



Heart Beat Newsletter



Zion United Methodist Church

In the Heart of Whitehouse

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Pastor Carol's Comments:

I love a phrase that Paul uses to describe those who have embraced Jesus as their Lord and Savior. He says they are "alive in Christ." I think of that phrase often here at Zion, because that's what I see: people who participate in Sunday School and Bible study so they can grow in their faith, people who worship regularly, people who serve in many ways, all out of their love for Jesus. That's why, when you walk out our front doors, you'll see that phrase on our sign. Churches can be busy and friendly, but unless they are "alive in Christ," they're just like any other social/service group.

We have a lot planned for the coming months (make sure you read the newsletter and keep tabs on our Facebook page and web site). But what makes each of our events or projects meaningful is the life force behind them: Jesus Christ, who enables a new quality of life in us as individuals and as a congregation. May others see that we are "alive in Christ" and, through us, be drawn to claim that new life for themselves!

Psalm 118:29 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.

News around Zion:

UMM Love Packages – Christian reading materials are collected and distributed to ministries in poor countries around the world. A complete list is on the bulletin board in the narthex and downstairs. Items collected are Bibles, any Christian book and SS curriculum, devotionals, etc. We will collect items until the end of August. See Patricia Jones for more details.

Vacation Bible School is June 18-22, 9 - 11:30 a.m. Free to all 3-yr-olds through students who have completed 4th grade. (Offered in cooperation with Community of Christ Lutheran Church.) Learn about God's promise on life's wild ride through "Splash Canyon"! Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! Discover that Jesus is by your side and gives us life and hope every day and forever. The morning will open with LOUD music with Zion's Pastor Carol and CoC's Pastor Matt! Then, enjoy outdoor fun, craft time, snacks, Bible Challenge, and stories.

In addition to VBS, there is a 5th & 6th retreat at the same time and place, led by Pastor Matt and Pastor Carol. It is also FREE. Volunteer or register for VBS or the 5th/6th retreat here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/6E67BF57/3528#about>.

Summer Church Camp information is available at the West Ohio Conference website at <https://www.westohiocamps.org/camp> If you'd like more information, please see Patricia Jones. We have camping guides for your family, also, and financial assistance may be available.

Cherry Fest

Zion will be participating in the Cherry Fest, June 7-9. We will be offering a rest area for festival goers (or, as Pastor Carol calls it, the "Zion (Cherry) Pit Stop"). We will offer chairs for people to rest their legs, a diaper changing table, water, and band-aids. We will also participate in the parade. Finally, the Chamber of Commerce is putting together a service event focused on collecting food and money donations for the Food Pantry. This will be a great opportunity for the Whitehouse community to see what Zion is all about!

New Garbage Regime:

Zion no longer gets unlimited trash pickup for free. We are now limited to 96 gallons of trash a week for \$15/month. Most weeks we think we can stay under the limit but it will be close.

- All trash in regular pickup must go in the 96 gallon container and **the lid must close**.
- We have extra bags that we can put out for \$2.25 @ on the weeks that we go over the 96 gallon limit.
- Garbage must go into bags
So:
 - Place recyclable containers and cardboard in separate containers.
 - Always use garbage bags
 - Compress garbage bags to some reasonable extent
 - Collapse cups as they are discarded
 - Keep liquids out of the trash
 - Pour gravy like wastes down the drain with lots of rinse water so that we can compress the bags without fear of making a bigger mess
 - Grease still needs to go in the bags, compress and then pour the grease in the bag.
 - Look for ways to reduce our trash volume

Upcoming Events:

June 3 to 6, 2018 – Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (Lakeside)

June 7 to 9, 2018 – Whitehouse Cherry Fest booth and parade

June 18 to 22, 2018 – VBS and 5th/6th Retreat from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (details above)

July 9, 10, 12, 2018 – Preparing lunch for students/teachers in AW's Summer Program (with 1st Presbyterian Church in Waterville and Share Our Grounds).

July 19, 2018 – Serving breakfast at Freedom School, Monroe Street UMC, Toledo.