

# 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* 

**Be filled with the Holy Spirit as you sing psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to God in your heart. Give thanks to God, the Creator at all times for everything in the name of Jesus Christ our Sovereign.**

**Ephesians 5:20 (paraphrase)**

September brings us into the rhythm of Autumn but still looks and feels like Summer. Students, teachers, and school workers have returned to school and university. Some of the organized folk among us have either started their Christmas shopping or even completed it! But we are still wearing our Summer clothes and are checking the weather reports for one last heat wave. Hoping it will not be during St. Joe Pride week September 13-15<sup>th</sup> or other much anticipated September festivals and outdoor celebrations. So as we go about making our transitions and adjustments, September is a good time to remember to be thankful at all times. We have become accustomed to the lush beauty and warmth of Summer as though it will never be cold or icy again. Savoring the ease and brilliance of September and marveling at the wonder of God's Good Creation all around us and in us gives us a spiritual practice of singing out loud and internally of the Glory of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. And maybe the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs you sing sound a bit like the sounds of Summer, Autumn, and the oncoming Sovereignty of God. AMEN

Much Love,

Kimi

# Upcoming Events

## **FINDING THE FAITH**

The Center for Multicultural Education at MWSU invites you to an ice cream social Tuesday, September 4th, at 11 o'clock Rooms 219-219, Blum Student Union. It concludes about 1 o'clock.

Designed to introduce students to local religious organizations, churches, and other faith-based organizations, it is an opportune time to tell students about Zion, where we are located, and what we are about.

Check with Pastor Kimi. Let's have a good representation!

## **Come and help up celebrate Pride Weekend in St. Joseph**

Thursday September 13, 2018 6:30 pm Community St. Joe Pride Service hosted by Zion UCC

Friday and Saturday September 14-15, 2018 St. Joe Pride at Coleman Hawkins Park

## **Jewels of St. Joseph Annual Homes Tour September 16, 2018**

Zion will be on the St Joseph Preservation annual home tours September 16 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. This is our first time on the tour. We will be showcasing Zion's history and architecture. Cookies and water will be available. Anyone with history they would like to share please sent it to Zion's email or mail to church. If you would like to be a docent for this event please contact church at 232-7009.

Friday September 21, 2018 Evening with "WHOSOEVER", Community of F.A.I.T.H "Fnding answers in the Hurt". For more information check their website.

<https://teamwhosoever.com>

Sunday September 22, 2018 Special Guest in Worship and with Discussion following with Rev. Tyler Connoley, Minister of Search & Call Discernment and co-author of "The Children Are Free". Potluck dinner to follow the worship service.



# Thank You

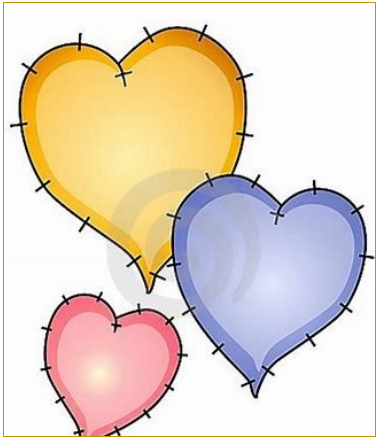


Dear Zion Church Quilters,

Thank you so much for the prayer quilt you crated for my daughter, Morgan Thomas. Millie delivered it to us when I was home in Missouri for a couple of days. My daughter takes a nap with it and it brings her comfort knowing she is being prayed for.

Please keep her in your prayers.

Renee Pasley Beggs



Thank you for your donation to our food pantry! InterServ Staff

## YWCA Night at Zion Sept 21 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Along with our outreach with the YWCA We will be collecting hygiene products for the children. This will be an ongoing project. The following is a list of the items they need on a regular basis;

- Mens hygiene products for any older boys we get
- 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

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 September 15th 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.



## NEW BEGINNINGS FOR ZION

The congregation of Zion is dedicated to do everything we can to save the church. We can no longer ignore the fact that our expenses are exceeding our revenue. We have been averaging having to take approximately \$5,000 out of the Memorial Fund every other month just to meet expenses. At the current rate of withdrawal, our funds will be exhausted within a year.

The congregation has taken several steps to increase our revenue. Our goal is to have the church help provide us with needed income. We are beginning to rent out space within the church to interested individuals and groups. We hosted a Historic Preservation Workshop and plan on hosting another one in December. Our gym is showing growing interest and we look forward to renting it out to a variety of different groups. We are in the process of turning our kitchen into a commercial grade facility. We hope to rent this out to caterers, food trucks and others who could benefit from use of a commercial kitchen. We continue to offer our space for weddings, anniversary parties and groups who may want to rent part of our facility.

We are going to continue to offer fund raisers to help raise money for the church. Our next fund raiser will be a Christmas in October event. It will be October 6th and will feature Christmas trees, wreaths and baskets. These items will be auctioned off and we will have food and drink available for purchase.

These projects will hopefully allow the church in the long run to meet our financial needs. Many of these fund raising projects will require some time to bear fruit and the problem is time may run out before the church can generate enough revenue to continue operations. With that in mind, we are starting a stewardship campaign hoping that current members as well as those who would like to support Zion and may have fond memories of the church to donate to our New Beginnings campaign. Many of you have received a letter in regards to this effort and we hope that you will consider making a donation to the church. We have already had a few donations come in but we need many more people to step up. The outcome of this fund raiser may well determine whether or not Zion will have the time to continue its mission. We will list each month those who have made contributions to our New Beginnings campaign. Anyone who donates \$100 or more will have their name, or a name in honor or memory of a person, put on a plaque that will be placed in the church. We are proud of the history of our church and its service to the community and we want to see it continue.

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

Sam Crowley

Bill and Sharon Luce

Norma Klemme



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Volunteer needed

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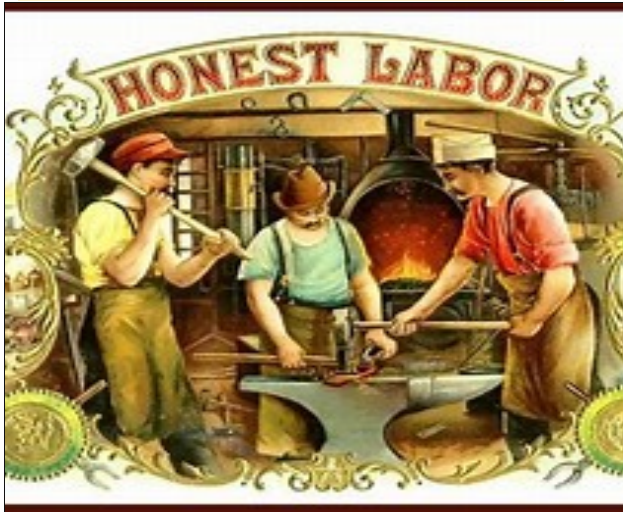
**Communion Prep**

Betty Davis

**September Birthdays**

- 2 Melody Boring
- 3 Margo Prentiss
- 13 Kenneth Smith
- 14 Debbie Medley
- 18 Annaliese Griffith
- 21 Kimi Yokoyama
- 26 Mitzi Teliczan

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



**Anniversaries for September**

- 5 Matt & Katherine McBeth
- 7 Norman & Melody Boring
- 25 Fred & Melody Schneider

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](mailto:zionchurchoffice@yahoo.com) **OR** place items in the basket on the counter in the church office.

Thank you.



# September 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Communion 10:30 Worship	3	4 11:00am MWSC	5	6 Quilting 9:00	7	8 SUPPER 6:30
9 10:30 Worship Council Meeting	10	11 Pet 6:00 pm	12	13 Quilting 9:00 Pride 6:30 pm	14 Pride Weekend	15 Pride Weekend
16 10:30 Worship Church Tour 12—5	17	18	19	20 Quilting 9:00 YWCA 5-6:30 pm	21	22
23 10:30 Worship Potluck lunch	24	25	26 E4E 6:30 pm	27 Quilting 9:00	28	29
30 10:30 Worship						