



ENTERING ANOTHER SEASON OF PREPARATION

Happy are those who...delight in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper." (Psalm 1:1-3)

As we prepare to enter into the season of Advent, we should also be focused on the season of growing our ministry at Zion. Like the season's of the calendar year, the church also goes through its seasons. The year begins with Advent, then Christmas, then a brief Ordinary Time before Lent. After Lent is Easter, then Pentecost and then Ordinary Time concludes the Christian calendar year.

The same applies to our walk in faith, we are never simply sitting still as disciples of Christ. We should be constantly growing, learning, living, and sharing. We are commanded to live into the love and forgiving grace of Christ, and maybe more importantly, to share that Spirit with others. As we complete our Bicentennial Year, we anxiously and faithfully look to the years ahead.

At our worship celebration on October 23, Bishop Sharma Lewis preached on walking by faith and how God blesses those who are obedient and who respond faithful to God's calling. The Bishop seemed to not only recognize the faithfulness of the people who have faithfully served Zion over its 200-year history, but to also challenge us to continue to walk by faith. This means that we enjoy the celebration of this year's Anniversary, but we maintain a committed spirit to continue to grow in our faith. We must look at what God is calling us to do next. We must keep our minds, our hearts, and our eyes open to the many ministry opportunities that are before us. We must respond to God's calling through faith and through the same Spirit that has led Zion to this point in its history.

Our Charge Conference will be on Monday, November 28, and the work has already been underway to prepare a budget that projects our commitment to ministry. We are focusing more on the mission of the church while maintaining the upkeep of the building. We are seeking to develop new opportunities for others to join in the committee structure of the church and in the missions of the church.

We will be serving PORT on November 16 & 17, and we have already built 100 flood buckets for UMCOR. We are seeking ways that we can be more involved in our community partners who serve those in need. Such partners include the Food Closet, THRIVE, the Bargain Box, the Natasha House, and the York County Head Start program. But we are continuing to strive to learn how we can help serve others.

If you feel God is calling you to become more involved with the mission and ministry of Zion, I invite you to reach out and contact the church office and share with us your desire. If you are not sure exactly

what or where you may be called, let us know your interests and we will work with you to get you plugged into those areas.

Advent is about preparing our hearts and our faith for the coming of the Lord. Let us use this season to guide us into a new season of hope and faith in ministry at Zion.

In Christ,
Pastor David



ADVENT



Anniversary Celebration



PICTURE, MISSIONS, & PICNIC

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, after the service everyone went outside for a group picture. The three groups standing make the numbers 2-0-0. While we were unable to have a drone at the event to take the picture we wanted, Rick Hopson braved standing on a ladder to take this one. Thanks to all who came out and to Rick for his photography. After that, we moved into the social hall and assembled 100 cleaning kits for UMCOR to assist in flooded areas. But before we could do that, several volunteers had to prepare the items for the tables earlier in the week.

Sondra and Warren Hickmott were two of the volunteers who separated trash bags to assure the proper count in the buckets. Cindy Summerford helped spread out the other items that were included in each flood bucket to be assembled. Other helpers included: Elizabeth Williams, Melissa Sanders, Debbie Harris, and Gayle White.





All pitched in to build the kits, then the capping crew added the final touch before being loaded on the truck.



The truck was the final destination, where Warren, Richie Moore, Marshall Butler, Clark Nickerson and Grant German helped load. Then, the Young Adult Sunday School Class prepared a hot dog and hamburger lunch while the tables in the social hall turned from kit building to food serving. Thanks to Chad Williams and Lucky Sanders, the chefs.





On Saturday, September 24, we celebrated with a sit-down catered meal. Close to 125 came out and enjoyed the food, fellowship, historical displays and video. It served as a primer to the October 23 worship celebration with Bishop Sharma Lewis.



The tables were set up with clothes, color-full runners and chargers. Flowers also donned each table with candle-lit frames with historic church buildings. Display boards with a timeline of the church's history surrounded the room. All enjoyed the setting, the fellowship, and the food.





In addition to the displays, fellowship, and food was a video presentation with a historical review and many pictures of the children and church leaders of the past.

TIME CAPSULE ITEMS DESTROYED BY MOISTURE



When the time capsule that had been laid in the cornerstone in 1950 was removed from its original place, the items inside had absorbed the moisture over the years and were ruined. They continue to dry out, some of it in rice, but the weathered items pictured here are all that remain. The newspaper and pictures that had also been included in the box have dissolved to crumbs. We believe the items that are still in form are a Stroud family bible and a 1888 hymn book.



Bishop Lewis consecrated the original copper box so that we can reuse it for our next time capsule. This time, however, we will keep it in a climate controlled area and seal the lid.



Thanks to Wray Emerson for helping to remove the time capsule from the cornerstone. He had to first cut out the mortar and then slide out the stone. The capsule was in the center of the large stone.



Our October 23 Worship—Celebrating 200 Years of Ministry



Daniel and Cooper Simpson served as acolytes and waited for their cue to process before Bishop Lewis and Pastor David as the service began.

A full house of members and guests were present to worship and celebrate this special Sunday.



The children enjoyed the Bishop's presence as much as the congregation as she delivered the message for the day. The day was also highlighted by performances by the Bell Choir. Immediately following worship and a group picture in the front of the church, everyone made their way to the social hall for a traditional covered-dish lunch.







SPECIAL 200TH ANNIVERSARY POLIO SHIRTS AVAILABLE



A special 200th Anniversary logo was designed and has been embroidered on polo shirts. There are five different colors to choose from and they are in both women's and men's sizes.

If you have not yet ordered

shirt(s) they are still available to purchase. Each shirt is \$30 and one order has gone out the end of October. The next order will go out by the end of November. It will be a great shirt for the spring and summer weather.



WE WELCOME MICKEY MONAHAN INTO THE CHURCH



On Sunday, October 16, we welcomed Mickey Monahan into the Body of Christ.

Mickey was baptized by Rev. David Magruder at the regular worship service. Mickey has been a part of the Holyfield and Ancarrow families for a number of years and felt a calling

from Christ to be baptized. After meeting with Pastor David, he asked to be baptized in the church.

THRIVE ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF NEW BUILDING



THRIVE Peninsula began its ministry in 1973 as DUCO. It was an effort by congregations in the Denbigh area to offer help to those in need in our community. Over the years, the support of this ministry by area churches has grown and so has the demand for its services.

In 2013, the name was changed to THRIVE, in an effort to recognize the growth of this ministry. THRIVE Encourages, Educates & Empowers individuals and families facing great adversity—confident that on wings of Wisdom, Hope & Love, all may THRIVE and soar to a greater Good!

In September, THRIVE announced that it had purchased the Boy & Girls Club of Newport News on Nettles Drive. Jeff and Kathy Moore, along with Pastor David, were on hand for the announcement day. They were welcomed by Angela York, THRIVE's executive director.



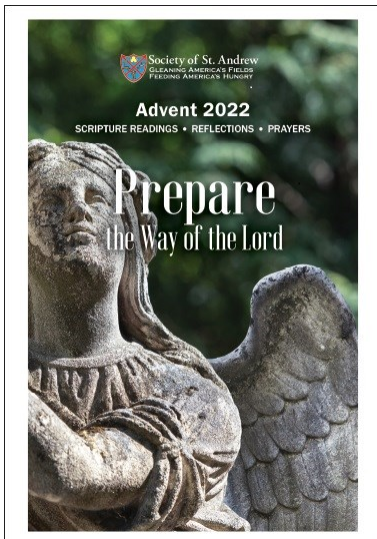
Annual Church Bazaar

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Join us for a day of shopping and fellowship at the Bazaar! Handmade Crafts, Christmas arrangements, baked goods, Fruitcakes, yard sale items, and more! Clam Chowder and hot dogs for lunch.

On October 26 & 27 we baked 251 fruitcakes! Thank you to all who helped us bake and let us use their ovens. It was two full days of work, along with fun and fellowship!





Society of St. Andrew Advent Devotional

Prepare the Way of the Lord. As the Advent season arrives, we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child. Despite the ups and downs of the year, we acknowledge the greatest gift the world has received.

This year's theme encourages you to look forward and prepare for the things promised, yet to come. This is a timely reminder to not let the struggles of the present prevent us from hoping in the promises of the future.

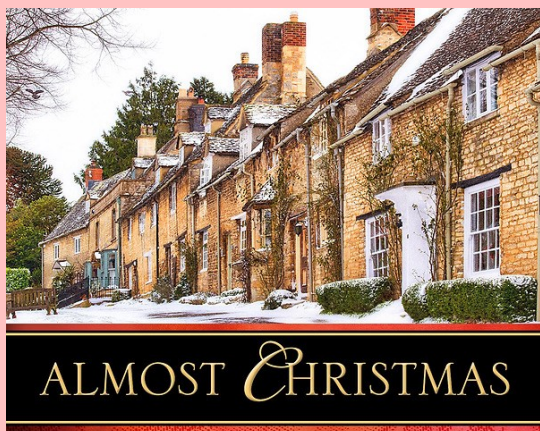
Devotions and coin banks for donations to Society of St. Andrew will be available beginning November 13.

Longest Night
SERVICE

Longest Night Worship Service
December 21, at 7:00 pm
With Anointing of Oil & Special Music

Christmas Eve
WORSHIP

5:30 pm—Outdoor service
for children & families
"Twas the Evening of Christmas"
11:00 pm—Carols & Candlelight



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

This study focuses on how we can recommit our lives to Christ during Advent. The themes will be on Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace, the four focal points of Advent.

Tuesday—Nov 15, 29, and Dec 6, and 13.
Call church office to order books at \$12 each.

**Sunday
December 25
10 am
Christmas Day
Worship Service**

Thank you Pastor David for the beautiful service you gave Robbie. Also, thank you to all who handled the reception. Robbie would be so proud.

Love, Brenda Mills

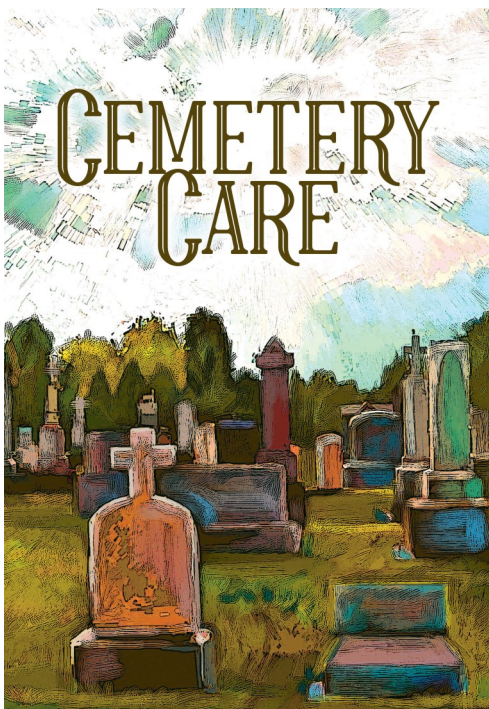


2023 Offering Envelopes

The 2023 offering envelopes will be available for pick up in December at the church. Please note that the new envelopes will have a line for your check number. This is a required field in our new church management software.

FINANCE OVERVIEW

THANK YOU from the Finance Committee! Thank you for your continued faithful support of the ministry of Zion. As the Finance Committee meets each year to plan the budget for the upcoming year. We always review giving levels from the previous two years as well as this this year's current giving level. As we have seen over these past three years, in spite of the many difficulties facing this country and the world, the people of Zion have been very supportive and we appreciate it. We feel optimistic that this faithful giving will continue in 2023 and we are excited to plan for more mission work in the coming year as we live into our Christian faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.



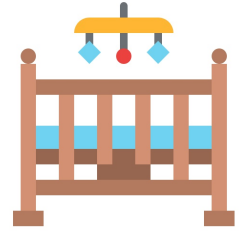
The cemetery committee is updating its file of deeds for persons/families who have deeds for their grave property in the Ballentine section of the cemetery. We have had a good response from families, however, some deeds are still needed. Please contact Zetie Damron at 757-898-5751, or bring to the church office so that we can make a copy. This is important so the cemetery committee can verify ownership of family property in the Ballentine section.

As a reminder of the Zion cemetery policy on burial site decorations: plots must be kept clear of plants, shrubbery, status, vigil lights, glass objects, flag stands, and similar types of commemorative items. These items prohibit the necessary maintenance, and grass cutting of the cemetery. Please contact the cemetery committee through Zion United Methodist Church (757-898-7417) for information or questions regarding any regulation or policy.

Seekers Sunday School Class Fall Update – Community Outreach Activities –



Our Seekers Sunday School Class started an effort earlier this year in supporting a new mission project: **Care Net Peninsula** - a local Christian based non-profit organization which supports women in crisis pregnancy situations and post-birth.



The class scheduled a visit of the facilities, formulated a support plan, and has actively begun donation collection and delivery activities. As of November, three deliveries have been completed and more are planned for the future. Various items donated include diapers, clothing and hygienic supplies key to supporting infants and early year babies/mother needs. Other types of support activities range from monetary, clothing & material, volunteer time to help with minor inventory and knitting. If you would like to know more about helping with this ongoing activity, please contact Wayne Appleton or any class member.

This mission is driven by scripture - remembering the words of King David as he declared in Psalm 127:3 "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward." And more importantly the words of Our Lord & Savior Jesus who said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Amen



SHOES TO HEAD START

The staff at York County Head Start were thrilled to receive the shoes that we collected during our Christmas in July mission.

The shoes are for the children as they return to school and are in need of decent shoes. They truly appreciate the love and support of the Zion congregation.

Pictured are: Leyda Vazquez, Jessi Dorn, Charlie Wells & Jessica Kercado.



Our Charge Conference will be held

Monday, November 28, at 6:30 pm.

Please be in prayer as the leadership committees meet to prepare for 2023.

Children's Craft Sale For the Organ Fund

Our children continue to work in their "sweat shop" preparing more craft items to sell to help raise money for Zion's Organ Fund. Our kids have taken in over \$450! Their sale continues in the commons and will be featured at the Bazaar on November 5th. Please help support our children in their ministry!



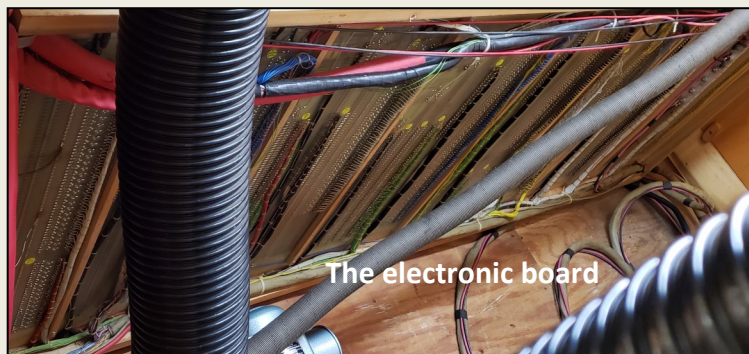
Zion Serving at PORT

Zion will be serving the homeless community through the PORT program on November 16 and 17. Volunteers are needed to help with breakfast and check out at 4:30 am on November 17. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact the church office.

ORGAN FUND UPDATE

Our 38-year-old pipe organ will soon need some repair. The electronic board that controls the air flow and the lift of the pipes is approaching the end of its lifespan. This means that the board will need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$60,000. We believe that we have a window of about five years before this repair will be mandatory.

The Trustees and Finance Committee believe we need to prepare ourselves for this expense and have established an Organ Fund. If anyone would like to donate to this fund, you are welcomed to do so and note it on your giving envelopes. In addition, over the next couple of years we will have fundraisers and budget funds to go into this account. To date,



The electronic board

over \$26,000 has been collected.





Rewards Programs for Zion

Zion is continuing to see the benefits of being a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program and of Amazon Smile.



So far we have received over

\$1,100 from Kroger Community Rewards, and \$500 from AmazonSmile. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute. To

learn more about either of these programs, please contact the church office.



Nov. 1-4 Bazaar Set up

Nov. 5—9 am—2 pm Bazaar Day!

Kit Collection at Seaford Transfer

Nov. 7—11 Limited Office Hours

Nov. 14—6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Nov. 15 & 29 — 10 am & 7 pm Advent Bible

Study — “Almost Christmas”

Nov 16—Zion Serving at PORT

Nov. 17—6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Nov. 18—Social Hall Reserved

Nov. 21—6:30 pm Advent Decorating

Nov. 28—6:30 pm Charge Conference

Dec. 6 & 13—Advent Bible Study

Dec. 21— 7:00 pm Longest Night Service

Dec. 24—5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service —
Outdoors

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Carole &
Candle Service

Dec. 25— 10 am Sunday Service

Dec. 26—28—Church Office closed

Dec. 30—6:30 pm Movie Night

CHANGE FOR

New Church Directory Pictures

Our plans for the church directory have changed. Rather than having the pictures taken this month, they will be scheduled after the first of the year.

When the new dates are set, we will let everyone know. We apologize for

any inconvenience this change may have caused.





November Birthdays

Joanne Rohde	11/1
Anne Conner	11/2
Allen Pompei	11/2
Richard Boyd	11/5
Joyce Wilburn	11/5
Patricia Capps	11/6
Frank Ancarrow	11/7
Matthew Greenwood	11/8
Eleanor Simpson	11/8
Sandra Phaneuf	11/9
Carey Crockett	11/10
Gail Akers	11/12
Lynn Allsbrook	11/12
Cole Matthews	11/12
Easton Matthews	11/12
Miles Matthews	11/12
Julie Kellum	11/12
James Dillon	11/13
Evangeline Ferguson	11/15
John Moldovan	11/15
Richard White Sr.	11/16
Ronald German	11/19
Peggy Smith	11/20
John A. Moldovan	11/21
Pete Parkerson	11/21
Liz Blanton	11/22
Corey Crockett	11/22
Dustin Crockett	11/22
Lewis Stratton	11/22
Thomas Scallorn	11/24
Lisa Elder	11/28
Rick Hopson	11/29
Chase Palen	11/29

December Birthdays

Evelyn Hartman	12/1
Barbara Wornom	12/1
Warren Hickmott	12/3
Haley Thomas	12/4
Vivian Canada	12/6
Wray Emerson Jr.	12/9
Hannah Stansberry	12/10
Robert Hansford	12/11
Jackson Moon	12/11
William Moreland	12/11
Richard Wornom	12/17
Frances McLawhorn	12/19
David Freeman	12/20
Ashby Ahner	12/24
Katie DeChristopher	12/27
Austin Jones	12/27
Preston Hargis	12/29
Cindy Summerford	12/29
Kyle Taylor	12/29

November Anniversaries

Brook & Tara Thomas	11/13
Barry & Kathy Kopczynski	11/17
Corey & Caitlin Carden	11/21

December Anniversaries

Pete & Evelyn Hartman	12/8
Pete & Debra Hargis	12/10
Alex & Joan White	12/10
John & Beverly Ashley Jr.	12/18
Benjamin & Florence Rush Jr.	12/21

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed throughout the year, please call the office or send an email to the church office at office@zionseaford.church so we can update our database.

OUR WEEKLY COUNTERS!

November: Susan Shaw & Warren Hickmott

December: Pat Binder & Maria Scallorn

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**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday,
November 6.**

**Don't forget to set you clocks back
one hour before going to bed on
Saturday.**

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