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ZION'S PERSONAL PAGE

THE GREAT MOONBUGGY RACE

Members of the Koza and Geaman families attended NASA's Great Moonbuggy Race recently at the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. This year, 66 high schools and universities from around the world competed. Sarah Koza (Ginny and Bill's granddaughter) was the designer, builder and driver of Lima Senior's buggy #1. She surprised her family when the buggy was rolled out to race and on the back of her seat was a message which read: Inspired by Bill Geaman.

If you would like to know more about Moonbuggy racing, ask Ginny.



HONORS

Bailey Rader made the all A Honor roll for McComb Middle School. She was also awarded First Place at the Findlay Art League art show.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andrew Weadock and Bailey Rader on their confirmation at Zion on April 17th.



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



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

What does the Lord require of you? (Micah 6:8)

It's OK to just be a Christian. One who knows and is thankful that God loves you and gave his Son for you. It's OK to just be a person of the cross, to know that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again for the world's salvation. Really, it's OK. It's OK to be someone who only really cares about trying to love God and love your neighbor. It's OK to think that the Apostles' Creed is enough of statement of faith for you, and that you are willing to have fellowship with other people who think the same. You don't have to be a certain kind of Christian. Adjectives like "reformed" or "conservative" or "emerging" or "missional" or "radical" or "passionate" or any number of denominational or theologically constricting labels are not necessary. It's OK just to love Jesus and be thankful for what he's done for you.

You don't have to go to a "cool" church with a name like "Revolution" or "The Rock" or "Journey" or "The River," though it's certainly OK if you do. Your plain ol' First Presbyterian or First Baptist or Zion United Methodist will work just fine too. It's also OK if you attend St. Peter's and your pastor waves incense around, or St. Basil's, where intriguing icons invite your contemplation. It's OK if you don't listen to Christian music, shop in Christian stores, wear Christian t-shirts, go to Christian conventions, become a Christian homeschooler or send your kids to Christian schools, patronize Christian businesses, participate in Christian causes, read Christian books, or identify yourself with Christian organizations. You can be a Christian without all that, it's OK.

It's OK if you don't have a big library of theological books or Bible commentaries. It's OK if you struggle reading through the Bible, because you can't even make it past Genesis 5 - you can't pronounce that long list of funny names. A great multitude of believers over the centuries never even saw a Bible, except maybe up front in a church somewhere, and even then they couldn't read it. Guess what? God knew them and they knew Him anyway.

It's OK if you have no idea what it means to "engage the culture," or "have an impact in the world." You may not really understand what "social justice" is all about. If you've never been in a small group or taken a missions trip, never had your spiritual gifts inventoried, never face-booked or tweeted the pastor after a message, it's OK. You are OK if you stay out of the culture wars. Culture wars? You're too busy visiting your neighbor who's in the hospital, taking some food to the family, coaching that little kid who doesn't have a dad, writing a note to a friend who's discouraged, making coffee for the congregation on Sunday morning, volunteering at the school, mowing the lawn of a shut-in. Fact is, you're smack dab in the midst of real battles, the kind that those who do all the talking often avoid like the plague.

It's OK if you say, "I don't know" when people ask you about the burning issues of the day. It's OK if you don't have a strong opinion on gay marriage or stem cell research or global warming. And it's even OK if you are a bit fuzzy on your theology. If you can't give a precise formulation of the doctrine of justification by faith or distinguish between the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed teachings on sanctification, you're still gonna be OK. If you think "rapture" is what you felt on your wedding day, and have no idea of its theological meaning, that's OK.

It's OK to say, "I don't know." That doesn't make you less of a Christian. Baptized as an infant? OK. Dunked in the creek as a young teen? OK. Love to receive communion because you meet Jesus there, but have no idea how to explain it? That's OK. Because you trust in Jesus. You know in your heart that you're broken and need fixing. It's clear to you that He is the only one who can forgive your past, enliven your present, and guarantee your future. And in response you have found simple ways to worship the One who means everything to you, with others who feel the same.

That's what you know, and that's who you are. You're just a Christian. And that's OK.

Zion Alive



GREETER SCHEDULE

May 8 - Joe & Harriet Adams, Faye Newman
 May 15 - Bryan & Susie Stennett, Carol Poe
 May 22 - Dean & Kay Zeisloft, Brian & Angie Rader
 May 29 - Ray Zeiter, Chris Hawkins, Jody Rucker

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 Sec./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	Harriet Adams Marilyn Willford
2012	Brenda Fenstermaker Tom Brown
2013	Faye Newman Brian Stennett

MISSIONS

Missions for May include Friendly Center, Smallwoods, Benevolence Fund, the Bishop's offering and jail Bibles. We are also collecting toilet tissue and laundry detergent for our next food bank. Extra monies in May will go to the Heifer Project.

W.O.W.

meets on
 May 11th
 and 25th
 at 6:30
 p.m. at
 Zion. Fun
 for kids

Zion's Youth Fellowship

meets on
 Wednesdays at
 6:30 p.m.
 Middle school
 youth are
 invited to come
 and bring their
 friends on May
 11th and 25th.

**CHILD CARE IS
 AVAILABLE DURING
 THE SECOND SERVICE
 AFTER THE
 CHILDREN'S**

UMW

The annual Women's Salad Buffet will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 6 p.m. All women of the church and their guests are invited – bring a salad to share and enjoy Raelene Philips' talk titled "Where is your pineapple?"
 The next meeting will be in September.

As out-reach programs, Zion continues to collect coupons and Campbell's labels. The coupons can be expired. There are containers in the fellowship hall

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES



ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

May 2, 2011

Chair Denny Dorman called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. In attendance were Marie Eichar, Chuck Eichar, Ginny Geaman, Marilyn Willford, Mary Thomas, Brett Kelly, Mel Fox, and Deborah Foust.

SECRETARY – Minutes from April meeting were approved.

OUTREACH – The May mission will be the Heifer Project. Hanging baskets for Mother's Day are on order and should be delivered on Thursday or Friday. A call will be placed to let everyone know when they arrive. For Easter, 38 plants were purchased @ \$6 each. Plans for the next food bank are in the works. We will collect toilet tissue and laundry detergent again.

NURTURE – The monthly meetings for the team will begin at 6:30 p.m. The first two small groups are finished, (Book Club and Computer 101) and new ideas and persons interested in teaching are being sought for more group activities. VBS will be Pandamania and held July 10 -14. Dinner served at 5:30 with the program following from 6 – 8 p.m. YF will meet on the same nights and at the same times at W.O.W. May 11th and 25th at 6:30 p.m. Graduation is coming up and we want to be sure we have the names of all our graduates. Students we currently have are Brooke Stennett and Devin Harmon from LB; Michelle Brown, Ohio State University; and Tracy Fox, The University of Findlay. If there are any others, Nurture needs to know.

PRAYER COORDINATOR – Ginny attended a meeting regarding prayer-based programs and is in the process of reading books to get ideas and for possible use here.

U.M.W. – The annual Women's Salad Buffet will be May 12th at 6 p.m. Our speaker for the evening is Raelene Phillips, speaker and author of several books. She is pastor's wife of the Amsden/Rehobeth charge.

WITNESS – The prayer chain and phone tree will now have 2 contacts. Mary Thomas and Marilyn Willford will both be available to take calls and get them on the system as needed.

TRUSTEES – Playground equipment is being donated. Trustees are looking into insurance and other considerations. Confirmed that the same person will continue to mow.

PPR – Next meeting is June 27th.

FINANCE – No report.

TREASURER – As presented, filed for audit.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Discussion was held on support for camps. It was moved and approved to increase funds to 50% of the cost up to \$300 per camper. Lakeside coming up, will again pay \$500 for attendance.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Really good attendance at the Easter season services.

MISCELLANEOUS – Ginny requested that everyone be one the look-out for a stamp page - #5, in the Stations of the Cross exhibit. It is still missing.

ADJOURNED – Brett closed with prayer.



PRAYER IN ACTION



If you wish to add or delete name(s) on this prayer list, please inform Ginny or Deborah.

Please remember in prayer: Jack Brown, Ethan Stennett, Nancy Harmon, Dorothy Roy, Sara Fry; Skylar Jacobsen; Carl Etta Capes; the Brown family on the loss of Gene; Angie Rader. All those in our church family who are experiencing physical, emotional, and/or spiritual pain.

Prayers for May

Grant, O merciful God, that with malice toward none, with charity to all, with firmness in the right as thou givest us to see the right, we may strive to finish the work we are in: to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations. Amen.

~ Abraham Lincoln



WANTED:

A few good men and women to pray for our Vacation Bible School coming this July. The requirements are simple: the willingness to pray for VBS. You will be given written suggestions on who and what to pray for. If you are willing to join in this prayer ministry, please let Ginny know. 419-423-8840 or vgpurplepastor@aol.com.

Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong, and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land. Especially, we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race or calling. May cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concepts of our constitution, hold to differing political faiths: so that all may work for the good of our beloved country, and Thy glory. Amen.
~ Dwight David Eisenhower

EVENT CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 8 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Contemporary Happy Mother's Day	MAY 9 6 p.m. Choir 6:45 Chime Choir	MAY 10	MAY 11 6:30 p.m. W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. YF	MAY 12  6 p.m. Women's Salad Buffet	MAY 13  4:30 p.m. Chicken BBQ	MAY 14
MAY 15 7:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Contemporary Birthday Sunday	MAY 16 6 p.m. Choir 6:45 Chime Choir	MAY 17	MAY 18	MAY 19	MAY 20	MAY 21
MAY 22	MAY 23	MAY 24	MAY 25	MAY 26	MAY 27	MAY 28
MAY 29 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Contemporary	MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 31	MAY 31 6:30 p.m. W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. YF	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3
MAY 29 Building Fund Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Combined	MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 31	JUNE 1 6:30 p.m. W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. YF	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4
MAY 29 Missions Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Contemporary Graduation Sunday	MAY 30 6-6:30 p.m. NOW 7 p.m. Ad Board	MAY 31	JUNE 1 6:30 p.m. W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. YF	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4
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JUNE 5	JUNE 6	JUNE 7	JUNE 8	JUNE 9	JUNE 10	JUNE 11
JUNE 5 Missions Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Contemporary Graduation Sunday	JUNE 6	JUNE 7	JUNE 8 6:30 p.m. W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. YF	JUNE 9	JUNE 10	JUNE 11

BIRTHDAYS

- May 8 – Jory Zeiter
- May 17 – Charlie Rucker
- May 18 – Sydney Bickford
- May 19 – Clara Brown
- May 29 – Devin Harmon, Gregg Fox
- May 30 – Mary Thomas, Lois Zeisloft
- June 5 – Karl Cramer
- June 6 – Darrell Holdman

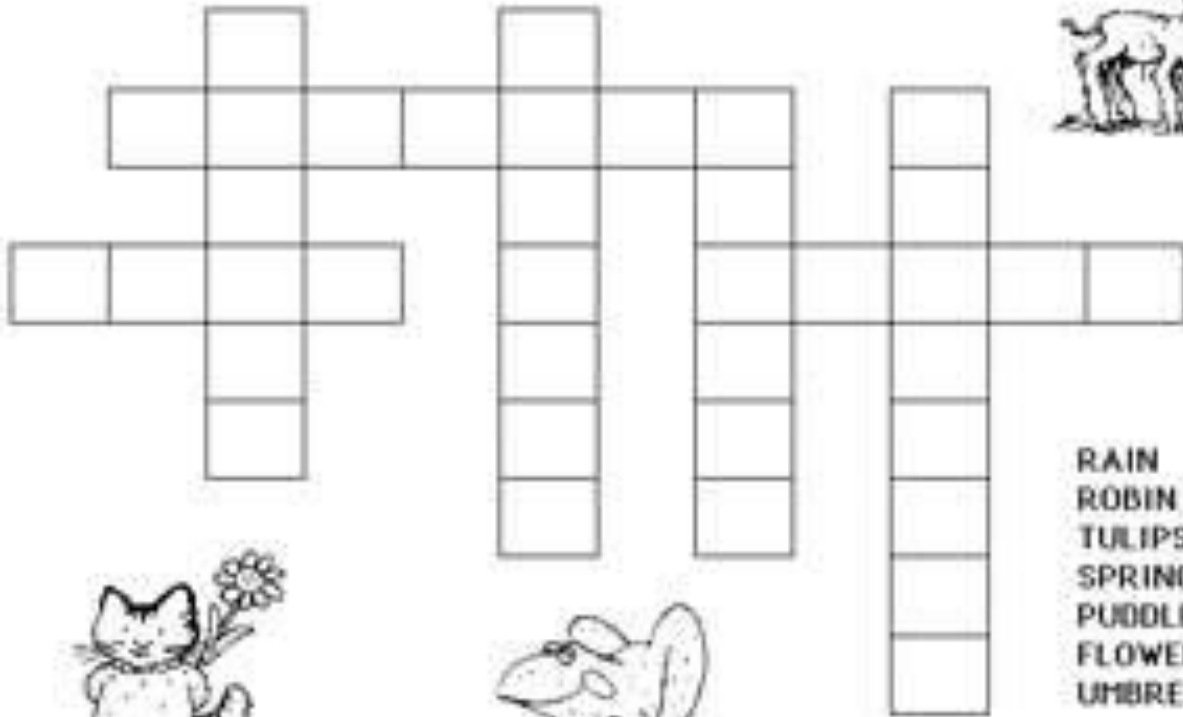


ANNIVERSARIES

- May 11 – Kim & Todd Weadock
- May 13 – Bill & Emily Stewart
- May 14 – Walt & Helen Allen
- May 30 – Tim & Shelley Hooper



Spring Crossword



Q. What is a king's favorite weather?

A. Reign

Q. What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?

A. Lily

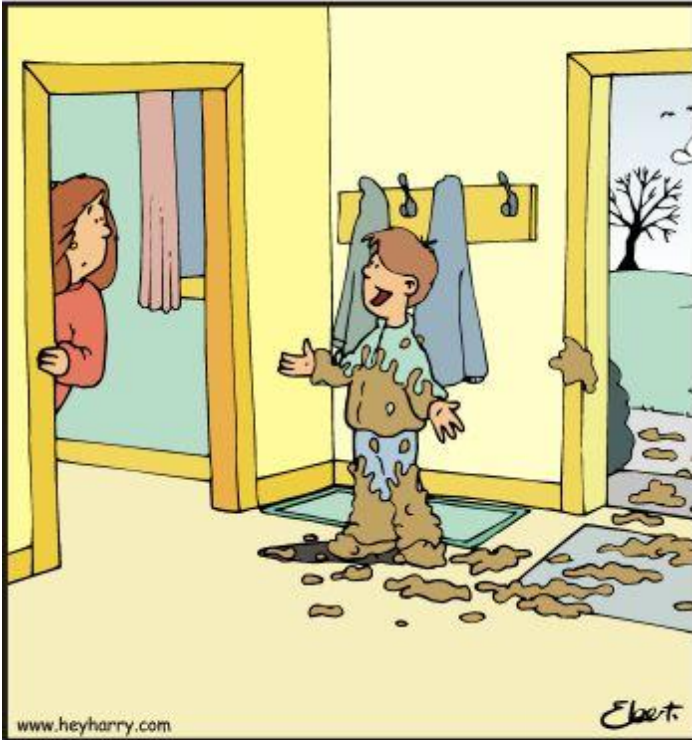
Q. Can February March?

A. No, but April May



THE LAST LAUGH

And the Lord created man as the only creature who



"Aren't you happy, Mom?
Spring is finally here!"



Spring Fever

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

24 Hours

God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Boy, I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth." The angel says, "What are you going to do now?" God says, "Call it a day."