

# Zion UMC Newsletter - Zion Alive

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## Leaving Your Mark

Did you know...?

That Joan of Arc was only seventeen when she was riding at the head of the army that liberated France from the English?

That John Calvin was twenty-six when he published his "Institutes"?

That John Keats died when he was twenty-six?

That Shelley was thirty when he was drowned, but not before he left English literature his classic "Odes"?

That Sir Isaac Newton had largely discovered the working of the law of gravitation when he was twenty-three?

That Henry Clay, the "great compromiser," was sent to the United States Senate at twenty-nine and was Speaker of the House of Representatives at thirty-four?

That Raphael painted his most important pictures between twenty-five and thirty?

That Mozart only lived thirty-five years?

Of course, most of us will never achieve the prominence of these extraordinary individuals. Nor should we -- we are each cut from a unique pattern. But many people feel as if they should be leaving more of a mark on the world. I've always been a person who wanted to make things happen. Sometimes we must be content to watch things happen.

It helps to remember that there is a time for everything -- and everybody. Our time to bear good

fruit may be yet to come. In fact, we may do our best work, or find our unique place, later in life.

Colorado aspen trees grow vigorously. After the devastation of a forest fire, frequent occurrences in the Rockies, aspens are sometimes the first trees to return. They re-forest an area quickly, providing shade for slower-growing spruce and pine saplings. These evergreens grow slower, but may live many years longer than the aspens. Each tree grows in its own time.

So does each person. Some people come to fruition quickly, others contribute more significantly in later years.

If you've not yet come into your own, don't worry. Tend to your work and aspirations with care. Don't give up; but rather be patient, for growth can be slow. Remember, storms and disease are devastating, but they can also prune you and make you stronger. With proper nurture, you will in time enjoy a full harvest.

There is a time for everything and everybody. And the time to begin is now.

May is the month we honor mothers. It's one of the most important things we can do -- parent. We may be creating the environment for a Joan of Arc or an Isaac Newton!



# Fellowship



## Circle of Concern

In residential care facilities:

Erma Rettig and Gloria Kidd in Birchaven,

15100 Birchaven Lane



*If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail; If you can't be the sun, be a star. It isn't by size that you win or fail; Be the best of whatever you are.*



## In Our Prayers



Please hold Brad, Stephanie and Kyle Rickle in your prayers as they travel to China for Kevin.



## Birthday Sunday

Birthday Sunday is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating in May!



*Happiness is good. The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy I snow. The way to be happy is to help make others happy.*



## UMW News

The UMW will host a Salad Buffet for everyone who is a daughter! May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 be at Zion for the Salad Buffet (and bring a salad to share). The program will be on Quilts and the Underground Railroad presented

by Hope Riegle. Feel free to bring guests!



May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the next Craft-Making meeting at 6:30. Anyone who wants to help is encouraged to come (not just women). We'll make some items for the bazaar.

We'll organize a cleaning day on Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 am. This is for everyone to come help.



*There isn't a limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit.*



## Youth News

The youth thank all who came to the breakfast on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

STOMP is May 21<sup>st</sup> at Wharton @ 6:30.

The Hot Dog stand at Wal-Mart is May 20-21.

The youth are still collecting printer cartridges. The small home size is needed too.

The youth will be purchasing new T-shirts to wear at Alive and other youth events. If you'd like one, see Mel or Gregg Fox, Cindy or Roger Brown or Jody Rucker.



*They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

# Of Christ

## Building Fund

Thanks to all are so faithful in giving monthly to the building fund! We receive an offering the last Sunday of the month for the building fund. You can always

place a check in the little church and it will go to the building fund.

You can also support the building fund by getting a Meijer card and showing it when you shop at Meijer. The easiest way to sign up is on-line at Meijer.com. The code for Zion is: 265027.

If you shop at GFS, simply tell them you're from Zion (no card required) and we'll receive funds.

Finally, Staples will give us cash back if you let them know to credit Zion with the purchase.



## Too Busy Mother

*Are you too busy to help them play? Too busy to listen to what they would say? Are you too busy to watch them swing? Too busy to hear the songs they can sing? If you're always too busy, except to scold They may be too busy when you grow old!*



# Reaching Out

## Brochures

There are some helpful brochures in the back of the sanctuary in the literature rack. They may be helpful to you or to someone you know. Items include info on Zion (use this to invite someone to worship with you), Forgiveness, Prayer and other practical issues.



## Website

Awesome news! Zion has a website! Tell your friends and spread the word. It's a great way to find out what's going on at Zion (check daily), pass on prayer requests (share yours and pray for those posted), register your willingness to serve (as greeter or social time or kids party...). The address is: [www.FindlayZion.com](http://www.FindlayZion.com).

*So there abide faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

*1 Cor 13:13*



## Worship

### Survey

Please go to the website and take the DaVinci survey. The book has been out for a couple of years; the movie comes out this month. The claims of the *DaVinci Code* are even making 60 Minutes, The Discovery Channel, The History Channel and many others. Have you had questions because of the book (or movie)? Do you have friends who do? Is this something you'd like to see addressed in a sermon series? Let your thoughts be known!



### Liturgists

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sun - Joe Adams
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun - Keith Willford
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun - Tom Foust
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sun - Gregg Fox
- Thanks for your service!



### Greeters

9:00

- 5/7 - Mary Thomas
- 5/14 - Karl & Sandy Cramer
- 5/21 - Jean Adams
- 5/28 - Barb & Denny Tidd

11:00 Greeters

- 5/7 - Holdmans
- 5/14 - Grothaus' family
- 5/21 - Fox family



*If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the*

*character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the nation.*



### Kids' Time

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Deborah Foust
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Virginia Geaman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Tom Foust
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Tracy Fox
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Barb Tidd



### Choir Schedule

The choir meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 (except on Administrative Council night and fifth Mondays).



## Acceptance

The current theme for the United Methodist church is "Open hearts...Open minds... Open doors". This reminds us to love and accept others just as Jesus did.



## Real Ministry

### Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. We collect funds in our mission bucket. This month the funds go to Friendly Center in Toledo, The Crowes as well as Hyco in Hoytville.



*If God is to do something wonderful, he starts with a problem. If God is going to do something spectacular, he starts with an impossibility.*



### Mission Opportunity

The 2006 School of Christian Mission will take place with a Day Sampler on July 15; a Weekend Event from July 14-July 16; and a

Five-Day School from July 17-July 21 all on the campus of Ohio Northern University. For

more information contact West Ohio School of

Christian Mission Registrar Jeanne Schierloh at 937/434-3107 or at [djschierloh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djschierloh@sbcglobal.net). Deadline is June 16.



### Ministry to a Soldier

Interested in helping a soldier be a bit less lonely? Check out [www.mysoldier.com](http://www.mysoldier.com) and make a difference in someone's life.



### Flood Buckets

There is a real need for flood buckets. After all the hurricanes that swept through last year, the supply is really down. The bad news is, this year's hurricane season is predicted to be worse! We will create buckets through the Sunday School classes. Think about what you can donate.



*I know that if I want a friend, I must first be a friend.*



### Habitat BBQ

Habitat for Humanity is having a Harlan's Chicken BBQ on Friday, May 12 at the University of Findlay Koehler Parking Lot (off Main). Tickets are \$10 and includes, 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and roll. Tickets available at Morey's on Main. This is an easy way to support Habitat!



### Food Distribution

Food will be distributed at St Paul's UMC (South Main) on May



6 at 10am until the food runs out. On May 20 food will be distributed at Park view (SR 12 East) at 10am.



## Discipleship

### Confirmation

The 2006 confirmation class is meeting! Please pray for our Confirmands as this is a very important time in their lives. We meet Sundays at noon until 2:00 through Mother's Day. This is an important time in teen's lives! Confirmation Sunday is June 4<sup>th</sup> which will include cake to celebrate our new members! Please attend the 11:00 am service on June 4<sup>th</sup> to hear what they've learned the last couple of months and celebrate the joy of this day. June 4 is also Pentecost so please wear red.



### Misc

Please turn in your newsletter articles to Marilyn Willford by May 28. Thanks for helping to make Zion Alive more informative and helpful! You can also submit articles on the website.



*No matter what others are doing, my friend, or what they are leaving undone, God's counting on you to keep on with the job 'til the very last battle is won. He's counting on you to be faithful; he's counting on you to be true. Yes, others may work, or others may shirk, but remember - God is counting on you.*



### Congrats

We're so proud of Becky Wolford. Becky is a student at McComb and has had great grades all year!



### Thank You

Thank you for the cards, flowers and prayers during my father's recent passing. May God bless you all. Carl Grothaus and Rhonda, Kyle and Keith too.



### Thank you

Thank you for allowing us to meet for prayer on Mondays at Zion. We give this love offering to say thanks. L-B Moms in Touch



### Circus

Family Passes for 2 adults and unlimited children are available for the Bailey Brothers circus, May 10 @ 4:30 & 7pm at the Fairgrounds.



### Graduation Party

Aaron Svoboda invites you to his Graduation Open House at Litzenberg Barn, Su May 21, 1-4



### Congrats

We're proud of Liberty-Benton honor roll students: Tracy Newcomer who received all As. Drew Svoboda, Kyle Grothaus, Kelsey Harmon, Eric Newcomer, Nathan Holdman, Michelle Brown Aaron Svoboda Eric Bowsher, Devin Harmon, Brooke Stennett, Keith Grothaus, and Joey Brown were honor roll students.

Feather Breitigam was named to the dean's list at the University of Findlay and Megan May at ONU!



### Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting

The May meeting of the Zion Administrative Council was Monday,

May 1 at 7:00 pm. Those present include: Kay Zeisloft, Tom Foust, Karne Walters, Mary Thomas, Marie Eichar, Tom Brown, Barb Tidd, Marilyn Willford, Jen Iliff, Roger Brown, Harriet Adams, Bill Geaman, Jody Rucker, Gregg Fox, Audrey Brown and Mel Fox.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Tom Foust.

Roger Brown reported the pastor was very busy with Easter services and some sick folks in the month of April.

Mary Thomas reported we're a month behind on the apportionments. No money has been paid this year to maintenance and improvement. We brought in \$8693.68 in April and expenses were \$7621.20.

Marie Eichar reported we received memorials for Maxine Hanrahan. Wally Cramer money paid for the banners. We have profit of \$1036 for the BBQ and have one bill out (for advertizing).

Bill Geaman reported STOMP is May 21 in Wharton (note change). Scouts are winding down. Worship times were placed on the chicken dinners.

Roger Brown reported Dietz coupons will be used again this year for Mother's Day. Cake and ice cream will celebrate Confirmation Sunday. We need to replace altar candles. Jen Iliff moved and Bill Geaman seconded candles be purchased if we need them. Motion carried.

Barb Tidd reported the seeds have been mailed to JAM. We're ready to send the package to Matt in Iraq. May's extra mission is HYCO. Flood buckets are being assembled in Sunday School. These are due at the end of May. The team is working on a list of foods for the food pantry so we have what we need.

Kay Zeisloft reported the carnival was a success. We have a list of graduates but want it on the power point to be sure we've not missed anyone. Pastor Karen is asked to get gifts for Confirmands for this year and last from Zion.

Mary Thomas asked about Annual Conference expenses. We'll pay expenses - \$500 to each with receipts to be turned in.

Rev. Walters closed with prayer.