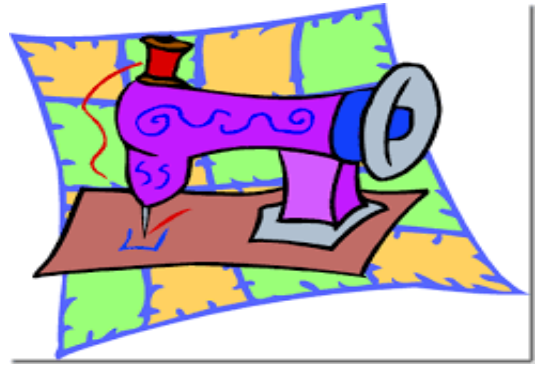




Thank you



Prayer Quilters,
Thank you for the quilt, I loved it.
Sincerely,
Kevin Draper



THE DAY SANTA CLAUS ALMOST CRIED

It was here at Zion on the "First Saturday" in December. Fellowship Hall looked great and Santa was busy talking with our guests, many of whom were from the Abuse Shelter at the YWCA. One of the smaller boys confided in Santa that what he wants most for Christmas is to have his brother and sister at home.

Zion Church is very grateful to be able to help with some of the needs of the community and YWCA during the year. We are especially thankful for all the volunteers that make this possible.

A HAPPENING TO TWO QUILTERS

On December 2nd Gray Manufacturing (my former employer) held their annual Christmas Extravaganza. Shelley Kirschner was my guest. We had hardly been seated but who came over but Stacie Gray with an effusive greeting. Evidently she and Pete had been watching for us. Both of them expressed, over and over, their gratitude for the prayer quilt she received some two years ago when she was involved with breast cancer. "Yes, everything's fine. I know there's work and love in each of the quilts you make.....the colors, the name plate!"

Needless to say, messages and encounters like this make all we do on Thursdays most worthwhile. Come, sew with us!



.Christmas 2017 Poinsettias

In memory of Ben & Helen Prentiss

-From Margo Prentiss

In memory of our parents, Arthur & Frieda Robbins

-From Danny Alders, Betty Davis, and grandchildren

In memory of Clarence & Virginia Vetter and Barbara & Dick Preble

-From CJ and Sue Vetter

In memory of Julia Kirschner and Doris Bennett, mothers and grandmothers

-From George, Shelley and Cody Kirschner

In memory of my dad, Jacob McBeth

-From Lux McBeth

In memory of Floyd & Marge Hoffelmeyer, father and mother

-From Pamela Hoffelmeyer Rice, Linda Hoffelmeyer Stenger, and Richard Hoffelmeyer

In memory of Lindsey Hoffelmeyer and Elizabeth Rice, daughter and niece

-From Pamela Hoffelmeyer Rice, Linda Hoffelmeyer Stenger, and Richard Hoffelmeyer

In memory of Dan Stenger, husband

-From Linda Stenger

In memory of Elmer & Minnie Knapp and Richard Knapp, Mildred and Russell Hoffelmeyer, grandparents, aunt and uncle

-From Pamela Hoffelmeyer Rice, Linda Hoffelmeyer Stenger, and Richard Hoffelmeyer

In memory of Jean & Fred Schneider, Maxine Frieze

-From Debbie Medley, Megan and Jack Corcoran

In memory of Joe Teliczan-from Mitzi Teliczan

In honor of Tiny Tedlock (new grandson due January 19, 2018)

-from Mitzi Teliczan

Gifts to General Fund

In honor and memory of Jean and Fred Schneider and Maxine Frieze

-from Debbie Medley, Megan and Jack Corcoran

In honor and memory of Julia Kirschner and Doris Bennett, mothers and grandmothers

-from George, Shelley and Cody Kirschner

Zion Church teaches kids mindfulness (St Joseph News Press, Jessica Kopp)

The holiday season is fast approaching and with it the stress of attending parties, buying gifts and preparing food.

The season can be even more stressful for families with young children. That's why Zion United Church of Christ offered a lesson in mindfulness for kids Saturday morning at the church's gym. Reading teacher and volunteer yoga instructor, Jamie Davis, instructed the class and said it is important to teach children how to cope with stressful situations.

"We'll learn about breathing techniques that just help bring focus to the body and just enjoy the present moment," Davis said. "I think it's important for everyone to learn how to focus and become calm and more relaxed."

Parents were also invited to join the hour long session. Davis said it is useful for parents to learn how to stay calm in stressful situations themselves, but also to be a role model.

"Once the parents understand how they can help their child, then when their child is stressed or worried, they can help them calm down and relax," she said. "They can do it with them so the child sees (the parent) relax and then they relax, too."

Bridget Kurt DeJong attended the class with her three children. Although they have attended kids yoga classes before, it was the family's first time learning about mindfulness specifics.

"It was wonderful. It was a lot of fun for the kids," Kurt DeJong said. "During the holidays there's so much activity going on, it's nice to teach them how to calm themselves down."

Kurt DeJong's daughter, six-year-old Willa, agreed with her mom.

"It was good. I want to come here every time there is it," Willa said.

The event was free of cost and Zion church only asked for donations in exchange for attending.

Jamie Davis and her class on "mindfulness for kids" was featured in the December 4th issue of "Keeping You Posted" (KYP), a weekly publication of the United Church of Christ.

Visionary Meeting will be January 21 following Agape dinner. Projects being discussed are: Celebration of our 160th anniversary on Feb .25., Trivia Night, Bazaar, Health and Wellness Fair plus Christmas tree auction by Andy and Larry.

Marge Buescher is now in the long term care unit at Mosaic, her room number is 2239. Please keep Marge in your prayers. Cards and visitors are welcomed.

Zion Church was saddened by the recent passing of lifelong member Mildred Hofflemeyer. Mildred passed November 4 at a care facility in Winterset Iowa. Our sympathy to Mildred's children, Sally and Mike, her grandchildren and nieces and nephews.



LITURGIST

Volunteer needed

Usher

Volunteer needed

Communion Prep

Betty Davis

Birthdays

- 1 Don Bisig
Chris Campbell
- 3 Michelle Price
- 7 Clay Elifrits
- 13 Laura Campbell
- 14 Gabe Deshon
- 15 Duane Medley
- 19 Kyle Rehm
- 24 Lux McBeth

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No Anniversaries for January

AGAPE DINNER January 21

Serving ham and beans, cornbread and dessert.



Messenger deadline is the 20th of each month. If your item is received after the 20th, it will not be included until the following month.
Submit items electronically to zion-churchoffice@yahoo.com **OR** place items in the basket on the counter in the church office. Thank you.



January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Quilting 9:00	5	6
7 Communion 10:30 Worship	8	9	10 E4E 6:30	11 Quilting 9:00	12	13
14 10:30 Worship	15	16	17	18 Quilting 9:00 YWCA 5:00 -6:30	19	20
21 10:30 Worship Agape lunch	22	23	24 E4E 6:30	25 Quilting 9:00	26	27
28 Worship 10:30	29	30	31			