

# Hi-Lites

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Isaiah 42:14-16 New International Version (NIV)

*14 "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them."*

Grandson Tripp Lawson, would not, could not, come to life on his own. With love and pain his mother pushed him forth into the waiting world. Tripp's journey was difficult, slowly and with great pain he made his way through the birth canal. Full of bruises and marks he wore for a short time testifying of his journey. As he grows older he will continue to carry marks and bruises from life's trials.

Mother pushing, God pulling (vs. 14 "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.") The journey, the coming of New life is a journey we take each New Year. We are often stymied by the birth canals of life, knowing less than full joy but God will pull us to new life and we will soar if we remain faithful. Tripp left the security of his mother and for a short time felt scared but quickly learned he could depend on his mother and father for his needs. Like Tripp we have a holy parent we can depend on.

As we enter into this New Year often we are unsure of what is to come. As a church we wonder...who will volunteer? Where will we get the money for new projects? What will the future hold for Zion? To this I say to you...Happy New Year, have faith, and trust in God and all the concerns will take care of themselves. This is also true in your personal lives. Happy New Year, have faith, and trust in God and all the concerns will take care of themselves. Here the words from the song *Borning Cry. I was there to hear your*

*borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, and a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.*

God Bless, Happy New Year

Pastor Tom

### **De-decorating**

Thank you to those who were at Sunday School on Jan. 8 and helped to de-decorate the church and Sunday School room.



### **Sunday School Board**

The Sunday School Board did elect its board at our meeting January 8th: Sherri Arrowood, superintendent, Diana Johnson, secretary, Candy Wagner, treasurer, Joan Pogue assistant treasurer and members Laura Frey, Barb Metcalfe, Peggy Barnhart, and Esther Wagner.

February 12, 2023 for March Hi Lites.



### **UCCA meetings**

Candy Wagner, Laura Frey and Pastor Tom are Zion's Representatives.

Jane Johnson always has Cash for Causes cards—\$25, \$50, & \$100—use to buy food, gas, Rx. The purchase helps the Women's Guild.



### **Christmas Eve Services from our Balcony**

Paint night—JJ, Lynne, Jim, Kathy, Patty, Candy, Millie





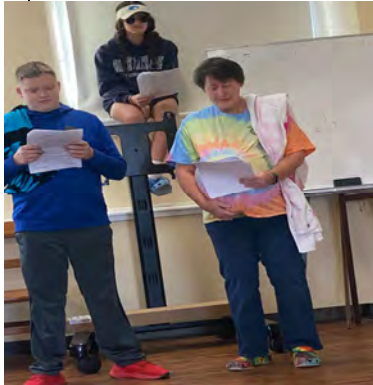
Gingerbread House building after church—Millie Willman, Patty Dunkle, Cole Frey, Miles Barnhart, Maddee & Harper Duke, Megan Duke and Candy Wagner. Rev. Ileana and Mike Bosenbark not in group picture.







Riley & Jordyn Wagner; Maddee & Harper Duke; Miles Barnhart, Laura Frey—Christmas play during Sunday School.





### **Consistory news**

On Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m. Consistory meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

The officers of the Consistory are: President—Pastor Tom, Vice President—Candy Wagner, Secretary—Laura Frey, Treasurer—Jim English; Assistant Treasurer—Laura Frey, Financial Secretary—Jack Arrison; Building and Grounds - Fred Gosart

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us in the Parish House each Wednesday, starting Jan 4 at 10 a.m. for our midweek Bible study. New members and friends are welcome. This is a great time for learning and fellowship. Why not make Bible study a New Year's resolution?

**Upcoming Dates.** There are many special events and activities scheduled for the coming holidays. Please mark these events on your calendars.

**The Blessing Box** always needs food for the local needy people.

The Congregation has been challenged to buy a box of food. Neighborhood food boxes. (will be distributed on March 12, 2023)  
Cost per box under \$50.00/goal—20 boxes)

Bring a box full or a can of food or cash and we will buy. What Ever you can do!

Example Food Box Items (or make your own)

Canned ham, rice, beans, tuna, tuna helper, soup, can of veggies, Canned chicken, box of cereal, can of fruit, bread, spam, peanut Butter, juice, jelly, Mac & Cheese. Giant cost—\$40.68

## Family Page

### January Birthdays:

4—Lleigh Truett  
10—JJ Johnson  
12—Kevin Barnhart  
16- Barb Metcalfe  
27- Jack Arrison  
29- Denise Foreman

### February Birthdays:

1—Robert Smith  
2—Harper Duke  
6— Miranda Rupert  
7— Megan Duke  
8—Riley Wagner  
9— Fred Gosart  
10— Chelsea Egolf  
12 - Baillie Barnhart  
16—Peggy Barnhart  
16—Sean Wible  
20—Myra Gosart  
26—Pat Hileman  
27—Joan Thomas

*Thank You!*

Dear Friends of Zion,

Thank you for all the get-well cards, phone calls and prayers during my recovery. I'm at home recuperating slow but sure. I appreciate it all so very much.

Love to all my friends in Zion. Jean Gonder (I missed this Thank you last month)

## **Zion's Women's Guild**

### Election of Officers

President—Mara Smith

Secretary --Candy Wagner

Treasurer --Millie Willman and Pat Hileman

Committees: Sunshine and Global Ministries (Candy Wagner), Hoffman Homes and CASH for Causes (Jane Johnson), Church Women United (Esther Wagner)

### 2023 Schedule

#### Regular meetings:

February 14 at 1:30 in the Parish House

March 14 at 1:30

April 11 at 1:30

June 13 at 1:30

September at 1:30

October 10 at 1:30

November 14 at 1:30

#### Special Events:

Family Night Dinner - May 2 at 6:00pm

Appreciation Dinner—July 12 at 6:00 pm

Ice Cream Social — August 27 at 4:00 pm

Family Night Dinner —December 5 at 6:00 pm

More information to follow on special events.

Fundraisers — planning a Smith's BarBQ Dinner Sale and Butcher Shoppe Shubs. CASH for Causes continues throughout The year. The money from these help to sponsor the Congregational Dinner and other special events.

**May the new year bring you blessings of good  
health, love in your heart, joy and safety  
for you and your family!!**

**Oh, the weather outside is frightful,  
and our joints are not delightful,  
since it's got so dang cold,  
We feel Old,  
We feel Old,  
We feel Old.**

**Recipe for a good day:  
Mix 1 cup laughter, 3/4 cup of gratitude,  
add a positive outlook and mix with  
lots of love. Serve with hot coffee or tea!**

**As the day turns to night, keep your  
works out of sight. Close your eyes  
and go to sleep. All the good times  
are yours to keep!!!  
Good night**

**I'm So Old That  
I have dialed a rotary phone (that didn't have an  
answering machine), recorded a song that I  
Love off a transistor radio onto a tape recorder,  
watched a black & white tv (with less than 10 channels)  
that had foil on the rabbit ear antennas, taken a long  
walk without counting the steps, and eaten food that  
I didn't take pictures of.**

## **I Thought of You Today**

**I thought of you today, but that is nothing new,  
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.**

**I think of you in silence, I often speak your name,  
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.**

**Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part,  
God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.**

**Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better to paint  
a picture, or write a letter, bake a cake , or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and need?**

**Dust if you must, but there's not much time, with  
rivers to swim, and mountains to climb; music to hear,  
and books to read; Friends to cherish, and life to lead.**

**Dust if you must, but the world's out there with the  
sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair; a flutter  
of snow; a shower of rain, this day will not come around  
again.**

**Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go (and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust.**