MC900030653[1]**Poinsettia**

We will be using poinsettias decorate our Church this Christmas season.  If you wish to provide a poinsettia, the cost will be $12.  To avoid confusion, please place your money in an envelope and turn in to the church office. Checks should be made out to Mary Martha.

**Food Collection**

Zion will collect food items during the month of November to help supply Kearney agencies who assist the needy. There are grocery carts in the narthex and school area to gather these items. Non-perishable items only please. **Please note that the Jubilee Center could especially use Peanut Butter, Cereal, and diapers size 3 & 4.**

**School News**

Holiday Pies will be available for pick-up in the school gym, November 15 from 3:30 -6:00pm.

The date for the school Christmas Program has been set for Sunday, December 10 at 4:30 pm.

We have scrip cards available for the new Raising Cane’s restaurant.

We have received word that the Labels for Education (Campbell’s Soup labels) Program is coming to an end. Please turn in any labels that you have collected for us as soon as possible. Our last day to submit these is January 2, 2018.

**Stewardship Note –**

**Announcements – November 12, 2017**

Please remember...to silence your cell phone upon entering the sanctuary.

Zion’s sanctuary is equipped with a **HEARING LOOP**. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode.We have 2 headsets and receivers that persons without hearing aids can use. Ask an usher for assistance.



**Forgot your offering? Don’t have your checkbook or cash? Today or any day you can give in a new way! Visit our website at zionkearney.com and click on the “giving” tab. Or, text “zionkearney” (one word) to 77977. You’ll receive a text back with instructions to start giving.**

**Zion Family Thanksgiving Dinner –Today**

The Mary Martha Guild invites all members of Zion to join them as we give thanks to God for all that He has done. Make plans to join us for the Zion Family Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Sunday, November 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the gym. The Mary Martha Guild will provide the turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, salads, desserts, drinks and table service.

Come and join us as we give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has given to each of us. A free-will offering will be taken with the proceeds going to help support our emergency assistance fund.

A Thrivent Action Team will provide funds for this project.

**Please note that Mary Martha will provide all of the food.**

**Mission Sunday**

Today is mission Sunday. This month our mission offerings will be given to Issues Etc., a Christian Radio station. There are Mission envelopes available in the narthex you may use or mark your offering as missions. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate.

**New Members**

Adult Confirmation

Baptism

**Zion's Emergency Assistance Fund**

Occasionally we will designate the proceeds from various offerings or meal donations to go to our Emergency Assistance Fund.  Why does this fund exist?  It is essentially a "pass-through" account, meaning that all the money that is put into it is eventually distributed to assist various people who have an emergency need.  A majority of those dollars are given to our own members, who have major medical bills or other unmet expenses.  We do it this way so that contributions are tax deductible.  If we name a specific individual or family that will receive direct donations, then the gift is not tax deductible. Also, if we raise more money than someone needs, then we can spend those undesignated dollars to help another person or family.  The fund is also used to help some non-members who are having trouble paying bills despite help from other social agencies or until they are able to qualify for assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services.  Generously contributing to our Emergency Assistance Fund in an excellent way to care for our members and our unchurched neighbors.

**New Picture Directory**

Our directory committee would like to include group pictures of all of our current Zion Boards, (Elders, Trustees, Stewardship, Youth, Education, Council) and our Mary Martha organization in the new directory. We plan to take these pictures Sunday, November 19 following our service.

Voters Meeting