



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church
In the heart of Whitehouse



February, 2020

Pastor Carol's Comments

Lent, which begins with our Ash Wednesday service on 2/26, is a good time to read something that can help you strengthen your connection with God and neighbor. John Wesley believed in reading's power to help us deepen our faith. He's quoted as saying, "It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people." He even printed inexpensive copies of books so the poor wouldn't be left out, and he expected his preachers to carry a supply to share with the people they preached to! If you'd like to include reading in your Lenten practice, I have plenty of catalogs in my office. Stop by and find a book that will help you "grow in grace."

Thank you!

Thank you so much for my Christmas gift! I will use it for something as special, to remind me of the very special gift-givers. You are all truly blessed with the gift of generosity—not only in material things but a generosity of spirit as well. I am so fortunate to serve beside you! ~~ Pastor Carol

Valentines's Day Cookies

We will again be distributing cookie platters to our community's public servants as an expression of our care and appreciation for all they do. Cookies are due in the church kitchen on Tuesday, 2/11. Pat Jones will then make them up into platters with an assortment of delicious cookies. They will be delivered to the Fire Station, the Library, the Village Hall, the Police Department, the Post Office, and Blue Creek Health Care. These folks get many treats at Christmas, but our Valentine's Day cookies deliver love and care in a special way. They are greatly appreciated by those who serve us so well!

News Around Zion

Midweek Lenten Study

Each Sunday during Lent, we will be "Encountering Jesus" and the people who met him on his way to Jerusalem. Then, after a soup supper with our friends from Hope UMC, we will have roundtable discussions (led by Pastor Carol and Pastor Warren) about these encounters. Both pastors will preach on the same passages the previous Sunday, so we will share a common starting point. No book required, but sign-up is requested so we know how many to plan for.

Warm Clothing from Warmed Hearts

We delivered nearly 3 dozen blankets and many, many hats, mittens, and scarves donated (and many lovingly handmade) to Toledo's Family House. Family House provides emergency shelter, food, and basic needs to homeless families. They lead residents to resources appropriate for their situations, such as job search help, health and financial education, mental health and drug addiction care, housing and items needed to begin life in a new home. Family House typically has 100 residents but currently has 121 men, women, and children from infants on up. Our Mission Committee will be discussing possible ways Zion may be able to partner with Family House in the future. Watch for more details! You can learn more about Family House on their web site: <http://www.familyhousetoledo.org/>.



A picture of our donation to Family House



News Around Zion (continued)

Lent and Easter Happenings

Zion and Hope churches will be joining together in fellowship and Bible discussions (see front page) during Lent and Easter this year. Our churches will take turns hosting soup suppers on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and we will share in the providing of food.

The suppers will be a great opportunity for fellowship as well as delicious and simple meals, allowing as much time as possible for the Bible discussions that follow. The suppers will consist of soup and beverage provided by the host church, with salad and bread or rolls by the guest church.

Here's the schedule: Zion will host dinner and Bible discussions on 3/5, 3/19, and 4/2; Hope will host on 3/12 and 3/26. Then, we will join together at Hope on Easter morning 4/12 at 7:00 a.m. for the sunrise service and cooperative breakfast.

Sign-up sheets for attendance and for providing food for each gathering are available. If you would like to bring dessert please bring a finger dessert, such as cookies, to allow quick clean-up and more time for Bible discussions.

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Lent and Easter Happenings (continued)

We are looking forward to a good number to participate from both churches; a minimum of 35 is expected. Any suggestions on how to increase attendance is welcome. Annette Petree will provide updates on these happenings during Sunday announcements. Annette is also always available for any questions, suggestions and concerns.

TAP Fellowship Dinner

Our February TAP dinner will be Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 5:00 following TAP. We will serve a variety of soup, hot dogs, veggie trays and desserts. We can use your help providing items, setting up and cleaning up. Please sign up on the form in the narthex or contact Pat Jones. Note – if school is cancelled due to weather, we will cancel this dinner also.

Ham Loaf Dinner

Our annual fundraiser – the Ham Loaf Dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You get a delicious meal of ham loaf, vegetables, rolls, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, or lemonade. All for the price of \$10 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. As always, take-out is available.

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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 4 & 18 - Food Pantry, coffee and conversation at 9:30; food pick-up 10 a.m. to noon
- Feb. 6 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11 - Valentine's Day cookies due
- Feb. 13 - Ham Loaf Dinner Fundraiser; 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 - TAP Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m.
- March 5 - First Lenten Supper and Bible Study at Zion (with Hope) at 6:30 p.m.