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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ September 11th, 2022 ☩ 11 A.M.

Whenever we are lost in hate, we are in hell,
no matter how Christian we think we are.

~Madeline L'Engle



WORSHIP GUIDE

Scattering Seeds of Hope

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Prelude to Worship ✦

"Fanfare for the Common Person"

↑ Call to Community

God be with you.

And also with you.

Our church, world, souls, memories, longings and desires yearn for the ancient vision of the prophets to be fulfilled.

Right Side:

The eyes blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongues of the speechless sing for joy.

Left Side:

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert, the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. (Isaiah 35:5-7)

By the Spirit, a vision wells up in the people of God who yearn for healing and restoration; for justice, not terrorism; for forgiveness, not hate:

Right Side:

Then God brought me back to the entrance of the temple. There, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple . . . south of the altar . . . it was ankle-deep . . . then it was knee-deep . . . then it was up to the waist . . . then it was a river I could not cross.

Left Side:

God led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. God said to me, wherever the river goes everything will live. There will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing. (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"Crown with Your Richest Crowns"
The Hymnal Song# 176 (Red Hymnal)
Rear of Bulletin

At that time, it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before God's fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

~Silence is Kept~

Children's Time ✨

Sunday School Teacher Dedication

Special Music

"God's Eye is on the Sparrow"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading: *The Unbelieving Fool*

Psalms 14 (NRSVUE)

Lector: Barb Hendershot

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord? There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Choral Response ✨

(TNCH# 319)

Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

Lost and Found

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ✧

"The Trumpet of Faith"

Offertory Response ✧

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O Praise God
O Praise God
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

(To the tune of "All Creatures of Our God", TNCH# 17)

Blessing Our Gifts

When we could not find you, you searched for us. May these gifts bring hope to those who feel helpless, peace to those who are troubled and grace to those who feel like they are alone. May the gifts of our presence serve as a reminder that we are never alone as you continue to search for each of us. Amen.

↑ Koinonia Hymn ✧

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
TNCH Song# 472 (Black Hymnal)
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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Time of Preparation

Epitaph by Merrit Malloy

When I die give what's left of me away to children and old men that wait to die. And if you need to cry, Cry for your brother walking the street beside you. And when you need me, put your arms around anyone and give them what you need to give to me.

I want to leave you something, something better than words or sounds. Look for me in the people I've known or loved, and if you cannot give me away, at least let me live on in your eyes and not your mind.

You can love me most by letting hands touch hands, by letting bodies touch bodies, and by letting go of children that need to be free. Love doesn't die, people do. So, when all that's left of me is love, give me away.

Litany of Remembrance

Based on the Rabbinic Manual
Led by Rae Smith

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

As we remember them.



Invitation

God be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to God.

It is right to Give God thanks and praise.

The Story

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal ✨

"Amazing Grace"

*All bread on the communion table is gluten-free to be inclusive of all God's children.
God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so.
The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice and gluten-free bread for all.*



9/11 Prayers

As St. Paul said the Colossians, so I pray for you: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Let us join in prayer with the words: Lord, bring us peace. Remembering the thousands who died because of the September 11th attacks, and all who have died of 9/11 related causes since then, we pray:

God bring us peace.

For the families and friends of those who died, that they may know God's loving kindness and find healing in their grief, we pray:

God bring us peace.

For all the people of the United States who have suffered physically, emotionally, economically, mentally, or spiritually because of these acts of terror, that they may be consoled, we pray:

God bring us peace.

For all people throughout the world who suffer because of terrorism and injustice, poverty, sickness and war, that we have compassion to care for them and the strength to work for their liberation, we pray:

God bring us peace.

Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sharing the Christ Light

Please keep your candle lit until you leave the sanctuary.

↑ Closing Hymn ✨

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Rear of Bulletin

Sending Forth

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other" (*Mother Teresa*):

Let us live in peace and love!

Prelude to Service ✨

Fantasia on "America, the Beautiful"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



In Memory:

Today's altar flowers are donated by Christine Coleman in tribute to her husband, Richard Coleman.

Last week's special music video was in tribute to Rae Smith's mother, Mary Rosenfield.

Tri-State Medical Debt Relief



In the past forty years, medical costs have doubled, insurance copays and deductibles have spiked, and bankruptcy rates have quadrupled, creating an avalanche of destructive medical debt. More than 60% of bankruptcies in America have medical debt as a root cause, and the problem is especially dire in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, also known as the Tri-State Area.

After giving in the Catocin Association's medical debt relief campaign that helped relieve medical debt in West Virginia, many asked what about our area? So we began discussions with Rest In Peace Medical Debt, the non-profit who buys medical debt at a fraction of the cost across the nation and works with willing participants and organization to raise monies to pay those debts off. As a result of these discussion a campaign for the tri-state region was created that includes not only our region of Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania but the entirety of these three states. We will be working with other local organizations asking them to help raise monies for this campaign so that we may work together with others who are dedicated to helping our neighbors.

A \$1 donation on average abolishes \$100 of medical debt. Donate today and help relieve medical debt across these 3 states. Donations can be made through our RIP Medical Debt campaign page at <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/tri-state-debt-relief/> or through the church in-person or on our website at www.zionreformed.church/give by marking your gift for "Medical Debt Relief".

Choir Now Forming



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

The Zion Choir is now re-forming! The pandemic placed it on hold for a while, but our voices are ready to sing. Do you have a passion for singing praise to God? Do you have a singing voice? We need interested singers today!

If you are interested in being part of this team, please see Choir Director, Byron Stay, and see how you can help make this important ministry a success!

Zion Book Club Update

Please note that the book selection for September has been changed from "100 Days Of Sunlight" by Abbie Emmons to "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan due to non-availability of the original selection in hard-copy format.

The group meets again on Friday, 9/23 at 7pm at the home of Sue Graff and via ZOOM.

For more information visit www.zionreformed.church/bookclub.



Our Joys & Concerns

Praying with One Another



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: [Eric B.](#), Holly Bell, [Naomi Brackett](#), Jeff Cannedy, [Linda Cantilena](#), Richard Cantilena, [Cisco](#), Clear Spring Community and the Josenhans, Knode, and Shives' families, [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Carol Garland, [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), Beth Gross, [Jim & Donna Hatfield](#), Sherry Hockman, [Lyn Hoffmaster](#), Jane Hollabaugh, [Paul Hose](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Rhondda Kane](#), Alyssa Kline, [Dee Krause](#), Susan LaBombard, [Sofia Martinez](#), Dee McGlauckin, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Colleen Rand, [David Ridenour](#), Betsy Roulette, [Claudia Ruth](#), Norm & Lori Schmidt, [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), Staci Shafer, [Thelma Summers](#), Tracy Roach Walls, [Eleanor Wible](#), Eric Wolbring, [Robert Yeoman](#), and Mia.

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Naomi Brackett** (Sep 15th), **Kara Hoover** (Sep 15th), and **Richard Lohman** (Sep 17th). May this year of your life/lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of YOU. We hope and pray that this year of your life is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise may you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Lector Ministry Schedule

This Week (Sep 11th): Barb Hendershot

Next Week (Sep 18th): Calvin Livingston

Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



Please continue to socially distance when interacting with those outside of your immediate family, sit in alternating pews as indicated, and mask when not seated for worship. These actions help show our love for one another in action and keeps our doors open for all.

Daily COVID Rate in Wash. Co: 13.51% as of Aug 22nd ([*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard](#))

7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 15.8% with 6 hospitalizations as of Sep 7th ([*Meritus Health](#))

Human MonkeyPox Emergency: 571 cases throughout the state of MD ([*MD Health Dept](#))

Important Dates This Week

Tuesday's Supper Leadership Meeting – September 12th at 4:30pm

Search & Call Team Meeting – September 12th at 5:30pm (Hybrid)

Consistory Team Meeting – September 12th at 7pm (Hybrid)

ONA Team Meeting – September 13th at 12:30pm (Hybrid)

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – September 13th from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Dine-in and carry-out options available!

October Newsletter Deadline – September 15th at 12pm

Thursday Lunch Bunch – September 15th at 11:30am (Hybrid)

Staff Team Meeting – September 15th at 12:30pm (Hybrid)

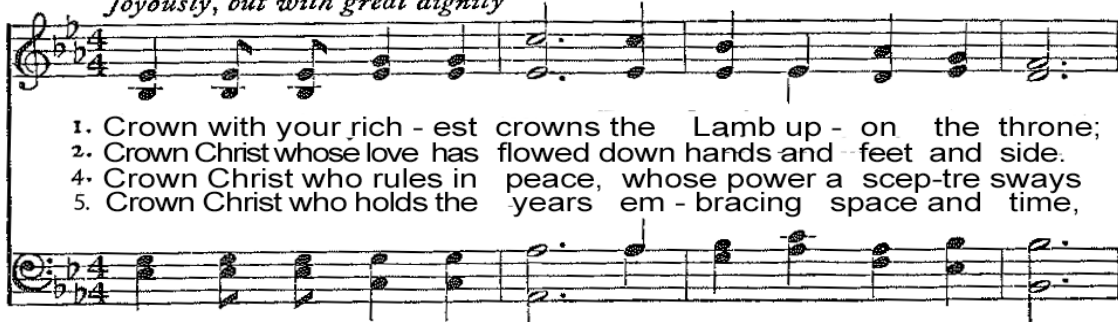
4-H Club – September 15th at 4:30pm via ZOOM

Returning to in-person meetings at the church in October. See Kim Ridenour for more information

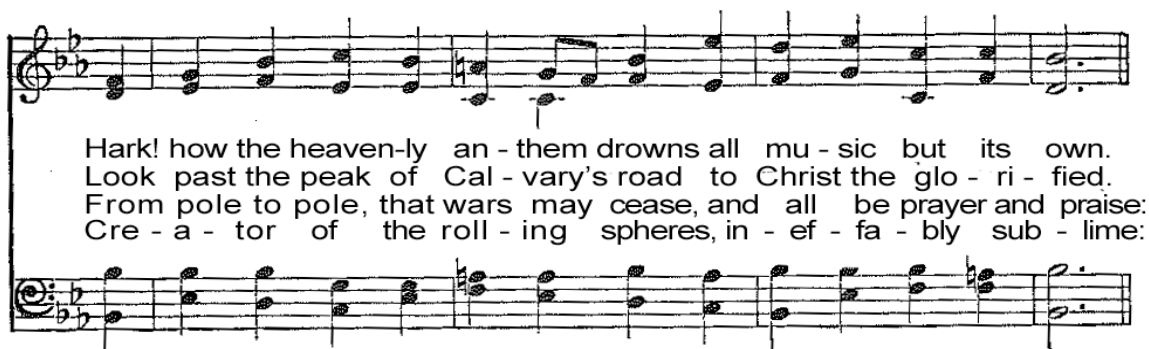
Crown with Your Richest Crowns

The Hymnal Song# 176 (Red Hymnal)

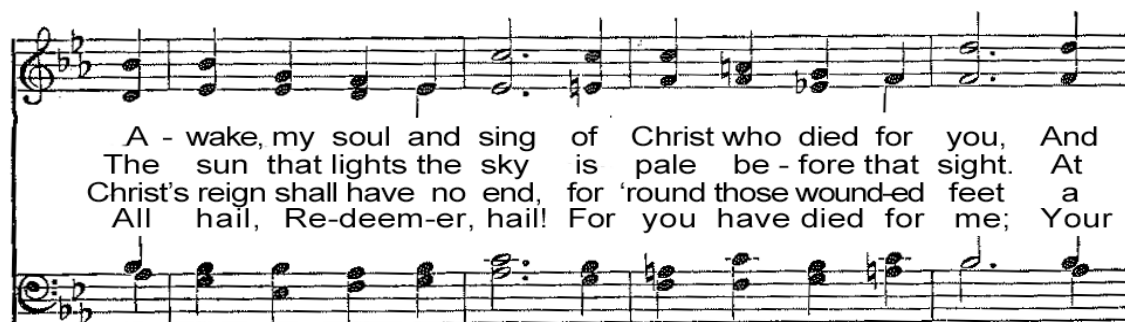
Joyously, but with great dignity



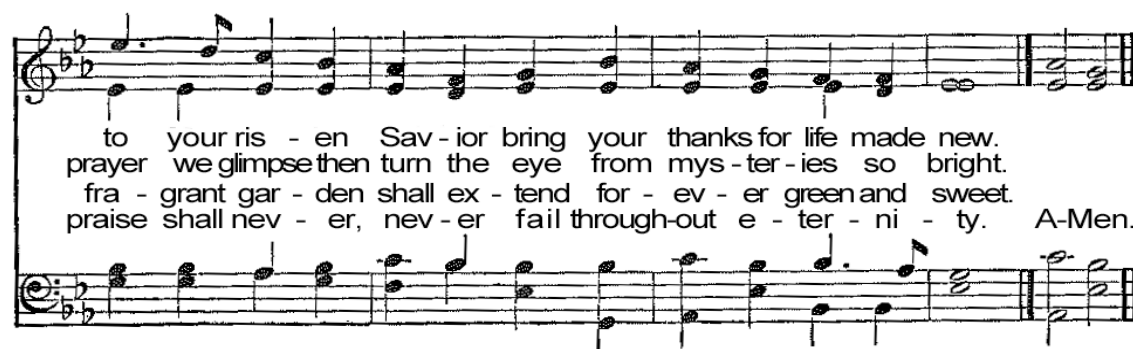
1. Crown with your rich - est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;
2. Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
4. Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep-tre sways
5. Crown Christ who holds the years em - bracing space and time,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
Look past the peak of Cal - vary's road to Christ the glo - ri - fied.
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



A - wake, my soul and sing of Christ who died for you, And
The sun that lights the sky is pale be - fore that sight. At
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound-ed feet a
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For you have died for me; Your



to your ris - en Sav - ior bring your thanks for life made new.
prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mys - ter - ies so bright.
fra - grant gar - den shall ex - tend for - ev - er green and sweet.
praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty. A-Men.

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

TNCH Song# 472 (Black Hymnal)

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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Let There Be Peace on Earth

Chalice Hymnal Song #677 (Black Hymnal)

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C Dm G7

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

C B7 Em B7 G G7

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Am Em C7 F G7 C

*With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Am7 D7 G Am7 D7 G7

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C Dm G7

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

Detailed description: This system contains the ninth and tenth lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

C B7 Em B7 G

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:

C C+ F D7 D°7

to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

C E7 F C F G7 C

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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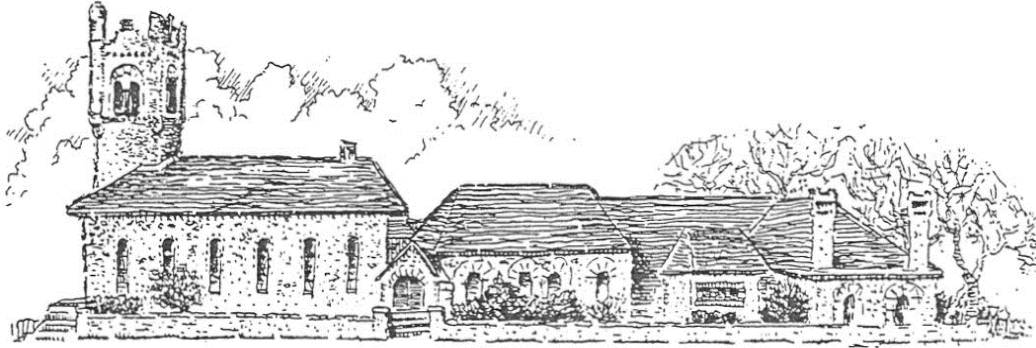
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 11th



Rally Day – Reassemble. Renew. Recommit. – Today



Rally Day is a way to kick-start the coming fall season and the return from summer as our lives “settle” back in to school. But instead of settling back in to more of the same ol, same ol, we “rally” together which literally means “a renewal of energy in joint action”, and that’s what today is all about! We renew our commitment to God today along with our commitment to one another and the community we serve. We renew our enthusiasm to serve! Maybe we have forgotten to keep our pledges up or to pray for peace and justice during the “lazy” days of summer. Maybe we have put off our pledge donations or that volunteer commitment to Micah’s Backpack or Tuesday’s Supper. Maybe we just put the act of volunteering on hold. Maybe we committed to doing more for peace and justice or to donate to the Ukrainian Relief Fund or the Medical Debt Relief Fund but it just slipped our mind as we enjoyed the summer weather and travel time. Rally Day is a reminder and an opportunity to renew those energies and passions, to recommit, and to become excited! What are you excited to renew and recommit to?

Sunday School options beginning next week will include:

(for more information, visit www.zionreformed.church/education)

Children’s Sunday School: Our children’s class will be focusing on Jesus’ parables with stories, games, and crafts and will be offered in a hybrid format with in-person and virtual options available.

Journeys Adult Class: This adult class will continue to be offered virtually via ZOOM and will be studying “The Parables for Today’s World,” a special study created by Sue Graff.

Arthur Grove Adult Class: This adult class will be offered in-person only in the Burhans Room and will explore a series titled “Freedom” for the first quarter. Written by Robin Wilson, “Freedom” reminds us that we are rescued, redeemed, and saved for a purpose.

Interfaith Progressive Dinner – This Evening (TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE)

We join with the Interfaith Coalition to celebrate the International Day of Peace while remembering 9/11. Four different local houses of worship and various faiths including Zion Reformed UCC unite together to serve one unified meal. Each participating house of worship will be serving one course of the evening’s meal at their house of worship as participants make their way through the 4 stops to complete their meal. Join us from 5-9pm this evening, limited tickets are still available! See Rae Smith or Pastor Katie if interested, tickets are \$20/person.

Welcome New Staff Members!

Welcome to our new staff members, Brandon Hackett and Rae Smith! Brandon is our newly hired Multimedia Specialist who will be helping relieve Michael of some of his duties over the next few weeks. They will be working together to finalize the system and bring better content. Rae is a long-term member who we all know and love and has been serving as our Interim Administrative Assistant over the last year. We welcome her as our permanent Administrative Assistant!

Mark Your Calendars:

September 18th – Stained Glass Window Hymn Sing & New Member Reception

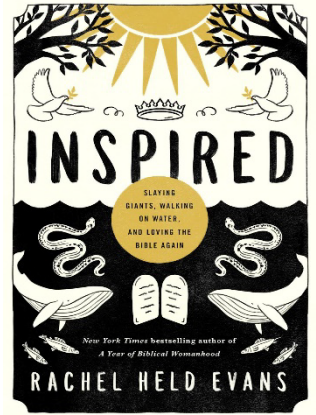
September 25th - Dinner Theater Rehearsal’s Begin After Worship

October 15th – Community Yard Sale: Reserve a table today for \$15/table. All proceeds benefit our community outreach programs. See Christine Coleman or Rae Smith for more info.

Thursday Lunch Bunch Begins September 15th

This Thursday!

Looking to explore faith, theology, and Scripture in an intimate, in-depth session? Join us beginning Thursday, September 15th at 11:30am for our Thursday Lunch Bunch which will meet every Thursday at this time, in-person in the Burhans Room and via Zoom. The group will start off exploring the book *"Inspired"* by Rachel Held Evans.

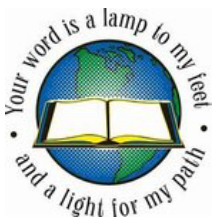


This study will invite participants on a journey of rediscovery as they explore the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present. Drawing upon recent scholarship and literary analysis, Evans creatively retells our favorite Bible stories, explaining their contexts and possible interpretations, and then connects these ancient stories to our present-day ones.

If you are ready to fall in love with Scripture all over again, you will want to plan to participate in this exciting new study!

To join by ZOOM: Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter or call-in by dialing +1 301 715 8592, and when prompted enter Meeting ID: 817 1531 9482 and Passcode: Zion. (Join by [One-Click Join](#))

Scrolls Revealed Ministries Seminar at Zion: An In-Depth Study of Homosexuality and the Bible



As we continue our journey of exploration know as the Open & Affirming Journey, please plan to join the ONA Team with Scrolls Revealed Ministries founder, Rev. Harry Stock, on Sep 24th for an informational study about what the Scriptures really say about homosexuality and the Bible. In order to decide if we are to become an open and affirming congregation or not we must gain an understanding into the Scriptures on this topic.

This workshop is open to everyone as we attempt to discern the will of God for our congregation on this important and controversial subject that affects so many. If you have ever found the Scriptures confusing regarding being open and affirming? Have you ever struggled to explain what the Bible says about our LGBTQIA+ neighbors? Maybe someone has asked you to explain how you can be affirming of LGBTQIA+ persons when the Bible has so little to say on the topic and the few references available can make it more confusing if you don't understand what the original translations say in addition to the various historical and cultural traditions that they were intended to address.

September 24th from 10am - 4pm (registration & continental breakfast from 9:30-10am)

This workshop is FREE for all Zion Reformed UCC participants and \$25/person for all others.

To register, sign-up in the Chapel or contact the Church Office. Don't miss your opportunity to attend, registration closes September 19th! More information available at www.zionreformed.church/ScrollsRevealed.