

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church May 2016



May and June celebrate the relationships of not only mothers and fathers, but also the Church (Pentecost), our fallen military (Memorial Day), graduations and much more. We give thanks for all of these relationships and the blessings that come from them. Our understanding continues to deepen as we recognize the fact that some of the best parents/mentors were not biologically related, and we continue to develop an awareness of how interconnected we are on a global scale.

Yet complacency or even continued mistrust of our relationships and potential relationships rob us of the full blessings God intends for us and for other people. Taking a few moments to reflect on how God brings people into our lives that we would not have chosen to relate to enhances our faith and our ability to love. A good example of this is our relationship with VEIL (Vida Eterna-Iglesia Luterana). We assisted their church in learning how to make quilts and raise money to send some of their youth to last year's youth gathering. Some would say we receive nothing from this relationship, but they would be wrong. Besides the benefits we receive from being in relationship with all the Church in communion and other facets of Christian life, we see other benefits such as a more diverse VBS, Miami University students being active in tutoring and other activities and VEIL uniting different Latinos into one body much like the effort it took to unite Norwegians and Germans into one Lutheran body. One of the Miami students that works with VEIL also volunteers as a translator at Ft Hamilton. She came across a family of at least three generations that wishes to learn English but West Chester is too far. A seed from a relationship we have not had very long may yet bear fruit. The Miami students themselves are interested in a Hamilton site so potentially pieces of a larger puzzle may bear fruit. Building relationships takes much time and effort to build the trust needed to go deeper together.

Likewise, when some of the VEIL members come to lead cooking classes on ethnic foods such as Cuban flan, we stand to build relationships that over time develop not only friendships but mutual ministry opportunities. Cooking, laughing and eating together builds trust and faith. Another example is the VEIL Summer Reading Program where anyone who knows how to teach or assist a

child in reading can develop a relationship that blesses all involved and can grow beyond just the two individuals. Together we are stronger and can better reach the diverse and rapidly changing population of Butler County and beyond.

We didn't get to choose our parents or to choose for Soldiers to die for us, but God blessed us with people who loved Him and us enough to love us even unto death. The opportunity to receive God's blessings in a multitude of relationships provides us and the people whom we encounter opportunities to grow in faith and love. As we learned to trust our parents, our friends and others, may we also be open to others that God places in our lives. May we celebrate the relationships we have and the relationships yet to come as we follow our Lord's command to go into the world loving and serving all people in His Name!

Pastor Joe Schrock



National Day of Prayer

Evening Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 5, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

Special Guests

Pastor Dan Clemens, First Baptist Church

Pastor Mark Finrock, First United Methodist Church

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Free will offering will be donated to

The Caring Closet



The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will eat lunch at Lindenwald Station on Pleasant Ave. in Hamilton on Tuesday, May 24. 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.

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 on May 22. If you or anyone you know is graduating, please let the church office know.



Mark your calendars!

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 on the next page and turn into the church office. It's going to be a fun week!

Adult Fellowship Activity Picnic and Fellowship **WILD TURKEY TAVERN**



Hosts: Richard & Nedda Brown and Bennie & Leanne Bowling

What: Picnic at the Wild Turkey Tavern in Maple Grove

Where: 1458 Stahlheber Rd. Hamilton, OH 45013

When: May 21st begins at 5:00pm

Meat will be provided



Please bring:

- 1) Side dish and/or dessert
- 2) Your beverage of choice

VBS Planning Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Monday, May 2 – 7:00 p.m.
Anyone who would like to help with vacation Bible school this year please attend this meeting.



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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 April 20, 2016

- Attending: Gail Heitz, Cindy Burkhart, Anita Snyder, Lori Rehm, Thelma Martin, Tammy Adams, Shirley Snyder, Cheryl Griesinger, Janet Menke, Julia Sears
- Treasurer's report: Balance on hand is \$3,166.87. Expenses included a \$50.00 donation to Living Waters Ministry and \$38.21 for supplies for the March General Meeting. A total of \$88.00 in receipts included offering at the March General Meeting, Portals of Prayer, and final soup sales)
- Collection of personal items for Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio has ended. Mid-May through August we will collect school supplies for LSSSO.
- Tickets are being sold for the Mother/Daughter Banquet.
- Menu for banquet will be chicken cordon bleu, green beans, red potatoes, salad, and dessert.
- A committee will be formed to work on decorations.
- Suggested that funds could be used to improve the appearance of the stage area in the gym.
- Additional discussion on changes to the Women General Meetings to improve attendance.
- Next board meeting will be on Sunday, May 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you

Thank you to Joan Boling for volunteering to be the curator of the Great Hall Display Cabinet.

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

Bereavement Teams

Thank you to the April bereavement team of Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart, and food caller, Marge Withrow. Members of the May bereavement team are Lori Rehm, Thelma Martin, Janet Menke, and Flo Harbin.



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.





BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

On Tuesday, May 3, Zion's book club will 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.

Then, on Tuesday, June 7, we'll 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.

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



Missionary Corner

Last month you prayed that the seeds sown in a trip we were taking would bear much fruit for God's glory. Thank you! In the end, because of changes in weather, a lack of cell phone service in the villages and roads shut down we decided to stay in one village rather than two that we had planned to visit. We were excited to be in Mecatlan working alongside a friend we met last year who translated the Jesus Film into his indigenous language. We helped with the translation process last spring and had been told of its importance, but it didn't really dawn on us until we were there just how helpful it really is in reaching out to this people group. We often found ourselves left out of a conversation when someone joined in who didn't speak Spanish. I (Christy) was around the women in the kitchen as Dari played with their children and I wondered if they were talking about me because they spoke in Totonaco with each other and smiled at me as they did so. I also had fun with a group of teens as they asked how to say certain things in English and then taught me how to say it in Totonaco. It is common knowledge down here that there are over 300 languages spoken in Mexico, but to experience one of these languages first hand makes it seem like reality.

Our translator friend is now the director of an after school program that Compassion International began just five years ago. Of the 170+ children that attend, many of them come from homes where alcoholism is present. Fathers are often absent or if not, many abuse their wives. After sharing the story of Jesus calming the storm I asked the youngest group of children what situations can make us feel scared. One four year old told me that his dad hits his mom. The 12-14 year old teacher told me that she was so thankful we had come and that fresh faces and new ways of teaching about God were really helpful when so many of the youth in her class are hurting and rebelling. We certainly saw a great need for the gospel in this village.

The youth we took with us from our city were very impacted by what they saw as well. Some couldn't believe that there were children who came without shoes. Did I mention that it rained and was so unseasonably cold that we could see our breath?! A thirteen year old we brought with us shared with tears in her eyes that the children wanted so badly for her to love on them and hug them (because they don't get that enough at home) and that she herself is ashamed to admit that she's been resentful of her parents being overprotective.

Needless to say, this trip was impactful for all involved. Thank you for praying and giving to help make this possible. We thank God for you and your involvement in what God is doing down here. Please pray for wisdom in the future as we make plans to minister in the villages and take youth with us. Pray that the impact would be great for God's kingdom. Thanks!

Love in Christ,

Christy & Jose Luis Sanchez



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:

- Don Boling: surgery on 4/29.
- Katie Land Brooks: emphysema
- Second Lieutenant Andrew Copas: left April 1 for Field Artillery Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for 6 months
- Jane Day: passed away on 4/14. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.
- Karen Bartels Filipas: passed away 3/27. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.
- Evelyn DuVall: in West Chester Hospital with pressure wound
- Pastor Mark Finrock (First UMC): health issues
- Brent French: kidney cancer
- Steve Fricker: cancer
- Bernie Griesinger: health issues
- Jennifer: mass on liver
- Debbie Levier, recovering from cancer surgery
- Frank Martin: finances, relocation and health
- Helen Moody: cancer issues
- Larry Moody: cancer and Parkinson's Disease
- Joe Pennington Jr: cancer
- Patti Sroufe: recovering from a fall and broken hip.
- John Stewart: (Tom & Sandy Wright's son) heart problems
- George Vardy: brain tumor
- Doug Wolfe: fell down stairs. Broken bones in face and ribs. Brain bleeds. Recuperating at Drake.

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.



Laverne Stewart would like to thank Ron & Kay Erbeck, Steve & Linda Herget and Ron & Lynn Alcorn for the cards they sent after her fall last month. Thanks to the congregation for all their prayers.

Sandy Parker would like to thank Ron & Kay Erbeck, and Steve & Linda Herget for the cards they sent following her eye surgery. Thanks to everyone for their prayers.

Thank you to Darlene Onyett for her years of service in putting the Messenger together for mailing each month. She has decided to retire to spend more time with her grandchildren. We appreciate all her help.

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

Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the April 16 Community Meal at First United Methodist. A total of 388 meals were served. Those who served were Tillie Adams, Dolores Harper, Bud Scharf, Ken Gerold, Lou & Diane Robinson, Frank Martin, Ron & Kay Erbeck, Joan Boling, Dennis Steele Sr., Josh Steele, Austin Steele, Jesse Bond, Misty Camp, Pastor Joe, Steve Herget, Mike & Laura Sharratt, Gary & Robin Kaelin, Nathaniel Kaelin, Bennie & Leanne Bowling, Richard & Nedda Brown, Carolyn Soupen, JoAnette Coe, Karl Waechter, Barb & Tom Toman, and everyone who made desserts. We couldn't do this each month without all your help.

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!

Dear Zion Congregation,

Community Blood Center (CBC) is pleased to announce your organization's commitment to blood donation throughout 2015 qualified you as a **Platinum Partner** for our Lifesaving Ambassador's Club.

Three partnership levels exist to recognize different milestones of blood drive success and commitment.

- **Platinum Partner:** Averages 95% of blood drive goal, and minimum of six or more blood drives per year.
- **Gold Partner:** Averages 95% of blood drive goal, and minimum of four blood drives per year.
- **Silver Partner:** Averages 90% of blood drive goal, and minimum of two blood drives per year.

CBC wants to thank you for hosting blood drives and saving lives through blood donation. During 2015, your organization collected **522 units of blood, hosted 12 blood drives, and averaged 105% of your blood drive goal.** The blood drives you hosted were important in order to maintain the local blood supply. Each donation made can help save up to three lives.

As a result of your organization's commitment to blood donation, you will be receiving a plaque for being an outstanding blood drive sponsor. We look forward to hosting blood drives with you again in 2016.

Best regards,

David M. Smith, MD

Chief Executive Officer

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) 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.



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati and Thrivent Financial Partner to Help Local Family Obtain Dream of Home Ownership

Thrivent Financial is pleased to announce that it is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati to build a home in the Price Hill neighborhood. Thrivent has awarded \$50,000 to support construction.

While volunteer labor and donations build a Habitat home, the homes are sold to families. Families make a monthly mortgage payment on an affordable, no-interest loan, which is used to fund other Habitat homes. They also invest hundreds of hours of labor into building their home, called "sweat equity", to help with construction.

Construction on the Thrivent Builds with Habitat home is scheduled to begin on May 20, 2016. Individuals and groups are invited to help build the home. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact your Thrivent Financial Representative or Adena Warner, Faith Relations Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati, at adena.warner@habitatecincinnati.org or 513-482-5607.



LIVING LUTHERAN DISCOUNT

Beginning with its April issue, *The Lutheran* magazine is now called *Living Lutheran*. Our new name signifies this church's living, daring confidence in God's grace. You can expect the same quality content along with new departments and a more robust web presence. Now through June 30, new subscribers to the magazine receive 25 percent off. Get 12 issues for just \$14.95. You may subscribe at livinglutheran.org/subscribe.

PRAYER IDEAS

In honor of National Day of Prayer month, here are some prayers to assist you.

Praying for your Husband from Head to Toe

Pray for his brain: Ask that God would keep it sharp and focused and that his thoughts would not be conformed to this world, but would be transformed and renewed by the power of God. (Romans 12:2)

Pray for his eyes: Ask that he would guard them diligently and would set no worthless thing before them. (Psalm 101:3)

Pray for his ears: Ask that they be tuned to hear God's still, small voice and that your husband would always remain attentive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. (1 Thessalonians 5:15; Isaiah 30:9)

Pray for his mouth: Ask that no unwholesome talk would proceed from it, but only what is good for building others up. Pray that your husband would always and only speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:15, 29)

Pray for his heart: Ask that Christ would sit enthroned upon it, that your husband would love God with all his heart and soul and might, that he'd love his neighbor as himself. (Mark 12:30-31) Pray for his heart to remain soft toward you (Proverbs 5:18-19) and to be knitted to the hearts of his children. (Malachi 4:6)

Pray for his arms: Ask that God would strengthen them and make them firm. Pray that your husband would take delight in his labor and that God would bless the work of his hands. (Psalm 90:17, Ecclesiastes 3:22)

Pray for his legs: Ask that God would give him strength and stamina, that your husband might run with endurance the race that is set before him, without growing weary or fainting along the way. (Hebrews 12:1, Isaiah 40:31)

Pray for his feet: Ask that they'd be quick to flee from temptations, to turn away from evil, and to faithfully pursue wisdom, righteousness, peace, love, and truth (2 Timothy 2:22, Psalm 34:14, Proverbs 4:5-7)

Praying for your Wife from Head to Toe

Pray for her brain: Pray that God would mold her into a capable, intelligent, and virtuous woman and would keep her thoughts centered on whatever is true, lovely, right, pure, noble, and worthy of praise. (Proverbs 31:10, Philippians 4:8)

Pray for her eyes: Ask God to give her eyes of compassion so she could see others as He sees them. (Matthew 9:36, 1 Samuel 16:7b)

Pray for her ears: Pray that she would listen for God's still, small voice and would remain ever attentive to His promptings. (Isaiah 30:9, Thessalonians 5:19)

Pray for her mouth: Ask that God would fill her mouth with skillful and godly wisdom, that the law of kindness would remain on her tongue, and that she would only and always speak the truth in love. (Proverbs 31:26, Ephesians 4:15)

Pray for her heart: Pray that God would fill your wife's heart with love and respect for you and with tender patience toward your children. (Ephesians 5:33, 1 Thessalonians 2:7)

Pray for her arms: Ask God to gird your wife with strength, making her arms strong and firm. Pray that He would bless the work of her hands and that she would do her work cheerfully, as unto Him. (Proverbs 31:17, 31; Colossians 3:23)

Pray for her womb: Pray that God would bless the fruit of her womb by giving her children who walk in the truth (Psalm 127:3, 3 John 1:4)

Pray for her legs: Ask God to strengthen and sustain your wife, so that she can walk and not faint and will not tire of doing good. (Isaiah 40:31, 2 Thessalonians 3:13)

Pray for her feet: Pray that her feet would be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace so that she might faithfully pursue righteousness and love. Ask God to lead her in the path of wisdom and truth and to keep her foot from stumbling. (Ephesians 6:15, Proverbs 21:21, Proverbs 4:1-12)

Praying for your Children from Head to Toe

Pray for their mind: Pray that your children would earnestly seek wisdom and understanding, that they would value knowledge and discernment, and that their thoughts would stay centered on the truth of God's Word. (Proverbs 2:16, Proverbs 3:21, James 1:5, Psalm 119:97)

Pray for their eyes: Ask god to guard your children's eyes and protect their innocence. Pray that they would focus their attention on doing what is right. (Romans 16:19, Proverbs 4:25)

Pray for their ears: Pray that your children would be quick to hear and that they would incline their ears to listen to instruction. (James 1:19, Isaiah 55:3, Proverbs 8:32-34)

Pray for their mouth: Ask God to keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking lies. Pray that all their words would be pleasing to Him and edifying to others. (Psalm 34:13; 19:14)

Pray for their heart: Ask God to give your children a happy, cheerful heart. Pray that they'd come to faith early and would trust easily and completely in Him. (Proverbs 15:13, Psalm 28:7)

Pray for their hands: Pray that they would be diligent in their work and that their hands would not be idle, but that God would bless, confirm, and establish the work of their hands. (Ecclesiastes 9:10, Ecclesiastes 11:6, Proverbs 10:4-5)

Pray for their legs: Pray that your children would not walk in step with the wicked nor stand in the way of sinners, but that they'd find wise and godly companions along life's journey. (Psalm 1:1)

Pray for their feet: Ask God to direct their steps, to help them stand fast, and to protect them from stumbling. (Psalm 17:5, Psalm 37:23-24, Psalm 121:3, Psalm 119:133)



Joined in Prayer



Council Minutes March 8, 2016

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

- **Motion** (Robinson/Frye) and passed to accept the agenda.
- **Devotion:** from “God’s Presence Among Us” by Flannery O’Conner, based on John 1:14
- **Motion** (Pflaumer/Robinson) and passed approve minutes from the February council meeting
- **Pastor’s Report:** Pastor gave a summary of the recent council retreat which dealt with positive messages to the congregation. Pastor will contact MetroParks of Butler County about “God’s Work” shirts. We still have 4-5 delegates to Synod Assembly on June 4, 2016. He asked that we keep the Snavley family in prayer because of their health issues and the several deaths that have recently occurred in their family.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** It was suggested that we send a memorial of \$50 to Immanuel Lutheran Church’s Music Department in memory of Wayne Shaw.
- **Motion** (Robinson/Carpenter) and passed to send check
- **Motion** (Adams/Herget) and passed to accept March Treasurer’s Report.
- **Evangelism:** Tammy Adams gave an update on the Empty Bowls project. A bowl painted by Kyler Bradley, young cancer patient from Fairfield, will be auctioned at the event on April 9.
- **Worship & Music:** Kathy reported the piano in the choir room needs repair. The committee recommends that an electric keyboard be purchased.
- **Social Concerns:** We will be getting info on “God’s Work, Our Hands” which will take place on September 11, 2016.
- **Visitation:** Carolyn reported they sent 25 cards and 6 visits were made.
- **Stewardship:** Phil Pflaumer discussed some increase in giving this year.
- **Fellowship:** Kathy Frye announced that in addition to the Empty Bowls events, an Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Palm Sunday. The Band of Brothers will assist with the annual Easter Morning Breakfast.

- **Trustees:** Bennie Bowling spoke to the Young Marines of Butler County saying that they would like to use our facility for their activities. There is a nation-wide organization that teaches leadership and service. He recommended that there be no charge for this as they will help with service projects here. They would like to use our parking lot for drill practice. Bob & Charlotte Keene are the advisors.
- **Motion** (Bowling/Robinson) and passed to allow them to use our facilities.

Monthly statistics

Financial Stewardship (as of March 31, 2016)

	Income	Expenses
2015	\$18,726.24	\$25,886.27
2016	\$20,344.56	\$20,677.71

YTD Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses	Balance
2015	\$45,457	\$80,565	
2016	\$56,600	\$66,728	-\$7,399.21

Attendance Averages (April) Included Easter as it was not included in March.

Church Atten.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
135	123	

Deaths

Karen Bartels Filipas (died 3/27/2016)
Jane Day (died 4/14/2016)

Have you remembered

Zion

in your Will?





Zion Adult Fellowship May 2016

WOW!!! It's May already! Baseball season has started and we're starting to plant our vegetable and flower gardens and soon the pools will be open and full of splashing kids. We're all going to be very busy but let's not forget to spend some fun time with our church family and friends on the 3rd Saturday of the month enjoying Adult Fellowship Activities.



April 16th was the Annual Pot Luck Adventure and game night Hosted by Mike and Kathy Frye with lots of help from Julia Sears and her family. It was a great time! Usually, I thank the hosts, but since it's me I'll just say **THANK YOU!** to everyone who came, brought great food, and had lots of fun playing an assortment of games.

This Month's Activity:

May 21st Picnic at Maple Hallow

Hosts: Leanne and Benny Bowling, Richard and Nedda Brown

Details: Will be found in your announcements

Please sign up in the Great Hall - It's always a fun time.



June 18th Dinner at Johnny's Italian Steak House

Hosts: Mike and Gayle Ford

Details: TBA

Watch your Announcements for more info.

July 16th Event to be decided

Hosts: Ken and Shari Gerold

Details: TBA

Watch your Announcements for more info.



August 20th is still open for a host.

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 3rd 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**

Contact Information:

Name _____

Cell ph.: _____ E-mail: _____

Community Picnic



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

**Save
the
Date**

**5th Annual Community Church Picnic
Saturday, June 11, 2016**

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

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



If we live by the
SPIRIT,
let us also keep
in step with the
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VIDA ETERNA – INGLÉSIA LUTERANA (VEIL)

VEIL is the ELCA’s Latino ministry. They are seeking tutors for their Summer Reading Program. You do not need to speak Spanish to be valuable to the program. They meet at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in West Chester. We have listed the dates and times people are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please see Pastor Joe or call Zion’s office.

Date:	Time:
Wednesday, June 8.....	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, June 12	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 15.....	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, June 19	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 22.....	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, June 26	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 29.....	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, July 3	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 6	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, July 10.....	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 13	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, July 17	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 20	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, July 24	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 27	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, July 31	3:00pm – 5:00pm

<p>The mission of Zion is to</p> <p>Encourage</p> <p>a growing faith in Jesus Christ and to</p> <p>Equip</p> <p>all people for witness and service.</p>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY

Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
May 1	Usher Team	Usher Team
May 8	Usher Team	Marissa Lombardi
May 15	Usher Team	Usher Team
May 22	Usher Team	Usher Team
May 29	Usher Team	Usher Team

Altar Guild: Lori Rehm**Ushers:** Volunteers needed (8:00)
Volunteers needed (10:30)

Lectors: **May 1** Gail Heitz (8:00); Gayle Ford (10:30)
May 8 Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Justin Beers (10:30)
May 15 Mike Heitz (8:00); Phil Pflaumer (10:30)
May 22 Peggy Thomin (8:00); Ron Alcorn (10:30)
May 29 Anita Snyder (8:00); Thelma Martin (10:30)

Greeters: **May 1** Joan Cunningham (10:30)
May 8 Angie Lauer & family (10:30)
May 15 Volunteer needed (10:30)
May 22 Ken & Shari Gerold (10:30)
May 29 Joe & Joni Copas (10:30)

Eucharist **May 1** Stephanie Heitz, Tillie Adams (8:00); Marge Withrow, Shari Gerold (10:30)
Assistants: **May 8** Anita Snyder, Tom Toman (8:00); Ken & Shari Gerold (10:30)
May 15 Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Phil Pflaumer, Kathy Chambers (10:30)
May 22 Tom & Barb Toman (8:00); Shari Gerold, Carolyn Soupene (10:30)
May 29 Anita Snyder, Wayne Huston (8:00); Ken Gerold, Kathy Chambers (10:30)

Radio: **May 1** Lou Robinson
May 8 Greg Allen
May 15 Ron Alcorn
May 22 Kevin Heitz
May 29 Volunteer Needed

Nursery: Samantha Bowling

Bulletin **May 6** Joan Boling
Stuffers: **May 13** Tom & Barb Toman
May 20 Thelma Martin
May 27 Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart

Offering **May 1** Steve Herget
Counters: **May 8** Mike Engel, Lori Rehm
May 15 Steve Herget
May 22 Eric Grunwald
May 29 Eric Grunwald

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