



Heart Beat Newsletter

Zion United Methodist Church
Loving God, Loving People, Serving the World

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Pastor Carol's Comments

We have so much news for this edition of the Heart Beat that there's not much room for my message! So, I offer you two short stories. "A prospective convert to Judaism asked that the entire Torah be explained to him while he stood on one foot. One rabbi dismissed the man. Rabbi Hillel said, 'What is hateful to you, do not do to your others: this is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation; go and learn.'"

I've heard a similar story about the Christian faith. I believe it was a UMC bishop who was asked to summarize what he believed in one sentence. He said, "Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so." In our complex world, sometimes simplicity can serve us well and guide us as we strive to live faithfully.

Students Support the Food Pantry

Penta-Anthony Wayne Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members (below) completed a Lead4Change service project last winter called "Cookies for Canned Goods" to benefit the Food Pantry. The members exchanged home-baked cookies for donated canned goods. The project earned 2nd place in a national competition. The prize was \$500 to be given to the Food Pantry. The members and their advisor presented us with the check, and we also enjoyed spending time with our visitors.



At our 10/19 Food Pantry day, the Junior Generals Baseball Team visited us. They brought with them a check for \$165.00 and canned goods for our shelves. Then they got a tour of the Pantry from Ron and Howard. Kudos to the team and their coach, who feels it's important for his team to give back to the community.

News Around Zion

Fall Turkey/Ham Dinner

We will reprise our successful take-out only format for the Turkey/Ham Dinner from 4:30-7 p.m. on Thurs. 11/4. Customers will enter the scout hall from the parking lot, pass through the take-out line, and exit by the south door. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10.

Thanksgiving Eve Service Returns!

After offering our Thanksgiving Eve service via online videos last year, we will hold our Community Thanksgiving Eve Service in person on Wed., 11/24, at 7:00 p.m. We will hold the service at Hope—the first time they've had a chance to host the service. Retired Bishop Marcus Lohrmann (interim pastor at Community of Christ) will preach, with Pastor Carol serving as liturgist. Linda will be playing. Coffee and dessert will be available after the service.

New Time for Advent Bible Study

Our Advent Bible Study will begin on Thurs., 12/2. To ease the challenge of driving after dark, we will meet at 2:00. We will use a video study called "The Wonder of Christmas" with Ed Robb and Rob Renfroe. Through the lens of a star, a name, a manger, and a promise, we'll explore the true wonder of Christmas. A book is available but not required. If you purchase one, please remember to use iGive or Amazon Smile so that your purchase will benefit Zion.

Hanging of the Greens

We'll decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Sat., 11/27, at 9:30 a.m. The more, the merrier—especially since, this year, we'll use a priority list of decorations to put up, to make safe and wise use of our "human resources." The more people we have helping, the more we can do. If you notice some missing decorations that you like seeing displayed, please feel free to come in and add them.

Church Conference

Our annual Church Conference will be held on Sun., 11/21, at 4:00 p.m. at Church of the Cross in Toledo. Church of the Cross is located at 1750 Eastgate Road, Toledo, OH 43614. All are invited to this time of worship with others in the District and then to take care of important Zion business.



A QR Code for Zion

Zion now has its own QR code! We will be able to print this code on any posters we put up or flyers we hand out. When people scan the code, they will be taken to our web site, where they can learn all about Zion. Ours comes free from a company called Flow Code.

Ready to give it a try? If you don't have a QR scanner app on your phone, download one from your App Store. ("QR Code Reader and Scanner" by Kaspersky is a good one and it's free.) Then, open your app and point your phone's camera at the code above.



Important Dates!

Make sure you have these dates on your calendar!

- Sat., 1/22 Electronics Recycling Day
- Thurs., 2/17 Ham Loaf Dinner

New Directions Update

We are continuing to discern what God wants Zion to be in this community. We have identified resources we have access to and have "inventoried" all the ministries we currently engage in. Now we're in the process of trying to determine the AW community's actual needs through conversations with community leaders and others, as well as social media. Although It's not scientific, we hope to see some patterns emerge. We're taking a break from meeting on 10/31 and 11/7 and will resume on 11/14.

Missions Update

Prayer Squares Needed: If you knit, crochet, or even sew, please put making some of these (approx.) 5x5" squares on your to-do list. Directions can be found on our web site.

Operation Christmas Child: We are filling boxes and collecting \$9/box for shipping and other administrative costs of the sponsoring organization, Samaritan's Purse. We're having a "Packing Party" on Wed., 11/10, at 6:00 p.m. to fill boxes with donated items. Many hands make light work, so please plan to spend an hour packing fun surprises into boxes. We'll bless the boxes in worship on 11/14.

Sunbeam Preschool Trunk or Treat

"Trunk or Treat" returned on Mon., 10/25, in spite of heavy rain. The fun moved inside to the Fellowship Hall, where families set up their decorated stations. Pastor Carol set up "Pastor Carol's Zoo," complete with zoo animal crackers. Lee helped out in the kitchen for the hot dog supper



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Upcoming Events

- Tues., 11/2, 4 - 6 p.m. - Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts
- Wed., 11/3, 6:00 p.m. - SPRC meeting
- Thurs., 11/4, 4:40-7 - Fall Turkey/Ham Dinner
- Sun., 11/7, All Saints Sunday
- Tues., 11/9, 6-7 p.m. - Girl Scouts
- Sun., 11/14, 11:30 - New Directions meeting
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- Sun., 11/21, 4:00 p.m. - Church Conference
- Wed., 11/24, 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Sat., 11/27, Hanging of the Greens
- Sun., 11/28, 1st Sunday of Advent