

Zion News

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*The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.
Psalm 65:8*

A Season of Transition

As we move into summer, we are also entering a time of transition as a body:

- On July 16th, we will be celebrating Pastor Katie for her service and guidance as interim pastor. We hope that you will join us!
- Our Sunday Services are now at 10am each week and Sunday School is on pause until the Fall. A big “Thank you” to Sue Graff, David Ridenour, Kim Ridenour and Rae Smith for all your time and dedication in preparing, teaching and spreading God’s word. Also, we would like to thank all your students who wanted to learn and study God’s word!
- Children Church will be during church. The children will be dismissed after the children sermon. We are looking for volunteers to help teach the children. If you are interested in teaching a week, please contact Kim Ridenour.
- Youth Fellowship will be meeting on the 4th Sunday of the month from 4-6 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Holly Bell or Tina Shafer. On June 24th, Zion youth will be hosting another youth group at Zion.

**ZION’S MISSION:
TO SHARE THE
GOSPEL OF CHRIST
IN SUCH A WAY THAT
WE FIND GOD,
GROW OUR FAITH,
DISCOVER OUR
PURPOSE AND MAKE
A DIFFERENCE**

Worship online:

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No Sunday School during the summer

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'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' ~ Luke 4:18-19

In Jesus, through the Spirit's presence, God is retelling and reforming the story of creation. New life for all. Putting everything back together where it should be: All things are new! Your broken heart? All things are new! Poverty? All things are new! Abuse? All things are new! Racism, sexism, homophobia? All things are new! Shattered relationships? All things are new! This sacred community? All Things are new! And when does all this happen? Jesus tells us it's happening right before our eyes.

Jesus tells the people that this prophesy is being fulfilled today! Today is important. "Today" places us in the midst of the sacred drama, reminding us of our responsibilities... that we are God's agents in the world.

"Today" is the most radical thing Jesus ever said.

Jesus is telling his community, "Look around. See the Spirit of God at work, right here. Right now. God is *with us*. Just as God promised Moses at the burning bush, 'I will be with you.' This is the sign of God's covenant. The ever active, ever loving, always disruptive, ever liberating, always present God is here with us. Right Now."

Jesus is asking his friends to open their eyes, to see the burning bush right in front of them, to pay attention to God's promise to abide with us, and that God is keeping God's promise, no matter how awful the things seem. This is a call to see more deeply, past the immediate injustice and evils of human life to the reality of love and compassion upon which everything else rests: The love of God and neighbor.

If we can *see, experience, and grasp* that the active force of love is at work in the world now, our fear will recede and our hatred will melt away. Even in the worst of times--God is with us. At our lowest points, as individuals and as communities, the clarity of grace, mercy, and justice will make themselves known to us. God's sacred presence will transform fear into compassion and give us the power to walk in the way of love God intended.

Soon a new pastor will enter these doors. God has called Scott to this congregation. And God has called this congregation to Scott. Because Scott has gifts to share with you, and you have gifts to share with him. Together, you will use your gifts and skills will build up the ministry of this congregation and the wider church, where all things are new. Together, you will retell the stories and reform a place... To bless the sacraments. To serve together in the day-to-day ministry of the congregation.

And as the Spirit moves through this place, sometimes as a soft breeze and sometimes as a mighty wind, may the disruption and discomfort stir you. And it will. God, in Jesus, is doing a new thing in you and through you... and so disruption and discomfort is unavoidable. But you carry the stories and memories of where you have come from and you will build new stories... Today!

In ways that no one could explain, the Spirit was upon Jesus. But it was also upon the community around him. For Jesus was one of them. And with one simple word, today... Jesus transformed Isaiah's prophecy, into a powerful invitation for the whole community to act on behalf of God's justice. The text might have been read: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me (and therefore also with you), because he has anointed us to bring good news to the poor. He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Today. Amen*



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JUNE WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship – 10am in the sanctuary and virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplate

Tuesday's Supper and One Stop Shop – Every Tuesday from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Potluck and Worship - Every Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday Lunch Bunch– Thursdays at 11:30am in the Burhans Room and ZOOM

4-H Club – Every Thursday at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

Executive Team Meeting–6/1 at 2:00pm in the Burhans Room and ZOOM

Consistory–6/5 at 7:00pm in the Burhans Room and ZOOM

Staff Team Meeting – 6/6 at 1:00pm in the Burhans Room

ONA Team Meetings– 6/6, and 6/20at 12:30pm in the Burhans Room

CE Team Meeting - 6/26 at 4pm

June Birthdays

Alice Barr	6/2	Jason Weicht	6/23
Bill Myers	6/6	Susan Lohman	6/26
Susan Clutz	6/10	Richard Cantilena	6/30
Jeffrey Crosby	6/14	Max Dwyer	6/30
Joann Myers	6/21	Molly Dwyer	6/30

June Anniversaries

Kelly and Jason Weicht	6/4	Anisa and Doug Wade	6/19
Kim and Bill Cook	6/5	Danielle and Toby Wantz	6/29
Linda and Aaron Kelly	6/6	Angel and Calvin Livingston	6/29
Kristin and Rob Grosh	6/8		

Notes from the Consistory

With spring definitely upon us, the Consistory moved through the May agenda in a smooth and efficient manner. Giving continues to improve over last year's contributions. A good amount was raised for the Easter Altar flowers and the Easter Flower Cross.

Several people attended Kyle Powderly's installation service where Katie delivered the sermon. Everyone said it was a wonderful service. The numbers for the Tuesday Evening Ministries continue to be large. We are still waiting to learn if ZION will receive extra funding from the grants we applied for to support these programs.

Rich shared the quotes he has received from Valentine Electric and Comfort Central for the A/C installation in the Fellowship Hall. A motion and a second were made and passed to move forward with this project.

Carroll thanked the many volunteers who helped with the Cinderella Shop. The number of gowns sold and the number of visitors to the Shop were much smaller than previous years. Plans are being developed to open the Shop for the Homecoming season this fall. Volunteers will be needed for Saturdays in Late August and early September. Please contact Carroll Sager if you can help out.

The Catocin Association Spring Meeting was held on April 22nd. Jean and Katie attended the general session the purpose of which was to elect new leadership for the Association. Katie spoke about how the money sent to the Association benefits communities throughout the country. ZION will have 5 special offerings for the Association this year. Since the money collected with the special offerings is what ZION has sent to the Association, Susie proposed that ZION make up the difference between the amount noted in the budget and the amount collected in the offering plate, an amount of up to \$600 annually. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kim discussed a recent tour group that visited ZION. The tour group leader would like to have ZION be a regular part of historic church tours in our area. More information will be forthcoming but all agreed that this could be a great opportunity.

Kim outlined plans for Rev. Scott Winnette's transition period. Rev. Scott, Katie, and Kim have scheduled several meetings to ensure a smooth transition. Katie's last service will be July 16 followed by a celebration of Katie's time with us. There will be a series of guest speakers during the weeks between Katie's last service and Rev. Scott's first service. This period will allow ZION to complete several projects to be ready for Rev. Scott including painting the Pastor's Study and moving bookcases from the 3rd floor to the Pastor's Study. Rev. Scott's first day will be August 13. He will be moving into his new office and meeting people for the first week or so. His first week in the pulpit will be August 27. The August 20 service will be the Annual Church Picnic at City Park.

Kim has invited a member of the Congregation to serve on the Pastoral Relations Committee for a one year term. The purpose of the Pastoral Relations Committee is to provide a communication system between the pastor, the Consistory, and the congregation. Susie will represent the Consistory and Becky Hohman will represent the Search Committee during the first year. If you are interested, please contact Kim.

Kim presented the idea of a Capital Campaign for new lights not just in the Fellowship Hall but throughout the entire church as we move to LED lighting. Lights in some areas of the church are no longer working as the ballasts are finished. We will need someone to coordinate such a campaign. Rich will gather some quotes so we will know what our target goal is and further discussion will be held in June.

The Wednesday Evening Potlucks with a discussion and meditation of the upcoming scriptures will continue into the summer. Several events planned for the end of May were also discussed. There will be 2 visiting youth groups camping in the chapel this summer, one on June 24 and one on July 1.

Be Prepared - *from the Parish Nurse*

Are you ready for summer? A home First Aid Kit is an essential safety net for summer and the entire rest of the year. The time to check your First Aid Kit is BEFORE you need it. The National Safety Council indicates that 53.6% of all accidents happen at home. The bathroom is the most “dangerous” room of your home, with falls being the #1 accident. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) says that almost 50% of Americans don’t have a First Aid Kit in their home. Most First Aid Kits are used for minor in-home incidents, but they can be helpful in greater emergencies, such as severe bleeding and heart attack. It is a good idea to also have a complete First Aid Kit in your car and on camping trips or day outings. Emergency medical experts say all the following items should be included in your First Aid Kit.



- **Disposable, non-latex gloves** to wear when helping others.
- **Hand Sanitizer/Antiseptic towelettes** to cleanse your hands before rendering help and for cleansing wounds if soap and water are not available.
- **Antibiotic Ointment** for application to minor wounds to help prevent infection.
- **Hydrocortisone Cream** for itch relief from poisonous plants and insect stings/bites.
- **Abdominal/Trauma dressings** – large pads to help control
- **Gauze pads** for smaller wounds and **Gauze rolls** to wrap around larger protruding objects for stabilization. (NEVER pull out a protruding object before trained medical personnel arrive.)
- **Medical or Waterproof Tape** to keep dressings in place.
- **Assorted Sizes for Adhesive Bandages** for lesser injuries.
- **Triangular Cloth Bandage** for use as a sling or wound wrap.
- **Instant Cold Pack** to help decrease pain and injury swelling.
- **Tweezers** with pointed tips for tick, splinter, and wound debris removal.
- **Medical Scissors** to use for cutting thick clothes and bandages; trauma shears are best.
- **Burn Gel** for use if cold water is unavailable.
- **Mylar Blanket** to help stabilize body temperature after an injury or shock.
- **Tourniquet** for use ONLY in cases of severe bleeding from an arm or leg that cannot be controlled with 10 minutes of applied, firm pressure.
- **CPR Face Shield** to provide a barrier against infection if resuscitation is needed.
- **Baby Aspirin (81 milligrams)** to be given ONLY after emergency instructions when a heart attack is suspected.

Your kit should be airtight with sections to allow for easy viewing of its components. Keep it in a waterproof container. Regularly check the expiration dates for all items. Be sure to get basic first aid training and keep an instruction booklet in your kit. **KNOW WHEN PROFESSIONAL HELP IS NEEDED!** Be prepared and have a healthy, safe summer!

Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot
RN Parish Nurse



What's Happening

June 10 - HARC Hike for Hope and Hunger

HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope is a non-competitive fundraising event open to all ages. Proceeds will benefit all HARC programs with a significant portion going directly to Micah's Backpack. This fully supported hike on the beautiful C&O Canal towpath features 4 K (2.5 miles), 10 K (6.2 miles), and half marathon (13.1 miles) hikes. Sign-up at <https://harccoalition.org/hike/>

June 20 - World Refugee Day

On World Refugee Day, we celebrate refugees' contributions and seek to build empathy and understanding for their plight and their resilience to build a bright future.

June 23 - Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting again on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 7pm at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck. Please join us for fun and fellowship. For more information, contact Sue Graff at 301-667-8685 or s.graff@myactv.net.

June 30 - General Synod Begins

The 2023 General Synod happens in Indianapolis, IN with keynote speaker is Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber. This is an amazing opportunity to connect as a UCC body. Learn more and sign-up at <https://generalsynod.org/>

Date	Lector	Ushers	
June 4	Rich Owens	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
June 11	Wells Ridenour	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	TBA Rich Owens
June 18	Amber Nilson	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald William Wantz
June 25	Barb Hendershot	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Jean Simmons Gerald Saum

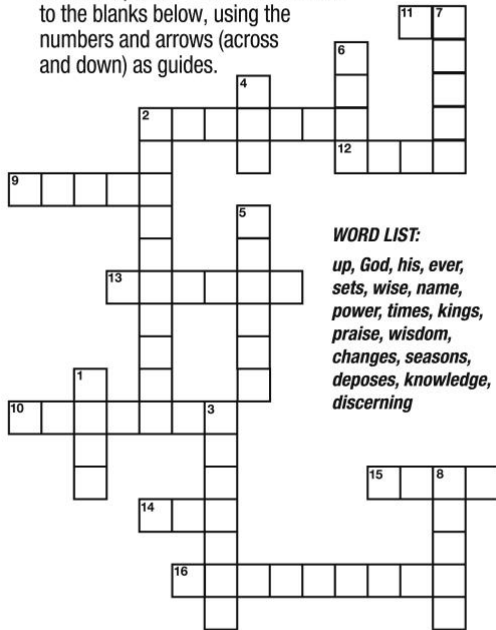
TREASURER'S REPORT

	April	Year-to-Date
Income	\$7,288	\$21,176.77
Transfers	\$25,000	\$100,000
Expenses	\$22,588.45	\$124,461.03
Net Income	\$9,699.55	-\$3,284.26

Your sacrificial giving is necessary to keep all of our ministries going.

Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.



WORD LIST:

up, God, his, ever, sets, wise, name, power, times, kings, praise, wisdom, changes, seasons, deposes, knowledge, discerning

“ _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____ . He _____
 and _____ ; he _____ and _____
 them. He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 the _____ .” DANIEL 2:20-21

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21



“But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic monotony that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never gotten tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we.”

- G.K. Chesterton

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Parish Nurse: Barb Hendershot

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Consistory Deacons: Rich Owens and Calvin Livingston, Megan Shroyer, Matt McDonald, and Jean Simmons

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