



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church

In the heart of Whitehouse



September, 2020

Pastor Carol's Comments

Last month I participated in an annual meeting with the District Superintendent. This used to be a “one-on-one” meeting but has morphed into a group discussion. We focus on the well-being and challenges of pastors and congregations. As we were shared the good things about our churches, one of my colleagues said, “Even though I’m the only pastor, I’m fortunate to serve in a church full of ministers.” “Amen to that,” I thought, because Zion is also a “church full of ministers.” This is in keeping with what our *Book of Discipline* says: that *all* Christians are called through their baptism to the ministry of servanthood and outreaching love—a continuation of Christ’s ministry.

As we continue to deal with the changes and limitations that COVID precautions require, we will also continue in this ministry together. The way we do it will look different from the ways we have done things before. We may try some things that don’t work. We may also try some things that we’ll want to continue when we reach a “new normal” (and we will!). Creativity, boldness, and perseverance will help us live out our role as “a royal priesthood, God’s own people, in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). I’m glad to be part of a church full of ministers!

Combined Church Council/CHAT meeting

We will be gathering for a combined Church Council/CHAT meeting on Wed., 9/16, at 6:30 p.m. Several items will be addressed at that meeting, which we will try to move through as efficiently as possible. Two items need to be done in preparation for our Charge Conference: reviewing our Safe Sanctuary policy and adopting our “Breakthrough Goals.” (These are required by the West Ohio Conference.)

We will also discuss how we can adapt our Fall Dinner, possibly using a take-out only format. Please be thinking about how we can make this as low-contact as possible and still serve our community the delicious dinner they’ve come to love! We may find that this will be a great way to maintain this beloved tradition, raise needed funds, and reduce the amount of set-up/tear-down work.

News Around Zion

Rally Day: “Rally ‘Round the R’s!”

Like everything else, Rally Day will look different this year. But, COVID won’t stop us from celebrating this day that marks the change of seasons in the church’s activities.

The past few years, we have been tying in a Mission Project to our Rally Day theme. For this year’s Rally Day, our theme is “Rally ‘Round the R’s! (Reading, Writing, and ‘Rithmetic).”

Whitehouse Primary School keeps school supplies, snacks, hygiene products, and basic clothing items on hand for children who need them in order to learn their three R’s and much more. The supply closet is empty, and the staff anticipates additional needs due to the pandemic.

On Rally Day (9/13), Zion will rally ‘round our young neighbors at WPS by refilling the supply closet with needed items. Pick the item(s) you want to supply from the “tickets” displayed during worship, or choose from the list below and let Denise know what you’ve chosen. Bring them to worship on Rally Day. We will bless them and then send them on their way to the WPS supply closet and into a child’s hands.

A couple of notes: **Please purchase the name brand that is listed.* The teachers have found that these provide the best results. **Don’t forget to use the Kroger and Amazon Smile rewards programs if you shop there, so that Zion will receive a portion of the proceeds.*

Here are the items that are still needed:

- Pack of 4 large Elmer’s Glue Sticks
- Plastic school supply box
- Pack of girl’s underwear, size 7-8
- Pump style hand lotion, Currel or Eucerin brand
- Tube of squeezable Carmex chapstick





News Around Zion (continued)

Weekly Bible Study

Our Zoom Bible Studies continue on Thursday evenings at 7:00. The meetings last exactly 40 minutes—that’s when Zoom cuts us off! We are getting acquainted with “supporting players” in the Bible—some you may never have heard of but who have fascinating stories. No preparation is required—just have your Bible on hand. Join us by laptop, smartphone, iPad-type device, or computer equipped with a camera and microphone. (You can watch and listen on a computer without them; you just won’t be able to join the discussion.) Just set up your free Zoom account at www.zoom.com. Then, on Thursday evening, click on the link Pastor Carol sends by email.

Annual Conference

Annual Conference will be meeting virtually this year on Saturday, September 12, from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The theme (which was chosen four years ago!) is “Be Not Afraid, God Is with Us.”

Charge Conference

This year, our Charge Conference will be held right here at Zion, on Wed., 11/11, at 6:30 p.m. This is the annual meeting where we elect our lay leadership and vote on pastoral compensation, among other matters. Pastor Warren Clifton of Hope UMC will preside over the meeting. (Pastors are not allowed to preside over their own charge conference. Pastor Carol will be presiding over Hope’s conference.) All are invited to attend.

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Worship at 10:25 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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Shopping for Zion

Don’t forget to sign up for these programs which will donate a portion of your purchase to Zion:

Kroger Community Rewards:

Go to www.kroger.com.
 Log in to your account.
 Click on “Community Rewards.”
 Search for and choose “Whitehouse Zion” (or PP098).
 After signing up, simply use your Kroger card (or alternate ID) when you shop.

For Amazon Smile:

Go to smile.amazon.com (no www. at the beginning.)
 Go to Your Account, or create one.
 Go to Choose/Change My Charity.
 Choose Whitehouse Zion.
Always begin your Amazon shopping session at smile.amazon.com.
 Invite anyone you know to use Amazon Smile and list Zion as their charity!

Upcoming Events

Sundays, 10:25 a.m. - Parking lot service, 106.1 FM

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study on Zoom.
 Contact Pastor Carol if you need the link.

Tues., 9/8 & Wed. 9/9 - 1st Days of Preschool

Saturday, 9/12 - Annual Conference (online)

Sunday, 9/13 - Rally Day!
 Bring your “Rally ‘Round the Rs” gifts.

Tuesday, 9/15 - Food Pantry

Wednesday, 9/16, 6:30 p.m. - Church Council/CHAT

Sunday, 10/4 - Communion Sunday.
 BYOBJ (Bring your own bread and juice!)

Tuesday, 10/6 - Food Pantry

Wednesday, 10/7, 6:30 p.m. - SPRC

Wednesday, 11/11, 6:30 p.m. - Charge Conference