

Zion United Church of Christ

Traci Blackmon urges global audience of religious leaders in Rome to lead with love

The Rev. Traci Blackmon, representing the United Church of Christ, addressed a global gathering of religious leaders in Rome this week bearing witness to the role of the church in the call to intervention and justice. The Executive Minister of Justice and Witness Ministries, at the conference "Xenophobia, Racism and Populist Nationalism in the Context of Global Migration" called for a renewed commitment by the Church to speak out against racism, white supremacy and a society that "favors some of God's creation over others."

In a twenty minute presentation, Blackmon urged world leaders from over 1,000 Christian, Muslim and Hindu traditions to step out on faith. She said that, as the Church, we need to be political, but not partisan, to combat the oppression that many Black and Brown people continue to face today.

"There are those who will say the church should not be political. Indeed, we have heard such phrases even as we gather here to talk about justice. But I disagree. The very birth of the Christ child was both a holy and political act," Blackmon said. "The Jesus story, in its historical context, reveals both human terror and divine grace, both human suffering and supernatural deliverance. The Jesus described in the Bible had more in common with the children of refugees born today than we might be comfortable imagining. Jesus was an Afro-Semitic Palestinian whose family was displaced due to terror and political turmoil. The church of Jesus the Christ cannot be apolitical. There is no middle of the road on matters of injustice.

Addressing the church's role in the call to justice, Blackmon also encouraged those gathered to speak out against harmful policies, like the United States cap on refugee admissions, and current immigration policies "that criminalize the quest of others for a better life and separates children from their parents at the border."

Blackmon appealed to the group to live by and lead with love. "A moral law by which all people of faith must live. And that law is LOVE! We are people of Faith. People of faith must lead with LOVE. People of faith must legislate with LOVE. People of faith must be governed by LOVE. People of faith must fight. Always. For LOVE. If it is not LOVE – It is not GOD."

The Rome Conference, September 18-20, was jointly organized by the World Council of Churches and the Vatican's Office for Integral Human Development. The call for Christians – to assert their moral responsibility to say no to racism, xenophobia, exclusion and discrimination, with the two days of discussions aimed at finding ways to do that.

To read the rest of Traci Blackmon's speech go to UCC.org

Upcoming Events

An Evening—You Won't Want to Miss

Saturday—Oct. 6, 2018

Live Auction— Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Gift Baskets & 50/50 Drawing

All you can eat Soup/Chili/Cornbread

Desserts available at additional charge

Reserved Seating \$10.00 per person \$15.00 at the door

Doors open at 4 pm -Eat 5 pm - Auction 6 pm

For tickets or to make donation call 232-5162

YWCA Night October 18, 5:00 to 6:30pm

We will be having a Halloween themed dinner.

Along with making a Halloween craft.

In our efforts to help the YWCA we will be having an ongoing collection for the kids. The workers at the Y gave us a list of items that are always needed. If you can help at anytime here is the list of items needed.

- Mens hygiene products for any older boys
- Ethnic hair care products such as oils and shampoos
- Brushes and hair ties
- Body sprays for teen girls and cologne for teen boys
- We could also use face cleaning wipes, soap with tea tree oil, Sunscreen.



Yoga Teacher Training Class October 13 & 14 (8 to 5)

Steph Abbot will be teaching yoga teacher training at Zion one weekend a month for the next six months. Along with this, she is offering a yoga class open to the public, with proceeds going to Zion.

Steph Abbott with St. Joseph Give Back Community Yoga Project will be teaching a Community yoga class.

Donation Yoga Class open to all levels on October 13th 9:30—10:30 am at Zion UCC. Donation

\$5.00 per person. All proceeds go to Zion UCC. All are welcome., no one will be turned away. We look forward to seeing you.



Thank You



Zion Church,

We thank all of you for kind expressions of sympathy and cards in remembrance of my husband, Bill “Poppy” Cornelius.

He loved all the sweet treats I would bring home every Thursday from the quilting ladies. As we were doing dishes, Marge was cleaning up leftovers and would say “Now this is for Billie”.

In Christ

Love,

Naomi and family

Dear Zion Quilters,

Thank you for the “Wonderful quilt” I absolutely love it and have it hanging. I won’t let anyone use it...not even me. I am so proud of it , I just want to look at it.

Yes, my granddaughter is still with me. I don’t know for how long; I think she needs a break soon.

Tadge Ross

Thank you ladies for the beautiful quilt you worked so hard to sew for me and with my name on it too!! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

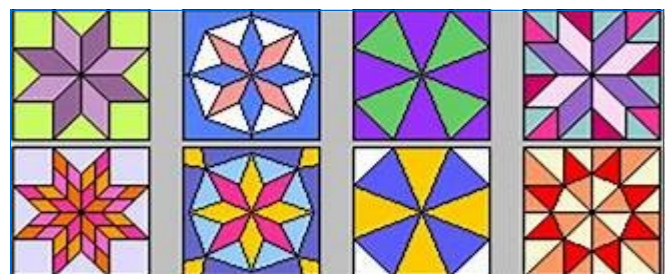
Michael Black

God Bless All

Thank you, so much, for the beautiful quilt. I can’t thank you all enough for thinking of me. I use it all the time.

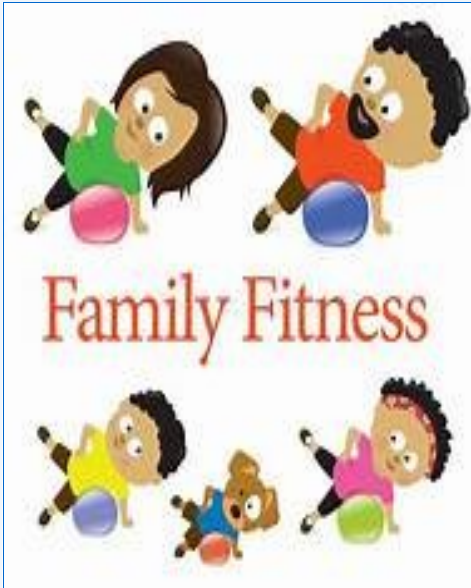
Prayers and Best Wishes for you all,

Janet S. Cooperider





ZION NEWS



October 6 10:00am to 11:00 am

Families are invited to Generation Pound to unleash creativity, exercise and ROCK OUT. Please bring a yoga mat and children must be accompanied by an adult. Suggested \$10 donation per family at Zion church in the gym.

Donations toward the future of Zion have been made by the following::

- Sam Crowley
- Bill and Sharon Luce
- Norma Klemme
- Lora Crowley
- Howard Schenk
- Anna Lou Hunzinger
- Susan Thornton
- Steven Karrasch
- Ralph and Diana Henderson
- Debbie Medley
- Shelley Kirschner
- Jim and Diana Maag
- Margo Prentiss

The kitchen has a new ceiling and new paint. Now the final touches of cleaning cabinets, counters and floor. Very soon we will be offering our kitchen for commercial use to the community. Thank you everyone for your generous help in working so hard to make this possible. We are truly blessed!

AGAPE DINNER OCT 21ST
CHILI/SOUP WITH FIXIN'S

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LITURGIST

Volunteer needed

Usher

Volunteer needed

Communion Prep

James Maag

October Birthdays

6 Elliot Tyo

10 Stephanie Davis Crowley

11 Michelle Davis Robinson

25 Bonnie Hoecker

27 Donna Minton

30 Matt McBeth

31 Fred Schneider

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[https://
zionuccsaintjoseph.com](https://zionuccsaintjoseph.com)



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 zionchurchoffice@yahoo.com OR place items in the basket on the counter in the church office.

Thank you.



October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 PET 6 pm	3	4 9:00 Quilting	5	6 Christmas in October Doors open at 4:00pm
7 Communion Choir 9:00	8	9	10	11 9:00 Quilting	12	13 Yoga Teacher Training 8-5 Supper 6:30
14 Choir 9:00 Worship 10:30 Council Meeting Yoga Teacher Training	15	16 Historic Foundation 7:00	17	18 9:00 Quilting YWCA 5-6:30	19	20
21 Choir 9:00 Worship 10:30 Agape lunch	22	23	24 E4E 630pm	25 9:00 Quilting	26	27
28 Choir 9:00 Worship 10:30	29	30	31 Halloween			