

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church June/July 2016



On Facebook there is a feature that reshapes all the memories, posts and friends you have made on that day for every year that you have been on Facebook. A mini time capsule of what you have done through the years on that day. In a moment, memories are prompted to flood back. A few days ago, several pictures and a video of when Natalia was one and two respectively were among several items that briefly reappeared until next year.

In a way Father's Day, (and Mother's Day too), is a bigger version of that Facebook feature. Whether it is reflecting on how much our kids have grown, missing a now deceased dad, or some other reflection taking us back in our life's journey, Father's Day carries a lot of memories and emotions. I suspect that is true for all of us human types. We get together for family gatherings, presents, cards and meals, yet for a moment we get lost in thought. We make new memories, but the old never are far away. Meanwhile part of us anticipates the memories yet to be.

Church resembles that as well. We remember, we do and we anticipate. Worship and especially the sacraments, provide us a look into our past, our present and our future. When we keep ourselves from getting distracted, every Sunday is a Father's Day. Every moment making new memories with our brothers and sisters in Christ, while never forgetting the old memories and the memories yet to come. In communion, we feast on bread and wine with all the saints past, present and future. We receive a small sample of the endless wedding feast, and we remember where we have come from, where we are and discern/follow the Holy Spirit into where we will go. When we allow ourselves to enjoy and anticipate being in the earthly representation of our Father's house with a small sample of the larger family, we remember and live out our roles in our family.

On Father's Day, we will enjoy the youth choir's beautiful voices and receive a special gift to commemorate the blessings of all of the men in our congregation. We will give thanks for our role models, Father, Son/Brother and Holy Spirit. We will eat together, and pray together. We will admit our weaknesses and mistakes and celebrate an unending love. We will grieve and we will laugh much like we do on Father's Day every June. Together we will

remember whose we are and receive both forgiveness and encouragement so that we can help others see the joy of Father's Day through the lens of the Church. Together we will make memories that will stand the test of time, with or without Facebook, because memories made with God are eternal just like His love.

Come celebrate every Sunday and make new memories wrapped in God's love and the love of your eternal family! Likewise come to the Unity picnic as we remember Jesus' prayer to be one, and the fact that heaven will not be Lutheran only, but rather it will be family of all stripes. The picnic is an opportunity to dwell with people you will be "stuck" with forever so practice now what will be. May we make some memories every day and especially whenever we can gather as one family! God's peace be with you all my brothers and sisters!

Pr Joe



June 13-17, 2016

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Includes dinner

At First United Methodist Church

The theme is
"Cave Quest"

Please fill out the registration form in this Messenger and turn into the church office. It's going to be a fun week!



The following people are graduating this year. Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers as they begin a new chapter in their lives. They were honored during church on May 22. If we've missed anyone, please contact the church office.

HIGH SCHOOL

Emma Jane Merchant will graduate with Highest Honors from Talawanda High School on May 26, 2016. She will study Psychology at the University of New York in Prague this fall. Emma is the daughter of Susan and Rex, and the sister of Parker, Shannon and Ethan.

The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will eat lunch at Cozy's Cottage on Cincinnati-Dayton Rd. on Tuesday, June 28. 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.

Then on Tuesday, July 26, we'll be going to Ainsley in Brookville, Indiana for lunch. Again, we'll meet at 11:30 a.m. or we can carpool. A sign-up sheet will be in the great hall in July.

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.



COLLEGE

Maria Nixon, granddaughter of Ora & Dorothy Nixon, graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Special Education.

Heather Wolfe, daughter of Doug & Donna Wolfe, graduated from the University of Cincinnati on April 29 with a bachelor degree in business. She is interning at Great American Insurance through the summer and looking for opportunities to pursue in the fall.

ATTENTION!!

During the months of June and July, Zion will have a combined service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to have our 5:30 p.m. service as well. Please mark your calendars and we hope everyone will adapt to our summer hours.

The radio broadcast will be at 10:30 as usual.

RADIO APPEAL

We are pleased to offer our radio broadcast to our listening audience as we spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is financially supported only through gifts from our congregation and listening audience. During the months of May and June, we are encouraging you to support the Radio Ministry at Zion Lutheran Church. You may send your prayers and financial gifts to Zion Lutheran Church, 212 South Front Street, Hamilton, OH 45011 or put your gift into the offering plate on Sunday morning marked for the Radio Fund. Thank you for participating.





Zion Youth VBS Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Parents Names _____

Family Contact Information:

Email _____

Home Phone Number _____

Parents Cell Numbers: mom _____ dad _____

Child's Cell Number (if applicable) _____

Age _____ Grade currently in _____

Siblings _____

Pets _____

Allergies _____

Please add anything else you want us to know.

In the event of an emergency, if unable to contact parents, person in charge of event has permission to have child treated by emergency personnel.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Witnessed by _____



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 May 15, 2016

- Attending: Gail Heitz, Shirley Snyder, Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart, Julia Sears
- Treasurer's report: Balance on hand is \$3,588.43. Expenses for the Mother/Daughter Banquet were \$413.44. A total of \$835.00 in receipts included ticket sales for Mother/Daughter Banquet and bereavement donation.
- Women served bereavement reception on April 29th and also a reception after the evening prayer service on May 12 .
- Mother/Daughter banquet report: 78 women and children were served and 11 men. About \$245.00 was spent on food. Some food and supplies were donated. Received lots of positive remarks about food and program.
- Discussed some things to consider for the next Mother/Daughter banquet in two years: larger water glasses on table, how to serve food faster, title of event, possible program might be afternoon tea and Butler County Historical Society program on dolls.
- Discussed Women of Zion General meetings and lack of participation. Voted to keep September and December General meetings this year. What changes could be made next year to encourage more participation? Need further discussion as to whether to continue with these General Meetings in 2017.
- School supplies will be collected through the summer months for LSSSO. Early fall we will collect items for layette kits.
- Next scheduled executive board meeting will be on Sunday, August 21 .

Thank you

Thank you to the May Bereavement team: Lori Rehm, Thelma Martin, Janet Menke and Flo Harbin and our food caller, Marge Withrow.

Thank you to all the women of Zion who made and donated the delicious desserts for both the bereavement meal and the reception following the evening prayer service.

Thank you to the many people who helped with the Mother and Daughter Banquet: Young Marines for setting up tables and chairs; Women of Zion Executive Board, Tammy Adams, and Tillie Adams for planning, cooking, and decorating, Nate Kaelin for setting up audio-visual equipment, and the Men of Zion for serving and clean-up.

Thank you to Julia Sears for taking minutes at our April Executive Board Meeting

Bereavement Teams

Bereavement team for month of June: Sandy Ziepfel, Tillie Adams and Joan Cunningham.

Bereavement team for month of July: Nedda Brown, Joan Cunningham, Tillie Adams, and Sandy Ziepfel.



Poppy Seed Salad

I had many requests for the salad recipe from the Mother Daughter Banquet so here it is. *Julia*

Salad:

- 1 bag each of romaine lettuce and baby spinach
- 1 cup cashews
- ½ bag Craisens
- 2 golden delicious apples (cut into small pieces)
- 4 oz. shredded Mozzarella cheese

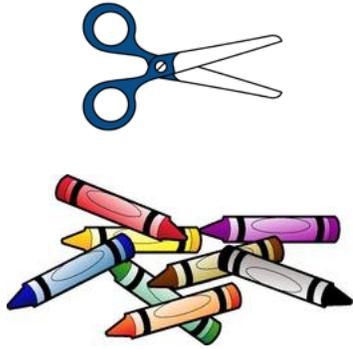
(You just have to judge on the cashews, Craisens, and cheese. I always throw in more.)

Dressing:

- 1 cup oil
- ½ cup sugar or substitute
- 1 Tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- 2 green onions (finely chopped)
- Poppy seeds

Whisk until blended.

Pour over salad right before serving or let people put their own dressing on the salad.



Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio School Kit Items

The Women of Zion appreciate the generosity displayed by your donations of personal items for those families served by Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio!

As we continue our mission, aware of the value of education, we acknowledge that ownership of basic school supplies supports a child's educational achievement. Thus, we ask that your continued donations turn to school items.

Any of the following items may be donated to support young people as they participate in their education:

- wide or college-ruled paper notebooks
- construction paper
- blunt scissors
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- rulers
- cloth bag or backpacks
- pencil sharpeners
- calculators for high school students
- pencils
- erasers

We hope to collect these supplies during the summer months, a peak time for sales in our local stores. From May through August, please leave your donations in the marked boxes on the table in the Great Hall.

From the Women of Zion, a huge "THANK YOU" for your compassionate aid to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Mark your Calendars Now! Women of Zion's General Meeting Monday, September 12. You won't want to miss this opportunity for fellowship with the Women of Zion.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

On Tuesday, June 7, Zion's book club will meet to discuss *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. Orphaned at an early age, Jane Eyre leads a lonely life until she finds work as a governess at Thornfield Hall, where she meets the mysterious Mr. Rochester and sees a ghostly woman who roams the halls by night.

This is a story of passionate love, travail and final triumph. The relationship between the heroine and Mr. Rochester is only one episode, albeit the most important, in a detailed fictional autobiography in which the author transmuted her own experience into high art.

In this work the plucky heroine is outwardly of plain appearance, but possesses an indomitable spirit, a sharp wit and great courage. She is forced to battle against the exigencies of a cruel guardian, a harsh employer and a rigid social order which circumscribes her life and position.

Then we take a break for the summer and will meet again on Tuesday, September 6 to discuss *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. *The Boys in the Boat* tells the mesmerizing tale of Joe Rantz and the 1936 Olympic eight-oar crew from the University of Washington. But it is much more than a story of athletic endeavor. It's about a child abandoned by indifferent parents, Americans' struggle to survive during the Great Depression, a young man's love of a young woman, and the amazing physical and psychological demands of rowing. It's about loss and redemption. It has drama and pathos and moral scope. And it culminates on an extraordinary international stage in Berlin in 1936, with Adolf Hitler looking on.

A testament to the power of sacrifice, hope, and trust in oneself and others, *The Boys in the Boat* speaks beautifully to what improbable feats can be accomplished when we look beyond ourselves.

Enjoy your summer reading and plan on joining us in the church lounge at 6:30 p.m. for these discussions. We always welcome new people.



Missionary Corner

When you die, what legacy will you leave your grandchildren and great-grandchildren? A few hours ago I started our chapel with this question in the ballpark, with the Pericos of Puebla.

When you know more about professional sports, you realize that athletes are pushed to perform their best, often times no matter their physical or emotional state. For fans in the stands, the game of baseball is a pastime full of passion. For some players, often, it is just a work in the field. They look for immediate results. To live in order to build a family with a moral base that can be transmitted from generation to generation is a new concept for them. Thank you very much for praying for us to be able to share with these players that God has an inheritance for them. Please pray for them so that they can transmit this heritage to their children and to future generations soon. Thank you for helping to bring eternity to their minds and hearts. "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous" (Proverbs 13:22).

Currently we have 6 American players on the team. My English is not the best (apparently God has given them the gift of understanding tongues) but I have talked to some of them. Please pray for more opportunities to connect with them. Professional players are very busy, and I do not know if I will have the opportunity to do two chapels in two languages.

I also want to share with you about a project we're working on. We are praying for a youth camp during the summer. We have few resources (practically none) but I trust that God is moving us in that direction. Part of the plan is to invite young people from different denominations so that we can respond together in obedience to the call that God has for our lives. Please pray that God provides us with the necessary resources to respond to this call. Some specific resources needed are a place to have the camp, the food, and transportation. Thank you for being part of the team!

Christ is coming soon. My prayer is that when he comes, our Savior will look into your eyes and that you can hear the sweetest words: Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master (Matt. 25:21). Until they all hear,

Jose Luis (for Christy too)!



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:

- Molly Adams and Craig Baldwin: had baby boy, Hudson Wallace Adams, on 5/9. He weighed 6 lb, 12 oz. Proud grandparents from Zion are Mike & Tammy Adams, and great-grandparents, Clarence & Tillie Adams.
- Don Boling: recovering from surgery
- Katie Land Brooks: COPD
- Second Lieutenant Andrew Copas: left April 1 for Field Artillery Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for 6 months
- Evelyn DuVall: in rehab at Cedar Village in Mason
- Pastor Mark Finrock (First UMC): health issues
- Jean Henderson: in and out of Fort Hamilton Hospital with diverticulitis issues.
- Marsha, Tabatha & Jeremy Isaacs: Marsha's husband died on 5/5. Our sympathy is extended to this family.
- Jennifer: mass on liver
- Don & Jean Keck: Don's sister-in-law, Fern Keck, died on 4/3 and his brother-in-law, Norman Yocom, died on 5/13. Our sympathy is extended to those families.
- Frank Martin: finances, relocation and health
- Helen Moody: cancer is in remission
- Larry Moody: cancer and Parkinson's Disease
- Mitch Parker: in Fort Hamilton ICU with pneumonia
- Mary Snavley: niece, Linda Fisher, died 5/10. Our sympathy is extended to the Snavley family.
- Anita Snyder: recovering from back surgery
- Bernie W: shoulder replacement
- Doug Wolfe: at home recuperating from a fall

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*



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 is helping with this collection. There is a box in the great hall. Thanks for your help.



Thank you to the Band of Brothers for their hard work in the courtyard. Looks so much better. Thanks!

Zion,

Thank you for the cards of encouragement when Paul was recovering from surgery last fall. Special thanks to Pastor Joe for visiting Paul in the hospital and follow up phone calls. All your prayers were deeply appreciated.

Love,
Paul & Libby Huston

Dear Zion Lutheran

Thank you very much for the scholarship I received. It was very helpful in supporting my academic studies this past school year at the University of Tennessee.

Sincerely,
Patrick Huston

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

Dear Julia,

We would like to thank you for printing the programs for Sheri's funeral service. They were very nice.

Also, please put in the Messenger our thanks to Pastor Joe for his wonderful service and the Women of Zion for the fabulous desserts after the service.

We would also like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers through this difficult time for our family.

Zion will always be our Church.

Mary & Leroy (Snaveley)
Kathy & Maribeth

A huge thank you to everyone who prayed; sent a card; emailed or called to check on me during my surgery and recovery.

Don Boling

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.

EMAILS RECEIVED

Hi Julia,

Congratulations on a very productive blood drive last Thursday. Moving to the gym has really made a difference! The donors love the new space. Thank you!

Ninety-five prospective donors made appointments, and 80 registered to give blood. Of that number, 72 were successful in donating a unit of whole blood, 109% of the collection target of 66 units! Congratulations and thank you!

Please thank your loyal donors for continuing to embrace the program, and thank the 2 new donors for beginning a life-long commitment to saving lives.

We are looking forward to our next visits on Thursday, June 16 and Thursday, August 18. Every registered donor at the June 16th blood drive will receive a T-shirt and will be entered into a drawing for a trip for two to Alaska! Partners like Zion Lutheran who are willing to host blood drives during the summer reap the benefit of participating in our special summer promotions. That's the good news.

The better news is that every registered donor at your August 18 blood drive will also receive an entry into the Alaska trip promotion. If they donate at both drives, they will be entered twice.

Let's hope for a winner from among the Zion Lutheran family of donors come the September drawing!

Thanks!

Bill
Bill Roy
Community Blood Center
Local Office: West Chester, OH
Serving Butler, Clinton, and Warren Counties

Pastor Joe and Julia,

FYI

At our city of character committee last week, Mayor Moeller gave a nice shout out to Zion about our electronic sign and how you listed each day's character trait.

Nice job!

Joni Copas

Thank you Joni! That was all Julia! I just did the preaching! Glad the mayor noticed for it is good working with him! Have a great evening!

Pr Joe



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) 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.

Have you remembered
Zion
in your Will?

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

CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism classes will take place beginning in September. This is open to all youth fifth grade and up. Pastor Joe will teach the classes. The format of the classes has not yet been determined. If you have a child/young adult who would be in the class, please see Pastor Joe. He would like to get some idea of how many to expect and how to format the learning experience.



June Adult Fellowship

**Saturday, June 18, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner at Johnny's Italian Steak House
(Located on Mulhauser Rd in the Holiday Inn across from IKEA.)**

Hosts: Mike and Gayle Ford

Meet at the restaurant for an evening of good food and fellowship.

Mark your calendars for

Saturday, July 16, 2016

Ken and Shari Gerold are hosting the adult fellowship event but it is not finalized. What for futher details.





Council Minutes April 12, 2016

Attending: Sandy Sanders, Lou Robinson, Pastor Joe Schrock, Bennie Bowling, Phil Pflaumer, Nathaniel Kaelin, Ken Gerold, Lori Rehm, Steve Herget, Mike Engel, Kathy Chambers, Bob Herold, Carolyn Soupene, Robin Kaelin, Kathy Frye, Bill Carpenter, Tammy Adams

Excused: Emily Sears, Eric Grunwald, Karl Waechter

- **Motion** (Robinson/N Kaelin) and passed to accept the agenda.
- **Devotion:** Carolyn Soupene offered verse for meditation...Encouragement or Admonishment.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/Robinson) and passed approve minutes from the March council meeting
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor presented written report detailing current and future activities. Highlighted National Day of Prayer and involvement with Synod and Trinity Seminary to discuss joint efforts and support of programs involving Veteran Care. Stated Synod Assembly will be June 4 at Wittenberg University.
- **President's Remarks:** Advised that the 2017 Nominating Committee will meet May 16.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lou presented March financials. Sandy presented a Zion Cash Flow statement. This will be reviewed quarterly.
- **Evangelism:** Tammy expressed Thanks and Appreciation for involvement with Empty Bowls program on April 9. Event was a success. Introduced samples of flyers describing agenda of events that could be used at Zion for special events and services such as Easter and Christmas.
- **Worship & Music:** Kathy Chambers presented motion from Music & Worship requesting purchase of one electric keyboard at \$599. Current pianos in use at Zion are in need of costly repairs. Cost of \$599 to be charged to account 107.
- **Motion** (Chambers/Robinson) and passed to purchase the keyboard.
- **Social Concerns:** Lori advised shut-in communion program is revitalized. Community meal at UMC is April 16. Empty Bowls event at Zion raised in excess of \$2,000 for the Open Door Food Pantry. Application for Morning Star Grant is being submitted.
- **Visitation:** Carolyn reported they sent 39 cards and 6 visits were made in March.
- **Stewardship:** Phil reinforced stewardship message has resulted in increased donations.

- **Fellowship:** Robin: expressed thanks to Band of Brothers for support and assistance with the Easter Morning Breakfast. K Frye: Graduation Sunday will be May 22 with 2 graduates being recognized. Euchre Night will be April 30 and a Pot-Luck fellowship is scheduled for April 16 at 6:30pm.
- **Parish Ed:** Ken advised VBS is scheduled for June 13 thru June 18 at First UMC. A budget request for VBS will be made once plans are finalized.
- **Trustees:** Nate advised the Hamilton City Architect will advise on construction of handicap rest room.
- **Advisory Team Report:** Sandy advised the Purpose of Advisory team is to provide support for council and staff of Zion. Current objectives are to evaluate our Mission Statement and identify "Behaviors" which encourages a positive culture for engagement and a safe environment for communications. Presented an outline for behaviors to promote a positive culture of interaction. Council discussion followed.
- **Motion** (R Kaelin/Robinson) and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Monthly statistics Financial Stewardship (as of April 30, 2016)

	Income	Expenses
2015	\$17,294.20	\$24,091.08
2016	\$19,827.30	\$19,236.55

YTD Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses	Balance
2015	\$62,751	\$104,656	
2016	\$76,427	\$85,964	-\$6,808.46

Breakdown of April 2016 Total Income

	Exp.	Rec.
Designated Funds:	\$ 79.64	\$ 2,877.06
Operating Funds:	\$19,236.55	\$19,827.30
700 Funds:	\$ 981.58	\$ 537.00
Total:	\$20,297.77	\$23,241.36

Attendance Averages (May)

Church Atten.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
112	100	

Funeral

Sheri Marie Maffeo (died 3/7/2016; service 4/29/2016)

Baptism

William Westley Stewart (5/15/2016)

Wedding

William Edward Tucker & Tara Ilene Love (5/13/2016)

JACOB'S PORCH QUICK FACTS

Juniors and Seniors in High School! You are invited to come over to Jacob's Porch, the Lutheran Campus Ministry for Central Ohio, and hang with us for the night. We'll begin at 6pm Friday, July 22 and end Saturday, July 23 at noon. What will we do? Worship together, games, cook breakfast together, campus tours, Q&A with college students, plus other stuff. Who is invited? Seniors who will be attending a Central Ohio college in the fall (Ohio State, Capital, Otterbein, Columbus State) and Juniors who are considering these schools for next year. The cost is free. Your parents or youth leaders may come with you, but don't need to for you to attend. You'll sleep on a couch (we have 20 of them) or the floor, so bring what you need. RSVP to office@jacobsporch.com ASAP to let us know you are coming.

GIVING SOURCES

- Congregations: 45%
- Synod: 23%
- ELCA: 6%
- Alumni: 26%

APRIL SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance (Checking) - \$3,488.71
 Monthly Expense for January - \$11,634.80
 Average Monthly Income for the Year - \$10,091.11
 Balance (Savings) - \$14,863.63

PORCH PARTNERS OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Youth Groups can worship with us and/or provide a meal on Sunday evenings at 7:07 pm.
2. Jacob's Porch Senior High Youth Retreat held in early March at Camp Kern.
3. Lock-in for High School Seniors at Jacob's Porch – Friday-Saturday, July 22-23.
4. Jacob's Porch may be able to preach and/or lead worship, provide music at your congregation.
5. Campus Tours at Ohio State for High School Students, Pastors and Lay Leaders attend our Bi-Annual Partners Meeting, Serving Opportunities, Tailgates and more.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

1. Call (513-376-1222) or email (grant@jacobsporch.com) at any time.
2. Churches and Members can sign up for our newsletter on our webpage: www.jacobsporch.com/partners
3. Make a contribution at www.jacobsporch.com/giving.
4. Porch Partners make a commitment to working towards a goal of giving 1% of their received offering to Jacob's Porch.

QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY JACOB'S PORCH STUDENTS IN APRIL:

1. Where is God in suffering?
2. Can you ask God for an apology?
3. Why does it feel like God & Jesus are used interchangeably?
4. What does it mean to be saved by Jesus? How does this happen?
5. Why is the Bible rude to women?
6. Is it OK for me to believe in a different version of God than the person next to me but for us both to have the same table of Christian, Lutheran, Catholic, etc?
7. Should I feel guilty for believing in God partly just bc I know the idea of an afterlife eases my fear of death?
8. Does God exist?
9. Does God have relationships w/humans?
10. Does God communicate with humans?
11. What does it mean to believe?
12. What do Jesus' life and death mean?
13. Do the physical and mathematical laws of the universe point to God?
14. The Bible is biased – should we trust it? To what extent?
15. Why should I be a part of a historically intolerant institution?
16. How much theology was created w/political motivation and used to oppress people?
17. Was religion invented so people could feel meaningful?
18. Are we using God as a way to avoid existential terror?
19. If the story of Jesus is true, how should we be living differently than we are now?
20. Why is suffering part of the human experience?
21. What is God doing in the face of violence, hatred, fear, oppression?
22. Is God a beginning? A force? An energy? Who are what is God?
23. Should Christians be engaged politically?
24. How do I engage an organization, the church, that has and continues to exclude, hate and outgroup others?
25. What is prayer all about?
26. With everything we do wrong and everything we fail to do right, how can we say we are saved?
27. What does it mean to serve the Lord?
28. How do you challenge your faith without weakening or fighting it?
29. What does it mean to receive God's grace/mercy?





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

We at Zion are responsible for providing the following items for the picnic this year. I have put a sign-up sheet in the great hall for items needed. Please sign up for the things you can provide. Items need to be at the church by Friday, June 10.

- 250 knives, forks and spoons
- 500 heavy Styrofoam plates
- Ketchup, mustard, relish
- 2 bags of ice
- 2 disposable Styrofoam coolers (large)
- 3 cases of water
- 2 watermelons
- 18 dozen cookies

They are still looking for people to help in several areas. They are listed below and a sign-up sheet is in the great hall.

- Help with children’s games and activities
- Help with directing traffic around police barricades into designated parking

But most of all, we want our people to attend the picnic. This is planned by a group of around 30 pastors and lay people from many denominations. The goal is for people of Hamilton, Ohio to come together as Christians and get to know each other. You don’t have to bring anything, just show up, eat, visit, listen to music and have a good time. See you there!

Bible Wordsearch

More puzzles at:
biblewordgames.com

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

N	I	A	R	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	S	Y	D	H
O	L	E	M	R	A	C	O	W	A	T	E	R	U	E
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| BURNT | KISHON |
| CARMEL | KNIVES |
| CAVE | LEAPED |
| CHILDREN | LORD |
| CLOUD | MOCKED |
| CUT | OBADIAH |
| DRESSED | PROPHETS |
| ELIJAH | RAIN |
| ESCAPE | SACRIFICE |
| FORSAKEN | SERVANT |
| FOUR | SPIRIT |
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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

----- Psalm 9

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

Date	Acolyte	Acolyte 9:30 a.m.
June 5		Usher Team
June 12		Usher Team
June 19		Marissa Lombardi
June 26		Usher Team

Altar Guild: Shari Gerold, Lisa Gerold

Ushers: Heitz/Pflaumer & team (9:30)

Lectors: **June 5** Stephanie Heitz (9:30)
June 12 Cindy Burkhart (9:30)
June 15 Lori Rehm (9:30)
June 22 Ken Gerold (9:30)

Greeters: **June 5** Barbara Blair, Christin Blair (9:30)
June 12 Volunteer needed (9:30)
June 19 Mike & Laura Sharratt (9:30)
June 26 Kathy Chambers, Barbara Shearer (9:30)

Eucharist **June 5** Tom & Barb Toman (9:30)
Assistants: **June 12** Carolyn Soupene, Robin Kaelin (9:30)
June 19 Wayne & Patrice Huston (9:30)
June 26 Kathy Chambers, Ken Gerold (9:30)

Radio: **June 5** Lou Robinson
June 12 Greg Allen
June 19 Ron Alcorn
June 26 Kevin Heitz

Nursery: Samantha Bowling

Bulletin **June 3** Joan Boling
Stuffers: **June 10** Tom & Barb Toman
June 17 Thelma Martin
June 25 Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart

Offering **June 5** Mike Engel, Lori Rehm
Counters: **June 12** Eric Grunwald, Mike Engel
June 19 Mike Engel, Nate & Gary Kaelin
June 26 Eric Grunwald, Mike Engel

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Encourage

a growing faith in Jesus Christ and to

Equip

all people for witness and service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY

Date	Acolyte	Acolyte 9:30 a.m.
July 3		Usher Team
July 10		Usher Team
July 17		Marissa Lombardi
July 24		Usher Team
July 31		Usher Team

Altar Guild: Barbara Shearer, Kathy Chambers

Ushers: Huston/Gerold & team (9:30)

Lectors: **July 3** Gayle Ford (9:30)
July 10 Gail Heitz (9:30)
July 17 Justin Beers (9:30)
July 24 Ron Alcorn (9:30)
July 31 Peggy Thomin (9:30)

Greeters: **July 3** Joe & Julia Sears (9:30)
July 10 Phil & Karen Pflaumer (9:30)
July 17 Gary & Robin Kaelin (9:30)
July 24 Lori Rehm (9:30)
July 31 Volunteers needed (9:30)

Eucharist Assistants: **July 3** Phil Pflaumer, Marge Withrow (9:30)
July 10 Anita Snyder, Tillie Adams (9:30)
July 17 Barb & Tom Toman (9:30)
July 24 Ken & Shari Gerold (9:30)
July 31 Wayne & Patrice Huston (9:30)

Radio: **July 3** Lou Robinson
July 10 Greg Allen
July 17 Ron Alcorn
July 24 Kevin Heitz
July 31 Volunteer Needed

Nursery: Samantha Bowling

Bulletin: **July 1** Joan Boling
Stuffers: **July 8** Tom & Barb Toman
July 15 Thelma Martin
July 22 Cindy Burkhart
July 29 Lori Rehm

Offering: **July 3** no schedule at this time
Counters: **July 10**
July 17
July 24
July 31



**COMMUNITY MEAL CENTER
 June 18, 2016**

Zion will be serving at the Community Meal Center at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 18. 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.

