please let **Aaron know by December 1.**

**USHERS** needed for both 8am and 10:30am services. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Fred Bierlein (8am service) 269-806-1430

or Ken Lundquist (10:30am service) 269-779-6752.

**Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! December is Cooking Oil month.** Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

**Thank you for your continued financial support.** Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

**To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:**

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

**ADVENT and FAMILY ADVENT BOOKLETS** are now available at the Sanctuary entrance.

### **HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS**

**ADVENT – Wednesdays Dec 6, 13, & 20 Noon & 6:30**

**Christmas Eve: 10:00a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 4:00p.m. Family Worship Service  
8:00p.m. Candlelight / Communion Service**

**Christmas Day: 10:00a.m. Worship**

**New Year's Eve: 10:00a.m. Worship**

### **ENHANCED BUILDING SECURITY**

**To ensure the safety of the Preschool as well as Members, Staff and Visitors, the building will remain locked including during normal office / FOJ hours of operations. We have a buzzer system in the airlock entrance. Pressing the button will sound in the Office and FOJ. A staff member can release the lock allowing people to enter the building.**

**See the picture below.**



For additional assistance, please feel free to call the Office in advance of your arrival and we will be happy to help.

**Weekly meditations** continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook

**WKZO radio ministry / Sundays 9:30am / WKZO**

**Pastor Brelje Tuesday 10:00am, Proverbs**

**Pastor Mike Wednesday 6:15 Bible Study Class**

**Pastor Tim Men's Study, Saturdays 8am Jonah**

**Pastor Tim Sunday 9:15am, Gospel of Mark (in Gathering Area)**

**Church Office hours:**

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

382-2360 / [zion@zionkazoo.org](mailto:zion@zionkazoo.org)

**For pastoral assistance:**

Pastor Mike 419-203-6770 / Pastor Couch 598-8167 / Aaron 271-2848

**If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number,**

**or email address, please call the church office and let us know!**