



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church
In the heart of Whitehouse



March, 2019

Pastor Carol's Comments

The season of Lent is upon us, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service which includes the invitation to “observe a holy Lent.” I like these words, because they challenge us to make this a “set apart” time of reflection, repentance, and preparation to receive once again the gift of the resurrection.

In addition to our special services and Lenten Bible Study, our worship services will use John Wesley’s “Covenant Renewal Service” to help us think about what our faith demands of us. Each week we will focus on a different part of the “Covenant Prayer.” On Holy (Maundy) Thursday (4/18), we will observe the Covenant Renewal Service, giving us the opportunity to recommit ourselves to the covenant between us and God.

So, I invite you to observe a holy Lent, through worship, study, and prayer, as we once again follow Jesus to the cross and then to the joy of the resurrection.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the generous gift you gave me in worship! I will be sure to use it for something which will remind me of all of you. You are a blessing to me in so many ways!

-- Pastor Carol



News Around Zion

TAP Dinner

A big thanks to all who are helping with our TAP dinners (especially Pat Jones). The March 20 dinner will feature pulled pork or chicken sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert. Contact Pat Jones if you can help or provide a dessert. In February, we had four TAP families attend the meal and we served around 30 people.

Lenten Bible Study

Starting March 14, Pastor Carol will lead us in a 5-week study of the Max Lucado book, “He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart.” It explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his Crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow...the nails that tore his flesh...the seamless robe that he removed for us...the empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex and you can indicate if you want the optional book or study guide. We will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

More Locations for Bishop's “Way Forward” Address

Bishop Palmer will speak to all of us about the results of the General Conference in a “simulcast” on Saturday, 3/2, at 10:00 a.m. In our district, we can participate in this event at Sylvania First UMC, Epworth, Maumee UMC, and Napoleon Christ. During the event, participants will be able to email or text their questions to the Bishop. District Superintendent Scot Ocke will also speak after the simulcast. All are encouraged to attend.



News Around Zion (continued)

A Walk That Will Change Your Life

Have you been on an Emmaus Walk yet? The Emmaus Walk is a 72-hour spiritual retreat, focusing on God's grace, spiritual disciplines, and what it means to be the Church. The entire weekend is wrapped in prayer, meditation, special times of worship, and daily celebration of Holy Communion. It is an amazing experience that will help you grow closer to Christ. See Pastor Carol or Patricia Jones for details, and plan now to attend *your* Emmaus weekend!

Upcoming Walks

Women: 3/28-31/19, 9/19-22/19

Men: 8/22-25/19, 4/2-5/20

(Widewater Retreat Ctr, Liberty Ctr)

No Idle Hands!

Our members are putting their talents to good use during these long wintry days. Pat Jones has been making hats and scarves from leftover bits of yarn. They will soon be keeping the little heads of Whitehouse Primary students warm. Louella has been crocheting small teddy bears. The bears will be going to new homes with the children of Sunbeam Christian Preschool. (Shhh—it's a surprise!)

Community Prayer Services

On the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., a prayer service for our Anthony Wayne community is held in Studio A of the Anthony Wayne YMCA in Waterville. The service lasts about an hour, and all are welcome to participate. Each month features a different prayer focus. Upcoming meetings will focus on the AW communities, their administrators and staff (March); AW First Responders (April); and AW businesses (May).

Summer Church Camp

For information about the UMC summer camps, visit this website (includes Widewater information which is the camp near us.) <http://www.westohiocamps.org>

Save the Dates for Next Month:

Maundy Thursday on 4/18

Good Friday on 4/19

Easter on 4/21

TAP Picnic on 4/24

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Upcoming Events

March 2 - Simulcast of Bishop's Address at 10 a.m.

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

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

March 14, 21, & 28 - Lenten Bible Study at 7 p.m.

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