

# THE JOURNEY

## FEBRUARY 2017



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### Zion at Work in the World: February Giving Opportunities

Zion participates in several mission opportunities throughout each month. Here are the ways you can make a difference during the upcoming month.

- February 5: Food donations for the Food Pantry of Geary County
- February 12: Quarter collection for Heifer International
- February 19: "Helper" Sunday for Wheels of HOPE

*Grace and peace on the journey,  
Rev. Nikki Woolsey*

*"Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.  
Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways."*

*Psalm 119:1-3*

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## February Lectionary

### February 5

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9 (9-12)

Psalms 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

*Restoring Beauty*

### February 12

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

*From the Heart*

### February 19

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

*Expanding Boundaries*

### February 26

Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2 or 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

*Dazzling Reign*



*"Then your light shall  
break forth like the dawn,  
and healing shall spring  
up quickly; your  
vindicator shall go before  
you, the glory of the  
LORD shall be your rear  
guard.*

Isaiah 58:8



**The Journey  
Prints  
Feb. 24th for  
March**

## Consistory Highlights

Dec. 7, 2016

Treasurers and Financial secretary's reports page

Memorial fund: 12,526.25 as of 11/30/16

Pastors Report: thank you note from Arnie & Jean Boyd, KO conference survey

Building Team: check list for cleaning of the church

Formation Team: Christmas program

Old Business: Aaron & Lindsey will be going off consistory

New Business: Beth Miller left a life insurance policy to the church. Dish-washer not working. Copy of budget available in office. Possibility of basketball goal put up in parking lot.

Next meeting Jan. 4

## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Guild met at noon on Jan. 6 in Fellowship Hall. Ruth, Janette, and Lane hosted. There were six members present.

Janette presided over the business meeting. Judy shared a story, "It pays to think out of the box".

The minutes were read and approved. Lane, treasurer, reported a balance of \$326.29 as of Jan 1, 2017. Under communications: Ruth read notes from the Crisis Center of Manhattan and the Emmaus Home asking for contributions.

Committee reports: Adv in Reading: Lane shared two stories from the book "Between Heaven and Mirth" in memory of Phyllis Ritter. Everyone agreed that the stories represented Phyllis well!

Outreach: Judy read a thank you from Every Child's Hope, thanking the Guild for the two \$25 gift cards for our two children.

Cards: Lane sent out cards for the January birthdays

Fellowship Coffee: The sign up sheet was passed around for the upcoming months of 2017. Guild will serve coffee hour on Jan. 8.

Old business: Not as many poinsettias were purchased by the congregation as previous years. Guild paid the difference. 32 were ordered with 23 purchased.

New business: Lane moved that the Guild purchase gift cards to our two families we sponsor monthly. Judy seconded. Motion carried. The chili-soup dinner was discussed. It was decided to keep the \$3.00 price for the children's ticket but the increase the adult ticket from \$6 to \$7. Lane will prepare a sign up sheet for the church members and friends to donate items and work during the day of the dinner. Set up will be 1:00 pm on Jan. 27. Our next meeting will be held on Feb 3 with Ruth and Jill hosting.

## Outreach



### Heifer International

The second Sunday of the month we collect quarters for Heifer International. The Children of Zion collected \$60.30 in January. YTD \$60.30

**THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT.**

### **GARDENER'S BASKET HELPS BUILD SUSTAINABLE FARMS**

This garden basket gift features tree seedlings, rabbits, chickens and a hive of bees as part of an integrated farming approach. Training consists of animal care, fertilization and growing techniques.

Your Gardener's Gift Basket donation:

- Boosts production by providing compost and fertilizer
- Provides organic pest control as chickens get rid of bugs and worms
- Pollinates crops for a more abundant harvest

**Malnutrition is a very real problem for families suffering from poverty, one that claims the lives of many children each year. When you donate a garden, you enable families to support themselves with a healthy, balanced diet. Garden baskets make ideal gifts for gardeners.**

### Fill the Hunger Cart

On the first Sunday of January the Hunger Grocery cart was filled with **36lbs.** of food for the Food Pantry. **YTD 36lbs of food**

In 2016 we gathered 719 lbs of food, can we in 2017 increase that amount?

The shelves are getting bare at the Food Pantry, they really need our help!

Please add a few items to your weekly shopping list.



### Helper Sunday

On the 3rd Sunday of the month we collect Chicken and/or Tuna Helper with a can of chicken or tuna to help feed the hungry in our local community. February's date is the 19th.



## Zion News

### **Leadership Positions for 2017**

After the annual meeting on January 22, two leadership positions will be available on the Consistory as Aaron Jacobsen and Lindsey Snider complete their terms. If you are interested in serving on the primary leadership board of Zion, please contact a member Consistory.

### **Tax Documents for 2016**

If you would like a document to confirm your 2016 giving to Zion for tax purposes, please contact Tammy Altwegg who serves as the Financial Secretary on behalf of the Consistory.

### **“Honest Abe” Potluck Sunday February 12th.**

Dust off your recipes and bring your favorite dish for a fun filled time of fellowship after worship service on the 12th.

### **Pastoral Visitation**

If you would like to request a home visit from Rev. Nikki Woolsey, please contact the church office to schedule a date. Also, please contact the church if you an upcoming scheduled hospitalization. You can also reach Nikki on her cell phone at 913-221-7700.

*“For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor. The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.”*

*Psalm 112: 6-9*



## News from K-O Conference

### **Save the Date for 2017 Annual Meeting**

The KO Annual Meeting in 2017 will be a bit like 2016- same place, same time! We will meet at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita and the dates will be the third weekend in October. The meeting will be called to order on Friday afternoon at 1:00pm October 20 and adjourn no later than 4:00pm Saturday, October 21. More details to come throughout the year.

### **Resources for Your Use**

- Did you see the new UCC video that was released last week? [Here's a direct link to the Trading Places video.](#)
- New updated directories of churches and authorized ministers and those serving in positions in KO are available online; [use this link.](#)
- The 2017 OCWM form is also [online here.](#)
- Still thinking about engaging your congregation in the curriculum on White Privilege? It's not too late to contact Nancy Eggen as she is finalizing the date for the next training session. [Contact Nancy Eggen.](#)
- If your congregation is interested in support in planning a course, book study, or a retreat related to personal spiritual growth, remember that the KO Minister for Spiritual Life is available to assist you. [Contact Heather Coates.](#)

*“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘ He catches the wise in their craftiness,’ and again, ‘ The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise that they are futile.’ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future– all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.”*

*1Corinthians 3:16-23*

## *News from K-O Conference*

### **Friends of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference**

Written by Mark Van Dorn



I am excited to bring to you a new opportunity to accentuate your faith in the regional setting of our beloved church in the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference.

Your Conference Council voted at their last meeting to establish a financial conduit that you can use to give a Second Mile gift. The idea stemmed from an un-choreographed testimony from Reverend Elenore McCormick that resulted in some 20-people standing and pledging \$300 to the conference in unrestricted funds. Realizing that there appeared to be a desire for stewardship that had never had a vehicle in which it could flourish, the council established the Friends of the Conference.

Friends of the Conference will be an unrestricted fund that will be used by the conference council to fund programming, development, or any other need that the council deems worthy on behalf of the KO Conference.

This is intended to be a way for you to give beyond your normal tithes and gifts. It is not intended to replace your giving to your local church but to be a way to augment it. Since it's a gift directly to the conference, it does not affect our OCWM giving or receiving.

The council took this idea one step further and is extending the opportunity to businesses as well. Does your employer have a matching gift program that supports your chosen charities? Does your employer have a corporate policy that might align with the United Church of Christ and therefore would appreciate supporting our kind of mission and vision? If the answer is yes, we have created a way for that faithfulness to come alive.

The Kansas Oklahoma Conference vision statement is, "As a beloved community in Christ, we extend God's extravagant welcome, connect churches, and transform lives." Every decision your council makes is through this filter fully realizing our ultimate purpose is to support our local churches. We are excited about the possibilities unrestricted funds would give us in the pursuit of this vision.

I urge you to prayerfully consider this opportunity. The link below can be found on our website and in each newsletter. If your employer or a business you may be aware of might like to be a part of this, please pass it on to them or contact Edith, or myself, and we will reach out to them.

As the chair of Finance and Stewardship, my door is always open to you, your ideas, and your concerns. I humbly ask for your prayers for myself and our committee as we try to discern what our Savior calls us to be as a conference through our finances in support of our local churches and their missions and visions.

For now, Peace and Light, and a joyous and Happy New Year from my family to yours.



*News from the United Church of Christ*

**UCC Video, Trading Places, emphasizes interfaith unity**



Dear Friends,

Today we are releasing an important new United Church of Christ video titled, "[Trading Places](#)".

If you listen to most news cycles or political speeches of late, you would be left with the clear impression that people of different faiths not only hate each other, but they do so because their faith leaves them no other option.

We want difference to be perceived as beauty and not as threat.

"[Trading Places](#)" shines a light on religious bigotry in a unique way—by depicting religious leaders of different faiths experiencing the power of walking in one another's shoes –and into one another's houses of worship.

This video is intended to tell the world who we are in the United Church of Christ and what we dream of.

If you care about interfaith understanding and building a world free of religious intolerance, you will share this message.

I am personally urging you today to share this video as widely as you can.

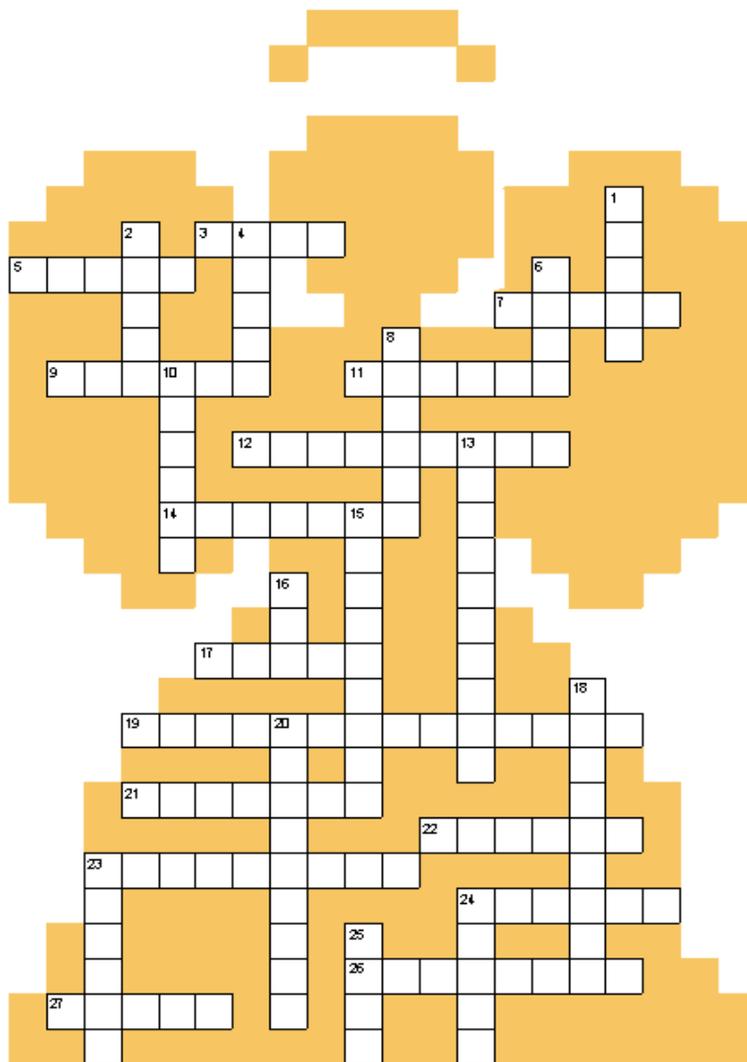
Share it on your social media, embed it in your blog or website, email it to friends.

If it opens up the heart of another to love in new ways; if it inspires the just peace we are committed to—then God be praised!

Shalom,

John C. Dorhauer  
General Minister and President  
United Church of Christ

# Those Who've Met Angels



Across

Down

3. He saw an angel come down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit
5. The angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness in the way to Shur
7. He wrestled with one and would not let go until he was blessed
9. An angel of the Lord called him a "mighty man of valor."
11. God sent an angel into the lions' den with him to shut the lions' mouths
12. This priest could not speak after being visited by the angel Gabriel
14. Three angels visited him and warned him of Sodom's doom
17. An angel woke him and led him out of prison; he thought he was seeing a vision
19. This Babylonian king saw the angel in the fiery furnace with Shadrech, Meshach, and Abednego
21. This beggar was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom
22. He and his wife saw an angel ascend in the flame of the fire of their burnt offering
23. While they were working in the fields at night, angels told them about the birth of the Christ
24. An angel told him to take the young child and his mother into Egypt
26. These guys were arrested, but an angel opened the prison doors and told them to preach in the temple
27. An angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush

1. The angel of the Lord smote him and killed him because he did not glorify God
2. He saw the angel that was sent to destroy Jerusalem after he had numbered the people
4. He and his four sons were threshing wheat when he saw the angel that was sent to destroy Jerusalem
6. An angel of the Lord appeared to him on a ship and told him that everyone would survive the shipwreck
8. God let his donkey speak and warn him of the angel sent to oppose him
10. An angel of the Lord woke him from his sleep under the juniper tree
13. God sent His angel to lead these people into the promised land
15. The angel of the Lord struck and killed 185,000 of these people when they went to attack Jerusalem
16. Two angels led him and his family out of Sodom
18. An angel sitting on a stone told this Mary and another one that Jesus had risen
20. An angel told this Roman centurion to send men to Joppa for Simeon Peter
23. An angel told his mother that she would give birth to one who could not cut his hair
24. Angels strengthened Him as He prayed in the garden
25. The angel Gabriel told her that she would be the mother of the Christ

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Online Giving at Zion UCC

Members of the congregation have the ability to donate online through a secure portal. Donating online eliminates the need to write a check to the church. Online giving is an easy process to establish, and gifts November be changed as desired. Online giving can be accomplished in single payments or as repeat scheduled payments. Below is the link

<https://smartpay.profitstars.com/express/zionuccpp>

If you have any questions or need the additional instructions, please contact the church office at 785-238-5732.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Zion United Church of Christ!

- 1-Feb Orella Gfeller
- 7-Feb Payton Tabb
- 9-Feb Angie Roesler
- 9-Feb Cade Snider
- 10-Feb Venice Facklam
- 12-Feb Paige Altwegg
- 15-Feb Patty Maycroft
- 24-Feb Jessie Heiman
- 26-Feb Steve Altwegg



24-Feb Doug & Janette Vogelsang



*“You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”*

*Leviticus 19:15-18*



# February



# 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<i>1</i> Clergy practice group, Topeka Choir 6:00 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	<i>2</i> KO conference call, 2 pm	<i>3</i> Women's Fellowship 12:00 pm	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>Celebration of Holy Communion</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>  Choir 6:00 pm	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> KO council meeting
<i>12</i> <i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>Heifer International Sunday</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am #GodSquad 4:00 pm	<i>13</i>  Team meetings as needed	<i>14</i>  	<i>15</i>  Choir 6:00 pm	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> <i>7th Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>"Helper" Sunday for Wheels of</i> HOPE Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	<i>20</i> Pastor Relations Team, 5:30 pm Formation Team, 6:15pm  Presidents' Day	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>  Choir 6:00 pm	<i>23</i> <i>Articles due for</i> <i>the March</i> <i>Journey</i>	<i>24</i> March <i>"The Journey"</i> prints	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> <i>Transfiguration</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am #GodSquad 4:00 pm	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>				

## Serving Zion

\*\* Note the change in the layout\*\*

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
Feb. 5	Vern & Doris Steffens	Caleb Snider & Steve Altwegg	Ruth Gfeller
Feb. 12	Mike & Karen Malec	Anson Jacobsen & Nate Green	Honest Abe Potluck
Feb. 19	Deb & Aaron Jacobsen	Vern Steffens & Steve Green	Deb & Aaron Jacobsen
Feb. 26	Selesa & Panisia	Scott & Tammy Altwegg	Lane Bitterlin

Deacon for February: Jill Schmutz



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