



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church
In the heart of Whitehouse



October, 2019

Pastor Carol's Comments

This has certainly been an odd year, weather-wise. As I write this, it's 94 degrees—on the first day of October! Climate change is increasingly becoming a topic of conversation and concern. As Christians, we remember two things: that all of Creation belongs to God, and that God has invited us to be caretakers of it. Psalm 24 reminds us that “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.” Our United Methodist “Social Principles,” found in our *Book of Discipline*, affirms that “we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse” God’s world. It’s easy to think, “If I give up using plastic straws or change a light bulb to an LED, it won’t make much difference.” But when all of us together treat God’s Creation with care, thinking and acting in ways that “bless and keep” the earth, we *do* make a difference. What a wonderful way to celebrate and cherish God’s amazing world!

Membership Exploration Session

Are you ready to make it official—by becoming a member of Zion UMC? Pastor Carol is planning to hold a membership exploration session sometime in the coming months. It will likely be on a Sunday for 2-3 hours after worship. We will spend some time talking about what membership in the United Methodist Church and this congregation means. We’ll review the vows that members take, either through Profession of Faith (transfer from another church/denomination) or through baptism. This session will help you decide whether this is the right move for you. Let Pastor Carol know if you would like to be included.

News Around Zion

Annual Church Conference—Save the Date

Our annual Church Conference is set for Sunday, 11/10, at 2:00 at Maumee UMC. At this meeting, we review the past year, vote on our lay leadership, and set pastoral compensation. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Operation Christmas Child

It is time once again to fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child. After you choose the age of the child, select a “wow” toy such as a doll, a soccer ball with pump, or a stuffed animal. Then pack your box full of other items, such as fun toys, school supplies, or hygiene items. These can be yo-yo’s, jump ropes, balls, crayons, writing paper, coloring books, combs, soap, toothbrushes, shoe, T-shirts, or underwear. Do NOT include food of any kind, gum, seeds, liquids, military, medicines, including vitamins, or anything breakable. Including a picture or personal note can be important to the child receiving the gift.

Fill out the envelope included with the pamphlet and include \$9 for each box to cover shipping cost. A check made out to “Samaritan’s Purse” is preferred. Place the check inside the box on top of the items. Last, and most important, please pray for the child who will receive your gift. Have fun packing your box! These are due on November 9.

Emmaus Walk

Cassie had an awesome time on her Emmaus Walk and shared with us how important the experience was for her relationship with the Lord. She thanks us all for supporting her. For further information about future walks to be held next spring, contact Pastor Carol or Patricia Jones.



News Around Zion (continued)

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, 11/2, is All Saints Sunday. During worship, we will again remember those saints in our lives who have gone before us. Watch for the form in the bulletin where you can list the names you would like to have read during worship that day.

Sunbeam Preschool Trunk-or-Treat

Sunbeam Preschool will hold its Trunk-or-Treat event on Monday, 10/28. If you've never done this before, bring your car and your treats (plan on 50-75) to our parking lot between 5:30 and 5:55. Cars will be parked in a circle with trunks on the inside. If you want, decorate your trunk any way you want, as long as it's not too scary. (Contact Pastor Carol if you need some ideas.) At 6:00 the children and their families will parade past the cars to collect their treats and delight in the decorations. Trunk-or-treating will be done by 7, but you're invited to stay and enjoy a hot dog, chips, and drink. This is a great way for us to connect with the families of our Sunbeam friends.

Annual Halloween Marshmallow Roast

We will again gather on the south sidewalk to hand out candy and assist trick-or-treaters in roasting marshmallows on Halloween—Thursday, 10/31, from 6-8 p.m. This has become a "don't-miss" event in Whitehouse! So, bring your donations of candy to the church, and plan to be here to connect with our neighbors.

Food...Food...Food

Our first TAP fellowship dinner features sloppy joes, chips, veggie trays and desserts. Join in after TAP at 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 16. This is free!!!

Our annual fall fundraiser dinner features ham and turkey with all the fixings and will be held on Nov. 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. It costs \$9 for adults and \$3 for children. Please join us!



Church Information

Pastor Carol Williams-Young
10926 Maumee St. P.O. Box 2457
Whitehouse OH 43571
(419) 877-5820
Worship at 10:25 a.m.
Zionwhitehousemc@gmail.com
pastorcarol@bex.net

on Facebook as: whitehousezionumc

Website:
http://www.zionumcwhitehouse.org

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1 & 15 - Food Pantry, coffee and conversation at 9:30; food pick-up 10 a.m. to noon
Oct. 3, 10, 17 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16 - First TAP Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28 - Sunbeam Preschool Trunk or Treat at 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 31 - Halloween Marshmallow Roast for Trick-or-Treaters from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Nov. 2 - All Saints Sunday
Nov. 7 - Ham/Turkey Fundraiser Dinner at 4:30 p.m.