

# The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church April 2016



Easter being early upsets the flow of our lives and the year in general. All of a sudden April seems to be less busy because Holy Week and much of the area Spring Breaks are over before April really gets started. Yet April is still a month of new life and new relationships even without Easter being officially located within its timeframe. Besides the daffodils, crocuses and even the budding trees, we see signs of life in all aspects of our lives.

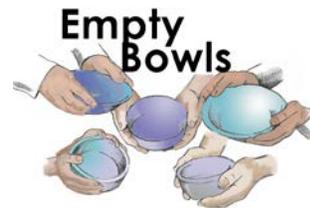
One of those aspects shows up in the form of the Empty Bowls Event to help raise hunger awareness and funds for the Open Door Pantry. Continuing our focus of loving and working with our neighbors, we work with the United Way, First Baptist Church, The Presbyterian Church, Meijer, Fort Hamilton Hospital, Olive Garden, Wal-Mart, Berkley Square, High Street Café and Courtyard by Marriott among others to make our community a better place through God's love. Taking care of our neighbor is one of the key tasks God gives us, and feeding our neighbors starts us on that journey. Combining resources and talents across the corporate and non-profit worlds proves that not only is God everywhere in our lives, but that He is truly doing new actions to transform our lives with hope and love.

Another new aspect is the addition of the Butler County Chapter of the Young Marines to our Zion family of ministries. This group, founded by the US Marine Corps' drug reduction program over 50 years ago, continues to help teach young men and women values consistent with our own including selfless service. They start using our facility on April 6th, and already on April 9<sup>th</sup>, they are participating in the Empty Bowls Event. We are planning on many more activities to share together, both in taking care of our facilities and in caring for our community. We will learn more about them in the coming months, but we welcome them into our family.

We continue many of our other life-giving activities such as supporting the Blood Drive, Narcotics Anonymous, the Unity Picnic, the Hamilton Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Community Meals and many more opportunities to share God's love with God's people. As we continue to discern where God is calling us next, we remember that God's love is ever moving to transform us, or community and our world. Easter may not have officially taken place in April, but in God's world, it happens every day!

Have a blessed April and may we help each other be conduits of God's transforming love to and with all of our neighbors!

*Pastor Joe Schrock*



## PLEASE HELP US FIGHT HUNGER!

Did you know 1 in 6 people in Ohio struggle everyday with hunger? Zion is hosting an "Empty Bowls" soup and bread meal on Saturday, April 9, 2016, from 11:00-2:00 to benefit Open Door Pantry. We will be serving the soup in hand decorated bowls created by our congregation and other community organizations. Our guests can keep the bowls following the event as a special souvenir and reminder of the struggle our area faces with hunger.

### HOW CAN I HELP? Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up to volunteer and support our Empty Bowls Event on Saturday, April 9! Any amount of hours you can spare that day is needed to make this day a success! Desserts are also needed for the event. Please sign up on the sheet in the Great Hall. **WE NEED YOU!**



The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will eat lunch at Gina's on Eaton Ave. in Hamilton on Tuesday, April 26. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please sign the sheet in the great hall if you would like to go along.

Our little group has been growing over the past year. We've been averaging 14-18 people each month and have a great time visiting and eating together.

We encourage all our seniors or almost seniors to go along for these fun outings. It gives you a chance to get to know your fellow church members.



We will be honoring members who are graduating from high school, college, or beyond in May. If you or anyone you know is graduating, please let the church office know.



A new lector schedule will be made soon. If anyone is interested in being part of the team who takes turns reading our weekly lessons, please contact the church office and let us know. We always need more helpers.



**Meters for Mozart VII**  
**Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Water Works Park, Fairfield, OH**

This 5K run/walk supports the Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorale.

Join team Zion!

Sign-up and registration sheets are in the great hall.



**COME ONE, COME ALL!!!!**  
**To the 4th Annual**  
**ADULT FELLOWSHIP**  
**Pot Luck Adventure**  
**And Game Night**

**Saturday, April 16th**

Hosts: Mike and Kathy Frye

Time: 6:30 pm until we finish

Theme: Dress in Black and White

Bring:

- Your favorite Pot Luck dish/Casserole
- Beverage of choice
- A friend or two or three and join in on the fun!
- A favorite game you'd like to play

Provided:

- Salad and Bread

Sign-up in the Great Hall or contact Mike and Kathy @ [pilgrimspride1@live.com](mailto:pilgrimspride1@live.com) or Julia in the office.



Mark your calendars!

June 13-17, 2016

6:00-8:30 p.m.

at First United Methodist Church  
 "Cave Quest"

## Euchre Night is BACK!

**Hosts:** The Frye Family

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2016  
(5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month)

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm



**Note:** we can't start playing until everyone shows up. Please arrive a few minutes early so we can start dealing promptly at 6:00.

**Where:** Zion Rec Room

**What to Bring:** Your beverage, an appetizer to share, and \$1.00 per person for the prize fund

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend or two (or more) to share in fun, food, and great fellowship!

**Children's movie night is back!**

**Check Great Hall for more details and sign-up**

**Don't know how to play? Need refresher?**

No problem. We'll have an instruction session starting at 5:30. You can also review the rules ahead of time at

<http://www.bicyclecards.com/card-games/rule/euchre>

A sign-up sheet is in the Great Hall. You can also sign-up by email ([pilgrimspride1@live.com](mailto:pilgrimspride1@live.com)), or call the church office 863-5774. Make sure you include your name, a way to reach you (phone/email), the number of people attending, and if you need instructions on how to play.

Please sign up by April 27th. We need an accurate count so we can assemble groups of four and print out the correct number of scorecards.

**2016 dates:**

July 30<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>,

December 31<sup>st</sup> (this may be subject to change)



## Movie Night

Saturday, April 30, 2016  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

We have lots of fun surprises planned.  
You won't want to miss the fun!

Parents, drop your kids off and go have fun at the adult Euchre Night Adventure.




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## Bulletin Bloopers

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

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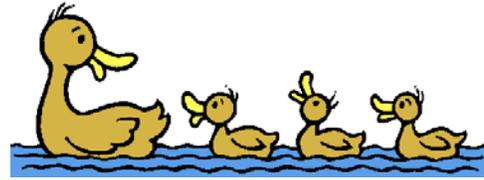
*Women of Zion, as disciples of Christ, are called to grow in faith, discover and use our gifts, and serve in our communities at home and throughout the world.*

**ZLCW Board Meeting  
March 13, 2016**

- Attending: Gail Heitz, Shirley Snyder, Lori Rehm, Joan Cunningham, Thelma Martin, Janet Menke, Anita Snyder
- Treasurer's report: Balance on hand is \$3,167.02. Total expenditures were \$174.96 to cover the purchase of Portals of Prayer and meat trays for bereavement luncheon. Money received from Ash Wednesday luncheon, Portals of Prayer, and donation from bereavement luncheon totaled \$256.00.
- Due to a conflict of gym usage, the bereavement luncheon in February was moved to the lounge. If conflict arises in future, consider using the meeting end of the music room.
- Pastors' meeting and luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, March 14. Thelma has arranged for food and volunteers to help.
- Women's Spring General Meeting will be Monday, March 14. Speaker will be Kathy Hester from Living Waters Ministry. Voted to give \$50.00 to Living Waters Ministry. Menu will be turkey casserole, cole slaw, and cookies. Volunteers have been scheduled to help with food preparation. Patrice Huston and Leanne Bowling will provide table decorations and game.
- Mother and Daughter banquet will be held on May 1. Nancy Follmer will talk about Hamiltonian children's author, Robert McCloskey and his book Make Way for Ducklings. Will begin selling tickets on Sunday, April 3. Cost will be \$10.00 for adult and \$5.00 for children.
- Discussed poor attendance at Women's General meetings and whether these meetings should be discontinued due to lack of interest. To be decided at later executive board meeting.
- Next executive board meeting will be Sunday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

**Bereavement Teams**

Thank you to the March Bereavement team of Elaine and Bill Carpenter, Tammy Adams, and Lynn Alcorn. Members of the April bereavement team are Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart, and Sandy Ziepfel.



***Make Way for Ducklings!***

**Mother and Daughter Banquet  
Sunday, May 1, 2016  
5:00 p.m.**

**Program: Make Way for Ducklings**

Nancy Follmer, from the Butler County Historical Society, will present a program about Robert McCloskey and his book, Make Way for Ducklings. Homer Price, Lentil, and Blueberries for Sal are several other books that he has also written. Robert McCloskey was born, and grew up in Hamilton and his memories of his childhood are reflected in his works that he both wrote and illustrated.

**Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 3**

**Adults: \$10.00**

**Children: \$5.00 (under 2, free)**

Tickets can be purchased in the Great Hall beginning Sunday, April 3. You can also order tickets by using the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall or calling the church office. Last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, April 29. No tickets will be sold at the door.

This event is for all women - sisters, grandparents, aunts, cousins, nieces, friends, and neighbors.

The meal will be served by the men of Zion.

**Please consider volunteering to help  
with one of the following:**

MEN needed to help serve the Mother and Daughter banquet. Also needed to help with cleanup after the event! Sign-up sheet in Great Hall.

Volunteers still needed to help clean the kitchen on a quarterly basis.

## March General Women's Meeting

The Women's General Spring Meeting was held on Monday, March 4. Only twelve women attended this meeting. A delicious turkey casserole was enjoyed by those in attendance.

St. Patrick's Day was the theme used for the table decorations, game, and devotions.

Kathy Hester, director of Living Waters Ministry, presented information about the programs and services offered by Living Waters. They serve over 400 children each year through after school programs, feeding programs, teen programs, and sports. A contribution of \$50.00 from the Women of Zion was given to Living Waters Ministry. Kathy was also given all of our leftover turkey and cookies to share with the children.

Thank you to Thelma Martin and her team who prepared the meal. Also thanks to Patrice Huston and Leanne Bowling for decorations and games.

## Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio Health and Personal Care Items

During the Lent and Easter seasons, the Women of Zion will be collecting health and personal care items. These items will be given to Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio for distribution to families in need in southern Ohio. When natural disaster strikes, families often have little chance to gather their personal belongings before fleeing danger. These simple items not only allows them to wash away dirt and sweat, but also reminds them of someone's care and concern for their plight. The following items will be collected throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons.

- Bars of soap in original wrappers
- Wash cloths
- Bath towels, light weight, darker colors recommended
- Toothbrushes in original packaging
- Dental floss
- Tubes of toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Combs

There will be boxes in the Great Hall for your donations. Won't you please add an extra item to your weekly grocery list to aid in helping the people of southern Ohio who are in need?



## BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

On Tuesday, April 5, Zion's book club will meet to discuss *Whistling Past the Graveyard* by Susan Crandall. The summer of 1963 begins like any other for nine-year-old Starla Claudelle. But Starla never dreams that she's about to embark on a journey that will change her life forever. When Starla's strict grandmother and guardian grounds her on the Fourth of July, Starla decides to run away from her Mississippi home and go to Nashville, to seek her mother who had abandoned her. On the road, Starla finds an unlikely ally in Eula—a lonely woman suffering loss and abuse. Through a series of unforeseen events, the black woman and the white girl band together on a path to self-discovery. As they travel, Starla's eyes are opened to the harsh realities of 1963 Southern segregation. Through her discussions with Eula, reconnection with both her parents, and a series of surprising misadventures, Starla begins to realize that having a life with the perfect family might look drastically different from how she dreamed it would.

Then, on Tuesday, May 3, we'll meet to discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. It begins with a boy. Theo Decker, a 13-year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't know how to talk to him, and tormented above all by his unbearable longing for his mother, he clings to one thing that reminds him of her: a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into the underworld of art.

As an adult, Theo moves silkily between the drawing rooms of the rich and the dusty labyrinth of an antiques store where he works. He is alienated and in love—and at the center of a narrowing, ever more dangerous circle.

*The Goldfinch* is a novel of shocking narrative energy and power. It is a beautiful, stay-up-all-night and tell-all-your-friends triumph, an old-fashioned story of loss and obsession, survival and self-invention, and the ruthless machinations of fate.

Plan on joining us in the church lounge at 6:30 p.m. for these discussions. We always welcome new people.



## Missionary Corner

We can tell you've been praying! Last month we asked you to pray that young people in Puebla and Mexico would have the passion to share the greatest story ever written with other youth. Well let's just say that we've seen God in action! We recently gave an invitation to a youth group we're working with to go on a mission trip. We knew about some work that needs done in a couple of villages and we thought we'd invite them to help. We are thrilled that eight of them will be joining us tomorrow morning to make the five-hour drive. What we think we'll be doing is evangelism, loving on some children, being an encouragement and extra help to the few believers that are working to reach their villages for Christ, and providing some training in the form of a clinic and sharing the gospel with a teenage boys' soccer team. We've been messaging back and forth with the youth all week with ideas for lesson plans and last minute changes. We walk into this not knowing exactly what things will look like. Will the church we're leading lessons for children in have a dirt floor? What will the food be like and how often will we get to eat. Will they use utensils? Will there be water to shower with and will it be warm? Some of these things could affect lesson plans and others could have a big effect on our 20-month-old son. The unknown can be scary or it can be an exciting adventure waiting to see what God does and how He provides.

By the time you read this we will already have returned from our trip. Please pray with us that the seeds that were sown would bear much fruit for God's glory, both in our lives (all 11 of us) and those we meet. Thank you! We look forward to telling you again next month how God has answered your prayers.

So thankful for you,

*Jose Luis & Christy Sanchez*

### OPEN DOOR PANTRY HELP

Many thanks to all who have donated plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons for the Open Door Food Pantry and please keep up the good work. You may leave them in the first Sunday school room on the left at the top of the stairs and I will get them to the pantry. I always get as smile when the volunteers there see me coming in with your donations. *Lori Rehm*



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 to the list. Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.

### Please pray for:

- Pacer Beers: in Cincinnati Children's Hospital with breathing problems. Home and recovered.
- Les Beyer: heart issues
- Don Boling: health issues
- Katie Land Brooks: emphysema
- Robert Bunnell: Robin Kaelin's father. Passed away on March 13. Our sympathy is extended to his family & friends.
- Donna Curtis: Recovering from surgery.
- Jane Day: recovering from lung transplant
- Chris Doten: ALS
- Pastor Mark Finrock (First UMC): health issues
- Steve Fricker: cancer
- Harper Hadley: Preemie – in NICU
- Eleanor Davis Hazzard: Mary Snavley's sister. Died March 11. Our sympathy is extended to her family & friends.
- Jennifer: mass on liver
- Madeline: difficulty breathing
- Sheri Maffeo: LeRoy & Mary Snavley's daughter. Died on March 7. Our sympathy is extended to her family & friends. A memorial service will be held at the Charles Young Funeral Home in Ross on April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on the same day.
- Adeline Maggart: breathing issues
- Chris Martin: recovering from surgery
- Frank Martin: finances, relocation and health
- Janet Menke: out of the hospital. Doing well.
- Helen Moody: cancer issues
- Sandy Parker: having eye surgery on March 21
- Joe Pennington Jr: cancer
- Kara & Chris Ramsey: had a baby girl, Karoline, on March 11. Weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz and was 20 ½ inches long. Grandparents are Nick & Gail Konrad and Judy & Steve Ramsey.
- Rick: cancer
- Stephanie & Adrian Rosen: had baby boy, Juda Benjamin Roesen on March 6. Proud grandparents from Zion are Gayle & Mike Ford.
- Gary Seckel: health issues
- Patti Sroufe: recovering from a fall. She's at home now.
- Paul Steele: recovering from a fall.
- LaVerne Stewart: Fell and hit face. Nothing broken.
- Pastor Ed Williams: health issues

**From the Social Concerns Committee:**

We have received information from St. Anne Episcopal Church, 6461 Tylersville Road, West Chester regarding a workshop about Stephen Ministry which they are holding on Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9AM to 1PM. Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry to those experiencing grief. The cost of the workshop is \$15.00 per person, or \$50 per congregation (four or more). I have put registration forms for this workshop in my mailbox next to the church office. I hope that some people from Zion will take the opportunity of attending this very valuable workshop.

We have also received a request from The Salvation Army asking for sponsorships of their Youth Sports Program. They ask for a donation of \$250 which will provide a 3'x4' sign made with your company or organization's name and logo to hang in their gymnasium until 2017. Another way to get involved is to sponsor individual children with donations. A \$60.00 donation will assist 2 children. I have put registration forms for this program in my mailbox next to the church office.

*L. Rehm, chair, Social Concerns Committee*



The Presbyterian Church is collecting used eyeglasses, in any condition, to give to Sears Optical on Route 4. Sears will use them to give eyeglasses to those who can't afford them in our area. Zion will begin helping with this collection. There is a box in the great hall. Just bring them in and that's all you have to do. Thanks for your help.



First Communion

On Sunday, March 20, seven of our young people celebrated their first communion. Congratulations to Shawn Beck, Nolan Craig, Makayla Platt, Abigail Purkiser, George Sanchez, Charlotte Sander, and Natalia Schrock. They will now be joining us regularly at the Lord's Supper.



Thank you to all who helped clean the sanctuary on March 12: Janie Dehner, Julia Sears, Patrice Huston, Karla Schmidt, Laura Sharratt, Joan Cunningham, Kathy Chambers, and Joe Sears, who kept busy doing things outside while the ladies were busy inside. It's good to do a thorough cleaning once in a while. We have to do it at home and it's no different here. Thanks to Gayle Ford for organizing this cleaning event. She was sick and couldn't make it but she made it happen!

A big thank you to Joan Boling and Lori Rehm for their help in preparing for the pastor's luncheon. Joan provided a vegetable soup and Julia Hilbert provided a delicious tossed salad. Thanks also to those who provided cookies for the lunch, which were also used for the Women's Spring Meeting that evening.

Thank you to Joan Boling and Lori Rehm for their help in preparing the meal for the Women's Spring Meeting on March 14. They made a delicious turkey casserole. Patrice Huston and Leanne Bowling, thanks for the unique decorations for St. Patrick's Day.

My thanks and appreciation to the person that leaves me jigsaw puzzles. I do enjoy working on them – helps pass the time and keeps the eyes and hands more coordinated.

*Thelma Martin*

Thanks to our March bulletin stuffers: Joan Boling, Thelma Martin, Tom & Barb Toman, and Lori Rehm. I appreciate you more than you know!

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

**Box Tops for Education**

Please save Box Tops for Education (on General Mills Products), and Campbell's Soup labels. These are collected at various City of Hamilton elementary schools to pay for field trips. There is a container in the lounge to put them in. We will see that they get to an elementary school that can use them. Thanks.

## Letter Received!

Hi Julia,

First, thank you again for allowing use of your gym for the blood drive. The move was perfectly timed to capture the largest group of Zion Lutheran Community Blood Drive donors since 2007 – as far back as my system records go.

And it wasn't a small increase. Last Thursday (February 18), 91 prospective donors made appointments and 92 registered at the drive. Of that number, 78 were able to donate a unit of whole blood, 124% of the collection target of 63 units. Congratulations and thank you!

By consolidating your community drive into 6 events a year from 24 events as recently as 2013, the efficiency of collection has increased significantly with no reduction in overall annual collections. More importantly, Eighteen 6 ½ hour blocks of time have opened for other blood drive partners. This diversity helps stabilize collections throughout the year – a hedge against large drops in collection as situations change.

We appreciate your ongoing support of this life-saving community service project. Thank you!

Best regards,  
Bill

Bill Roy  
Community Blood Center



## TAILS FROM GOD

As part of the *Tails From God* ministry, Zion has a recycling program to benefit the Animal Friends Humane Society. Simply bring in your used printer cartridges, toner cartridges, PDAs, and MP3 Players and put them in the recycling box in the church office. They will be packaged, shipped and sent to eCycle Group ([www.ecyclegroup.com](http://www.ecyclegroup.com)) and the money given to the Animal Friends Humane Society. This is a wonderful opportunity to be good stewards of God's creation by protecting the environment and the abused and neglected animals in Butler County. Questions, please contact Karen Conklin, 513-889-7770.

**Reminder from Tails From God ministry.** There is a box in the Great Hall for donations to Animal Friends Humane Society. Clorox bleach, powdered laundry soap, all sizes heavy garbage bags, AAA Duracell or Energizer batteries, and first class postage stamps are always on the "wish list."

Any questions, call Karen Conklin, 513-889-7770.



## COMMUNITY MEAL CENTER APRIL 16, 2016

Zion will be serving at the Community Meal Center at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 16. We need many helpers for preparation thru clean-up and people to make desserts. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please see the sign-up sheet in the great hall and sign up wherever you'd like to help. This meal will be partially paid for thru the Morningstar Foundation Grant.

## CHURCH ORNAMENTS SOUGHT

Some of you may recall we had ornaments made about 15 years ago in the image of our church. A member is seeking one or two of those to give as a special gift to their child/children. If you have an extra one you don't want, please call the church office.

## HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD GOODS

We were approached by a family who recently rented an apartment in our church neighborhood. They are unable to furnish it at this time and are requesting some simple items. I will list the items below and if anyone would like to donate, please bring them to the church office and I'll see that they get them. Thanks for any help you can provide.

- Shower curtain
- Towels and washcloths
- Small table & chairs
- Kitchen trash can
- Silverware
- Small bed or blow up bed
- Blankets & pillows
- Bike lock
- Rack for hanging clothes



**Council Minutes  
February 9, 2016**

**Attending:** Sandy Sanders, Pastor Joe, Kathy Frye, Phil Pflaumer, Bob Herold, Lou Robinson, Steve Herget, Mike Engel, Tami Adams, Ken Gerold, Kathy Chambers, Carolyn Soupene, Bennie Bowling, & Robin Kaelin.

**Excused:** Lori Rehm, Nathaniel Kaelin, Bill Carpenter, & Emily Sears.

- **Motion** (S Herget/C Soupene) and passed to accept the agenda.
- **Devotion:** on why we should be as excited about church as we are the Super Bowl.
- **Motion** (L Robinson/K Frye) and passed approve minutes from the January council meeting
- **Motion** (L Robinson/S Herget) and passed to approve minutes from the January congregational meeting.
- **Pastor's Report:** Two more pastors have joined us for our National Day of Prayer. VA workshops are to bridge the gap between the civilian/military cultures.
- **President's Report:** Made council aware that a support team has been formed to work on long term issues and bring what they find to council.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/K Frye) and passed to accept February treasurer's report.
- **Evangelism:** Empty bowls has a stockpile of 219 bowls. 123 are painted with 75 left to paint.
- **Worship & Music:** Kathy reported the Easter Cantata will be on Easter this year.
- **Visitation:** Carolyn reported they sent 25 cards, made 4 phone calls, and 3 visits.
- **Stewardship:** Spoke on Graceworks and reminded us that we signed to support them and the time to renew may be coming.
- **Parish Ed:** VBS will be with the First United Methodist Church. The theme is Cave Quest and will be held June 13-19.
- **Communications:** Bill is healing.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin, P Pflaumer) and passed to adjourn.



**Monthly statistics**

**Financial Stewardship  
(as of February 29, 2016)**

	Income	Expenses
<b>2015</b>	\$13,553.05	\$24,356.49
<b>2016</b>	\$17,281.11	\$23,303.30

**YTD Operating Funds**

	Income	Expenses	Balance
<b>2015</b>	\$26,731	\$54,679	
<b>2016</b>	\$36,255.48	\$46,050.20	-\$9,800.81

**Breakdown of February Total Income**

**Designated Funds:** \$ 1,030.00

**Operating Funds:** \$17,875.05

**700 Funds:** \$ 1,455.99

**Total:** \$19,761.04

**Attendance Averages (March)**

**Does not include Easter**

Church Atten.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
125	115	

**Funeral**

Sherry Maffeo (died 3/7/2016, memorial serv. 4/29/2016)

**Baptism**

Eliana Michaela Heitz 3/6/2016

Have you remembered

**Zion**

in your Will?



The following gifts have been given to Zion.

In memory of **John Santos**

For the Radio Fund: Ron & Lynn Alcorn

In memory of **Caroline Wendelken**

For the Radio Fund: Rita Cox, Peggy Will, Marjorie Young



## Zion Adult Fellowship April 2016

Spring has SPRUNG! Even though we are not completely done with winter weather, the signs of spring are all around. Trees are budding, daffodils and tulips are blooming, the first signs of grass needing to be cut are here, and of course spring showers that bring May flowers. Signs of summer fun are around the corner. So, let's have some grown-up fun and head out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month enjoying Adult Fellowship Activities.



**March 19<sup>th</sup>** was our **Bowl Painting Party** to support Empty Bowls graciously hosted by Tammy and Mike Adams with their daughters providing childcare. It was a fun time of fellowship and community service. Let's shout out a HUGE Thank You to the Adams family!

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** Annual Pot Luck Adventure and game night

Hosts: Mike and Kathy Frye

Bring a covered dish, beverage of choice and favorite game.



**May 21<sup>st</sup>** Picnic at Maple Hollow

Hosts: Leanne and Benny Bowling, Richard and Nedda Brown

Details: TBA

What to Bring: TBA

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** Dinner at Johnny's Italian Steak House

Hosts: Mike and Gayle Ford

Details: TBA



### Just what is Adult Fellowship?

Zion's Adult Fellowship is a unique and rewarding way to get to know and bond with Adult members from ALL services of our Zion family and a terrific venue for introducing friends and family to Zion.

When someone joins a new church, it is very difficult to connect in an hour or two on Sunday morning. Activities beyond the structure of a church service lead to a comfort level and make our church a home and family. This has been the experience we've enjoyed over the years in this outreaching fellowship ministry.

**If you haven't joined us for an activity, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month! 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.*



**5th Annual Church Picnic -- June 11, 2016**

**Vision:** “We will glorify God through unity, fellowship and brotherly love, while promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a working ministry laying aside all denominational differences to strengthen the community we serve, according to Biblical principles.”

**Scripture:** “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.”

Psalm 133:1-3

Check area you may be willing to serve & place in offering plate.

**Serving Areas:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Activities:** games /music /program /technology

\_\_\_\_\_ **Food** (please circle)  
(green beans, potato salad, baked beans; &/or serve)

\_\_\_\_\_ **First Aid** (nurses needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Preparation** (set-up &/or tear-down)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Publicity**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Security**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Transportation**

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# Community Picnic



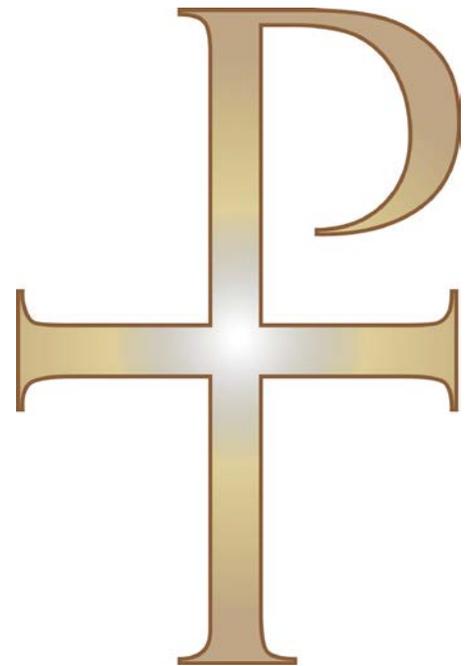
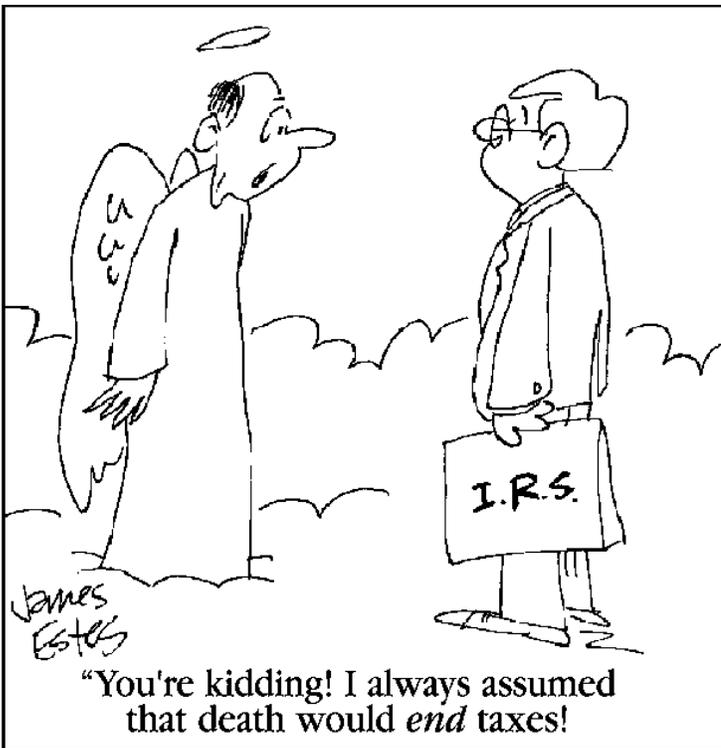
Unity  
City-Wide Faith Based Alliance  
“Building a Beloved Community”

**Save  
the  
Date**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Church Picnic  
Saturday, June 11, 2016**

Booker T. Washington Community Center  
114 South Front Street  
Hamilton, OH 45011

**\*\*Food\*\*Fun\*\*Fellowship\*\***



# Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R  
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O  
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O  
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S  
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T  
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APOSTLES  
CHRIST  
CROSS  
CROWN  
CRUCIFIXION  
HOLY  
JESUS  
KING  
LAMB  
LOVE



MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
ROMANS  
ROOSTER  
SACRIFICE  
SALVATION  
SAVIOR  
THORNS

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL</b>		
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Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
<b>April 3</b>	Usher Team	Usher Team
<b>April 10</b>	Usher Team	Usher Team
<b>April 17</b>	Usher Team	Marissa Lombardi
<b>April 24</b>	Usher Team	Usher Team

**Altar Guild:** Joan Cunningham, Jean Keck

**Ushers:** Volunteers needed (8:00)  
Kaelin family & team (10:30)

**Lectors:** **April 3** Peggy Thomin (8:00); Ron Alcorn (10:30)  
**April 10** Stephanie Heitz (8:00); Ken Gerold (10:30)  
**April 17** Stephanie Heitz (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)  
**April 24** Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Lou Robinson (10:30)

**Greeters:** **April 3** Bill & Elaine Carpenter (10:30)  
**April 10** Kelli Platt & family (10:30)  
**April 17** Volunteer needed (10:30)  
**April 24** Greg & Chris Allen (10:30)

**Eucharist** **April 3** Stephanie Heitz, Tillie Adams (8:00); Phil Pflaumer, Marge Withrow (10:30)

**Assistants:** **April 10** Barb & Tom Toman (8:00); Carolyn Soupene, Robin Kaelin (10:30)  
**April 17** Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Ken & Shari Gerold (10:30)  
**April 24** Anita Snyder, Barb Toman (8:00); Kathy Chambers, Phil Pflaumer (10:30)

**Radio:** **April 3** Lou Robinson  
**April 10** Greg Allen  
**April 17** Ron Alcorn  
**April 24** Kevin Heitz

**Nursery:** Samantha Bowling

**Bulletin** **April 1** Joan Boling

**Stuffers:** **April 8** Tom & Barb Toman  
**April 15** Thelma Martin  
**April 22** Lori Rehm  
**April 29** Volunteer needed

**Offering** **April 3** Mike Engel, Lori Rehm

**Counters:** **April 10** Mike Engel, Tammy Adams  
**April 17** Mike Engel  
**April 24** Eric Grunwald, Bill Carpenter

The mission of Zion is to

**Encourage**

a growing faith in Jesus Christ and to

**Equip**

all people for witness and service.