

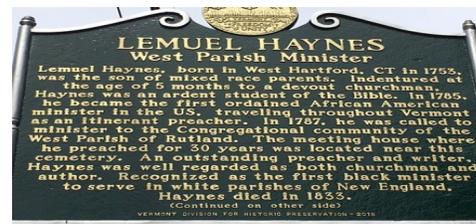
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UCC Roots—Remembering our History

Lemuel Haynes: Recognized in Vermont in 2018

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He was an illegitimate child in Puritan New England. His mother was a white servant girl and his father was an African slave. A few months after his birth in West Hartford, CT his mother abandoned him and he spent his early years as an indentured servant. Yet Lemuel Haynes (1753-1833) is someone to remember. Last fall, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation dedicated a Historical Marker to honor his life and thought. His story is part of our UCC past.

After his indenture expired, during the Revolutionary War Haynes served as a "minuteman." Later he studied with clergy to become a minister and was ordained in 1785 — the first African-American minister ordained in a mainstream denomination in the United States.

For two years, Haynes served a Congregational church in Torrington, CT. New members were joining the church and although he was well received, racial prejudice among some influential members prevented his installation. Finally, in 1788, he moved his family to the wild frontier of Vermont where he became pastor at West Parish of Rutland. His church grew from 42 members to about 350 during his thirty-year ministry. He was a black pastor in a white church and Vermont was a society of independent settlers.

Haynes preached and wrote about the slavery issue repeatedly. When white Christians wanted to liberate slaves and send them back to Africa (the Colonization movement), Haynes argued that the revolutionary war promised "liberty" for all Americans. He wrote extensively about how combining "Republican ideas" and "Calvinistic theology" could end slavery and cultivate interracial accord. By blending new American political convictions and longstanding Christian theological ideas, Haynes insisted that freeing slaves would do more than simply liberate them. Rather, ending slavery would provide happiness and security for all citizens throughout the new nation. Haynes never faltered in his efforts to convince people of the "equality of all [humanity] before God."

Contributor: Bill Whiteman



Zion Prayer List

Last updated for January 2022

Melvin and Susan Zion, Sue Vetter, prayers for Diana and Jim Maag in the passing of her mother, Setsuko, John Slaughter, Sadie Brown (Julian’s mother) Vince Crowley for kidney transplant, Nick Brown (Millie’s grandson), prayers for Ben’s parents, Kenneth Dantzler, Corbin on transplant list, Gavin Wood, 7 yr old, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma on his neck, Pat Nunn, Michael Patch’s mom has breast cancer, Cohen at Children’s Mercy, Debbie Coats, Reece Doyle, Sharon Smith, Sondra Quick, Cheri and Rick Miller, Ruth Fisher, Kim Medley, Corbin Fletchel, born premature, taken to Children’s Mercy, his parents Lindsey & Scotty, pray for Zion UCC, children of our community, and praying for no war.

If you have prayer concerns, joys, or announcements in general please let the office know. It is imperative that we reach out to our church family during this time away from each other. If you need to request a prayer quilt, please call Lora Ellen at 816-341-4037. Work is still being done to keep up with quilt requests. If you have any changes to the above prayer list, please call the office and leave a message. Thank you



Our deepest sympathy to Diana and Jim Maag. Diana’s mother, Setsuko Collings passed this month in Arizona.

Pat Nunn and family in the death of his wife Laura Rose. Pat and Laura were long time members of Zion Church .

Christmas 2021 Poinsettias

In memory of our parents and grandparents Jim and Doris Bennett
and mother and grandmother, Julia Kirschner

-From George, Shelley and Cody Kirschner

In memory of Fred and Jean Schneider

-From Debbie, Duane, Megan and Jack

In memory of Benjamin and Helen Prentiss

-From Margo Prentiss

In memory of Clarence and Virginia

-From C.J. and Sue Vetter

In memory of Helen Wallace Station and Kathy L. Nunn

-From Pat and Laura Rose Nunn

Gifts to General Fund

George, Shelley and Cody Kirschner

Pat and Laura Rose Nunn

In memory of George and Alice Mossmann

-From Armin and Norma Klemme and family

Gifts to Community Missions

George, Shelley and Cody Kirschner



Outreach Projects for Zion Church

Zion is a participant in the following local community organizations. All donations and help is greatly appreciated.

Inter-Serv donations of food.

Empty medicine bottle, donations to Health Dept.

YWCA donations of toiletries.

Haven House Meal - Preparing a meal and serving to the men of Haven House. The next meal at Haven House will be January 17

Annual Congregational meeting will be January 23 following church.



Hat and Mitten tree is still up!

All donated items will be given to the local schools for children who are in need. We will be collecting these items thru the middle of January.

A big Thank You to Duane Medley for changing out the light bulbs in the gym and church. It is greatly appreciated by everyone, especially the children who use the gym.





January Birthdays

- 1 Don Bisig
- 14 Gabe DeShon
- 15 Duane Medley
- 19 Kyle Rehm
- 24 Lux McBeth

Take the first step in faith.
 You don't have to see the
 whole staircase, just take the
 first step."
 – Martin Luther King, Jr.



“Kindness is like
 snow, it beautifies
 everything it covers.”
 Kuhlile Gibram

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Messenger deadline is the 25th of each month. If your item is received after the 25th, 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.



January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Happy New Year
2 Lay speaker Bill Luce	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Communion	10	11	12	13	14	15 Shelley Fellowship Hall
16 Council Meeting	17	18 Shelley Fellowship Hall	19	20	21	22
23 Congregational meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					