

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church April 2024

From Vicar
Patti



Spring Greetings Zion;

It is spring and we are all looking for our favorite sprouting flowers and greenery. New life is sprouting up all around us.

In our Bible Circle, Lydia's Ladies, we studied creation. We looked at a picture similar to the one below except there was a very small sprout in the center of the tree. I wanted a fully formed little tree.

To me that little tree is the new Zion. Zion has been on a bumpy journey and through the Grace of God we have sprouted back to life and are growing toward God's heavens. We are doing amazing new things with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the direction of dedicated leaders. And do you see that sturdy stump from which our tree is sprouting? That is the firm foundation of 180 years of Christian service and fellowship here at Zion.

You all have made contributions to our new growth and welcoming atmosphere. These are exciting times, albeit busy times. Please find a team on which to serve as Jesus served us. God loves us and we love Him!

Let us continue to "Reach Out With God's Love" and build God's kingdom here on earth.

Blessings & Love,

Vicar Patti



Grandma Climbs a Tree by Ruskin Bond



Here is one Grandma in a tree!!

My grandmother was a genius. You'd like to know why?

Because she could climb trees. Spreading or high,

She'd be up their branches in a trice, and mind you

When last she climbed a tree she was sixty-two.

Ever since childhood, she'd had this gift

For being happier in a tree than in a lift;

And though, as years went by, she would be told

That climbing trees should stop when one grew old-

And that growing old should be gone about gracefully-

She'd laugh and say, 'Well I'll grow disgracefully,

I can do it better'. And we had to agree;

For in all the garden there wasn't a tree

She hadn't been up, at one time or another

[Having learned to climb from a loving brother

when she was six] but it was feared by all

That one day she'd have a terrible fall.

The outcome was different-while we were in town

She climbed a tree and couldn't come down.

After the rescue,

The doctor took Granny's temperature and said,

'I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed'.

We sighed with relief and tucked her up well.

Poor Granny! For her, it was like a brief season in hell.
Confined to her bedroom, while every breeze
Whispered of summer and dancing leaves.
But she had held her peace till she felt stronger.
Then she sat up and said, 'I'll lie here no longer!'
And she called for my father and told him undaunted
That a house in a treetop was what she now wanted.
My dad knew his duties. He said, That's all right
You'll have what you want, dear. I'll start work tonight.'
With my expert assistance, he soon finished the chore:
Made her a tree - house with windows and a door.
So granny moved up, and now every day
I climb to her room with glasses and tray.
She sits there in state and drinks sherry with me.
Upholding her right to reside in a tree.

Conclusion

Ruskin Bond projects his grandmother as a feisty old lady, who could easily give the youngsters a run for their money. She followed the dictates of her heart and was unconventional in her ways. She was the happiest on the trees even at the age of 62 climbed. It is clear that she did not want to go to her grave with any of her desires unfulfilled. She should be taken as a model by us because quite often we don't know, we lack either the conviction or the confidence to pursue our dreams. Grandma is a metaphor for free will, and through her projection, Ruskin Bond breaks the myth that women and old people cannot climb trees. Here we have a fiery old woman not only climbing trees but also living on trees in great style.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Drive-By Donation Event

Zion SOCIAL Concerns Ministries

April 27, 2024

9:30 AM TO 12 NOON

Zion Lutheran's Parking Lot
212 Front Street, Hamilton, Ohio
(Behind Hamilton Post Office)



Urgent Need Donations

- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Soup
- Soap
- Canned Fruit
- Toothpaste and Brushes
- Shampoo
- New Socks and Underwear
- Cereal
- Women's Hygiene Items
- Deodorant
- Canned Pasta and Chili
- Can Openers
- Peanut Butter

Other Items Greatly Appreciated

- Canned Veg.
- Paper Towels
- Instant Potatoes
- Diapers
- Clean Used Clothes and Shoes
- Toilet Paper
- Gift Cards
- Boxed Side Dishes
- Rice-Roni
- Granola Bars
- Water
- Sheets and Towels (Used or New)
- Pasta
- Monetary Contributions

Every Donor can enter to win

June 7, 2024

REDS versus CUBS

Tickets!

Thanks to Zion's Band of Brothers for
managing the event!

**Zion's mission is Reaching Out with
God's Love**

Sunday Service is at 10 AM
in Person and livestreaming at
www.zionhamilton.org

Congregations grow when members invite their friends to worship and fellowship activities.



Prayer with Patti

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024
11am till noon**

Prayer is our foundation. Would you folks like to come help Patti fortify our foundation?



First Tuesday of each month

April 2, 2024 , 11:45 am

We'll meet on **Tuesday, April 2, 11:45 am** at **The Casual Pint** across from the Marriot Hotel at 130 Riverfront Plaza. Plan to join us for good food and fellowship. We have a very enjoyable time.



April 16, 2024 – 10:30 am

Our first women of Zion Bible study was a great success! We will be meeting each third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 10:30. All are welcome to join us as each study can be a stand-alone study. We have given ourselves the name " Lydia's Ladies." Lydia is a woman in the New Testament that made purple cloth and supported Jesus in his work.



BAKE SALE

PLEASE STOP IN AND PURCHASE SOME TASTY TREATS

AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES ON:

- **Sunday, April 7, 2024**
- **Sunday, May 5, 2024**
- **Sunday, June 2, 2024**

LOCATION: Zion Lounge

ALL BAKE SALE PROCEEDS BENEFIT ZION'S SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

**APRIL ADULT FELLOWSHIP
Pizza Challenge**

WHEN: Saturday April 20th

Hosts: Mike and Kathy Frye

Where: Zion gym

Time: 6:00pm

What to do/bring:



- At least one large favorite pizza to share with the group. The pizzas can be from your favorite restaurant or homemade.
 - There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- Beverage of choice

Provided:

Salad and dressings

Desserts

Dominos for the games





We are having a Bible school meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in volunteering for the Bible school. This is our first Bible School since Covid so we'd love to have lots of help and make is special for our children.



ZION'S 180TH CELEBRATION COOKBOOK

Hot off the Presses! Two years in the making! Finally available for purchase! Only \$20.00 each!

All funds raised after costs will benefit our Social and Awareness Teams.

There are recipes from all over the world collected and culled by our own Daphne Lee. The printer is hard at work getting them together for us. There is a copy for preview in the great hall. You can pre-order your books in the event they are not done on Sunday. Pay at Easter, pick up the next time you are in church.

70 plus pages of food and more! Should they be available from printer before Easter, you'll be able to take it home that day. Don't miss out.



We're finishing up another year of Catechism at Zion! This year, we had 3 students: Julia Maffeo, Victoria Sanchez and Gabrielle Beck. Gabrielle will be our only confirmand this spring. We've had a lot of fun growing in our faith and our knowledge this year. If you know of anyone with students going into 6 th , 7 th or 8 th grade that would like to be confirmed, please contact Erin Sanchez. This year Confirmation will be celebrated on April 14 th , please make sure you mark your calendars to be there to celebrate

Gabrielle's achievement!



"AN AFTERNOON TEA" SISTER CELEBRATION Sunday April 21, 2024, 12-2pm Tickets on sale beginning Easter Sunday.

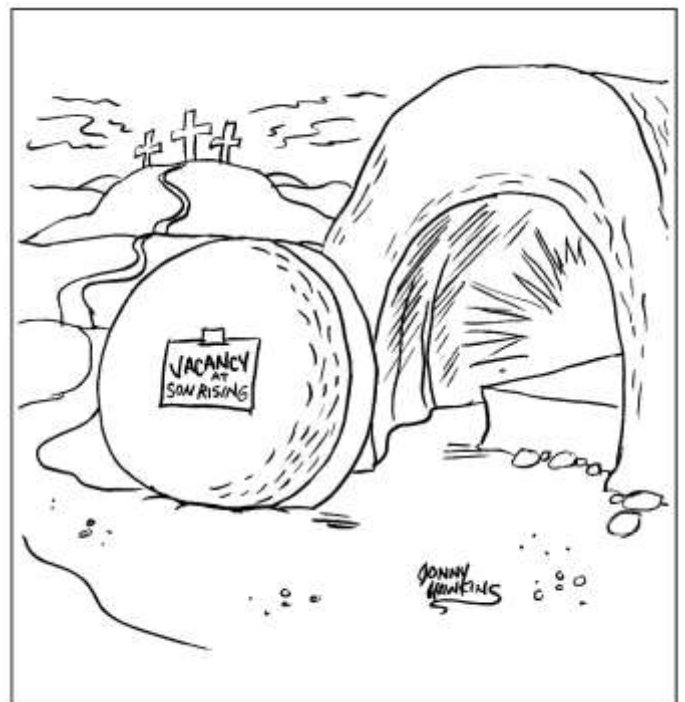
Adults: \$20.00
Children 12 and under: \$15.00

Our women's group wanted to be inclusive, so we changed the name from Mother-Daughter to Sisters as we are All Sisters in Christ.

Join us as we learn about teas, enjoy at lovely tea party, and celebrate each other. We encourage you to have fun, "dressing up" and invite our younger members to bring their teddy bears. Let us know when you purchase tickets if you need gluten free goodies. We are planning lots of surprises.



Make sure to write your name on the back of your ticket. There will be a drawing later. Hope to see you there.





April 2024

Acolytes:

- April 7 – Gloria Sanchez
- April 14 – Gabby Beck
- April 21 – Naomi Sanchez
- April 28 – Pacer Beers

Altar Guild: Joan Cunningham

Communion Assistants:

- April 7 – Donna Wolfe
- April 14 – Anita Snyder
- April 21 – Shari Gerold
- April 28 – Sonya Smith

Lectors:

- April 7 – Ron Alcorn
- April 14 – Julia Hilbert
- April 21 – Justin Beers
- April 28 – Sonya Smith

Radio Announcers:

- April 7 – Justin Beers
- April 14 – Heather Flanagan
- April 21 – Ken Gerold
- April 28 – Ron Alcorn

Streamers:

- April 7 – Ernie Beck
- April 14 – Nathaniel Kaelin
- April 21 – Erin Sanchez
- April 28 – Nathaniel Kaelin

Ushers:

- April 7 – Mark Christian/Joe Copas
- April 14 – Gary Kaelin/John Ziepfel
- April 21 – Doug & Donna Wolfe
- April 28 – Mike Frye/Allen Roberts

Worship Assistants:

- April 7 – Ron Alcorn
- April 14 – Pastor John Mittermaier
- April 21 – Robin Kaelin
- April 28 – Erin Sanchez

Volunteers Appreciated!

If anyone would like to be a part of any of the above teams, we would love to train you to help. Contact:

Altar Guild: Gayle Ford

Communion Assistants/Lectors: Julia Hilbert

Radio: Ron Alcorn

Streamers: Nathaniel Kaelin

Ushers: Ken Gerold



Congregational Unity Prayer

(Adapted from “Come Holy Spirit”)

Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful at Zion. Kindle in us the fire of your love, acceptance and understanding. Send forth Your Spirit, if it be your will, please purge our world of illness. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit, our church leaders may be truly wise, follow Your guidance and ever enjoy Your consolations. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAY MORE
worry less



COMMUNITY MEAL CENTER

April 20, 2023

Zion will be serving at the Community Meal Center at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 20. We need people to cook, serve, clean, etc. We also need people to make desserts. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please sign up in the great hall or call the church office. Thanks for your continued help.



Women of Zion, as disciples of Christ, are called to grow in faith, discover and use our gifts, and serve in our communities at home and throughout the world.

Women of Zion

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The Portals of Prayer for April thru June 2023 are available in the Narthex of the church and several large print copies are located by the coffee pot in the lounge. Copies of Portals of Prayer have also been mailed to the shut-ins. A good-will offering is appreciated.

Remember, if you are a women in Zion, you are a women of Zion.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

On Tuesday, ~~April 2~~, 6:00 pm, we'll meet in Zion's lounge to discuss *The Beekeeper's Daughter* by Santa Montefiore. **We have pushed this discussion to May 7** due to the bad weather on April 2. Plan to join us. We have a good time with good discussions.



Zion Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Thursday, April 18, 2024
12:00-6:30 pm
At the Courtyard Marriott
Appointments Encouraged
Donortime.com
Sponsor Code: 171

Blood donation is a community responsibility, and we value your partnership.



Thank you to everyone who has been picking up garbage around the building. It sure makes things look better. When the wind blows all the trash and garbage ends up behind our building.

Thank you to all who helped make Lent and Easter special. All the Lenten services and lunches were so good. It was a small but mighty group. Thanks to Vicar Patti for planning the services, to Bill for providing music, and to the ladies who provided lunch each week.

Thanks to Bill and our choirs for all the special music throughout Lent, including Ash Wednesday, Sundays, the cantata, and the Holy Week services. Our music is outstanding.

Thank you to Vicar Patti for all her hard work in planning and leading the services. It takes a lot of time and we appreciated it very much.

Thanks to everyone who read lessons, helped with flowers, and anything else I've forgotten. It takes a village....

And thank you to Joe Sears, the youth and the Band of Brothers for providing such a delicious breakfast on Easter morning. That is also hard work and we all enjoyed it very much.

Now let's all breath again till the next special event comes along!

Recorded Services on YouTube

In addition to Facebook, videos of Zion's worship services are uploaded to our YouTube channel. An email is sent out when the new videos are posted. If you would like to receive this email notification, please contact the office or email Nathaniel Kaelin at inkaelin@yahoo.com. Services are also broadcast live on WMOH, 1450 on your am dial each week.





Everyone needs prayer. In order to keep our list relevant and up to date, we will be automatically removing names from the list after 30 days. A note or phone call to the office or pastor is all that is needed to continue or add a name.

Please pray for:

- Pat Barnhorst
- Don Boling
- Libby Brice
- Maggie Brice
- Brynn
- Minette Bunnell
- Clay Calihan
- Bob Campbell
- Hillary Campbell
- Family of Inas Clark: Inas passed away on March 14. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.
- Joni Copas
- Family of Clara DeWeese: Clara passed away on March 30. Our sympathy is extended to Kathy Debord and the rest of her family and friends.
- Joyce Edler
- Sheryl Engel
- Gayle Ford
- Mike Ford
- Glen French
- Ed Fredian
- Mike Frye (son)
- Irene Graham
- Greg Gault
- Ron Hill
- Tom Hole
- Ron House
- Patrice Huston
- Wayne Huston
- Larry Jones
- Julia
- Rob Keelor
- Gail Konrad
- Patsy Kreitler
- Levi
- Courtney Mckee
- Wanda Melford
- Lee and Barbara Meyer
- Family of Donna Moyer: Donna passed away on March 31. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.
- Bob Niederman
- Elmira Peterson
- Jim Piatt
- Karen & Phil Pflaumer

- Cash Ramsey
- Earl Robinson
- Richard Ruby
- Jim Scheibling
- Emily Sears
- Barbara Shearer
- Family of Mary Snavley: Mary passed away on March 15. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.
- Sonya Solomon
- Patti Sroufe
- Dennis Steele
- Tonya Tobin
- Donna Wolfe

Quotable Quotes

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”
 —Anne Bradstreet

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“None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.”
 —Martin Luther

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“In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers.”
 —Fred Rogers

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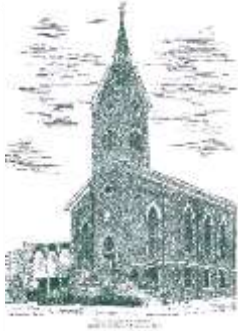
“Walk lightly in the spring; Mother Earth is pregnant.”
 —Native American proverb



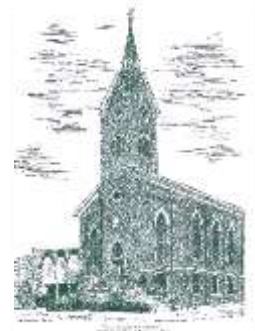
Council Minutes

February and March minutes and financial report will appear in the May Messenger.

*Have you remembered
 Zion in your will?*



Zion History Lesson THROUGH OUR 180 YEARS



In looking at our past we are sometimes reminded of how similar and different our lives are.

This month we are revisiting April 22, 1990.

Phone numbers have been removed from bulletin announcements as they are no longer relevant.

The youth taking their first communion on Mandy Thursday, in preparation for Confirmation are:

Jeremy Alcorn
Chad Furmon
Daniel Shaw
Vanessa Kessler
Meritta Vickers

Amy McKinney
Amy Schwitalski
Christina Jones
Stephanie Turnbull

Ron Craft Jr.
Wesley Hilbert
John Stewart
Laura Pflaumer

Pastor Dan Snider and Pastor Steve Gellatly led them through these two years. Confirmation will take place May 29th at the 10:30 service. A reception in the confirmands honor will be held in the gym following the service.

Attention All Men! The Mother-Daughter banquet is coming May 11th. Men are needed to help serve the dinner and afterwards clean up. (wash the dishes). Your meal is part of the deal. Please see or call Brad Schlenk to volunteer.

We thank Barbara Johnson for playing the organ for us today at the 8am service and Mrs. Evelyn DuVall for playing at the 10:30 service.

Needed: Someone for the 10:30 nursery. If anyone is interested, please call Denise Lantis. This is a paid position.

Parents of Pre-schoolers will meet again beginning today. We will begin a new book, Growing with God's Child-Parenting the 4-6-Year-old. Anyone with children of the pre-school age is welcome to attend. There is also now a nursery age Sunday school class for those 18 months of age or older. Please plan to attend.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 18-22. If you could help out as a teacher, assistant, craft leader or kitchen helper, we'd love to know. Please contact Kathy Debord, Gail Konrad, or Pastor Steve.

Coming May 13: "ZION'S WELCOME WITNESS PROGRAM"





CINCINNATI CONFERENCE

Spring GATHERING



THEN COMES SPRING



A POST-EASTER REFLECTION: TIME FOR RENEWAL

DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2024

TIME: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Registration begins at 9:00)

PLACE: St. Paul Lutheran Church
106 Maple Street
Reading, Ohio 45215

Brunch provided by the congregation of St. Paul. A free-will offering will help cover the cost of the speaker.



In-Kind Donations: Canned fruit, peanut butter, shampoo, bar soap and toothpaste for the Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry in Mt. Healthy, Ohio, supported by local congregations.

PROGRAM

At 11 :30 a.m. a **very special** "chalk talk" will be presented by Elva Hurst of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Chalk is the medium she uses to express her ministry through art. Her program, entitled "Then Comes Spring" will be a time for reflection on the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter as well as the joyful arrival of the Spring season in all its splendor with buds, blooms and renewal of new life!

Because this program is so special, friends and families are invited to view the program beginning at 11:30. Everyone will appreciate Elva's witness through this art medium. We will experience her calling as she draws with music and narration accompanying her hand strokes.

The finished drawing will be gifted to St. Paul in thanks for hosting this event.



Zion Adult Fellowship April 2024



April showers bring May flowers, and the year keeps moving on. Easter is behind us for another year. He has Risen – He has Risen indeed!

Sadly, our March 16th afternoon at The Studio had to be cancelled. SO, on to April.

Just know there are more fun activities to come. Stay tuned and watch your announcements and Facebook event. And if you might be interested in hosting November is still available. Feel free to contact me if you are interested.

If you're new to Zion, Adult Fellowship is a great way to meet new people. It does a variety of activities with different hosts each month (*typically* on the 3rd Saturday of the month) to bring different spins on socializing with your church family.



April 20th The 3rd Annual Great Pizza Challenge

Hosts: Mike and Kathy Frye

Further details to come.

Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook.

May 18th – There will be no activity.

June -Picnic at Maple Grove

Hosts: Richard and Nedda Brown and Leanne and Bennie Bowling

Further details to come.

Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook.



July 20th – Kayaking with dinner to follow

Hosts: Lisa and Evan Loli

Further details to come.

Please check your weekly announcements and Facebook.

Just what is Adult Fellowship?

When someone joins a new church, it can be very difficult to connect in an hour or two on Sunday morning. Activities beyond the structure of a church service can lead to a level of comfort and make our church more like a home and family. This has been the experience we've enjoyed over the years in this outreach fellowship ministry. Zion's Adult Fellowship is a unique and rewarding way to get to know and bond with other adult members of our Zion family and a terrific venue for introducing friends and family to Zion.

If you haven't joined us for an activity, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US we'd love to have you!

If you have questions feel free to contact us: Kathy Frye PH: 868-7179 email: pilgrimspride1@live.com or contact Julia in the office for information.





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a cupcake for the teacher