



Zion News

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***You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.
But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
~ Galatians 5:13***

VBS is Back!

We are excited to partner with Christ's Reformed UCC to offer Vacation Bible School this summer, June 17-19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (doors will open at 6:15 p.m.) On the June 17th, we will start with a picnic at 5:45 p.m. We can't wait to have our neighbors join us! We will be decorating on June 15th at 9 a.m.

If you like to join us or pop in, we'd love to see you.



VBS is open to those students in kindergarten through 12th grade. We will be sharing God's word for three evenings. Our theme is SCUBA - diving into friendship with God. We are still looking for volunteers to help.

If you would like to sign-up for VBS - you can scan the QR code to access the form.



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Worship online [via Zoom](#)
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I love Pentecost. The wild, windblown emotions of Pentecost, an overwhelming outpouring of the Spirit of God swooshing down upon frightened disciples -- rushing, whooping, invigorating their hearts, minds, and bodies. The Spirit danced into the room, flew in and out the windows, spoke through their breath, twirled on the roof, and thundered down the drains.

Faithful Jews from nations all over the region were gathering with their families for the Feast of Weeks, and Gentiles were coming to market. Then, suddenly shazam they were transformed by a great mind-melding-moment of mutual understanding.

There is a legend about Pepe, a notorious bank robber in the early West. He lived in Mexico and would creep into Texas towns robbing banks and fleeing to Mexico. The Texas Rangers couldn't catch him until one day when they illegally crossed the border into Mexico. They cornered him in a bar. Pepe couldn't speak English, so the lawmen asked the bartender to translate. The Texas Rangers, with their guns drawn, told the bartender to ask Pepe where he had hidden all the money he had stolen. "Tell him if he doesn't tell us where the money is right now, we're going to shoot him dead on the spot!" The bartender translated for Pepe. Immediately, Pepe explained in Spanish that the money was hidden in the town well. They could find the money by counting down 17 stones from the top, and behind the 17th stone was the loot. The bartender turned to the Rangers and translated in English, "Pepe is a very brave man. He says that you are a bunch of stinking pigs, and that he is not afraid to die."

All those peoples were washed into a common humanity, but it wasn't a synchronization into one same language; they simultaneously heard and felt God's love, heard and felt God's hope in their own tongue, within their own family story, within their own national respect, honoring their oneness, and most importantly they heard everyone else receiving it too. They were all special, worthy and beloved. No one, no nation, no elite group got to own God's revelation; it was unanimously present, God's great intersectional, intersocial, holy-disorienting generosity washed down on them all, rich and poor, powerful and maligned, locals and refugees, all.

We need Pentecost moments, to hear Holy Charity's cry, to be shaken by Holy Compassion's wind, to smell Holy Hope's ozone, be shocked by Holy Justice's thunder and awestruck by Holy Love's lightning. We need that miracle of divine hospitality again when equality and mutuality overpowered rank and file, overpowered castes, overpowered apartheid, overpowered political parties, overpowered eugenics, overpowered xenophobia's fears of the other.

We live a Pentecost moment now: Confirmation, Graduations, Strategic planning, grant writing, dreaming. So we listen, we watch, we shake, we dance, we move, we laugh. Holy Voice shake, shake, shake. Voice your love in all our tongues again we pray.



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JUNE WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

- Sunday Worship** – 10am in the sanctuary and virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive
- Tuesday’s Supper and One Stop Shop** – Every Tuesday from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday Potluck** - 6:00pm in the chapel
- 4-H Club** – Thursdays at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room
- Staff Team Meeting** – Tuesdays at 12:00pm in the Burhans Room
- Consistory Meeting** - 6/10 at 7pm in the Burhans Room
- Properties Committee Meeting** - 6/26 at 4pm
- Executive Team Meeting** - 6/6 at 2pm
- Easycise Class** - 6/8 at 9am
- ONA Fellowship** - 6/9 at 11am

June Birthdays

Alice Barr	6/2	Jason Weicht	6/23
Bill Myers	6/6	Susan Lohman	6/26
Susan Clutz	6/10	Richard Cantelina	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	Anissa and Doug Wade	6/19
Kim and Bill Cook	6/5	Angel and Calvin Livingston	6/29
Linda and Aaron Kelly	6/6	Danielle and Toby Wantz	6/29
Kristin and Rob Grosh	6/8		

Consistory Highlights

There is excitement in the air as much has, is, and will be happening at Zion!

For the first time in several years, we will be hosting Vacation Bible School with Christ's Reformed. The dates are Monday - Wednesday, June 17-19. The first night begins with a hotdog cookout at 5:45. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights VBS will begin at 6:30. It will wrap up all three evenings at 8 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with this fun event. By the way, Megan is also looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Activity during Worship. Please contact Megan Shroyer or look for a sign-up sheet in the Chapel area if you can help.

Zion was well represented at the UCC Spring Association meeting. FYI, Ruth Dwyer is on the Board of Directors of the Association. Scott noted that Zion was commended for participating in all of the Association's funding initiatives.

If you haven't been in the Fellowship Hall lately, please make a special trip downstairs to see the new paint in this area. And as you drive by the front of our church, please note the new plantings. Many thanks to Rich Owens and Burnie Clutz for their efforts with these projects. Mosko Restoration Services will be on site in about 2 weeks to finish repairing some broken headstones and to set up a timeframe and budget for the remainder of the damaged headstones. The righting and leveling of the headstones work continues with a local company. Rich has repaired the damaged window sill in the Sanctuary on the cemetery side and it looks wonderful.

Our Visioning and Strategic Planning Writing Team (Kim Ridenour, Pastor Scott Winnette, Mark Shroyer, Megan Shroyer, and Becky Hohman) is meeting on June 13. Jill White who led our Visioning and Strategic Planning retreat will be part of this meeting as well. Once the plan has been written, it will be presented to the Consistory for approval. This will allow the Consistory to review, modify, and approve the plan. Then it will be presented to the entire congregation for a vote.

FEMA has announced grant money available for houses of worship security. The purpose of the grant is to provide churches with funding to secure their buildings in the event of a threat from the outside. The Consistory agreed that this funding is worth pursuing. Pastor Scott has written a draft of this grant request which includes a security staff member on Sundays, new cemetery side magnetic doors conceptually like the magnetic door to the Sanctuary, an automatic back gate and lock, and additional security cameras. We will keep everyone informed if our grant request is approved.

Zion also has signed on to the Lilly Grant, Nurturing Children through Worship and Prayer Initiative. This grant would provide a full time staff person to be shared among the 5 churches participating in the grant to help develop a program that will attract more youth to the church.

ONA Pride Day is on July 13 at Doub's Woods Park. Zion will have an information and a raffle table at this event. If you have items that could be raffled off, please contact Scott or Calvin.

The A/C issue in the Fellowship Hall is not yet completely resolved. We will file a claim report against the City's insurance. We are now waiting to ensure that the voltage of the A/C units is correct before we bring the A/C units back on-line. Pray for cool temperatures until they are online.

Zion was contacted by a singer named Bobby Jo Valentine who is looking for a church venue to perform in sometime this year. Scott will contact him to see if he is available to sing during worship and to offer a concert on a date that works for us.

The Elders and Deacons training date has yet to be determined. Please note, though, that you do not have to be a Consistory member to attend this training workshop. It will be open to any and all Zion members.

Pastor Scott is on vacation on June 3 so we agreed to move June's Consistory meeting to June 10th.

As you can see, things are happening at Zion. Kim reminds us every meeting to be inviting friends we haven't seen at church in a while or new friends to join in church activities and Sunday worship services.

Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide - A Parish Nurse Note

The American Cancer Society has a good slogan for remembering what to do to protect your skin when you are outside in the summer: Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide. Each of these words reminds us of something important to remember when enjoying the summer sun. First, slip on protective clothing. Lightweight, light-colored clothes are recommended and consider shirts that are long-sleeved for the best protection from damaging sun rays. Some clothes today have built in sun protection and can block up to 98% of harmful sun rays. They are designated as UPF (ultraviolet protection factor) clothing and come in all sizes from babies to adults.

Second, slop on some sunscreen. The SPF (sun protection factor) should be at least 30%. Apply sunscreen 15-30 minutes before going outside and remember to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours while outside, especially if you are perspiring or swimming. Sunscreen should be used even on cool and cloudy days. Tanning is NOT recommended. Your skin changes with tanning and ages more quickly. Wrinkles, dark spots, and weathered skin are visible damage signs as well as the increased possibility to develop skin



Third, slap on a wide brim hat. This type of hat is great for protecting your scalp, face, and neck from the sun. Cooling hats are also available to keep you more comfortable when it's hot.

Fourth, seek shade. Since the sun warms the air, you will feel the actual air temperature when in the shade. It will be 10-15 degrees cooler in the shade than in the sun! It is also important to stay hydrated when outside. Water is always the best option for good hydration.

Fifth, slide on some sunglasses with UV (ultraviolet) protection. (Not all sunglasses have this, so buy wisely). They will protect your eyes and help prevent damage that can lead to cataract formation.

Another thing to consider before going out in the sun is the medications you take. Certain medicines can cause increased sensitivity to the sun's rays. Read about your medications' side effects or check with your pharmacist to see if any of the medications you take fall in this category. Remember to include any supplements or non-prescription drugs you take; they may also cause skin hypersensitivity

So, slip, slop, slap, seek and slide into summer to stay healthy and happy in the sun!

Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:
weather.gov
cancer.org



What's Happening

June 8 – HARC Hike for Hope and Hunger

The HARC Hike is a FUN event for all ages at Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Retreat Center and the C&O Canal Towpath. Enjoy the outdoors and fellowship while supporting a great cause! This is HARC's biggest fundraiser of the year.

This year, God's Grace Fund has offered an exciting opportunity. HARC Hike participants who raise more than their \$200 suggested fundraising goal will see any additional amounts raised matched 2-1. That means with the match, donations can have triple the impact for HARC and the Micah's Backpack program! [Learn More >>](#)

Zion's Summer Music Schedule

June 2 and 9 – Zion Choir

June 16 – Megan Shroyer

June 23 – Rae Smith

June 30 – Joel Ross

Note: While the choir is on summer hiatus they will continue to meet for a few minutes every Sunday morning at 9:30am to go over the first verse of the hymns for that days service. Anyone who would like to join them is welcome.

June 28 – Zion Book Club

The Zion Book Club will be meeting on Friday, June 28 at 7pm to discuss the book *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes, a story of mix-ups, mess-ups, and second chances. The group will then also meet on Friday, July 26 at 7pm to discuss *If I Were You* by Lynn Austin, a remarkable novel of sisterhood and self-discovery set against the backdrop of WWII. These meetings will be held at the home of Daisy Schlotterbeck. Please join us as we enjoy fun conversation and fellowship! For questions, contact Sue Graff at s.graff@myactv.net.

Thank you to our Partners!

We want to thank two of our partnering agencies, The United Way and REACH. The United Way is helping us with personnel hygiene items and books to encourage our neighbors to read. REACH has shared food items to help us in our outreach to our community. THANK YOU!

MAY HAPPENINGS AT ZION



Date	Lector	Ushers	
June 2	Rich Owens	William Brewer Jean Simmons	Calvin Livingston Gerald Saum
June 9	Wells Ridenour	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
June 16	Amber Nilson	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Mark Bagby Rich Owens
June 23	Barb Hendershot	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	William Wantz Matt McDonald
June 30	Calvin Livingston	William Brewer Jean Simmons	Calvin Livingston Gerald Saum

TREASURER'S REPORT

	April	Year-to-Date
Income	\$13,279	\$38,813.34
Transfers	\$20,000	\$115,000
Expenses	\$39,430.03	\$156,718.91
Net Income	-\$6,151.03	-\$2,905.57

Pastor: Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette
Admin Assistant: Rae Smith
Multimedia Specialist: Brandon Hackett
Music Director/Organist: Claire-Marie Moblard
Choir Director: Byron L. Stay
Treasurer: Lisa Saum
Special Funds Treasurer: Carol Mooers
Parish Nurse: Barb Hendershot

Consistory Elders: Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz and Carol Mooers

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

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