



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church
In the heart of Whitehouse



June, 2019

Pastor Carol's Comments

Each year about this time, I start looking forward to the summer months when we enjoy fresh, local fruit. Not being a farmer, I don't know if our crazy weather will have an impact on when we'll have those luscious strawberries, jewel-like cherries, and delicious peaches. But there is another kind of fruit that's always in season and isn't at the mercy of climate change: the fruit of the Spirit. Paul lists them in his letter to the Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Of course, we need to provide good growing conditions through daily prayer, regular participation in worship, digging into God's word, and serving through our time, talents, and resources. Regardless of what you find at your local farm market or in your garden this summer, may the Spirit produce a healthy harvest of fruit in you.

Summer Hymn Requests

During the summer you get to help choose the hymns we sing. Fill out a ballot with a couple of your favorite hymns and songs. We'll try to sing as many of them as possible during the summer months. Ballots are available in the narthex. Place them in the basket or offering plate.

New in the Fall

Thursday evening Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer, but when we begin again in the fall (9/12), we will have a new start time. The Education Committee decided that 6:30 might be more convenient, allowing everyone to get home earlier. So, mark the date—and new time—on your calendars now.

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. Set aside some time now to be part of our Cherry Fest outreach! Contact Ron Myers for more information.



We will distribute these notepad/pencil holders at the Cherry Fest. We thank all those who helped make them and provided the supplies for them.



News Around Zion (continued)

Wear Red for Pentecost!

Pentecost is Sunday, June 9. This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered community of disciples in Jerusalem, forty days after Jesus' resurrection. The color red is associated with the Holy Spirit, signifying the power the Spirit gives us to grow in grace, resist sin, and become more Christlike. So, on Sunday, 6/9, wear red to celebrate the power of the Spirit in you!

Independence Day Hymn Sing

Plan to come a little early on Sunday, 7/7, as we join in singing hymns that focus on our nation. We'll begin at 10:15 with such favorites as "America," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and more. Worship will begin as usual with announcements at 10:25.



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>



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

Annual Conference

Our Pastor will be at Lakeside for the UMC Annual Conference from June 2 to 6. Prayers needed for this important conference.

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Upcoming Events

June 4 & 18 - Food Pantry, coffee and conversation at 9:30; food pick-up 10 a.m. to noon.

June 7 & 8 - Cherry Fest booth and parade

June 9 - Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday

June 17 to 21 - Bible School 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Community of Christ Lutheran Church on Finzel

July 7 - Independence Day Hymn Sing at 10:15 a.m.

Sept. 8 - Rally Day

Sept. 12 - New Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.