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From Here to Eternity

With All Saints' Day November 1 I've found myself thinking about eternity.

Christians spend a lifetime learning how to live somewhere else. It's true. We may not always be conscious of it, but our destination is somewhere else. We were made for eternity. We were made to dwell with God, making this life but a shadow of the one to come.

At the same time, we don't just unplug here and sit around waiting for the Holy Helicopter to take us there. God has uniquely connected this life to that one. Our lives here, and in eternity, are related. What we do here matters there.

Jesus once said that those who are faithful in a few things here will be put in charge of many things there (Matthew 25:23). Paul said that when we pass from here to there, some things will stay with us -- those things that were done here by faith -- and the rest will burn up (1 Corinthians 3:12-15). Paul also said that our bodies go into the ground as a seed here and spring up new there (1 Corinthians 15:37). The key is to learn what translates from here to eternity and concentrate on those things. What's important *both* here and there?

Be careful. This is not as easy as it might seem at first. That's because most of what we do here is tangled up in eternity and hard to unravel. For instance: Money won't matter there, but what we do with it here will. Job position

won't matter there, but being responsible here will. Material possessions won't matter there, but what we do with them here will. Winning won't matter there, but playing hard and working at the top of our abilities while we are here will. Like a gold thread running through it, we will pull eternity out of our present experiences.

Other contrasts: If you lived in prison here, you will live free there. If you were sick here, you will be well there. If you were abused here, you will be cherished there. If you were deformed here, you will be whole there. If you were poor here, you will be rich there. If you were outcast here, you will belong there. If you were nobody here, you will be somebody there. If you mourned here, you will dance there. If you struggled with depression here, there, you will leap for joy.

Remember, we spend a lifetime learning to live somewhere else.

Spend some time this month counting your blessings for all you have here and all you'll have there!



Fellowship



Circle of Concern

In residential care facilities:
Maxine Hanrahan in The Heritage, 2820 Greenacre Drive
Erma Rettig and Gloria Kidd in Birchaven, 15100 Birchaven Lane

Beautiful faces are they that wear the light of a pleasant spirit there. Beautiful hands are they that do deeds that are noble, good and true. Beautiful feet are they that go swiftly to lighten another's woe.

In Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy and love to the Charlotte White family and to Dorothy Roy at the loss of her brother Larry.



Birthday Sunday

The third Sunday of the month is Birthday Sunday. We'll give our wishes to all those having an October birthday or anniversary. There will be cake thanks to Juanita Harvey.



Christ can do wonders with a broken heart, if given all the pieces.

Coffee and Social Time

Nov 6-Linda Doolittle/Vicki Pinks
Nov 13 - Roger & Cindy Brown
Nov 20 - Juanita Harvey
Nov 27 - Leona Core
Dec 4 - Jean Adams
Dec 11 - Jill & Mike Harmon
Dec 18 - Becks
Dec 25 - open



UMW News

The UMW will meet on Thursday, November 17 (please note change of date) at 7:00 pm. Mary Thomas will bring the program - thank offerings due - and Rev Walters will be the hostess. All women are welcome!

The prayers that carry the most weight and are of rarest beauty are those in which we don't demand but just report for duty.

Help Needed

Please save your used greeting cards - any kind will help. Bring them to the church as the UMW will use them for a project. Thanks!!

Youth News

The youth thank all who came to the bazaar and purchased a white elephant, candle or calendar. \$193.80 was made that day.

The Rock-a-thon is set for November 12th



- please consider sponsoring a youth. The youth are selling candles for \$6; calendars for \$6 and candy for \$1.

A bit of the Book in the morning, to order my onward way. A bit of the Book in the evening, to hallow the end of the day.

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.

Brokerage Account

Zion United Methodist Church has set up an account with Steve Arnold of Edward D Jones and Company to make it possible for the congregation to make donations of stock directly to Zion if they so desire.

*God without man is still God.
Man without God is nothing.*



Team Meetings

The 2005 Zion teams will meet the last Tuesday of the month – November 29th at 7. Check with your team captain for details of agenda items.



I have held many thing sin my hands and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther



Service at Zion

If you've not indicated how you wish to serve at Zion during 2006, please do so as soon as possible. Charge Conference isn't the last chance for this! See Pastor Karen to take care of the details.



Charge Conference

The 2005 Charge Conference is at Howard UMC (on Cherry Street) this year. It will be held on Sunday, November 13 at 7. Rev Tumblin (District Superintendent)

will bring a message about the direction of the district, we'll share communion and celebrate all our accomplishments in 2005. Come celebrate!



Reaching Out

Brochures

There are some helpful brochures in the back of the sanctuary in the literature rack. Check them out.

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...). If you can think of other ways the website will serve you or reach out to those who are yet unchurched, please speak to Jen Iliff (Pastor Karen will pass on the word if you don't meet up with her). The address is: www.FindlayZion.com. Jen Iliff built the site and will show all how to use it in worship Nov 13. (Thanks Jen!)



Kids' Party!

We're having a party and all kids are invited! The Christmas party is well into the planning stages. You can tell Denise Bowsher how you'll help or you can go to the website and register your willingness to serve. It's also the fastest way to register your kids! The theme is Happy Birthday Jesus. Invite any kids you know to this event which will be December 14th.



Slow me down, Lord, I am going too fast; I can't see my brother when he's walking past. I miss a lot of good things day by day. I don't know a blessing when it comes my way.

Worship

Sonic Flood

Sonic Flood is coming to Central Auditorium on Friday, November 11 at 8:00 pm. We sing a couple of their songs: "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" and "I Want to Know You." Tickets are \$19 and are available at artspartnership.com or 419/422-4624.



Liturgists

- 1st Sun - Joe Adams
 - 2nd Sun - Keith Willford
 - 3rd Sun - Tom Foust
 - 4th Sun - Gregg Fox
 - 5th Sun – Denny Dorman
- Thanks for your service!



Greeters

9:00

- Nov 6 – Harvey & Midge Beck
- Nov 13–Audrey & Tommy Brown
- Nov 20 – Willfords
- Nov 27 – Fox Family
- Dec 4 – Harriet & Joe Adams
- Dec 11 – Karl & Sandy Cramer
- Dec 18 – Linda Doolittle & Vicki Pinks

11:00 Greeters

- Nov 6 – Jody Rucker
- Nov 13 – Jen Iliff
- Nov 20 – Faye & John Newman
- Nov 27 – Fox family
- Dec 4 – Jill & Juanita Harvey



As you've done it to the least of His children, you've done it to Him.



Choir Schedule

The choir meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 (except on Administrative Council night and fifth Mondays). The choir will sing on November 27 for the first Sunday of Advent.

Hanging of the Greens

The annual Hanging of the Greens will be Saturday, November 26 at 9:00 am. Please come out and help ready the church for Advent!



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 second Sunday of the month. We collect funds in our mission bucket. Please be as generous as you can. There will also be a special offering Nov 27 for Student Sunday.

Love begins when another person's needs become more important than your own.

Ministry to a Soldier

Interested in helping a soldier be a bit less lonely? Check out www.mysoldier.com and make a difference in someone's life.

Some people are making such thorough preparation for rainy days they aren't enjoying today's sunshine.

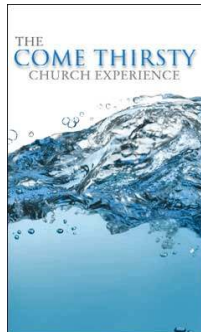
Food Distribution

Please pass the word to any who need food: There will be food distributed Nov 5 @ Findlay Evangelical Free and Nov 12 at St Paul's UMC.

Discipleship

Thirsty for a Better Life?

Oftentimes, life leaves you burdened and burned out. Simple tasks become difficult and sometimes you find your heart hardened toward those you love most. If you are searching for more out of life, then the *Come Thirsty Experience* is for you.



If you'd like a copy of the book see Rev Walters. The cost for the book is \$14.

Forgive me, Father, for the times when I am anxious. You have

promised to take care of all my needs.

Daily Devotionals

Zion is currently embarking on a trip through God's Word. Using various kinds of study - whole book studies, topic studies, character studies, etc we're discovering more about God and how we can live a Christian life. If you're not currently receiving a devotional, either email Pastor Karen to receive it via email or you can receive a "hard copy" each Sunday. The printouts can be found in the brochure rack at the back of the sanctuary.

Misc

Please turn in your newsletter articles to Marilyn Willford by November 27. Thanks for helping to make *Zion Alive* more informative and helpful! You can also submit articles on the website.

Thank you

Thank you for the beautiful arrangement of flowers for Pastor Appreciation. They sent me on my vacation and were still beautiful when I came home! Thank you! Rev Karen Walters



Dear Zion Family, Thank you for your prayers and concerns the last several months. Thank you for the food you supplied when Judy died. I don't

know how people survive without a church family

The Judy Eichar Family

Dear Friends at Zion,

There are not words to describe what a church, especially one like Zion, means to a community and its families.

We, children of Joe Wagner, feel – and truly are – blessed by our upbringing at Zion Church.

If we could speak for d\ Dad, he would say “thank you” for helping to make his a wonderful life. God Bless you all,
The Joe Wagner Family

Thank you for all the prayers and cards. It means much at a time like this.

Dorothy Roy and family

I Am My Brother’s Keeper

November 11-13 is National Donor Sabbath. Please consider organ and tissue donation. There are more than 89,000 waiting for the gift of life and more waiting for life-enhancing tissue or cornea transplants.

Senior News

There will be a bazaar at the Senior Citizen (432 Trenton Ave) on November 19, 8-2. There will be baked goods, crafts, tools and lunch.

If you can be a santa to a senior, contact the Agency on Aging. You can adopt a senior by

picking up an ornament at Great Scott or the mall.

You can also make a donation for gifts. Gift

wrapping will take place Dec 17 @ 10 if you can help.



November 15 the Blanchard Valley Health Assoc will offer a Medicare Update to help seniors understand the new prescription drug plan at First Presbyterian Church (2330 S Main Street) from 10-11:30 am.

November 21st at the Agency on Aging, there will be an opportunity to be screened for artery blockage. Cost is \$129 for 4 screenings. Call 800/635-0475 for info.

Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting

Tom Foust called the November meeting of the Zion UMC Administrative Council to order on November 6 at 7:30 pm with prayer.

Those present include: Tom Brown, Marie Eichar, Tom Foust, Melanie Fox, Jennifer Iliff, Mary Thomas, Kay Zeisloft, Rev. Karen Walters, Roger Brown, Midge Beck, Harvey Beck, Deb Foust, Bill Geaman, Marilyn Willford and David Bowsher.

Deb Foust reported for the UMW. The bazaar was Saturday. Didn’t have as many donations but sold what we had.

Melanie Fox reported the UMYF thanks all who supported the White Elephant sale, candles, calendar. The youth brought in \$193.80. Rock-a-thon is Saturday.

Tom Brown gave the trustee report. We now have a written contract to have the roof repaired. Thanks to Marie for helping find a person. May be fixed before snow flies. There’s a scout wanting to do an Eagle project. Tom Brown moves Trustees work with him on project. Bill Geaman seconded, motion carried.

The PPR report was supplied by Melanie Fox. Pastor’s salary was set at \$37,353.62 for 2006. This based on the job the pastor is doing. Travel set at \$4000, education \$1500, publications \$200.

The 2006 budget was discussed and it was noted stamps will go up. Natural gas is projected to be 50-70% higher. Electric will be up 20-25%. Marie Eichar moved we accept budget; Roger seconded, carried. Thanks to Mary for all the work in creating the budget!

Marie Eichar noted key amounts in Financial Secretary’s report. (See attachment).

Jen Iliff reported for the Reaching Out Team. Dec 14 is next Kids’ Party. Website is ready to go. Will be presented Sunday to congregation. Will survey to see how each wants events communicated. Social time and greeters coming together thanks to Marilyn.

Roger reported he has special music for the Thanksgiving Eve service (Core girls).

Kay Zeisloft shared goals for 2006 for the Discipleship Team.

Rev Walters reminded all about Charge Conference Nov 13.

Roger Brown reported on worship software evaluation completed by Jen Iliff, Rev Walters and Roger. Makes sense to purchase MediaShout (board already approved \$500) if we purchase MPEG music files/videos. \$150 will bring up to date. Mary moved we purchase them from memorial funds; Bill seconded; carried.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev Walters at 9.