



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church
In the heart of Whitehouse



September, 2018

Pastor Carol's Comments

Message

Rally Day is Sunday, 9/16. Traditionally, Rally Day is a kick-off to a new year of church programs—Sunday School, mission projects, Bible studies, etc. But the word “rally” also makes me think of road rallies. A road rally is a driving event on a scenic route in a car with no special equipment. It’s not a speed race, and all traffic laws are observed. Anyone can do it. Road rallies have different themes, and while there’s an element of competition, the real fun is in simply participating and gathering with other participants to compare notes.

Our faith journey is a lot like a road rally. It takes us on routes with unexpected twists, turns, and new directions. We don’t need special knowledge or experience, but we learn a lot along the way from worship, service, and fellow travelers. The themes change as our lives change. We strive to follow the rules of the road (which we’ll be reviewing on Rally Day and in the following weeks as we get “Back to Basics”). It’s not a race that depends on speed, and we find joy in completion, not in competition.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith.” Join us as we begin the next leg of our faith journey together on Rally Day!

News Around Zion

New Bible Study

We will continue getting “back to basics” in our six-week-long Fall Bible Study. We will be using Jacob Armstrong’s new book and DVD, “A New Playlist: Hearing Jesus In a Noisy World.” Many of us go through our days listening to our favorite songs or podcasts to the exclusion of everything going on around us. What if we chose instead to listen to Jesus’ “playlist,” tuning out the world’s anxiety, disruptions, and overloaded schedules? Together, we’ll discover how to cut through the distractions of life to hear God more clearly. Led by Pastor Carol, starting Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations Time

Although our congregation is small in number, we are greatly blessed by able and gifted laypeople. The Nominations Committee works to make sure each person has an opportunity to lead in the places where their passions and abilities meet the needs of the church. The committee will be meeting to review our leadership roster. You will be hearing from us soon to confirm whether you are willing to continue to serve in your current position, if God is calling you to a new way to serve, or (if you are a newer part of the church family) if you are willing to participate in some way. If you have a particular interest or gift, we will find the best place for you. Just contact one of the committee members: Pastor Carol, Patricia Jones, Ron Myers, Pat Jones, Louella Rupp, Sandra Morse, or Amy Stultz.



News Around Zion (continued)

What We Learned about Hospice Care

We had a good turn-out for our August program about hospice care, and we learned a lot. Here are some tidbits that we learned: Most people sign up too late to take advantage of the many services available. Five days of respite care are available for at-home care-givers. You don't need a referral from a doctor to obtain hospice care. Medicare and most insurance policies cover hospice care. There are for-profit and not-for-profit hospice operations; be cautious about choosing for-profit hospice companies. Pastor Carol has hospice literature in her office. See her if you would like to know more.

"I Believe in the Church"

All are invited to attend a dinner and program with Bishop Gregory Palmer on Wed., 10/10, at Bowling Green First UMC. Dinner begins at 6:00 with the program at 7:00. I will be attending and would love to have a group from Zion go with me! Amidst the debate and discussion around the coming General Conference, Bishop Palmer will offer an evening of inspiration, worship, (continued in next column)

testimony and sharing that affirms our belief in the life and relevance of the Church today. Registration for this free dinner and program is required and may be done online here:

<https://www.westhioumc.org/IBelieve>

Tutoring Assistance Program - TAP

We can use volunteers for tutoring, substitute tutors or snack providers. Contact Sandra Morse if interested

FYI - Girl Scout Troop 16230 now meets at Zion once a month.

Save the Dates!

These events are in the planning stages (more details coming).

Wednesday, 10/10 6:00 p.m. Bishop dinner

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

September 4 and 18 – Food Pantry, 9 to noon

September 4 and 5 – Sunbeam Christian
 Preschool back in session

September 4 – Girl Scout Troop meeting

September 16 – Rally Day “Back to Basics” Join us for lunch after the service

September 19 – TAP begins (every Wed)

September 20 and 27 – New Bible Study,
 Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for 6 weeks

October 10 – “I Believe in the Church” dinner at 6:00 p.m., program at 7:00 p.m.