

Zion United Methodist Church

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Pastor Brett Kelly



**Inducties into Hancock County Agriculture Hall of Fame**

Robert and Leona Core were posthumously inducted into the 2011 Hancock County Agriculture Hall of Fame. The purpose of the Hancock County Agriculture Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor outstanding contributions to agriculture by Hancock County community members. Men or women who have been instrumental to the success and excellence of agriculture, either as a farmer or in an agriculturally related field, will be recognized annually. We desire to honor and give public recognition to those who have brought distinction to themselves, have made outstanding contributions to their professions, and whose community involvement has served as a stimulus to others.

**HONOR ROLL**

Liberty Benton:

High School All A – Blair Harmon, Devin Harmon

Middle School All A – Kyle Rickle, Andrew Weadock

High School A & B – Keith Grothaus, Brooke Stennett

Middle School A & B – Collin Svoboda

McComb:

Middle School A & B – Bailey Rader

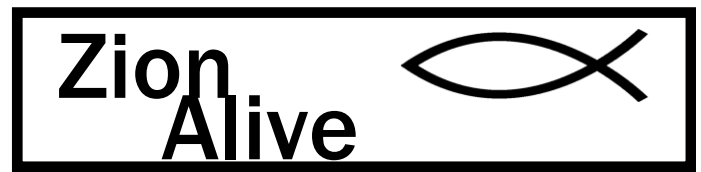
Congratulations to all of you!

**McCOMB MUSICAL**

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM and Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM in the high school auditorium. All veterans, fire, and rescue personnel, law enforcement officers and medical personnel, Red Cross volunteers, and members of the clergy are invited to attend at no cost. ID cards or other forms of ID will be requested at the door. The musical is being presented to honor the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. All seats for others are \$5.00.

**DO YOU HAVE ITEMS OF INTEREST?? Please submit them for publication to Marilyn Willford by the 1st Wednesday of each month. Thanks!**

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



***For our Lenten journey at Zion I found some wisdom for us to mull over as a church. Here is a step-by-step plan for how to get more young people into the church written by Episcopalian Bishop of Arizona, the Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith:***

1. Be genuine. Do not under any circumstances try to be trendy or hip, if you are not already intrinsically trendy or hip. If you are a 90-year-old woman who enjoys crocheting and listens to Beethoven, by God be proud of it.
  2. Stop pretending you have a rock band.
  3. Stop arguing about whether gay people are okay, fully human, or whatever else. Seriously. Stop it.
  4. Stop arguing about whether women are okay, fully human, or are capable of being in a position of leadership.
  5. Stop looking for the "objective truth" in Scripture.
  6. Start looking for the beautiful truth in Scripture.
  7. Actually read the Scriptures. If you are Episcopalian, go buy a Bible and read it. Start in Genesis, it's pretty cool. You can skip some of the other boring parts in the Bible. Remember though that almost every book of the Bible has some really funky stuff in it. Remember to keep #5 and #6 in mind though. If you are evangelical, you may need to stop reading the Bible for about 10 years. Don't worry: during those 10 years you can work on putting these other steps into practice.
  8. Start worrying about extreme poverty, violence against women, racism, consumerism, and the rate at which children are dying worldwide of preventable, treatable diseases. Put all the energy you formerly spent worrying about the legit-ness of gay people into figuring out ways to do some good in these areas.
  9. Do not shy away from lighting candles, silence, incense, laughter, really good food, and extraordinary music. By "extraordinary music" I mean genuine music. Soulful music. Well-written, well-composed music. Original music. Four-part harmony music. Funky retro organ music. Hymns. Taize chants. Bluegrass. Steel guitar. Humming. Gospel. We are the church; we have an uber-rich history of amazing music. Remember this.
  10. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
  11. Learn how to sit with people who are dying.
  12. Feast as much as possible. Cardboard communion wafers are a feast in symbol only. Humans can not live on symbols alone. Remember this.
  13. Notice visitors, smile genuinely at them, include them in conversations, but do not overwhelm them.
  14. Be vulnerable.
  15. Stop worrying about getting young people into the church. Stop worrying about marketing strategies. Take a deep breath. If there is a God, that God isn't going to die even if there are no more Christians at all.
  16. Figure out who is suffering in your community. Go be with them.
  17. Remind yourself that you don't have to take God to anyone. God is already with everyone. So, rather than taking the approach that you need to take the truth out to people who need it, adopt the approach that you need to go find the truth that others have and you are missing. Go be evangelized.
  18. Put some time and care and energy into creating a beautiful space for worship and being-together. But shy away from building campaigns, parking lot expansions, and what-have-you.
  19. Make some part of the church building accessible for people to pray in 24/7. Put some blankets there too, in case someone has nowhere else to go for the night.
  20. Listen to God (to Wisdom, to Love) more than you speak your opinions.
- This is a fool-proof plan. If you do it, I guarantee that you will attract young people to your church. And lots of other kinds of people too. The end.



## ZION SERVANT/LEADERS

Ad. Board Chair:	Denny Dorman
Vice Chair:	Gregg Fox
Secretary:	Deborah Foust
Treasurer/Building Comm Chair:	Carl Grothaus
Finance Chair:	Mel Fox
Financial Secretary/Lay Speaker:	Marie Eichar
Nurture Chair:	Mel Fox
Outreach Chair:	Barb Tidd
Witness Chair:	Marilyn Willford
Prayer Coordinator:	Ginny Geaman
Worship Chair:	Roger Brown
Scouting Coordinator:	Dean Zeisloft
PPR Chair:	Joe Adams
Trustees	
2011	Denny Dorman
	Gregg Fox
	Deb Core
2012	Jan Morrison
	Harriet Adams
2013	Tom Brown
	Keith Willford
	David Hanrahan
Pastor Parish Relations	
2011	Joe Adams
	Tim Hooper
	Angie Rader
2012	Devin Harmon
	Rhonda Grothaus
2013	Chuck Eichar
	Jody Rucker
Leader Selection and Development	
2011	Tom Foust
	Harriet Adams
	Marilyn Willford
2012	Brenda Fenstermaker
	Tom Brown
2013	Faye Newman
	Brian Stennett

## MISSIONS FOR MARCH

March missions include and the food bank. We are also collecting toilet tissue and laundry detergent for our next food bank. The Next Food Bank is Set! April 16th 2011

**WOW! Kids in grades K-5!! W.O.W. will meet on March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Zion.**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will next meet on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm. Faye Newman will be hostess. All women are welcome for either all or part of the day.

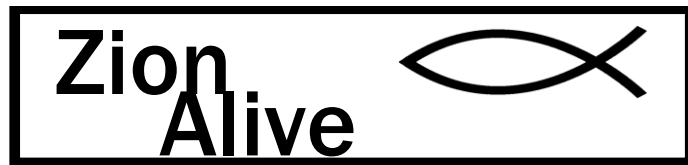
## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

A new group for middle school youth has stated at Zion. Meeting this month on March 23rd @ 6:30 pm at Zion. If you have questions or comments, please contact Audrey at 419-348-7394 or email [acbrown044@gmail.com](mailto:acbrown044@gmail.com).

**DIRECTORY UPDATE** - We are in the process of updating the Zion directory and need your help. There is a form with this newsletter and there will be extras in the fellowship hall to request information regarding Zion families, our prayer chain, and the newsletter. PLEASE take a few minutes to complete the form and return it to the basket in the fellowship hall by March 1st. BE SURE TO INDICATE any information you do not wish to appear in the directory. Thanks!

**CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE DURING THE SECOND SERVICE AFTER THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE. ALL YOUNGSTERS ARE**

**EVER WONDER WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE EXTRA OR EXPIRED COUPONS???**  
**CUT THEM OUT AND BRING THEM TO CHURCH! THERE IS A GROUP OF MILITARY WIVES THAT CAN USE MANUFACTURER'S COUPONS, EVEN IF THEY ARE UP TO 5 MONTHS EXPIRED. THE COLLECTION POINT IS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. (Please do not mix them with the Campbell's labels.)**



## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

March 7, 2011

Chair Denny Dorman opened meeting with prayer. Those attending: Harriet & Joe Adams, Audrey Brown, Roger Brown, Chuck Eichar, Marie Eichar, Gregg & Mel Fox, Ginny Geaman, Carl Grothaus, Pastor Brett, Barb Tidd, Keith & Marilyn Willford.

**Secretary** – Minutes from February approved.

**Outreach/Barb Tidd** – \$400 in Jail Bible Fund with an order going in soon. \$1200 in Food Bank Fund. **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering banks to be handed out to children. **April 16<sup>th</sup>** will be the next Food Bank with the goal of having 100 packages each of toilet paper and laundry detergent.

**Nurture/Mel Fox** – **April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm** the Jr. High Youth will be having a Taco Night. All will be invited to come and enjoy tacos a free will offering will be taken. **April 10<sup>th</sup>** VBS Party with an Egg Hunt, pizza at 5:30pm followed by a program. **April 24<sup>th</sup>** Sunrise Service @ 7:30 am followed by breakfast.

**United Methodist Women/Marie** – The UMW will meet next, April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm. Faye Newman will be hostess.

**Trustees/Roger Brown** – Denny is looking into having someone repair the east metal door. Roger is checking about replacing or repairing spouting (due to ice) over east metal door. Also a broken tile at rear of sanctuary and water in the bell tower.

**Pastor Parish/Joe Adams** – Will be meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

**Treasurer/Carl Grothaus**- Had to transfer some funds. Everything else about the same. Report is enclosed.

**Financial Secretary/Marie Eichar** – Report is enclosed.

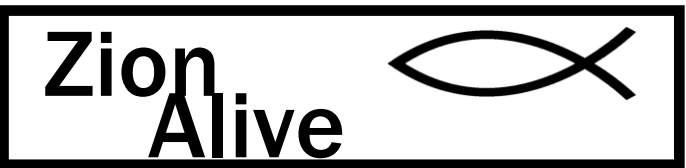
**Pastors Report/Pastor Brett** – Year end reports are due with Marie and him working together to complete. Confirmation Class of 3 is going well.

**Misc:** Chicken BBQ possibly May 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Will be checking LB schedule to make sure they are not having one at same time. 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth will now be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (same time as younger kids WOWS) 6:30-7:30pm. Meeting adjourned in a circle of prayer.

Submitted by Marilyn Willford

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

	Feb-11	MONTHLY BUDGET	MONTHLY VARIANCE	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	2011 BUDGET
<b>INCOME - 2011</b>							
SUNDAY SCHOOL	284.00	0.00	284.00	544.30	0.00	544.30	0.00
WEEKLY OFFERING - CHURCH	5,804.00	9,080.00	-3,276.00	12,630.00	20,430.00	-7,800.00	118,040.00
TRANSFERS FROM - ZION ACCOUNTS	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME	550.08	0.00	550.08	621.25	0.00	621.25	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,838.08</b>	<b>9,080.00</b>	<b>-1,241.92</b>	<b>14,995.55</b>	<b>20,430.00</b>	<b>-5,434.45</b>	<b>118,040.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES - 2011</b>							
ADVERTISING	31.45	38.46	7.01	62.90	66.54	23.64	500.00
APPORTIONMENT - NORTHWEST PLANS	0.00	121.54	121.54	0.00	273.46	273.46	1,580.00
APPORTIONMENT - WEST OHIO	0.00	845.69	845.69	0.00	1,902.81	1,902.81	10,994.00
AUDIT	0.00	7.69	7.69	0.00	17.31	17.31	100.00
BANK CHARGE	0.00	7.69	7.69	0.00	17.31	17.31	100.00
BOOKS SUBSCRIPTIONS - PASTOR	0.00	15.38	15.38	0.00	34.62	34.62	200.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - SS	0.00	30.77	30.77	0.00	69.23	69.23	400.00
CHURCH PROGRAMS	0.00	92.31	92.31	0.00	207.69	207.69	1,200.00
CONFERENCE - LAY PERSON/PASTOR	0.00	76.92	76.92	0.00	173.08	173.08	1,000.00
COPPER EXPENSE	518.00	36.54	-481.46	518.00	82.21	-435.79	475.00
EDUCATION ALLOWANCE - PASTOR	0.00	115.38	115.38	0.00	259.62	259.62	1,500.00
ELECTRIC - CHURCH	242.04	207.69	-34.35	472.99	467.31	-5.68	2,700.00
FLOWERS/CARDS	44.00	23.08	-20.92	44.00	51.92	7.92	300.00
GAS/HEAT - CHURCH	198.00	153.85	-44.15	396.00	346.15	-49.85	2,000.00
INSURANCE - DEATH/DISABILITY	117.90	108.85	-9.05	235.80	244.90	9.10	1,415.00
INSURANCE - GENERAL	0.00	176.92	176.92	0.00	398.08	398.08	2,300.00
INSURANCE - HEALTH	1,844.32	1,509.23	-335.09	3,260.78	3,395.77	135.01	19,620.00
INSURANCE - LIFE	11.50	11.54	0.04	23.00	25.96	2.96	150.00
INSURANCE - WORKER'S COMPENSATION	81.51	15.38	-66.13	81.51	34.62	-46.89	200.00
JANITOR	280.00	280.00	0.00	630.00	630.00	0.00	3,640.00
JANITOR SUPPLIES	0.00	11.54	11.54	0.00	25.96	25.96	150.00
LAWN CARE/SNOW REMOVAL	90.00	100.00	10.00	90.00	225.00	135.00	1,300.00
MAINTENANCE - IMPROVEMENT	0.00	387.69	387.69	0.00	872.31	872.31	5,040.00
PASTOR'S SALARY	2,520.00	2,520.00	0.00	5,670.00	5,670.00	0.00	32,760.00
PASTOR'S HOUSING	1,200.00	1,107.69	-92.31	2,400.00	2,482.31	82.31	14,400.00
PASTOR'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	675.00	675.00	3,900.00
PENSION - WEST OHIO	471.60	435.38	-36.22	943.20	979.62	36.42	5,860.00
POSTAGE/STAMPS	0.00	7.69	7.69	0.00	17.31	17.31	100.00
PULPIT SUPPLY	0.00	30.77	30.77	0.00	69.23	69.23	400.00
SUPPLIES - OFFICE (PAPER, ECT.)	101.16	38.46	-62.70	101.16	86.54	-14.62	500.00
TELEPHONE SERVICE - CHURCH	18.39	16.62	-1.77	34.92	37.38	2.46	216.00
VBS - CHURCH PROGRAMS	0.00	153.85	153.85	0.00	346.15	346.15	2,000.00
WASTE SERVICE - CHURCH	40.00	18.46	-21.54	80.00	41.54	-38.46	240.00
WATERSEWAGE - CHURCH	0.00	76.92	76.92	160.92	173.08	12.16	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,609.87</b>	<b>9,080.00</b>	<b>1,470.13</b>	<b>15,205.16</b>	<b>20,430.00</b>	<b>5,224.84</b>	<b>118,040.00</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH</b>	<b>228.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>228.21</b>	<b>-209.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-209.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>1,742.72</b>						
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH</b>	<b>228.21</b>						
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>1,970.93</b>						

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# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT



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### MISSION OUTREACH

\$	4,336.17	Jan. Balance
	269.00	Feb. Offering
	10.00	Hancock Religious Ed.
	100.00	Food Bank
	25.00	Blankets
	- 10.00	UM Childrens Home
	- 10.00	Hancock Religious Ed.
	- 262.00	Church World Service (Blankets & Tools)
\$	4,458.17	Feb. Balance

### MEMORIALS

\$	39.89	Lloyd Kolhoff (kitchen)
	90.83	Joe & Mary Jo Wagner (music)
	100.00	Florence Firestone (youth)
	710.00	Hilda Adams (music)
	96.47	Charlotte White
	2,118.41	Maxine Hanrahan
	54.26	Brian Beck
	3,817.31	Bill Geaman
\$	7,027.17	(plus 154 shares Cooper stock - Dick Hilty)

### EDWARD JONES CAMP FUND

\$	2,500.00	Groves & Firestone memorials (3,057.64 current value)
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### MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

\$	1,542.35	Jan. Balance
	-1,200.00	Zion General Fund - Loan
\$	342.35	Feb. Balance

### BUILDING FUND

\$	88,138.00	Jan. Balance
	368.00	Feb. Offering
	37.27	Jan. Interest
	31.11	Feb. Interest
\$	88,574.88	Feb. Balance



## PRAAYER IN ACTION



In response to several requests, we will return to having prayer concerns for our Zion family listed in the newsletter. If you wish to have a name/s added to or removed from this monthly newsletter list, please let Ginny or Deborah know.

Please remember in prayer:

Jack Brown (health); Ethan Stennett (health);  
Nancy Harmon (health); Skylar Jacobsen (health)  
Kyle Rickle (health); Brenda Fenstermaker (health);  
Dorothy Roy (recuperation); Cindy Brown (health);  
Gregg Fox (infection).

All those in our church family who are experiencing physical, spiritual, and/or emotional pain.

### PRAAYER FOR MARCH

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God. (Romans 8:28a). Think about this verse each time something negative happens to you this month. When something unpleasant occurs, focus on the Lord, recall His love and kindness, His forgiveness and blessings. Know that these same qualities are available to you today and every day; that they are only a prayer away. Remember, a minus sign needs only God's cross to turn it into a plus.

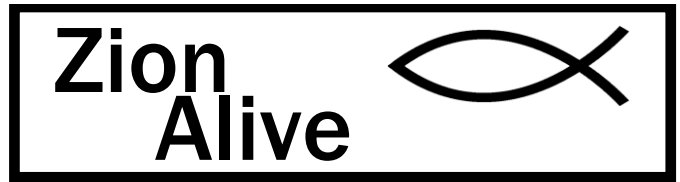
Creator God, purple crocuses and yellow daffodils are unfolding from the cool, damp earth. As the world thaws and warms, touch the cold and lonely places within us. Fill our inner being with the hope and promise of springtime. Warm us with your grace, and help us unfold and flower into the creatures You would have us to be. Amen.



- Guideposts



# EVENT CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MAR 13</b> 9 a.m. Traditional 10 a.m. S S 11 a.m. Contemp.	<b>MAR 14</b> 6 p.m. Choir 6:45 Chime Choir 7:30 PPR Meeting	<b>MAR 15</b>	<b>MAR 16</b>	<b>MAR 17</b>	<b>MAR 18</b>	<b>MAR 19</b>
<b>MAR 20</b> 7:15 Men's Breakfast Birthday Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional 10 a.m. S S 11 a.m. Contemp	<b>MAR 21</b> 6 p.m. Choir 6:45 Chime Choir	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>MAR 23</b> 6:30 p.m. W.O.W.	<b>MAR 24</b>	<b>MAR 25</b>	<b>MAR 26</b>
<b>MAR 27</b> Building Fund Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional 10 a.m. S S 11 a.m. Contemp	<b>MAR 28</b> 6 p.m. Choir 6:45 Chime Choir	<b>MAR 29</b>	<b>MAR 30</b>	<b>MAR 31</b>	<b>APR 1</b>	<b>APR 2</b>
<b>APR 3</b> Missions Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional 10 a.m. S S 11 a.m. Contemp	<b>APR 4</b> 6:00 pm Group Meetings 7:00 pm AdBoard Meeting	<b>APR 7</b>	<b>APR 6</b>	<b>APR 7</b>	<b>APR 8</b>	<b>APR 9</b>

## BIRTHDAYS

- March 15th - Gene Brown
- March 17th - John Newman
- March 22nd Joshua Brown
- March 28th Dorothy Roy, Aly Core



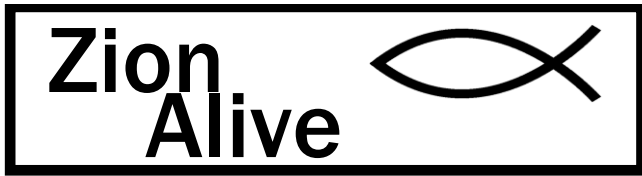
## ANNIVERSARIES

- April 9th - Charlie & Jody Rucker
- April 24th - Dean & Kay Zeisloft
- 30th - Terry & Carol Poe

- April 1st - Linda Doolittle
- April 3rd - Randy Fenstermaker, Katie Hooper
- April 6th - Joe Adams
- April 11th - Bill Stewart
- April 14th - Rhonda Grothaus

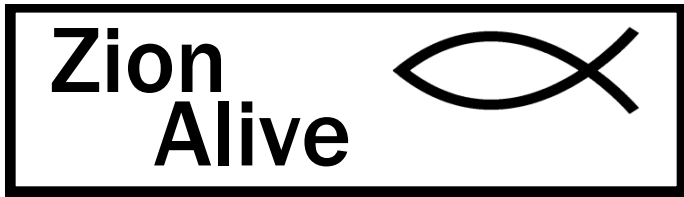
### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 14 - 7:00 p.m. UMW**
- Apr 16 - Food Bank**



## THE LAST LAUGH

And the Lord created man as the only creature who could laugh...



**:Exciting News for Zion!**

**:The computer class is Meeting on Thursdays, at 7 p.m  
:at Roger's Home. Roger Brown will be the instructor.**

**:Groups will consist of at least 4 people. We will also be  
:looking for 'experts' who would be interested in leading  
:a group.**

**:The Book Clubs are looking for new Books read.**

**:Pass the word! These groups are not limited to Zion  
:members. Bring friends, neighbors, co-workers!**

**:There are sign-up sheets for interested parties. If you  
:have any questions, please contact Mel Fox or a  
:member of the Nurture team.**