



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church
In the heart of Whitehouse



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Pastor Carol's Comments

Spending time “in the Word” is good for your soul anytime, but I especially love spending time outside with Bible in hand—on the deck, in a park, anyplace where God’s creation can soak into all my senses. For my own daily devotional time, I use a web site that lists daily readings. I don’t spend time studying the passages; I just see what comes to me as I read. Then I jot down what has struck me as beautiful, odd, surprising, and so on. I keep my notes (with the date) in a journal. Mine is on my computer, and it’s interesting to see the different ways the same passage has spoken to me at different times in my life.

One of my favorite reading guides is the web site satucket.com/lectionary. It not only has readings for each day, but it also features short biographies of people who have been important to the Christian faith. They are fascinating, eye-opening, and inspiring!

So, don’t let a pool or lake be the only thing you dive into this summer! Dive into the Word and, as Psalm 1 says, you will be like the “trees planted by streams of water, which yield fruit in its season.”

Summer Hymn Requests

Summer is coming. (It really is! I promise!) That means it’s time to request your favorite hymns and songs. We’ll try to sing as many of them as possible during the summer months. Ballots will be coming soon, so be thinking of which ones you would like to request.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursday evening Bible Study will be taking a summer hiatus. Are there any topics that you’d like to explore in the future? Drop Pastor Carol or Patricia Jones an email or put a note in their mailboxes.

News Around Zion

Whitehouse Community Bible School

Splash Canyon is the theme of this summer’s Bible School. It will be June 17 to 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children from 3 years-old to 4th grade are welcome; with a “camp” for 5th and 6th graders. (It’s the grade you completed.) This is sponsored by our church and Community of Christ Lutheran Church, where it is held on Finzel Road. To register online: <http://www.commofchrist.org> To help, contact the Pastor or Sandy Morse.

Cherry Fest is Coming!

Mark your calendars now for Cherry Fest, June 7-8. We will again be offering our Diaper Changing Station for families attending the festival. We have been given the same spot as last year. Help will be needed for set-up, tear-down, and staffing the booth on both days. We will also be participating in the parade. We will be tossing candy to the spectators along the route, so we need some sweet donations! More details will be coming, but set aside some time now to be part of our Cherry Fest outreach!

A Big Thanks

We thank all the tutors for their dedication to helping the children of Whitehouse with their schoolwork every Wednesday. We appreciate Sandy Morse for organizing TAP every year. Also, we thank everyone for helping with the monthly dinners and Pat Jones for organizing and cooking the dinners. It takes a lot of effort from many, many people to offer TAP!

More Thanks!

Thank you to all who put in the extra effort required by our Holy Week services—bulletins, music, reading, decorating, and more. You helped make our worship meaningful!



News Around Zion (continued)

General Conference Update

As you may remember, some of the petitions passed at the 2019 General Conference were referred to the Judicial Council for review. Here is a summary of the Council's decisions: The unconstitutional parts don't invalidate the constitutional ones. The petition about local churches "disaffiliating" (leaving) the UMC is constitutional. A local church's decision to leave must be approved by the Annual Conference and must meet other requirements in the legislation. Exiting churches must pay their fair share of pension liability. Exiting clergy retain their pension but it is converted to limit further liability to the conference.

The requirement that members of the Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry certify that they would follow the entire *Book of Discipline* (including but not limited to sections on human sexuality) was found unconstitutional. Bishops remain accountable to the jurisdictional college or central conference, not to the annual conference or any other body.

You will continue to see media coverage about our struggle to live faithfully as Christians in the Wesleyan tradition.

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(continued) Please be cautious about what sources you read, because most do not have a good understanding of UMC structure or theology. The best source is the official UMC news web site, www.umnews.org. It provides trust-worthy, even-handed coverage of this issue and others that are important as we live out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Celebrate!

Come celebrate another year of service through TAP and the Food Pantry at our annual picnic on Saturday, 5/25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pat and Howard Jones, 10025 Maumee-Western Rd. in Monclova. (Rain date is 6/1.) Bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. Pat and Howard will provide the sloppy joes, hot dog bar, soft drinks, and tableware. Pat and Howard say, "Come and stay as long as you like!" A fire ring and marshmallows to toast will be available after dinner. Call Pat and Howard if you need more information or a ride: 419-865-9745.

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 AW businesses (May), AW churches (June), service organizations in the AW community (July), and the AW school district's students, faculty, staff, and administrators (August).

Upcoming Events

- May 7 & 21 - Food Pantry, coffee and conversation at 9:30; food pick-up 10 a.m.-noon
- May 25 - Picnic at Jones's Home 6:00 p.m.
Rain Date is June 1
- June 7 & 8 - Cherry Fest booth and parade
- June 17 to 21 - Bible School 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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