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"Therefore, go and make disciples
of all nations....." Matthew 28:19

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E-GIVING



In order to set up e-giving, please use the QR code to the left or visit our website at www.redlionzion.com and follow the link on the homepage to sign into your ChurchTrac account with your email. Please note, you must be set up in our system, with an email listed, in order to sign in. If you are in our directory, or have given to us before, you are most likely already in our system and are able to follow the link to set up your giving from there. If not, please contact Shawn Stine at .

Under Red Lion Zion, on the left of the screen, you will find three small lines. These bring up a menu. Click online giving. **** Please use a ACH/Debit option (routing/checking # only) as we are not accepting credit cards at this time.** This includes debit cards and credits, even if they are linked to your checking, as they cost us much more to process. We can't eliminate

the option to sign up that way, but ask that you do not use it. It is very important to make sure you sign up using your routing/checking info and not card info. To sign out, click only right side of the screen.

Stewardship Corner

The Stewardship Corner, from time-to-time, will provide ways to support our church. This note is to suggest the qualified charitable distribution or QCD. Do you have an IRA? Are you 70 1/2 years old or older? Did you know you can transfer from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as the church, tax-free? Normally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received. With a QCD, however, these contributions become tax-free as long as they are paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charity. Transferred amounts are not taxable, and no deduction is available for the transfer. The transfer may be considered part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). Should you be interested in learning more please call the church office or check with the holder of your IRA.

Submitted by: Shawn Stine

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FOR RED LION ZION CHURCH

The Who, What, When, Where, and Why of Christmas

"Joy to the world, the Lord has come"! This is why we celebrate!

I think you'd all agree that television show themes go through phases. A number of years ago, medical shows were top rated shows. Then there are those about the law. Forensic Crime scene investigators, or CSIs are kept busy everywhere, looking for answers. We're going to look for answers about an event that happened over 2000 years ago.

The first question is **WHAT?** What exactly did happen over 2000 years ago that changed my life and yours, and in fact still has an impact on our world today? It was the birth of a baby boy! The prophet, Isaiah, foretold of the birth of a Savior, Emmanuel, God with us. An Angel made the announcement to Mary in Luke 1:28-31. "The Angel came to her and said, Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you". Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what these words meant. The Angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son,

and you will name him Jesus".

Now, **WHEN** did this miraculous birth take place? According to the New Oxford Annotated Bible, it was in the year that Emperor Augustus decreed that all people in the Roman Empire should be registered in their home town. The first census was taken so the Emperor would know who would be paying taxes to him. He wanted to be sure he got everything that was due to him. **WHEN** was this holy child born? It was on a night that was like other, with the most glorious display of stars in the sky.

This next question has a number of answers, **WHO?** **WHO** witnessed the events of this holy, silent night? First, there were Mary and Joseph. Neither one really understood everything the angels had told them, but they trusted in God and did as they were told. Traveling many miles for the census was terribly tiring, but they obeyed the words of the angel. After arriving in the city, the Innkeeper is the next **WHO**. He had no rooms left in his inn but when he saw Mary's condition, he allowed them to stay in his stable. The last two **WHOS** were outside the city. There were shepherds tending their sheep on a nearby hillside when an angel of the Lord appeared to them. They fell to the ground because they were terrified! But the angel reassured them she had good news of great joy—the birth of the Savior. The angel told the shepherds they would find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly there was a host of heavenly angels, praising God by saying "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace among men." When the shepherds saw the baby, they told what the angel had said about the child. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. But Mary still didn't fully realize what her baby boy would become.

Next we ask, **WHERE?** **WHERE** did this birth take place? The holy birth happened in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David.

Now, the last **WHY?** This is perhaps the most important question of all we need to answer. **WHY** did he come? God gives us HIS answer in John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life". God sent the gift of His son to bring us salvation. But this story CAN NOT end with that first Christmas. God sent us the GREATEST GIFT OF ALL. The miracle of Jesus' birth and of God's gift MUST be told to all people in all corners of the world. Will you help share this amazing gift?

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 55+ 11:30am	2 Kitchen Angels 8:30am	3 Scouts in Fellowship Hall 9:30am to 7:00	4	5	6 ONE Brunch 9:00am
7 Communion	8	9	10 Scouts 6:00pm Praise Team 6:00pm Choir 7:00pm	11 SOS 6:30pm	12	13
14	15	16 Kitchen Angels 8:30am	17 Administrative Board Meeting 5:30pm Scouts 6:00pm	18 Prayer Shawl 2:00pm	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm	25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27
28 Praise & Pizza 11:30am	29	30 Kitchen Angels 8:30am	31 New Year's Eve			



Serving Us in December

Ushers/Greeters

Shawn Stine HU
Pret Grove
Martin Hake
Cele McCloskey

Security	9 a.m. SGG	10:15 Service
12/7	Scott	Andy E.
12/14	Keith	Kieth
12/21	Andy E.	Scott
12/28	Scott	Keith

A/V	10:15 Service
12/7	Cele
12/14	Christian
12/21	Sammy
12/28	Christian

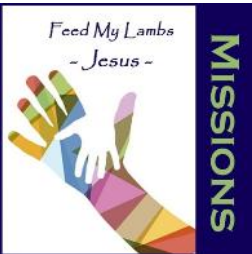
Serving Us in January

Ushers/Greeters:

Pete Paris HU
Michele Paris
Pret Grove
Cele McCloskey

Security	9 a.m. SGG	10:15 Service
1/4	Keith	Andy
1/11	Scott	Andy
1/18	Keith	Scott
1/25	Andy E.	Keith

A/V	10:15 Service
1/4	Cele
1/11	Cele
1/18	Christian
1/25	Sammy



Missions News...

Lifepath “Corners of your Field” program: Zion Church is now registered with our local LifePath Thrift Store’s “Corner of Your Field” program. When you drop off donations at LifePath, you may ask them to give the credit to Red Lion Zion Church. Quarterly, LifePath will send a gift card to our church for a percentage of the value of the items that have been donated in the name of our church.



The Girl Scouts are back! Here are some of their upcoming events;

December 3 - Product Pickup in Fellowship Hall, meeting in the evening

December 24 –No meeting

December 31 –No meeting

January 31 –Badge Day Event , Scouts will be in Fellowship Hall and class-rooms



The Fellowship Hall and Pavillion are available for rental. Church members are asked to give a donation; for non-members there is a rental fee of \$75. Reservations must be made through Judy Kauffman, 717-515-2155



Red Lion Zion Board

Board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month until further notice.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Chair - Patty Greer

Vice Chair - Judy Kauffman

Chair of Finance and Administration - Shawn Stine

Chair of Trustees - Judy Kauffman

Chair of Worship - Pastor Delass

Chair of Ministries - Jeff Shelley

Treasurer - Shawn Stine

Secretary - Jeff Frey

LIBRARY

-ON THE SHELVES CLOSEST TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, WE HAVE FICTION, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, BIOGRAPHY, HISTORICAL, CD'S & DVD'S. THERE ARE BOOKS BY KRISTEN HANNAH, HISTORY ON THE CIVIL WAR, AND EVEN AN AUDIO BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

-THE SHELVES CLOSEST TO THE WINDOW INCLUDES DEVOTIONALS, BOOKS ON PRAYER, SELF-HELP BOOKS, THE CHOSEN, ETC.

- WE ARE ASKING YOU TO SIGN OUT BOOKS AND WHEN RETURNING OR DONATING BOOKS TO PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET.

-QUESTIONS- CONTACT SUE OBLOY (717) 246-2211.

JANUARY 2026

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				1 Happy New Year! 	2	3
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Susan’s Music Notes



“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” John 9:5

Christmas Eve services were set for 1818 in Oberndorf, Austria. The song the world has come to know as “Silent Night” was going to be played and sung for the first time by two men who composed its lyrics and melody---

Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber.

Gruber, a schoolteacher, was also the parish church organist in Oberndorf and Mohr was the church’s assistant priest. On Christmas Eve day, Mohr gave Gruber a poem he had written and asked Gruber to set it to music.

Amazingly, he put the melody to the poem that same day and the two sang it

Christmas Eve as they stood beside the church’s Nativity scene.

As Mohr’s and Gruber’s careers took them to many other towns across Austria, the song went with them. The song spread as people carried it on European trips, even performing it before Austria’s emperor and Russia’s czar. A singing family known as the Rainers took the song to the US and

in 1839 performed it for the first time in New York!

“Silent Night” was first published for congregational singing in 1838 in a German hymnbook. It was used in America by German-speaking congregations and then appeared in its English form in a book of

Sunday School songs in 1863. How blessed we are to have

this beautiful melody to share each Christmas season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

As we approach the beginning of a new year, we reflect on the Christmas season and the words of the song we sing at Zion’s beautiful Christmas Eve service titled “We Bring His Light!” . Whether from a small candle or the sunshine of a spring day, light is something we can’t live without. It brightens the world around us so that we can see and understand. It brings us warmth so that we can live and grow. It is a source of life itself. In sending His Son, God has given a light that will shine forever. It is a light of truth. It is a light of wisdom. It is a light of joy to all who will accept it. Take this light of peace to all mankind; it is Christmas. God is with us...

We Bring His Light.

We bring light to all the world today, Light that will shine in our hearts.
Take this light of peace to all mankind, It is Christmas, We bring Christmas,
God is with us, We bring His light.
We bring light to worship Christ our King, Light that gives joy to the world.
Unto us is born a Child of Hope, He will teach us, He will save us,
He will love us, We bring His light.
We bring light to show the way of truth, Truth that will now set men free.
All the love of God has come to us in a Savior, Christ our Savior.
He is with us, We bring His light!
(“We Bring His Light” Purifoy Publishing)

CHURCH
DIRECTORY
UPDATE

2026 Church Directory is in the works! But, we cannot finish it without your input! Shannon and I need updates from you regarding address, email address, and phone number changes. If you are currently not listed in the 2024 Directory and would like to have your info added, please give that info to Shannon or me. We also need you to check your 2024 Directory info pages for any updates. 2026 lists of ushers, technical teams and security teams also need to be given to Shannon.

I have also placed a purple folder in the church office for any changes.

Thank you,
Judy Kauffman



Starting November 30th , on the 1st Sunday of Advent, there will be a holiday mailbox on a table to the right of the sanctuary. Please use this to send Christmas Cards to Zion friends. Cards will be sorted and placed out weekly. Don’t forget to check for yours.

Please use U.S. Mail for those who no longer attend.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

Prayer Shawls and lap robes are intended to surround someone with warmth and God’s love. We are currently well stocked and have many choices available. They are available for anyone not just Zion members/ attendees. If you have a friend or loved one who is going through a hard time and would be encouraged if they received this expression of love, please do not hesitate to make a request. To do so, contact Patty Craig (717-501-4634) or Jane Neff (717-873-9647). Also, there are pocket prayer shawls and pocket hugs (hearts) available on the table at the side of the sanctuary. If you have any further questions, please contact Patty or Jane.



Con-
tact Information

Should you need to reach Pastor Delass Johnson , please email delass@redlionzion.com. In an emergency, her



SUNDAY’S SCHEDULE

Sunday’s schedule is Spiritual Growth at 9:00 AM, followed by Worship at 10:15 AM.