



# Heart Beat Newsletter



Zion United Methodist Church  
*In the heart of Whitehouse*

**November, 2018**

## **Pastor Carol's Comments**

We are almost to the mid-term election, after what has been a very contentious campaign season. Regardless of the outcome, many voters will be unhappy. This is not new; it was the same in John Wesley's time. Here is what Wesley advised the Methodists: "To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; to speak no evil of the person they voted against; and, to take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side." Jesus cared even for the people who thought he was wrong, thought he was crazy, thought he was evil. May we strive to love our neighbors as ourselves, no matter what side of the political fence we are on.

### Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

Again this year, we will join our brothers and sisters at Community of Christ Lutheran Church to offer the community a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, 11/21, at 7:00 p.m. We will gather at Community of Christ, with Pastor Carol preaching. An offering of food and money will be taken for our Food Pantry.

### Church Conference

Our Church Conference will be held on Sunday, 11/11, at 4:00 p.m. at Grace UMC in Perrysburg. Following a brief worship service led by District Superintendent Scot Ocke, we will meet to elect our lay leadership, approve our goals for the year, and set pastoral compensation. All members are invited to attend and vote.

## **News Around Zion**

### TAP Fellowship Dinners

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, we will hold our second TAP Fellowship dinner. It will be in our fellowship hall right after TAP that afternoon. We served 40 people for the first dinner. This meal is chili, cornbread and hot dogs. Please see Pat Jones if you can help or provide a dessert. And remember - you are invited!

### Advent Bible Study

"Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here" by Max Lucado  
Led by Pastor Carol

Starts Thursday, Nov. 29 for 4 weeks (Note-last class is Wed., Dec. 19)

In the midst of your hectic Christmas season, Max Lucado urges you to -

- 1) Rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas and find hope for a lifetime.
- 2) Lay down your endless Christmas to-do lists and receive what Jesus has already done.
- 3) Heal your heartache by embracing the God who is always near you, always for you, and always in you.

Please join us for this special study during Advent.

The sign up sheet is in the narthex.



## News Around Zion (continued)

### Christmas Adopt A Family

There are many families in our area who would appreciate some help to make Christmas for their children a happy one. If you would like to adopt a family and help them to enjoy this special holiday, please let Pastor Carol or Laurie Dotson know.

If you know of a family in need, have them call the church at 419-877-5820.

### Bishop to Discuss "The Way Forward"

Join Bishop Palmer and other conference leaders on Monday, 11/26, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Grace UMC in Perrysburg for a "Way Forward Gathering." The topic will be the called General Conference to be held in February. The General Conference will be focused on how the United Methodist Church will respond to issues around human sexuality going forward. At the Gathering, we will hear about the key proposals which the Commission on the Way Forward has presented for consideration by the General Conference. There will also be time for Q&A and sharing our thoughts about the options, verbally or in writing. Registration is required and may be done online at <https://www.westohioumc.org/WayForwardGatheringGraceUMCPerrysburg>.

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### Mission Moment

The Operation Christmas Child boxes need to be turned in by Nov. 12. Please pray for the children that will be reached through these gifts.

We are collecting blankets, winter hats, mittens, and other warm weather items by the end of December.

### There IS Such a Thing as a Free Lunch!

Waterville UMC (102 N. Fifth St.) will hold a free Election Day Lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert, and beverage on Tues., 11/6, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All are invited!

### **Save the Dates!**

These events are for next month:

- Dec. 10 and Dec. 11 - Community Christmas Cantata - at 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC
- Dec. 20 - Preschool Christmas Program
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Nov. 6 and 20 - Food Pantry, coffee and conversation at 9:30; food delivery 10-12
- Nov. 11 - Charge Conference at Perrysburg Grace UMC at 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 14 - TAP Fellowship Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- Nov. 21 - Combined Thanksgiving Eve Service at Community of Christ w Pastor Carol preaching - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 22 - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26 - Bishop Palmer Sharing 7-8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 29 - Advent Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 1 - Hanging of the Greens at 9:00 a.m.