

**GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:**

The word for *Lent* comes from old English, and refers to the lengthening of daylight during the season, which culminates with the celebration of light and life that enters our world through the Good News of the Resurrection on Easter. It is certainly true that since the winter solstice on December 21, the daylight during each day has been a little bit longer than the day before. Still, the cloud cover, increasing precipitation, gray skies, and our snowy outlook usually make it hard to believe that the sun's power is growing during the months of January and February. This has certainly been even more powerfully true this year, with February becoming a record month for snow and cold. Who would have thought that when Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Groundhog Day, the six more weeks of winter would have been this severe! Of course, the upside to combining record snow with lots of cold is that the snow cover stays white longer; but that is little consolation for the wintry doldrums February has delivered in giving way to March.

When Marilyn and I were in Palm Springs in January, we took in another Norwegian film at the Palm Springs International Film Festival. Last year it was the interesting film *O Horton*, a delightful story, with scenes of Norway's winter forming the backdrop of the train run from Bergen to Oslo. On the one hand, it was nice to know that the weather is far worse in Norway than it is here in Northeast Ohio. On the other hand, it was hard seeing how brutal the weather can be, and what a depressing effect it can have on the people who endure it. This year's Norwegian gem was entitled *North*, and again, weather played a big role in both telling and understanding the story. The main character is found recovering from depression. It turns out that depression goes hand-in-hand with the cold, wind, and snow, together with the dreary darkness and awful loneliness that flow from the landscape of life in the Arctic Circle.

Marilyn has been to Norway (in the summer), and reports that the fjords are beautiful, the villages quaint, the people friendly, and the fresh fish is to-die-for. We have no reason not to believe her report. But there is no disputing that the winters in Norway are severe, and the effects of what we now call *Seasonal Affective Disorder* are well documented throughout the northern hemisphere. There are many reasons why our world longs for the lengthening of daylight and the increasing sun power that grows as Lent leads to Easter. Light and life go together. This connection forms the backdrop of our worship plans. March will give way to the Good News of the Son's triumph. With each week, we will mark the imminent end of this sad season, as it gives way to the arrival of the true joy that comes with our Lord's Resurrection.

Each of the four Sundays in March moves us closer to the arrival of Easter in April. On the evening of March 7, we offer an excellent Lenten drama featuring Jim Fidler as *Barabbas*. On the evening of March 14, we offer a selection of Special Music for Lent featuring our Senior Choir and Zion's Praise Team. On the evening of March 21, our children will join in their dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative from Luke. Then, on the morning of March 28, the Sunday School presents their Annual Easter Program, which sets the events of Holy Week in motion, with Palm Sunday leading to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The darkness of Good Friday will give way to the dawn of Easter morn, when the light, which has come into the world through the birth of Jesus, illumines the way that leads to true life, the life God intended, the life God desires, the life God promises and gives through Jesus Christ. Come and worship.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Our February meeting was snowed out, and rescheduled for the fourth Tuesday. Since the Church Office Secretary Search Team's interviews for February 6<sup>th</sup> needed to be re-scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup>, the timing turned out to be perfect. The Search Team was able to interview five finalists, and recommend our choice in time for Church Council's re-scheduled meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. That choice, as is evident on the next page, was Jayne Schrader. Council members present for the vote of approval were Jim Fidler, Sue Heyard, Dave Palumbo, Tina Beaber, Jim Dansizen, Linda Lancashire, Cathy Harvey, and Pastor Sherwindt. Jayne was present for the meeting, but not for that part of the meeting when we approved Mutual Ministry's recommendation. All agreed that Jayne was a great choice! Jayne returned to a room that was happy for her interest and glad to welcome her aboard. Mark Votaw and Dale Jacobs were unable to attend.

### ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS: JANUARY

Carryover 2009 Surplus	+ 14,905.77
Income for January	21,491.37
Expenses in January	<u>21,777.41</u>
January's Slight Deficit	( 286.04)
Cash-on-hand for 2010	+ 14,619.73

January was a month where our income was exceptional! There were five Sundays, which is good, and each Sunday saw strong offerings. Expenses were average, and the result was a surprisingly small deficit for January. Winter will take its toll on expenses; but between the strong support we've seen and the great surplus with which we began the year, we have every reason to expect great things for 2010.

***We thank you for your generous support!***

## MORE COUNCIL NEWS

**Dave Palumbo:** The Treasurer's Report for January was surprisingly strong. We usually expect to be overwhelmed by utility bills; but our new HV/AC system has truly taken the sting out of these winter gas bills. Snow-plowing and salting will surely take a toll on our finances; but so far offerings have for the most part kept pace with expenses. The month of February seems to be on track to leave us with a very manageable deficit as we enter March. We understand that staffing expenses will now increase with the hiring of our Church Office Secretary; but we are in a strong position to take on this challenge.

**Susan Heyard:** Mutual Ministry offered the recommendation that Jayne Schrader become our new Church Office Secretary. Brian Milek joined Sue, Jim Fidler, and Pastor Sherwindt in conducting the search, interviewing candidates, formalizing the job description, and arriving at our first choice. More than one-hundred-and-seventy-five persons applied for the position. Six candidates were selected as finalists; five were interviewed. The presence of so many applicants created a very strong pool of persons with skills and experience precisely in the areas of expertise that were required for our position. Jayne's sixteen years of experience serving as the Office Manager at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Stark & Carroll Counties, together with her forty-two years of very active membership at Zion combined to give her the edge as the strongest of five very strong candidates. Also, Mutual Ministry added a fourth member to our group. Lorraine Weinman was approved to replace Linda Ross on Mutual Ministry. She joins Brian Milek, Blair Woodside, and Kay Davis as our four non-Council members of this ministry.

## **COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D)**

**Tina Beaber**, Learning Ministry Elder, was happy to report that our participation in this year's *Souper Bowl of Caring* generated almost \$250 in congregational support. Our Youth at Zion were one of 9,741 groups that combined to raise \$8,884,752 in an effort to help folks in need across the country. Every single dollar that is donated goes to help the charity of each group's choice. Our charity is *Shoes & Clothes for Kids*. We'll pool our resources, add something from our Youth Fund, head out on a shopping safari, purchase what we need, and give it to Mark Votaw to take with him to Cleveland, where *Shoes & Clothes for Kids* provides new shoes and clothes to thousands of kids in the greater Cleveland area at no charge.

**Jim Dansizen**, Witness Ministry Elder, reported that the Witness Team will resume meeting monthly, beginning in February. Kelly Walters has been asked to add a fresh voice to the team, as she joins Jim, Lorraine Weinman, Elaine Fidler, Jim's son, Howard Dansizen, and Pastor Sherwindt. We look forward to continuing some past successes, including our participation in *The Main Street Festival*, perhaps resuming the fun times we facilitated with the *Sunday Brunch Bunch*, and adding some community service programs to our calendar of events. Stay tuned.

**Zion's Sunday Evening Lenten Dinners:** Council finalized the schedule of Lenten dinners and services, with Sunday, March 7, serving as the occasion when Council will host the Lenten dinner and Jim Fidler will portray *Barabbas* in our Lenten drama. Due to an afternoon Canton Symphony date, we decided to delay the start of our dinner one-half hour to 6:00 p.m., with our devotional drama beginning at 6:45 p.m. We hope this change will enable everyone to join us.

## **MEET JAYNE SCHRADER!**

Jayne Schrader has been a member of Zion since 1968, when her family moved to North Canton from Parma Heights, Ohio. Her mother, Edna Fischer, has been an active member since their arrival; and her children, Renee and Adam, have been active here since birth! Jayne has been active in many ways, most recently as Church Council Secretary, an office she's held since November of 2005. Jayne was appointed by Council to serve the remainder of an unexpired term, and then was elected to two of her own terms in 2006 and 2008. We expect that she will complete her second term, which ends in June.

At Dick Spall's suggestion, Jayne applied to become the Office Manager at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Canton back in May of 1993. Jayne joined the Executive Director to become a staff of two. They were working on 7 homes and overseeing a total of 20. During the course of Jayne's tenure, they grew in strength and size in every way. Now they average 20 new homes annually, and oversee a portfolio of 350 homes and are in the process of adding new families to the roll of successful homeowners. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Canton and Carroll Counties is Ohio's leading affiliate, having distinguished this site as being only one of seven nationally that, in addition to building 20 new homes in our neighborhood, has contributed over \$1,000,000 to help in building homes all over the world! This is a reflection of the tremendous support our local Habitat has built up over the years. During Jayne's tenure, the number of people in the data base for quarterly newsletter mailings grew from 1,800 to over 11,000!

Needless to say, we are thrilled to be able to use the many skills Jayne has honed in being a part of such a successful team at Habitat.

## **ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE**

The dire poverty in Haiti left the country completely vulnerable when its earthquake struck. The tragic realities of devastation continue to fill the news and crush the lives of Haiti's people. The ELCA has supported a multi-national, multi-lateral response that includes the coordination of relief and development agencies through Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, of which the ELCA has been a member since 1995. Support has been provided through Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Church World Service (CWS), and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to respond to the needs of affected individuals and families. The Lutheran World Federation has been present in Haiti for over two decades. To date, the ELCA has given more than 30,406 gifts totaling \$5,248,000! We can count ourselves among ELCA Lutherans responding, with donations designated for Haiti Relief totaling \$500.00. You have our thanks.

While Haiti remains a front-burner hot spot needing Disaster Relief, recent news from Chile makes it clear that there is no rest for the weary. On February 27, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck in Chile, 200 miles south of the capital city of Santiago. The ELCA is uniquely positioned to respond. Unlike other aid organizations, ELCA Disaster Response works through long-standing partnerships on the ground that are prepared and able to reach the most affected communities. One such partner, *the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile*, reports that church buildings are already being used to shelter the homeless. Our partners are in need of food, water, water filters, shelter and personal hygiene items to distribute to affected communities. If you would like to help, rest assured that 100% of all dollars given will help the victims of these disasters. Zion will gladly forward all designated gifts to ELCA Disaster Response.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Several of our members have taken the lead in preparing great discussions for our *People of Faith* Bible study entitled *A Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat*, which deals with the memorable cast in Genesis – Adam & Eve, Abraham & Sarah, and Jacob. This Bible study is a hoot! These stories are really funny. This past week, Abraham did his stand-up impression of Henny Youngman's famous line, "Take my wife, please!" That was the line with which he abandoned Sarah to a crew of not-so-secret admirers closely associated with the Egyptian Pharaoh. It's been pretty tough for men trying to defend Adam's blame games, Abraham's cowardice, and Jacob's cheating ways. It's been so tough that at times we've had to resort to child's play to even the playing field. Someone was surfing online, and actually found this piece entitled *The Children's Bible in a Nutshell*.

"In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check...."

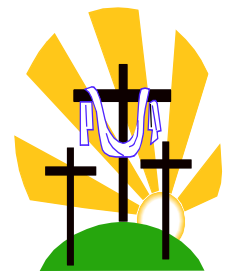
## **GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sunday, March 7:** Sunday School Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room  
**Sunday, March 14:** Sunday School Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room  
**Sunday, March 21:** Sunday School Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room  
**Sunday, March 21:** The Youth of Zion host our Lenten Dinner and lead our Lenten Service  
**Saturday, March 27:** Children's Easter Program Dress Rehearsal in the morning at 11:00 a.m.  
**Palm Sunday, March 28:** Children's Easter Program during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
**EASTER SUNDAY, April 4:** Our Children's Easter Egg Hunt for all ages during Sunday School

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL: PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 6**

The children will continue their regular Sunday School schedule during March. The Sunday School Children's Choir practice begins at 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room, which is followed by Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The children will also be receiving their parts for this year's Easter Program, *Props for Easter*. In this year's program, our Sunday School children are invited to tell us about many of the familiar symbols that we see with the celebration of Easter.



The children will perform the Easter Program on Palm Sunday, March 28, at the 10:30 a.m. service only. We will have dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 27, at 11:00 a.m. Our Dress Rehearsal will be followed by a Pizza Party in Luther Hall to celebrate the children's hard work. We are looking forward to another great performance by Zion's amazing kids!



We will have our traditional Children's Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday School Hour on Easter Sunday, which is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Children of all ages are invited to join us on our Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone will hunt for eggs all over the church and outside, too, if the weather permits. Please have your children bring their Easter Baskets on Easter morning, and we will meet in the Narthex at 9:15 a.m. Also, we are looking for bags of candy or small items to put in the Easter eggs. We typically hide over *five hundred eggs*! So, if you would like to donate any of these items, please feel free to leave them in the Church Office by Sunday, March 28. We really appreciate your support.

### **A FINAL ACME RECEIPTS REMINDER**

Thank you to everyone for bringing in your Acme receipts. We really appreciate your support! We are in the process of tallying the receipts and will report what we earned for the youth next month. The program has ended for this school year and will start again in the fall. Thank you!

### **OUR YOUTH LENTEN DINNER AND SERVICE IS MARCH 21**

The Youth will be hosting the Lenten Service and Dinner on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. That means that we will have to set up in the afternoon, and recruit parents and youth leaders to help with planning the menu and preparing the food. The service will feature our youth reading the Passion narrative from Luke. We will be contacting our youth and their families with details about dinner and to assign parts for our dramatic reading during the service.

## NEWS FROM THE SYNOD

*Are You One of Those People?* We all know who they are – the people in our congregation whom we just can't live without, the people who can always be counted on to step in and fill any need at the church. We often find them on the church council, serving as leaders in the education program, helping in the kitchen, or working as members of our committees. You get the picture. Are you one of those people – or would you like to be? The Northeastern Ohio Synod is looking for *those people* to take their involvement in the local congregation to a new level and become active participants in the Northeastern Ohio Synod. The Nominating Committee for the 2010 Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly specifically needs individuals, both clergy and laypersons, who feel God leading them to stand for election and to serve in one of the following ways: as a voting member to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, as a member of the Discipline Committee in this Synod, as a member of the Synod Council. Perhaps you are one of *those people*, and are prayerfully considering standing for election; but you need more information about the some of the opportunities that are available. Please contact Krista Smith (the representative to the Nominating Committee from the Canton-Massillon Conference) at 330- 499-6704, or by email at [krsmith1888@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krsmith1888@sbcglobal.net).

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*Coming Soon to Our Conference:*

**The 2010 BISHOP'S GATHERING  
Our Special Theme: "Giving to  
God"**

**Guest Presenter: Dr. Mark  
Powell**

**Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.**

## **LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

You are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day right here at Zion, on **Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**, which is the day before St. Patrick's Day, when the **Lutheran Men in Mission** will host an Irish feast of **CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE** in Luther and Memorial Halls from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Carryout is available. The price per dinner is \$7.00 for adults, and \$3.50 for children (ages 3 through 12). Join us for some delicious food, prepared with love, all for a good cause. For more information, feel free to contact our Church Office (330-499-3909).

If our St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef dinner has just whet your appetite, you will love what is coming next. Come one, come all, to the **FIFTH ANNUAL GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF**, sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 1845 South Sawburg Road in Alliance. This is a lunch-time event, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on

Saturday, March 27th. The cost is \$5.00 per person, and each person becomes a judge to determine the 2010 Winner of the Great Chili Cookoff. Last year, Zion's own Steve Ross was the Master Chef, whose chili won top honors. Our Singing Chef Dale Jacobs won three years ago. Make it a point to come and join us. Again, the chili will be great, and the proceeds will help support the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. Contact Bernie Bresson (lmm6bres@aol.com) or Mel Rittner (mrittner@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

**Lutheran Men in Mission** invites all men to our **Northeastern Ohio Synod Spring Rally** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Alliance on Saturday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our theme is *What It Means to Be a Disciple*, with featured speaker Pr. Dick Williams, the author of *God's Gifts for the Bumpy Road*. The cost is \$20.00. Pre-registration needed.

## **THE MEN OF ZION**

The *Men of Zion* had a very busy month in February. We met for dinner in Luther Hall on the first Wednesday of the month, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Linda Lancashire provided homemade lasagna. What a treat! We enjoyed good attendance for a very wintry night in February, and we began to look ahead to the beginning of Lent, and then what comes next – no, not Easter, but our plans to get going on new carpet in the Narthex, the Main Hallway, and the Church Office.

We served as hosts for the first *Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner* on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Dale Jacobs took the lead in creating a menu that included three different types of sub sandwiches, his special macaroni & cheese, his signature dessert (butterscotch, banana, and crushed oreo pudding), along with lots of additional desserts, drinks, and all the fixings for a very delicious Lenten dinner. We had great participation from the Men of Zion, and we extend our thanks to all.

March offers a series of events hosted by Lutheran Men in Mission: the *Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner* on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and the *Fifth Annual Chili Cook-Off* at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Alliance on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead to June, Zion will serve as host to a regional Lutheran Men in Mission event on the Friday and Saturday of June 4—5. Look for more information as it becomes available.

We have not yet set the date, but look for our *Prime Rib Fundraising Dinner* in April after Easter. We would like to raise awareness and funds for the new carpet mentioned above, which should provide a great finishing touch to all the renovations that have improved both the sights and sounds in our Sanctuary, as well as the look of all of our restrooms, too!

## **THE WOMEN OF ZION**

Session 7 in our study of Romans focuses on chapter 12, verses 1-2: “Be ye not conformed to the ways of the world, but transformed by the renewal of your minds.” Is there a more powerful exhortatory passage anywhere in the New Testament? There is an archetypal “therefore”, which in the Bible always refers us to the initiative of God’s grace as the foundation of our response. Then there is a re-visioning of the true meaning of sacrifice, not burnt offerings but living deeds of love and service. Finally, there is a telltale contrast between what the world values and the Cross of Christ. This is going to be a great month to study Scripture. Make some time for the *Women’s Monthly Bible Study*, which meets on *Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>*, in the Resource Center at 9:30 a.m. You’ll be glad you came, and so will the women who greet you.

*Zion’s Comfort Givers* meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, *March 11 & 25*, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. We enjoy coffee, conversation, and being filled with the feeling of knowing that we are helping others through the good that we do.

The *Chancel Guild* did a great job with their Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner on February 28. Ham sandwiches, baked beans, chips, and desserts galore made for a delicious beginning to a very nice evening and enjoyable worship. Our thanks to the women who contributed their time and talents, and to the men who helped with the heavy lifting during set-up.

*Zion’s Chancel Guild* will meet on Tuesday evening, *March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.* for the great fun that accompanies the annual cleaning of our communion ware, polishing brass and silver, and repairing any of the green hymnals the might benefit from our attention and love. We thank you all for your time and interest.

**THANK YOU'S AND MORE**

*Dear Pastor and my Zion Family,*

Thanks to everyone for the visits, phone calls, flowers, and the abundance of prayers. The stroke was a very scary thing for me and for my husband; but it has taught us some very important lessons. Life is more fragile than I ever realized before the stroke, and I have learned to appreciate it more than ever since. I also learned that the prayers offered by my friends and at church helped me heal quickly.

*Prayers and love to all,  
Maureen "Moe" Alters*

*Dear Pastor Sherwindt,*

Thank you so much for the nice service for my Mom. It brought us all together and everybody loved it. I love these words from Emily Matthews. They express what we all thought: "There are wonderful people who give from their hearts in thoughtful and unselfish ways, so willing to share, help out, or be there, no matter how busy their days.... There are people we count on, whose wisdom and caring help everything work out just right – wonderful people who shine in our lives with their gentle and beautiful lights." Thank you so much.

*Rachael Hilson & family*

**MORE THANKS TO ZION**

*To our Church Family at Zion,*

The Stark County Hunger Task Force has been around for a mere twenty-eight years. In fact, as of five years ago, our name was not recognizable. The board and staff of the Task Force have worked diligently together to bring to fruition our supporting and feeding the hungry of Stark County.

When our office was destroyed by fire, Zion permitted the board to hold our monthly meetings in Luther Hall at the church. In November of 2009, we opened our new permanent office at the new Goodwill Community Campus at the corner of Ninth and McKinley in downtown Canton.

The Campus is a wonderful facility, not only housing the offices of Goodwill, but also serving many other non-profits. The idea behind the Campus is for individuals seeking assistance to have the opportunity to have immediate access to a wide variety of non-profits for a one-stop shopping experience.

Within the facility there are many conference rooms, which enable us to hold our meetings at the Campus. The board and I wish to thank you for allowing the Stark County Hunger Task Force to utilize Zion in our hour of need. I will miss having our meetings at Zion, "for there is no place like home."

*Best regards,  
Shirley Cavender*

**AN OLD IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

## Senior in the Spotlight

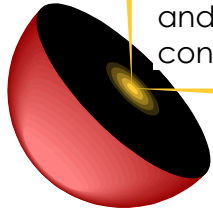


**Atlee Royer Fall** was born February 22, 1910, and he celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a party in Luther Hall on the third Sunday in February. The Mayor of North Canton was on hand to present Atlee with a key to the city. Members Chuck Danner and Jim Dansizen were instrumental in helping North Canton to acknowledge this special day, and the women of Zion, including Jayne and Renee Schrader, helped set the table and serve up lots of delicious cake, mixed nuts, along with punch and coffee. Hundreds of friends and family members were on hand to wish Atlee the best. It was a day to remember, a day to recall the long life of a dear friend who married Mabel Leiter on September 5, 1936, was baptized on October 25, 1936, welcomed daughter Janice into the world on July 5, 1938, and son Larry on February 20, 1940.

Atlee's birthday celebration brought back many memories of how things have changed during the century of his life. Jim Fidler offered this interesting set of observations: Atlee has seen eighteen presidents of the United States, sixteen Prime Ministers of Great Britain, tyrants such as Lenin, Stalin, Hitler, Mao, and terrorists including Osama Bin Laden. He has witnessed and experienced two World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. Since the day of Atlee's birth the world has suffered the repercussions of the assassination of Crown Prince Ferdinand (WWI), the Great Depression, eight recessions, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (WWII), the assassination of JFK, and the 9/11 Terrorist Attack.

Atlee has been alive during the infamous birth and ignominious death of Soviet Communism, the defeat of Fascism and Nazism abroad, and the trials, travails and successes of the Civil Rights Movement at home. He's witnessed the birth of India, Israel, and the transformation of colonial Africa into independent countries. Medical, scientific, and technological advances have included a cure for polio, the development of rail, automobile and air transportation, and the invention of radio, television, cellular phones, pagers and computers, and, in case Atlee has any interests in cloning his longevity, we have made incredible progress in the profiling of human DNA.

Moving a little closer to home, the Falls transferred their membership to Zion in 1942, and during that time Atlee has enjoyed the tenure of Pastors Howard Yeager, Paul Daneker, R.E. LaFontaine, Walter Ruth, Charles Hasselbach, Kurt Meuschke, Richard Findlay, James Lutz, Rich Ferris, Louise Mollick, Jesse Dunbar, and Mark Sherwindt. When Atlee joined the church we were worshiping on West Maple Street. In 1954, we purchased our Lindy Lane property, then developed it, with subsequent improvements, expansions, and renovations, including the dedication of Memorial Hall in 1980, the installation of our Shantz Pipe Organ in 1988, and the celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1989. What remarkable changes over the years! Through it all, Atlee's soft-spoken gentleness and dedicated faithfulness have been constants for friends and family to enjoy. We congratulate Atlee on his 100 years, and we pray that God continues to bless his life with an overflowing abundance of His never-ending love.



## **OUR SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES CONTINUE**

<b>March 7, Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	<b>Lent 3</b> , Luke 13 (Judgment Is Ours!)
<b>March 7, Sunday</b>	9:10 a.m.	Children's Easter Play Rehearsal
<b>March 7, Sunday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Dinner hosted by the Church Council
<b>March 7, Sunday</b>	6:45 p.m.	Lenten Drama: Jim Fidler as <i>Barabbas</i>
<b>March 14, Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	<b>Lent 4</b> , Luke 15 (The Prodigal Son)
<b>March 14, Sunday</b>	9:10 a.m.	Children's Easter Play Rehearsal
<b>March 14, Sunday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Dinner hosted by the Senior Choir
<b>March 14, Sunday</b>	6:15 p.m.	An Evening of Special Lenten Music
<b>March 21, Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	<b>Lent 5</b> , John 12 (Death Is Inevitable)
<b>March 21, Sunday</b>	9:10 a.m.	Children's Easter Play Rehearsal
<b>March 21, Sunday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Dinner hosted by the Church Council
<b>March 21, Sunday</b>	6:15 p.m.	The Drama of Luke's Passion Narrative

## **HOLY WEEK LEADS TO EASTER**

<b>March 28, Palm Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Liturgical Passion Sunday
<b>March 28, Palm Sunday</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School between the Services
<b>March 28, Palm Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Zion's Sunday School Easter Program
<b>April 1, Maundy Thursday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Quiet Communion with "the Ragman"
<b>April 1, Maundy Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday
<b>April 2, Good Friday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Community Service, Walsh University
<b>April 2, Good Friday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Our Good Friday TENEBRAE at Zion
<b>April 4, Easter Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Festival Worship
<b>April 4, Easter Sunday</b>	9:15 a.m.	Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt
<b>April 4, Easter Sunday</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for Adult Class
<b>April 4, Easter Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Festival Worship