



# Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church  
*In the heart of Whitehouse*



**February, 2019**

## **Pastor Carol's Comments**

Do you know the song "Love the One You're With"? The Stephen Stills version spent eleven weeks on the "Billboard" charts, topping out at #14 on Jan. 31, 1971. It's all about losing one love and finding a quick "replacement." Fortunately, we are loved by Someone who never moves from our side, and who doesn't see us as replaceable, even when we're the ones who move. As we celebrate love during this month of Valentine's Day, we can remember Jesus' words: "Remember, I am with you always, to the close of the age." So, go ahead and love the One you're with, and who will always be with you!

### General Conference Update

As our General Conference dates approach, the Council of Bishops has asked that United Methodists throughout the world pause and pray each day from 2:23-2:26 a.m. or p.m., or other time that's convenient for you. (The Conference will meet from 2/23-2/26.) Pray for the delegates, bishops, and the work they will do on our behalf. Prayer aids and devotional materials are available at [www.UMCprays.org](http://www.UMCprays.org).

### Bishop Palmer to Simulcast "Way Forward" Address

Bishop Palmer will speak to all of us about the results of the General Conference in a "simulcast" on Saturday, March 2, at 10:00 a.m. Sylvania First UMC is one of the locations where it can be viewed. (If a closer location is added, it will be announced in church.) District Superintendent Scot Ocke will also speak after the simulcast. All are welcome to attend.

## **News Around Zion**

### TAP Dinner

The February TAP Fellowship Dinner is on 2/20 at 5:00 p.m. (following TAP). This month it features lasagna, macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, salad and desserts. Yes, it's the same menu as January since the January dinner was cancelled because AW closed school that day! If you can help with the dinner or provide a dessert, please contact Pat Jones.

### Worship and Grow during Lent

Lent will be here before we know it! Ash Wednesday is March 6, and we will begin our Lenten observance with our service at 7:00. The service will include the imposition of ashes and Communion. We will begin our Lenten Bible Study on Thursday, 3/14. We will use Max Lucado's 5-week study "He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart," which explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion.

### Ham Loaf Fundraiser

Our popular Ham Loaf dinner is on Feb. 14 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come and bring your Valentine! The price is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children. The menu includes ham loaf with Nellie's special sauce, salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, desserts and beverage. There are chicken nuggets available for children. Take-out is available.





**News Around Zion (continued)**

Recycling Day a Snowy Success!

In spite of the cold, wind, and snow, the stalwart members of Zion held our Electronics Recycling Day on 1/19, and it was a HUGE success! We got great publicity, the phone was ringing off the hook with people asking if we would still have it, and we filled the entire truck from Recycle IT USA Toledo. Our “customers” were impressed and grateful that we would brave the adverse conditions to offer this service to our community.

Winter Closing Policy

If wintry weather hits, all activities will be cancelled if there is a Level 3 snow emergency. Church leadership will evaluate other, less severe conditions. Check the local TV stations, our Facebook page, our web site, or call the church phone number where closings will be included in the voice mail greeting. If the TV stations don’t specify Zion UMC in Whitehouse, check our other sources, since there are numerous Zion churches in northwest Ohio, both UM and other denominations.

Pastor Carol Joins District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Pastor Carol has been asked to serve on our district’s Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM). This committee decides which persons may become candidates for pastoral ministry, licenses local pastors, and mentors candidates when needed. Please pray for Pastor Carol and the entire committee, that they will be guided by God’s wisdom as they work with those who feel a call to ministry.

Pastor Carol is involved with many community ministries - at Blue Creek Nursing Home, Storypoint Senior Community, and the Whitehouse Council Meetings.

**Save the Dates for Next Month:**

- Bishop Simulcast on 3/2
- Ash Wednesday on 3/6
- Lenten Bible Study starts 3/14
- TAP Fellowship Dinner on 3/20

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**Upcoming Events**

Feb. 7 - “Living Faithfully” Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Feb. 14 - Ham Loaf Dinner (fundraiser), 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Feb. 5 & 19 - Food Pantry, coffee and conversation at 9:30; food delivery 10-12 a.m.

Feb. 20 - TAP Fellowship Dinner (free) at 5 p.m.

Feb. 23 to 26 - General Conference of UMC

March 2 - Bishop Palmer simulcast address about the General Conference - 10:00 a.m. at Sylvania First UMC

March 6 - Ash Wednesday