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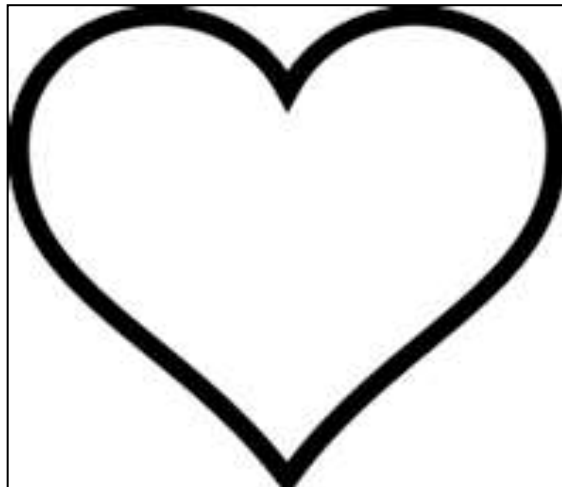
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Zion Alive

February 2012

GOD IS
LOVE!



MINISTERS MESSAGE

Church membership in denominations and churches is declining and yet interest in “spirituality” has been on a big rise for some time now. Increasingly many are calling themselves “spiritual but not religious” and are part of the decline in church attendance that started decades ago—but has gotten so much bigger in recent years. Some can see the evangelical revival that is going on in Africa and South America; others suggest that Christian beliefs and practices are eroding entirely as traditional forms of faith are replaced by new ethical, and nonreligious choices. But it might just be that we are, instead, at a critical stage in a completely different kind of spiritual awakening that cuts across religious labels and is stepping toward individual and cultural transformation, and a wholly new kind of post-religious faith. Let’s approach faith in Jesus with a new found freedom that is both life-giving and service driven. Even here at Zion let’s pray and work toward creating a fresh, vital, contemporary way of faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus. This Jesus calls everyone to follow him, but doesn’t force anyone to do so. All persons of all nationalities, races, cultures are called by Jesus to follow him, but not everyone goes along with doing so. Even when we do say yes and commit our lives to Christ Jesus, sadly we can hold back from giving him our all. Part of following Jesus is intently listening to him through scripture and the Holy Spirit speaking to us. Much of what Jesus says in his teachings is about advancing his Kingdom or his mission. Jesus’ teachings were about compassion, equality, inclusion, forgiveness, tolerance, peace and - most importantly - love. As a teenager I agreed with Jesus to become his disciple and no longer live my own life but to live his life in me. I have often tried to micromanage his will, I have downright disagreed with him at times and even outright rebelled against his directions and way, but I am so very grateful for my Lord's patience, love and grace. "I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake." (Galatians 2:19-20) You have a choice. Will you follow Jesus with all that is in you or not? Will our church set aside the old ideas of “doing church” that honestly no longer appeal to people, or will we listen to Christ who still calls us to do his will, expand his Kingdom, invite others to the spiritual practices of becoming disciples/followers of Jesus Christ?

ZION SERVANT - LEADERS

Ad. Board Chair - Gregg Fox
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2012

Janet Morrison
Harriet Adams

2013

Tom Brown
Keith Willford
David Hanrahan

2014

Steve Baird
Sandy Brown
Mike Morrison

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS

2012

Devin Harmon
Rhonda Grothaus

2013

Chuck Eichar
Jody Rucker

2014

Deb Core
Melanie Fox
Harriet Adams

LEADER SELECTION & DEVELOPMENT

2012

Brenda Fenstermaker
Tom Brown

2013

Faye Newman
Bryan Stennett

2014

Tim Hooper
Mike Harmon

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE, AFTER THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE. ALL YOUNGSTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

ZION'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.

W.O.W

Meetings are scheduled for February 8 and February 22 - 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. in Zion's Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the second and fourth Wednesday each month, children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade.

ZION'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Meetings are scheduled for February 8 and February 22 - 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. in Zion's Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

GREETER SCHEDULE

Feb. 12 - Denny & Lynn Dorman-Chuck Eichar
Feb. 19 - Gregg & Mel Fox-Ginny Geaman
Feb. 26 - Deb Foust-Carl & Rhonda Grothaus
Mar. 4 - David Harahan & Pearl Bibbee
 Mike & Jill Harman
Mar. 11 - Tim & Shelley Hooper- Faye Newman

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME SNACK

February 12- Barb Tidd/Shelley Hooper
 19 - Birthday Sunday
 26 - Jill Harvey
March 4 - Keith/Marilyn Willford
 11 - Mary Thomas

UPDATED INFORMATION SHEET

Have you filled out the information sheet? Please take a few minutes to complete and give to Marilyn, Lynn, Marie or Mary. Blank sheets available in Fellow Ship Hall. Thanks!

ZION'S NEWS LETTER PUBLICATON
" ZION ALIVE"

Our aim is to have the news letter available the first Sunday after the board meeting, which meets the first Monday of the month. We need anything for this by Thursday of that week.

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Marie Eichar - meichar@yahoo.com
419-257-2733

Mary Thomas - mthomaz@aol.com
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Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



JANITORIAL SERVICE

The Janitor job has been filled, **thanks** to those who are willing to clean the church.

MISSIONS

If you know of anyone or family in need, please contact Barb Tidd.

ITEMS FOR CHOPIN HALL

Contributions from everyone appreciated, sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

February	Shampoo
March	Tooth Paste & Brush
April	Canned Meat
May	Pasta & Sauce
June	Yogurt (refrigerate)
July	Paper Towels
August	Cleaning Supplies
September	Kleenex/Sanitary Items

U.M.W. - MARCH 8, 2012
Carl Etta Capes will be hostess,
watch bulletin for more information.

FOOD BANK
FEBRUARY 18 - 7:30 A.M.
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FIRE HOUSE
COUNTY ROAD 140
BRING A FRIEND TO HELP!
We still need laundry soap and toilet tissue

FEBRUARY MISSIONS
Bishop's Fund
Weekly Religious Education
Smallwoods
Friendly Center
Benevolence Fund
Jail Bibles

Coming in March, seeds for the Jackson Ministries and money for another food bank.

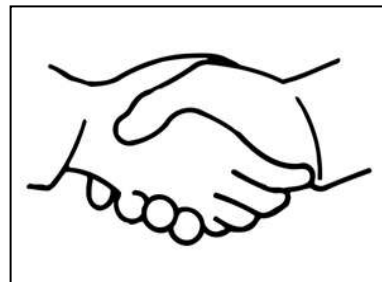
As one of Zion's out-reach programs, please continue to collect coupons and Campbell's labels .
The coupons can be expired.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 22 - 7 PM

MAUNDY/THURSDAY SERVICE
APRIL 5 - 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 6 - 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 8
SUNRISE SERVICE - 8 AM
EASTER BREAKFAST 8:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM
WORSHIP - 10:30 AM



**GROCERY SHOWER
BECKY WOLFORD & PHIL CURTIS
MARCH 11, 2012**

Please bring grocery items to the church by **March 11** for Becky & Phil. They will be getting married March 31. We wish them the best!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 8 - 12, 2012**

Shelly Hooper, Kim Bickford, Angie Rader and Kim Weadock have volunteered to coordinate the VBS. They will need **your** help to make this a success.

Take a look, the kitchen is clean, it sure would be nice to keep it that way.

Thanks to Marilyn Willford, Marie Eichar, Faye Newman, Linda Doolittle, Jean McGuire, Jean Adams, Mary Thomas, Carl Etta Capes, Margaret Brown, Elizabeth Snyder and Lynn Dorman.

Please do your part when using the kitchen.





AUGUST 3-4, 2012

Celebrate What Matters. If you've attended a Women of Faith event, you know that it's like a 2-day hug. It's women connecting, meeting, enjoying and experiencing God right where they are in life. Gayle (419-306-4573) has a sign-up sheet going around at the church for the August 3 – 4, 2012, event at Nationwide Arena in Columbus. Women of Faith is a faith-based women's organization encouraging women of all ages and stages in life to grow in faith and spiritual maturity through a relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of God's love and grace. Even in the midst of everyday challenges, there are treasures hidden in plain sight. Be refreshed and renewed at a one-of-a-kind weekend.

What Valentine Can I Give Him?

What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?
How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart, with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For his sacrifice, love and grace?
What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.

By Joanna Fuchs

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Dear Zion Family,

We are fast approaching the season of Lent; Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. As you may know, Lent is the 40 day period (excluding Sundays) before Easter when Christians focus on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for them. It is the season when we spend more time in prayer, fasting, reading & meditating on scripture & giving to those in need. In order to help you with your spiritual preparation during Lent, we are making available the Lenten devotional booklet, "Living in the Moment", which takes a practical look at what we are called to do right now to live out the life that Christ has in mind for us as His followers.

This devotional booklet will be available at the church beginning Feb. 19th. There will also be a Lenten calendar for children which can be used for family devotions & activities. I encourage you to spend more time with Jesus this Lenten season so that your Easter will be truly joyous!

Prayerfully,

Ginny Geaman
Prayer Co-ordinator

Prayer for Lent

God, we have to admit that we don't like Ash Wednesday. We would rather skip the penitence & soul-searching of Lent & skip right to the joy of Easter morning. The world teaches us that mistakes are awful & should be covered up at all cost. We learn to blame others instead of owning up to what we do & the pain we inflict.

Lord God, give us the strength in this time of Lent to ask for forgiveness for the hurt we cause & the mistakes we make. Remind us that the difficulties of life form & shape us. Teach us how to turn back to you, to love our neighbors, & to reach out to those who suffer.

Loving God, we know Jesus spent forty days in the desert preparing for his ministry to the world. We ask that you use these forty days of Lent to prepare us for our mission to the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

–Mary Frances McClure

ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Gregg Fox called the meeting to order and opened with a word of prayer. In attendance were Joe Adams, Gregg Fox, Mary Thomas, Pastor Brett Kelly, Harriet Adams, Ginny Geaman, Keith Willford, Chuck Eichar, Marie Eichar, Shelly Hooper, Marilyn Willford, Barb Tidd, Lynn Dorman, Denny Dorman and Melanie Fox.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

OUTREACH – Still collecting laundry soap and toilet paper for the Food Bank on February 18th @ 7:30 am. Still looking to have at least 100 bottles of soap. Current monthly Missions go towards – Jail Bibles, Benevolence Fund, Smallwords, Friendly Center, Bishop's Offering, all other monies will go towards Religious Ed. In March we will be collecting for our next Food Bank as well as collecting of seeds.

NATURE – Special services in Lent Ash Wednesday February 22nd @ 7:00 pm, Maundy-Thursdays April 5th @ 7:00 pm, Good Friday April 6th @ 7:00 pm and Sunrise April 8th @ 8:00am, 8:30 – 9:15 breakfast, 9:30 Sunday School and 10:30 Worship service.

PRAYER COORDINATOR – If anyone is interested in being a prayer volunteer for our church members – please let Ginny know. This prayer volunteer will have a list of members that you would need to pray for weekly on a rotation basis. Ginny spoke and during this time of Lent – we need to have a Lenten Devotional time – Lent calendars will be given out to the kids and for the adults the booklet “REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US”. to us in our daily prayers. U.M.W. – next meeting will be Thursday February 9, 2012 – as the ladies will be cleaning up the kitchen followed by their luncheon.

WITNESS – no report

WORSHIP – Barb Tidd stated that she does like the pictures that have been on the slide presentation along with the mix of music at the service.

TREASURER – report given

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – question was asked if the 2012 budget needed to be approved by the board – will be checking into that

PASTOR'S REPORT – due at the end of February – board needs to approve the new Health Benefit – Flexible Benefits Plan – the Conference states that this will save the conference and church a little money for Health Insurance. Mary Thomas moved to accept with Chuck Eichar seconding the motion.

OLD BUSINESS – It was approved to have Nicole Rucker as the other custodian. Denny gave pricing for storage cabinets between \$300 - \$400. He would like a little extra time and he would like to work with Roger to build storage cabinet in the North/West corner of the fellowship hall. This would be storage for the chairs, extra tables and the items that are collected for the Food Bank.

NEW BUSINESS – Keith Willford stated that the spouting on the North/West corner of the Fellowship Hall seems to be running over the top and not down the downspouts – Gregg Fox stated he would make some contacts to have that looked at. Also, the light up sign out front – we are unable to get the West side opened. Melanie Fox stated she would contact Bill's Lock Service to have it fixed.

Mary Thomas stated to have everyone fill out their information sheets – updating names, addresses, and phone numbers as we are looking at updating the Directory (no pictures)

ADJOURNED – Gregg closed with a word of prayer.

February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bonnie Rettig Christopher Deputy Birthdays	2	3	4
5 Mission Sun 9:30 SS 10:30 Church	6 Team Mtgs 6:00 Ad Bd 7 Boy Scouts 7	7	8 WOW & Middle School 6:30	9 10:00 UMW	10	11 Harvey Beck Birthday
12 9:30 SS 10:30 Church Jill Harvey Birthday	13 Choir 6 Chime 7 Helen Allen Biethday Boy Scouts 7	14 Valentine Day Bonnie & Jim Rettig Anniversary	15	16	17 Alexis Walker Birthday	18
19 Breakfast 8 Birthday Sun. 9:30 SS 10:30 Church BryanStennet DrewSvoboda Birthdays	20 Choir 6 Chime 7 Boy Scouts 7 Presidents Day	21	22 WOW & Middle School 6:30 Ash Wed. 7pm	23 Brittany (Kelly) Suess Birthday	24	25 Nancy Harmon Birthday
26 Building Sun. 9:30 SS 10:30 Church Kim Holdman Birthday	27 Choir 6 Chime 7 Boy Scouts 7 Todd Weadock Birthday	28	29			



ZION'S PERSONAL PAGE

New Baby



The stork delivered a boy on Jan. 23, 2012 weighing 9 lbs. 9 ozs. and 21 in. long. His name is Koltyn Michael Alan Young. Koltyn is the great grandson of Jean McGuire. Don't spoil him Great Grandma!



Wedding Bells

Nicole Rucker and Norm Tyson are engaged. The wedding date will be November 17, 2012 Nicole is the daughter of Charlie and Jody Rucker and granddaughter of Harvey and Midge Beck. Congratulations Nicole and Norm!



Dean's List

Derek Frey grandson of Jean MGuire made the Dean's List again at Bowling Green State University. Keep studying, Derek!



Honor Roll

Bailey Rader made the all A Honor Roll at McComb School. Jacob Fenstermaker a Senior at McComb High School made the A/B Honor Roll. Good Job, keep up the good work.



Recipe of the Month

Impossible Cherry Pie From Terri Baird's Kitchen

1 c. Milk	2 T. soft butter
¼ t. almond extract	2 eggs
½ c. Bisquick	¼ c. sugar

1 can cherry Pie Filling (21 oz.)

Beat all ingredients except pie filling in blender for 15 seconds. Pour into pie plate. Spoon pie filling evenly over top. Bake 25 min in 400 degree oven (preheat) Then top with streusel and Bake until brown, about 10 min. Cool refrigerate.

Streusel

2 T. firm butter chopped into ½ c, Bisquick, ½ c brown sugar, and ½ t, cinnamon.