

Zion United Church of Christ

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*Whoever you are,
wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Pastor's Musings

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who revere God,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do God's commandments.**

Psalm 103 17-18

This year has some interesting intersections of everyday and spiritual life. We will be beginning Lent by hosting Ash Wednesday Services at noon and in the evening with our partner churches First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Wednesday the February 14th. Yes, this is correct, Valentine's Day is also Ash Wednesday this year. Following the noon service, we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Even though it will be the beginning of Lent, which has the historical liturgical color of purple, I would not be surprised to see some of the decorations in red and pink of Valentine's Day in the Fellowship Hall (I might be a bit sad if I don't see this!) But purple also brings to mind contemplations on Alice Walker's work, **The Color Purple**. Enrich your everyday and spiritual life during Black History Month by watching, reading, and reflecting on **the Color Purple**. **Contemplating Mystery**, our Lenten series leads us into deeper work on mindful living and the practice of the compassion of Christ. Our lives are deeply imbedded in both "everyday-ness" and spirituality. Continue with our Epiphany Prayer:

Holy Uncreated Light;

Shine in me, with me, and through me.

May Love Divine guide me: guard my intentions.

Give me gentleness and compassion in all of my interactions.

AMEN

And begin our Lenten Prayer on Ash Wednesday:

Holy Sustainer;

Oh Ruah, Breath of God, breath in me, with me, and through me.

May Love Divine guide me: guard my intentions.

Give me kindness and strength in faith, contemplation, and action.

AMEN

We will also be engaging in celebration of 160 years together as a congregation on Sunday February 25, 2018 in our 10:30 am service followed a special Agape Meal. Our Conference Minister, the Reverend Doctor Ginny Brown Daniel will be our special guest preacher. We hope to have others who have served, held and hold membership and friendship with us for this special service.

160 Years of Zion United Church of Christ in St. Joseph Missouri! Halleluiah!

Much Love,

Kimi



Thank you



Thanks to Shelley Kirschner I have received from you ladies a truly wonderful gift in the prayer quilt. I plan to keep it out all year round because:

- it keeps me warm
- it calms me
- I like fingering the knots for the prayers and for those who tied them on my behalf.
- Christmas should be celebrated every day

When one faces an illness, not everything is bad, if we are mindful of those who have put themselves on our team. And, this quilt is a reminder that faith, prayer and positives all help mind, body and soul to heal and work together.

Sure there might be some (—) words, but the best ones are faith, family and friends.

Thank you again,

Kathy Miller



Wallace Prawl also sends his thanks for his quilt.

Quilting Ladies,
Thank you so very much!!
Samuel Smith

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Bonnie Hecker in the death of her granddaughter Lacey (Brian's daughter). She passed away Monday, January 22, leaving her husband and two small sons.

Our Beloved Marge Buescher passed January 30. Our heartfelt condolences to her son Keith and his family. Service is under direction of Meierhoffer Funeral Home. Marge will be dearly missed.



Ash Wednesday Service will be February 14th at Zion UCC Church with First Christian and Frist Presbyterian participating. Refreshments and fellowship will start at 6:00 pm with cookies, coffee and tea. Service will start at 7:00 pm



160 Years Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendar for February 25th. Zion Church will be celebrating 160 years in St. Joseph. Please plan on celebrating with us with a special church service and lunch following.

Souper Sunday February 4.

Please bring soup or money for Souper Bowl Sunday. The donations will be given to Inter-Serv.

Congregational meeting will be Sunday February 4 following the church service. We will have a light lunch with soup along with the meeting. Please plan on attending , we need everyone 's thoughts and ideas.

The gym is finally getting some extra use. We rented the gym for the last six week to a girls basketball team for practice twice a week. Now the Missouri River Rollers are using it for roller derby practice. We still have dates open for more activities.

Congratulations to new grandmother Mitzi on the birth of her grandson Alden Alexander Tedlock. Born on January 22.



Black History Month Facts

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Harriet Tubman

Cathay Williams was the one and only female Buffalo Soldier, posing as a man named William Cathay to enlist in the 38th infantry in 1866. She served for two years before a doctor discovered that she was a woman, leading to her discharge.

Both Condoleezza Rice and Martin Luther King, Jr. started college when they were just 15 years old. She studied political science at the University of Denver; he majored in sociology at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Journalist Ida Wells-Barnett refused to give up her railcar seat for a white man in 1884, and bit a conductor on the hand when he tried to force her. She was dragged off the train. She sued the railroad and initially won, but the decision was overturned.

The media made the Black Panthers notorious for their Afros, dark apparel, and willingness for armed self-defense, but their manifesto for change launched programs that benefited black communities nationwide, like free dental care, breakfast for low-income children, even drama classes.

Black ingenuity helped devise creative — and effective — plans to escape enslavement. In 1848, husband-and-wife team William and Ellen Craft made it to the North, and eventually England, when she dressed as a white man and he posed as one of her slaves. A year later, Henry “Box” Brown literally mailed himself to freedom in a shipping box during a 27-hour trip from Richmond to Philadelphia.

The hair brush, lawn mower, cellphone, refrigerator, and — thank heavens — the air conditioner were all the fruits of African-American inventors’ creative laboring.



LITURGIST

Volunteer needed

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Communion Prep

Betty Davis

Birthdays

- 5 Brinnin Bolinger
- 12 George Kirschner
Bellamy Crowley
- 18 Ava Robinson
- 22 Dan Ramming

Anniversaries for February

- 16 Bill & Naomi Cornelius

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<https://zionuccsaintjoseph.com>

AGAPE DINNER - February 25
Celebrating Zion's 160 years
Birthday



Messenger deadline is the 20th of each month. If your item is received after the 20th, it will not be included until the following month.
Submit items electronically to zion-churchoffice@yahoo.com **OR** place items in the basket on the counter in the church office. Thank you.



February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9:00 Quilting	2	3 Linda S. 10-3
4 Communion 10:30 Worship Souper Bowl & Mtg.	5	6	7	8 9:00 Quilting	9	10
11 10:30 Worship Cleaning Sunday	12	13	14 Ash Wednes- day 7:00pm	15 9:00 Quilting YWCA 5:00 pm	16	17
18 10:30 Worship	19	20	21	22 9:00 Quilting	23	24
25 160 Years Anniv. 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lunch	26	27	28 E4E6:30 pm			