

CROSSROADS
NOVEMBER 2017

"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people." - Luke 2:10

It is that time of year when the days are getting shorter and darker. I have been noticing it especially in the mornings. It can be a difficult time of year for many people who notice that they don't have the same level of energy that they do in other seasons of the year. The loss of light may be especially difficult this year, as we have been through a number of horrific events and disasters in a very short amount of time. Every week, it seemed, there was another hurricane, shooting, or fire and recovery from those events is still ongoing. And for those who are vulnerable, poor, sick, or marginalized in our society, each week has brought new threats of the loss of much needed protections.

In times like these we need, more than ever, to gather together for worship and prayer and song. The choir's anthem, 'Go Light Your World' that was sung in worship the day before the news broke about the Las Vegas shooting helped me to keep my focus on the healing love of God in the midst of grief. That Sunday we gave candles to each of the candidates for Baptism with the words, "Receive the Light of Christ." We remember that the Light of Christ has come into the world and the darkness did not and could not and will not overcome it.

The Zion community is dedicated to sharing the Light and Love of Christ with all God's people. In the following pages, look for ways that we are seeking to keep our focus on the Light and to indeed, go light our world.

Yours in Christ, Lucy



Go Light Your World Lyrics by Chris Rice

Cause We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

You're invited to Zion's
Community Harvest Dinner
 on Saturday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m.



There is no charge for this event, though donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantry of North Branford gratefully accepted.

Can you help with cooking, setting-up, break down or serving? We will be cooking and doing other preparations on **Saturday October 28th at 10 am**, further set up at 5 pm, serving at 6 pm. Please contact Lisa Latham wdwila@yahoo.com or call 203-871-9199. Thank you!

**Celebrating the Zion Community!
 Come to the Parish Breakfast!**
 between services on October 29th. from
 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

We will give thanks for Zion and to all who walk with us on our faith journey and all who participate in this community through worship, service and giving of their time and talent.

Hats, Scarves, Gloves/Mittens for All: This year Zion will be hosting Chapel on the Green on **December 17th**, a week before Christmas. Many of our neighbors attending may not have been given a present for Christmas in a long time. We will be collecting hats, scarves and gloves and/or mittens from now until December. When you begin shopping for the Fall/Winter seasons, please consider picking up an item or two. If you knit or crochet, consider making some hats or scarves – there is a pink bin in the parish hall with all kinds of yarn and patterns; there is also a box with knitting needles and crochet hooks if you need them. Please look for the bin marked HATS FOR ALL and place your donations there. Thanks so much for participating – your efforts will make a difference in the lives of our struggling neighbors.

Knit, Crochet, Converse: Come join us to knit, crochet, or just talk on the 1st Wednesday (Nov 1) and/or the 3rd Tuesday (Nov 21) of every month, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. You don't need to know how to knit, we can teach you if you would like to learn. You can help make



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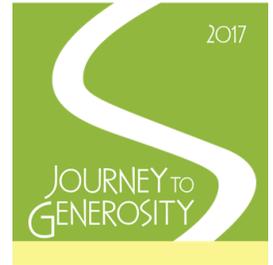
hats, scarves, prayer shawls, or begin a project that is dear to you. If you aren't sure knitting is for you, then come for the conversation. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact Jane Chick at 203-988-4401 or ctycampboss@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Orientation & Training at The Connecticut Hospice

CT Hospice in Branford is sponsoring volunteer orientation and training this fall for those looking to serve others in the community. You can serve both homecare and inpatient hospice patients and families as a friendly visitor, provide pastoral care or bereavement services, help in the arts, massage therapy, pet therapy, as hairdresser or barber or providing transportation. For more information contact Joan Cullen at 203-315-7510 or jcullen@hospice.com

Annual Appeal Drive

This year's pledge drive will conclude on Sunday October 29th. Please prayerful complete your pledge card and return it on that Sunday. We will put our pledge cards on the altar.



Thank you for your generosity which enables Zion to gather for worship, serve God in the community and region, and offer our space for ministries to children and those in recovery. Your pledge for 2018 will determine how much we can do.

For all the Saints



On Sunday, November 5th, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. During the liturgy, the list of names of those who have died in the past year will be read aloud.

Please submit the names of your dear departed ones to be printed in the bulletin to parish administrator Debbie Anderson, [zion_office @att.net](mailto:zion_office@att.net) as soon as possible. Please indicate whether any of these have died in the past year.

**Get your cookies, coffee cakes, and pies
for the holidays from
Nursery on Notch Hill!**



M & R Fund Raisers is back selling their popular pies, coffee cakes and David's Cookies as our first fundraiser of the school year. We hope that you will consider supporting our school by making a purchase.

Everything is delicious and will be here just in time for Zion's Holiday Fair (*see next column*) and Thanksgiving!!

Please make your checks payable to: Nursery on Notch Hill (orders must be paid in advance by cash or check).

All orders must be made by **Wednesday, November 8th**. All orders will be delivered to our school and available for pick up on **Thursday, November 16th** from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Items are frozen so we will need you to pick up your orders on the delivery day. We do not have space to store the orders.

If you have any question please speak with Jane Chick or call our school at 481-0240.

Thank you for supporting the Nursery on Notch Hill!

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Thank you to all who walked or supported the Zion team for CROPwalk this year. Thus far we have raised over \$700!

Thanks to Lisa Latham stepping up to chair this year's team from Zion!

Donations can be made through November.

MILESTONES

Baptisms: Dexter James Weaver, July 23
Miliana Kathleen Volta, October 1
Noah John Carley, October 1
Deaths: Rose Mary Pariseau, September 12

Zion's Holiday Fair



On **Saturday November 18**, Zion will welcome the community to our annual Holiday fair. This is a wonderful time for the parish to work together, have great fun and raise some funds for the church. However, before we can do all that we have lots of work to do and as we know, the Zion motto is "many hands make light the work." We do need hands.

Whether you are a seasoned fair worker or new to the fair, we really need your hands. There are many ways in which you can help out.

We need crafters, are you good at knitting or crocheting, gluing and putting things together, if you have a special craft that you can make to sell at the church, it would be much appreciated.

We are looking for items for our annual White Elephant sale. Things we are looking for are; jewelry, books, Christmas decorations, puzzles and small kitchen appliances as well as dishes, glasses, pans, etc. All items can be stored downstairs in Dave's Cave! No clothes or large items please!

As the time gets closer, we will be asking for people to bake cookies for the cookie walk as well as baked goods and other items for our Homemade Goodies table.

Sign-up sheets will go up this weekend for helpers. We are greatly in need of set up persons, as well as fair workers especially downstairs in the White Elephant area.

Having chaired and worked this fair for many years, I can tell you that it is a lot of fun and a great way to share fellowship at Zion. We greatly appreciate all of the help and hard work that goes into making this a great day for the Church. If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions please let me know either in person or by email; wdwlila@yahoo.com.



Music News

The Zion musicians have already been hard at work preparing music for Advent and Christmas. As always, it comes up so quickly.

We also began working on the Christmas Pageant. There is still time to sign up. Angels, shepherds, and other traditional nativity chorus roles are available. Rehearsals for the chorus are after church on Sunday December 3, and 10, and dress rehearsal is Saturday December 16th from 9-11. The pageant will be performed during worship on Sunday December 17th during the 10 am service.

While I am thinking about Thanksgiving, I want to say how very thankful I am for all who share their gifts of music with us at Zion.

If you want to sign up for the Christmas pageant, or would like to participate in the music ministry, please send me an email.

Looking forward to a wonderful holiday season.

Blessings,

Ralene K. Goff

ralenegoff@gmail.com

Buildings and Grounds Report

The summer and early fall allowed the Building and Grounds Committee to finish some major projects while continuing to identify additional maintenance needs. Here is a status to some of the projects you may notice being worked.

1. Back deck and stairs were removed and replaced with a new handicap railing. They will be painted in the next few weeks which will complete the project. Funding was possible through the William Foote Fund Trust.
2. Plans are in the works for installing a new handrail to the handicap ramp within the next few weeks. In addition, we have already made some repairs to secure the ramp.
3. The wooden frames of the stained-glass windows need to be scraped and painted. B&G is developing a specifications sheet to request bids from a restoration painter because of the age of the windows. Because the frames will require more detailed handling we may have to reduce the number of windows we would restore each year in order to restore the entire window and frame.
4. B&G also prepared a request for quotes for contractors to bid on a design for the kitchen. We also met with town representatives to discuss code requirements. We will also be consulting with an architect in the coming weeks.
5. After meeting with the Town building inspector we realized that many of the non-kitchen items in the kitchen area must be stored elsewhere. This winter we will be asking everyone who stores materials, supplies or any items in any closets or in the kitchen to begin to clean out their storage space. We are very short of space and we need to make better use of our mutual storage space. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.
6. Although the weather wants to be summerlike we will be planning a Fall Clean Up Day and will ask for your help.

Finally, I want to thank everyone from B&G, most especially **Al Maiorino, David LaRocca, Carl Ford, Nancy Fryer** and **Debbie & Joe Anderson** for all they do.

Diane Iglesias
Jr. Warden

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Knitting ministry			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY HE 8 & 10 a.m.		11 a.m. Memorial Service				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pentecost 23 HE 8 & 10 a.m.		7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Zion.		Fair set up	Fair set up Diocesan Convention	HOLIDAY FAIR Diocesan Convention
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pentecost 24 HE 8 & 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Memorial Service		Knitting ministry				
26	27	28	29	30		
Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Adult Forum HE 8 & 10 a.m.		7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Trinity Branford				

AA: Thursday, Friday, & Sunday Nights (6:30 - 9:00 p.m.) Yoga: Monday (6:00 - 7:45 p.m.), Thursday (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.)
SUBMISSION DUE DATE FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY CROSSROADS IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Remember the “fall back” time change on Sunday November 5th at 2 a.m.



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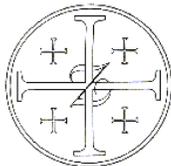
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* ***HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES FOR ALL (See page 2.)***

* ***HOLIDAY FAIR (See page 3.)***



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