



Heart Beat Newsletter



Zion United Methodist Church

In the Heart of Whitehouse

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Pastor Carol's Comments:

"Let the children come to me." Zion UMC lives out Jesus' welcome to children! Children are fed through our Food Pantry. They are shown love and concern at our Tutoring Assistance Program, along with joining us for dinner once a month along with their families. Offering parents of babies a clean place for a diaper change at the Cherry Fest told the community that we care about the needs of young families. We took supplies to the Migrant Rest Center after learning of the needs of immigrant children who were separated from their families in Sandusky, and we'll be serving lunches and breakfast to at-risk children in two summer school programs. And that's not even counting Operation Christmas Child, the bookmarks we signed for refugee children in Chad, and other "under the radar" activities. Here at Zion, we will continue to look for ways to follow Jesus' example, remembering that we are all little children in his eyes.

Thank You!

I was surprised and touched at the Food Pantry/Church Picnic to be given such thoughtful gifts to celebrate my first anniversary here at Zion UMC! The beautiful cut-glass bowl is still full of candy, so stop by my office for a visit and a sweet treat, as you enjoy the sound of the fountain of Jesus praying, hand-made by Cassie. It would be impossible for me to list all the ways you have blessed me in the past year, so I will simply say, from the bottom of my heart, "Thank you." ~ Pastor Carol

I John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

News around Zion:

Feeding Jesus' Lambs

This month will find us feeding the children of our community, both close by and a bit farther afield. The week of July 8th, we will provide lunch for the students of Anthony Wayne's new summer program. This 8-week program ensures that students have enough to eat and gives them a chance to experience some of summer's special pleasures. They also receive some academic reinforcement.

We are partnering with the Share Our Grounds café and Waterville's First Presbyterian Church to cover our three days (7/9-10-12). Share Our Grounds will provide sandwiches for all three days. Through a generous donation, we will be able to provide juice boxes for all three days, plus some extra snacks. We will also be providing fresh veggies, snacks, and dessert on 7/10 and 7/12.

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Then, on Thursday, 7/19, we will be serving breakfast to the students of the Maumee Watershed District's "Freedom School." This program helps to break the "cradle to prison pipeline" for at-risk children in Toledo. We will travel to Monroe Street UMC to do some simple breakfast prep, serve it to the children, sit with them and help the littlest ones. Then, we will join in "Harambee," their opening program. If you'd like to join the group, contact Denise or Pastor Carol. (A simple form must be completed by each volunteer prior to our service date.)

Hospice Ambassadors

"If it hadn't been for a knowledgeable and caring nurse, I would never have known about the many kinds of care Hospice could provide for my Mom," Pastor Carol says. In fact, most people approach hospice because of a caring, knowledgeable person who began the conversation about hospice care, answered basic questions, and cleared up misconceptions.

On Thursday, 8/16, at 7 p.m., Zion will provide an opportunity for Whitehouse community members to become those knowledgeable lifelines for their families, friends, and neighbors. A representative from Hospice of Northwest Ohio will offer a free informational program about the many services and resources Hospice has to offer and dispel myths about Hospice care. Plan to come and learn. You never know when you might be the one to offer someone the resources they need to live as fully as possible in the face of a terminal illness.

Save the Dates!

It seems like summer has just begun, but we're already planning for fall and winter! These events are in the planning stages (more details coming) but put them on your calendar now.

Sunday, 9/16: Rally Day! Kick off the new program year of worship, learning, and service.

Sunday, 9/30, 4:00 p.m.: "Praise in the Park." Community Worship Service with Community of Christ at the Pavilion in the Whitehouse Village Park. Music, Bible stories, and some surprises for the whole family.

Wednesday, 11/21, 7:00 p.m.: Combined Thanksgiving Eve Service at Community of Christ with Pastor Carol preaching.

Saturday, December 15, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.: Winter Vacation Bible School at Zion, in cooperation with Community of Christ.

Upcoming Events:

July 3 and 17, 2018 – Food Pantry, 9 to noon

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.

August 16 – Hospice Informational Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

September 16 – Rally Day

September 30 – Praise in the Park 4:00 p.m.