

## In Our Prayers This Week

It's so important that we remember one another in prayer. During this week, please focus your prayers on the following members who were picked randomly: Cassie Bauer; Joe and Georgann Griffiths; David and Carol Johnson; Pastor George and Ruth Olson; Troy Schutt.



### Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday are in celebration of all the January birthdays.

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or email [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers for a specific Sunday; they cost \$15.

## What's Around the Corner?

Jan. 7: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 11: Baptism of our Lord. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Praise Band Sunday. Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Coffee hour to follow worship. Taking Down the Greens. Conference Youth Event @ First Presbyterian Church in Menominee from 1-3 p.m.

Jan. 12: Write-ups for Annual Report due.

Jan. 13: Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 14: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 15: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.

Jan. 16: Blood Drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jan. 18: Second Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube.



### **Birthday Blessings to You!**

January 13: Oliver Swenson

January 15: Dianne Slack

January 18: Gina Boucher

## Thank You to Our Worship Leaders!

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for serving as our lector; to Matt Hellerman our communion assistant; to Johanna Zuehls for setting and cleaning up communion; to Ann Buscher as our usher; to Eric Morois, Troy Cording, and Gage Schutt for handling AV; to Skyler Emler as our greeter; and to Anthony Sims as our acolyte on Sunday!

Our servers for next Sunday are Kathy Heimbuch as our lector and communion assistant; Barb Grom will be setting and cleaning up communion; Deb Mylener as our usher; Ellen Basak as our greeter; Eric Morois and Troy Cording be handling AV; and Presley Schroeder as our acolyte!

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as a worship leader, please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017. Thank you for your consideration!





## Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week

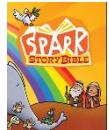
January 15: Susan Fischer

January 17: Addalynn Brown

January 18: Spencer Martin

## SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 242; "Jesus' Baptism" based on the reading from Matthew 3:13-17.



## Zion to Host Blood Drive

Zion is hosting a blood drive January 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the social hall. To make an appointment, people may call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or schedule an appointment online.

## Tithes & Offerings for Jan. 1-5

General Fund: \$4,510.50

Initial: \$45

Boiler Loan: \$500

Capital Improvement Fund: \$650

Harvest of Hope Community Garden: \$50

*Our mission and ministries are possible thanks to the Lord's labor through our faithful living and giving. The Spirit invites us into Jesus' way of generosity as we worship God by sharing our offerings. Thank you so very much for your continued contributions. Every little bit helps. You are making a difference! Again, thank you!*



## Pastor Appreciation Sunday!

We will celebrate Pastor Amanda's first year at Zion on January 11. We will have a coffee hour after worship so please join us!

## Taking Down The Greens

After the coffee hour on January 11, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated, as many hands will allow us to complete the task quickly and efficiently. Thank you.

## Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, January 15, 3 p.m. for bible study. All are welcome to attend.





## Update on the Annual Report and Annual Meeting!

If you are responsible for a yearly write up for the annual report, please email it or drop it off at Zion's office by January 12th! The report will be ready for the congregation by Sunday, January 18th. Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25th following the service.

## Sew for Missions Meeting Schedule

The Sew for Missions group will not be meeting for the month of January and February. They will resume meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.



### January Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for January is in celebration of all who struggle during the winter season.

## January Collection

Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of January, we will be collecting items for the Peshtigo Food Pantry with a focus on comforting, warming foods.

Suggested collection items are:

- Jarred sauces and dry pasta
- Canned or dry beans
- Soups, chili and stews as well as canned items to make soup with
- Boxed potatoes, canned meat and fish
- Jams & jellies, pancake mix and pancake syrup
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, instant dry milk, canned or boxed milks
- Baking needs: flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt
- Cornbread / corn muffin mix
- Canned fruits and vegetables

### Recycle Your Sheets!

Did you receive new bed sheets for Christmas? You may bring your old ones to Zion to be recycled into beautiful new patchwork quilts by the Sew for Missions ladies. All material is welcome and put to good use. Thank you!

## Altar Flower Sponsorships

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available for 2026. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis so it's never too early to reserve a special date! You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or [Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).



### **January Conference-Wide Youth Event**

On Sunday, January 11, youth between 6th-12th grade are invited to First Presbyterian Church (923 5th Street in Menominee) from 1-3 p.m. for an afternoon of games and fellowship. The event will include a devotion, pizza, soda, a dedication to the church's new Youth Game Room, and plenty of time to play games. Bring your favorite board game or try your hand at ping pong, darts, foosball, and more! Friends are welcome! Please RSVP by **Thursday, Jan 8** to Pr. Amanda at [pramandak3@gmail.com](mailto:pramandak3@gmail.com) or on FB.

### **Usher's needed!**

Due to illness, surgery and snowbirds we are desperately looking for people to usher. The basic duties for usher included filling the baptismal font with water, passing out bulletins, arrange for two people to collect the offering, lock the doors about 15 minutes into the service, count the attendees and record it on the orange slip for the office administrator, unlock the doors during the closing hymn, and after service pick up leftover bulletins in the pews, dump the baptismal font, check the bathrooms and lock the front doors. Thank you for your consideration!

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