



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church

In the heart of Whitehouse



August, 2021

Pastor Carol's Comments

"As old as Methuselah." "The mark of Cain." "Doubting Thomas." "Jezebel." "Good Samaritan." These are some of the Bible names that have made it into our popular culture. Pretty much everyone understands and uses them, whether or not they have any knowledge of the Bible.

The prophet Jeremiah also has his own word, although it's not as common as the phrases above: "jeremiad." It means "a long, mournful complaint or lamentation; a list of woes." Its second meaning is more common: "a cautionary or angry harangue; a diatribe." Because his book does contain this kind of language, Jeremiah's name is associated with lists of angry complaints. (To be fair, the complaints Jeremiah was airing were God's, and there's much more to this book than lament. See the article below.)

I wonder what would be associated with my name if it became part of a popular phrase. What about *your* name? What would our names mean to others, even if they never knew us personally? This would be a good question to reflect on as we get to know Jeremiah over the coming weeks. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our names and our lives became synonyms for faithful discipleship as we strive to love God, love people, and serve the world?

Meet Jeremiah

The book of Jeremiah is unique among the prophets. It not only includes his words of prophecy but it also describes the events of his life as he answered his call through the reigns of several kings. We'll be getting to know Jeremiah through-out August. Since this book is the second longest in the Bible (only the Psalms has more pages of text), we'll just be getting a sampling. So, you might want to read on your own to get a deeper taste of Jeremiah's fascinating life, his powerful prophetic poetry, and the history of Israel.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Sandi Hood of Sunbeam Christian Preschool has received grant money associated with various economic stimulus programs. She is going to use some of it to repair, clean, and repaint the ramp. She also plans to use some to update her office space. What a great gift, not just for her students but for all of us here at Zion!

News Around Zion

Prayer Square Thank You

We received the following note from Rev. Deirdre Manning, chaplain at Perrysburg Mercy Health Center: "Thank you so much for the generous donation of prayer squares to our Mercy Health Perrysburg campus! What a gift of support you and all those who made the squares and prayed over them gave to us. Know that they have been received by staff with grateful hearts. God bless you."

VBS Update

Several of our members are participating in our community VBS by contributing snack items. Thanks to all who are making Zion part of this effort. 123 children have signed up to learn about how "Around the World: God Is Everywhere."

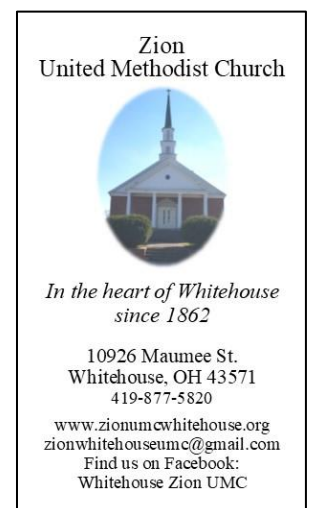
Worship Servants Needed

We need readers for worship. Ad Council decided to try a month-by-month system, thinking it might be easier than signing up for one Sunday a month. When you sign up for a month, you can still miss if necessary. Just ask someone to sub for you. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Whitehouse-opoloy Artwork Submitted

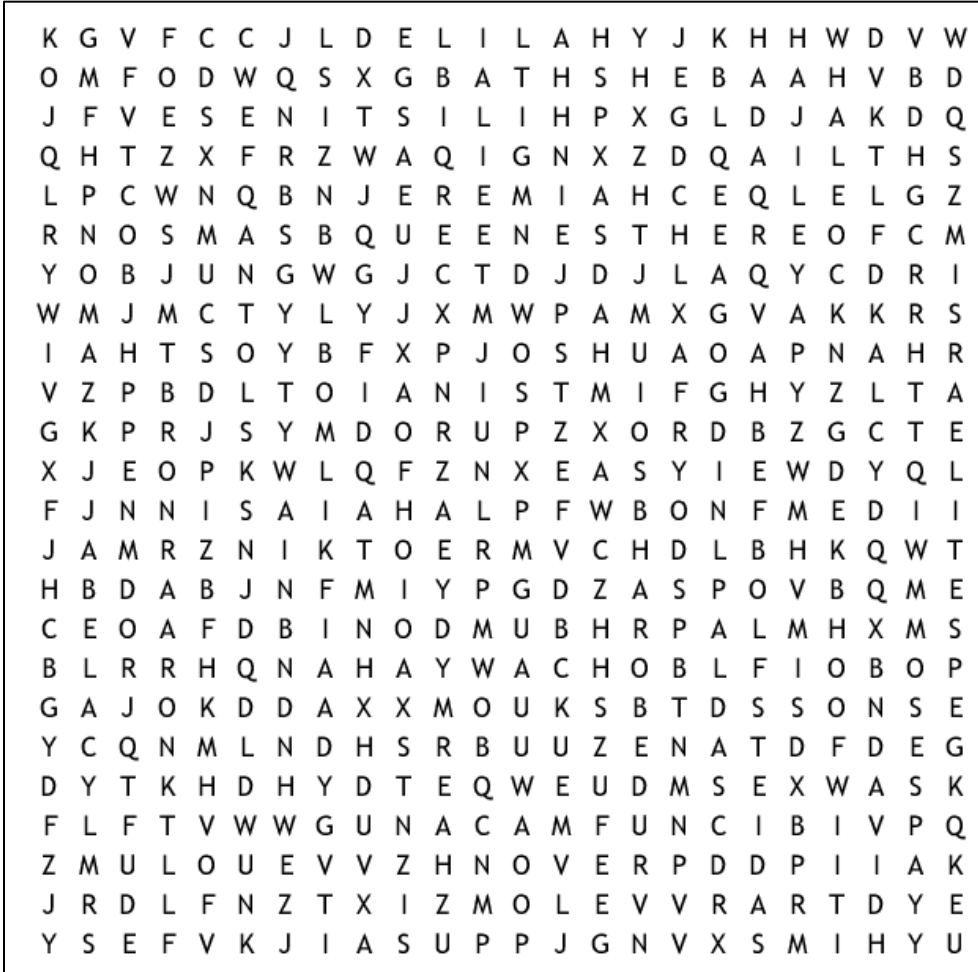
When Zion decided to be part of the Whitehouse-opoloy project, we were asked to submit artwork for our square on the game board. During our discussion, it was suggested that we note how long Zion has been part of the community and tie in our tag line of "in the heart of Whitehouse." The history of Zion, written by Barb Smigelski, uses 1862 as Zion's "birthday." The picture to the right was submitted for our square.

Proceeds from game sales will be used to replace the Library's front stairs and to improve accessibility in the Village park. Our support is in keeping with our UMC values of encouraging life-long learning and affirming the dignity of all people. Games can be ordered through the library, the Village office, and Destination Whitehouse (567-246-5124).





Enjoy some summer Word Search fun while you refresh your memory of some Biblical prophets and others.



- Whale
- Ruth
- Naomi
- Jonathan
- Isaiah
- David
- Aaron
- Solomon
- Queen Esther
- Mt Sinai
- Jonah
- Elijah
- Daniel
- Samuel
- Philistines
- Moses
- Jeremiah
- Delilah
- Caleb
- Samson
- Nebuchadnezzar
- Joshua
- Israelites
- Deborah

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Upcoming Events

- Sundays, 10:25 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
- Tues., 8/3, 4-6 p.m. - Food Pantry
- Tues., 8/17, 4-6 p.m. - Food Pantry
- Mon., 8/30, 6 - 8 p.m. - Preschool Orientation
- Sun., 9/5 - Communion Sunday
- Tues., 9/7 - 1st day of school for Sunbeam 3-year-olds
- Tues., 9/7, 4 - 6 p.m. - Food Pantry
- Wed., 9/8 - 1st day of school for Sunbeam 4-year-olds