



Heart Beat Newsletter



Zion United Methodist Church
In the heart of Whitehouse



July, 2019

Pastor Carol's Comments

As I was preparing to write this message, my Bible fell open to 2 Corinthians 4:16. It says, "...Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." Paul is speaking of himself and his co-workers, but that daily renewal of our spirits can be true of each of us. As our bodies age, we all notice some losses—some minor, some severe, some gradual, some in a moment of crisis. But our inner natures are something altogether different. They are being made new day by day! Another way to read this verse is that our inner natures are "growing up" every day, growing beyond our childhood understandings into a more mature faith. As United Methodists, we place a high value on continuing to grow in our knowledge and love of God. Make sure you take time to do some growing this summer through worship, prayer, Bible study, and personal reflection.

We Made a Splash at Vacation Bible School

Zion and Community of Christ Lutheran once again collaborated to offer Vacation Bible School to area children. These year's theme was "Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride." Patricia Jones and Pastor Carol both participated in each morning's activities. Patricia led the Kindergarten class each morning, while Pastor Carol participated in the opening and closing each day and offered a daily message based on the day's featured Scripture lesson of the day.



News Around Zion

Let Freedom (School) Ring!

On Friday, 7/19, we will once again participate in the Maumee Watershed District's "Freedom School." This year, we will be helping Chef Les to prepare and serve lunch and then joining the children at their tables as friendly visitors. We will need 3-4 volunteers to help with lunch prep and serving, but the school says, "If you would like to bring more people, great! We can't have too many people being with children, talking with them, building relationships."

The school is located in Monroe Street UMC in Toledo. Our team needs to be there by 11:30 and should be done by 1:30. A simple information form must be completed by each volunteer prior to our service date. If you'd like to join the group, contact Denise or Pastor Carol.

This program helps to break the "cradle to prison pipeline" for at-risk children in Toledo by helping them to be academically successful. For the six weeks of Freedom School, our more than fifty scholars receive academic enrichment with a heavy focus on reading, encouragement to be good citizens in their communities, two nutritious meals and a snack daily, as well as a book each week to build their home libraries. Their families are also connected to needed resources in their communities. Studies show that last year, across the country, 84% of Freedom School scholars avoided summer learning loss, 90% of parents saw increased reading confidence in their children, and 90% of parents were interested in becoming involved in their communities with their children.



News Around Zion (continued)

Cherry Fest Report

In June, Zion once again participated in the Whitehouse Cherry Fest. Our Diaper Changing Station made a return appearance, to the gratitude of many babies and their parents. There were times when families were lined up, waiting for their turn. Pastor Carol made periodic rounds of the park, passing out leaflets about our booth. The most common response was, "That is so awesome!"

We also were part of the parade, using a pick-up truck graciously loaned by Ryan Reed. We tossed candy to parade-goers and handed out leaflets about the Changing Station and Vacation Bible School.

New Office Computer

Thanks to an anonymous donor, our church office has a new computer, equipped with Windows 10 and Office 2016 programs. The new computer is *much* faster. It can also be equipped with up-to-date virus protection, which means it can safely be connected to the internet and email. Files from other newer computers can easily be added to it since its software is more compatible. We will also be able to connect it wirelessly to our printer/copier. Please offer a prayer of thanks for the donor who made this gift possible. Also, a word of thanks to Ron Myers is also in order, since he spent many hours setting up the new computer and transferring the old files over.



Ready for the Cherry Fest parade

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 service organizations in the AW community (July), and the AW school district's students, faculty, staff, and administrators (August), AW Communities of Waterville, Whitehouse, Monclova, and Neapolis, together with their administrators and staff (September).

Upcoming Events

- July 7 - Independence Day Hymn Sing at 10:15 a.m.
- July 8 - Community Prayer at 7:00 p.m. at Waterville YMCA
- July 16 - Food Pantry, coffee and conversation at 9:30; food pick-up 10 a.m. to noon
- July 19 - Serve lunch at Freedom School
- Sept. 8 - Rally Day
- Sept. 12 - New Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

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