



# Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church  
*In the heart of Whitehouse*



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## Pastor Carol's Comments

### Message

When people think about faith, they often think in terms of endings: "Where will I be after I die?" But Christian faith is not just about endings. It's also about beginnings and the in-betweens! Here at Zion, we find ways to live out our faith in all those times. This month, we are inviting the community to a free program about hospice care for those facing terminal illness. But we are also celebrating new beginnings, as we bless the backpacks of students and teachers beginning a new school year. As for the in-betweens, we continue to live the eternal life we have received—life that doesn't start with our physical deaths but which begins for us the moment we accept Jesus' gracious love and forgiveness. In gratitude for that gift, we worship, serve, and learn. As you read through this issue, you'll find that the weeks ahead are full of ways to do just that!

### Blessing of the Backpacks

A new school year is exciting and maybe a little scary, for students and teachers! On 8/19 during worship we will bless the backpacks (or briefcases, messenger bags, etc.) of all students and teachers. Does your family include students or teachers who live far away? Give their names to Pastor Carol, and we'll bless them, too!



## Bible Verse for the Month

**James 3:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

## News Around Zion

### The How's and What's of Hospice Care

On Thursday, August 16, at 7 p.m., Zion will provide Whitehouse community members with an opportunity to become knowledgeable lifelines to hospice care 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.

It's important for us to support this program which has been highly advertised around Whitehouse.

### Girl Scouts at Zion

This year, Zion is happy to welcome Girl Scout Troop 16230 to our building. The troop is led by Barry Beale and Meredith Gilbertson. At their first meeting in August, the Scouts will learn about the flag, the Girl Scout Law, Girl Scout Promise, and the Girl Scout Way. It will be exciting to watch these young women grow through their Girl Scout experiences.



### News Around Zion (continued)

#### Rally Day - "Back to Basics"

On Sunday, September 16, we will celebrate the start of fall programming. Please invite friends and neighbors! We are preparing a letter to distribute that has information about Sunday School classes and small groups. There will be a pot luck luncheon that day and we ask our "regulars" to prepare a little extra for our guests.

On Thursday evenings, starting Sept. 20, we will be starting a study based on the book, "A New Playlist: Hearing Jesus in a Noisy World" by Jacob Armstrong. It will be led by Pastor Carol. You'll discover how to cut through the distractions of life to hear God more clearly. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

#### New Fundraiser

Purchase any floral arrangements at Anthony Wayne Floral in downtown Whitehouse during the month of August and our church will benefit with 10 percent of the sales. They have a program called, "Blooms of Love" which supports local non-profits.

### 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, 9/30, 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.

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### Upcoming Events

August 7 and 21 – Food Pantry, 10 to noon  
Doors open at 9:30 for coffee & cookies

August 16 – "The How's and What's of Hospice Care," 7:00 p.m.

September 16 – Rally Day "Back to Basics"

September 20 – New Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

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