



# THE JOURNEY

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### When One Door Closes Another Opens – God Will Open Another

By Naquan

#### Trusting God When the Door Seems to Be Closing

With so much happening in the world today – the recession, job lost, and etc it seems like all the doors are closing right in front of our faces. It seems like there's no way out of the situation we're in. We pray and pray (day and night) asking God to open up the windows of opportunity for us, but what do you do when all the doors seems to be closed. There's encouragement for you today. When one door closes another opens!

#### When One Door Closes Another Opens

There are times when we pray and ask God for things. "God bless me with a job; give me that promotion at work; help me to pay my bills and etc". We ask God for a lot of things. However, we never ask God to open doors He wants to be open and shut doors He wants to be closed. Today, I'm looking for a job and it seems as though every door is closing on me. Turn down after turn down after turn down. Then I realized that God has something better in store for me. My plans are not always His plans.

#### God Has Another Plan for You

Sometimes the things we pray for aren't the things God has in store for us. Oftentimes, we pray for little things when God wants to bless us with bigger things. Sometimes we pray for God to bless us with the wrong things. I had to encourage myself and tell myself: when one door closes, another one opens.

You may be going through a situation right now feeling as though nothing is working out for your good. You might want to give up and throw the towel in. I want to encourage you today and tell you not to give up.

When God closes one door He opens up another. It could be that God wants you to have or be somewhere else in life. Or that God simply has another route for you to go down. Sometimes we have to hear no in order to get to where God wants us to be. Sometimes door closes not because God is against us, but simply because it's used as a tool to guide us where God wants us to be.

When you feel as though you want to lose hope; don't! You want to give up; don't do it. Know that God is with you. Guiding and ordering your footsteps. He has a specific path *just for you* to travel down but sometimes as children wondering we lose track and go down the wrong path. Because of this, God put road blocks in the wrong paths to get us going down the right path.

#### When One Door Closes Another Door Opens: Final Words

Be encouraged and know that God has the key to open every door; change every situation and open new windows of opportunities. Sometimes, road blocks are there to lead you unto the path Jesus would have you to go; sort of like the yellow and white ink in the street guiding you as you drive to your destination.

Be encouraged and know that God does everything for a reason; not for our downfall, but for our good and to His glory. The road blocks we face is simply God guiding us. Be encouraged in Jesus name knowing that when one door closes another opens. God bless you.

*Grace and peace on the journey*

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United Church of Christ

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## Outreach



### Heifer International

The second Sunday of the month we collect quarters for Heifer International. The Children of Zion collected \$92.33 in May. YTD \$347.51

#### **THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT.**

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

We empower families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity - but our approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Our animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market.

When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.

### Fill the Hunger Cart

On the first Sunday of May the Hunger Grocery cart was filled with **35lbs.** of food for the Food Pantry. **YTD 241 lbs 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. June's date is the 18th.



## Zion News

### **Welcome Erik Graefe**

Zion is pleased to welcome Erik as our supply minister during this time of transition. He will be with us starting May 28. The following is a brief bio from him.

I grew up in Wyoming where I graduated from Riverton High School and began college at Central Wyoming College. I finished my graduate degree at Kansas State and began teaching there in the Speech Department for a little over a decade. I became active at First Congregational in Manhattan during that time and was encouraged to seek licensure as a minister during those years. I did so, and my wife Sheri and I, along with our three children moved to Abilene. Sheri earned her doctorate from KSU, and now teaches at Abilene Middle School. Our oldest, Mary, just completed her first year at KSU. Carly, will be a senior at AHS, and Jackie will begin his freshman year next fall. I served New Basel, UCC as pastor for eight years and have worked at many jobs since. I believe the time has come for me to return to a faith community, and look forward to being a part of Zion.

Erik will be serving us part-time, but will be available for all functions in service to the church. Please be sure to join us in welcoming Erik and his family to the Zion family.

### Women's Fellowship

May 5, 2017

Women's Guild met May 5 with seven ladies enjoying lunch on Janette's screened in porch. Janette and Ruth served pizza, salad and dessert.

Janette presided over the meeting. The minutes were read and approved. Lane, treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,234.77 as of May 1, 2017.

There were no communications.

Committee Reports: Outreach: Judy reported we have a new child, Emily, that will receive help from us with the quarterly gift through Every Child's Hope. Lane will make out one check for the entire summer to help our two local families and Leona will distribute them through the summer months. Cards: Lane is sending out the May birthday cards and ask everyone to let her know of illnesses. Kitchen Supplies: Ruth purchased numerous items.

There was no old business.

New Business: Signup sheets were passed around for hosting next year.

The next meeting will be held on September 1.



**Zion News**

**Zion at Work in the World: June Giving Opportunities**

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

June 4: Food donations for the Food Pantry of Geary County

June 11: Quarter collection for Heifer International

June 18: "Helper" Sunday for Wheels of HOPE

**Consistory Seats Remain Open**  
 Two leadership positions are available on the Consistory which is the primary board of the congregation. This group meets monthly to receive reports and discuss ideas and directions for the life of the church.  
 If you are interested in serving Zion in this way, please contact Wayne Gfeller.

**Are you interested in joining Zion?**

One of the tenets of Zion's mission is to be a welcoming congregation for all people. If you would like to formalize your relationship with Zion through membership, please contact the church office at 785-238-5732



*"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

*Romans 5:1-5*

**Federal Summer Meal Program**

**Kids Eat Free**  
This Summer  
**los niños comen gratis** este verano



- **Free** to all children 18 years of age and younger
- See reverse for your local Summer meal location
- There is no fee or registration
- Milk is served with all meals
- Meals must be eaten on site
- Meals served to children must be eaten by children only

- **Gratis** para todo los niños de 18 años de edad o menores
- Su sitio local de comidas de verano aparece en el reverso de esta tarjeta
- No necesita registraci3n ni pagar cuotas
- Las comidas son servidas con leche
- Las comidas tienen que comerse en el centro
- Comidas servidas a los niños deben ser consumidas solo por los niños



**This institution is an equal opportunity provider**

**Junction City Sites - May 30 – July 28**  
**Mon – Fri - 12pm – 1pm**

<b>Grandview Comm Center</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church</b>
<b>Playground Park</b>	<b>Regency Trailer Park</b>
<b>Dorothy Bramlage Library</b>	

### "Kids Eat Free" Returns to Junction City

The summer lunch program "Kids Eat Free" will be launching soon in our community. Our participation in the program is sponsored by Wheels of HOPE and the Kansas Food Bank. Volunteers from Zion will be needed to staff several weeks. Zion's coordinators are Deb Heiman and Marvin Hornbostel. We will host for 2 weeks starting July 3 through July 14 with July 4th being excluded. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex.



## News from K-O Conference

### Calling All KO Churches: What Does Your Church Need at Annual Meeting?

The KO Conference Council has begun work on content planning for the 2017 KO Annual Meeting, which will meet October 20-21 in Wichita, KS. We would like to hear from you and your local congregation. What workshops and content can we provide to best serve your local church? What does your church need this year to help it thrive? Please send any and all ideas to [Rev. Nikki Woolsey](#), KO Conference President.



May 3, 2017

United Church of Christ Kansas-Oklahoma Conference  
PO Box 4334  
Lawrence, KS 66046

Dear United Church of Christ Kansas-Oklahoma Conference,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,000.00 to the Reno County VOAD.

On March 6, 2017, the lives of many in Reno County changed forever. The wildfires quickly spread over 5441 acres destroying 11 homes and numerous outbuildings.

Your generous gift has assisted many families to begin their recovery process. Among many things, your gift has helped by providing debris removal from destroyed homes and outbuildings, replacing septic systems and melted laterals, drilling new water wells that became contaminated, repairing electrical lines that were torn off the weather boxes of homes, and feed for animals during the first few days once families were allowed back in to their properties.

The mission and purpose of the Reno County VOAD is to meet the need for ongoing coordination in Reno County providing volunteer, financial, spiritual, physical and/or psychological support for people whose lives have been affected by a disaster in our community.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Reno County VOAD 924 N Main St Hutchinson, KS 67501

*This letter serves as your donation receipt for tax purposes.*

*“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.  
For I have come to set man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household,  
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”*

*Matthew 10:34-39*





Monthly Financial Reports

Financial Secretary

Treasurer's





- 6/6 Lindsey Stiner
- 6/7 Richard Hobaugh
- 6/8 Susie Parks
- 6/18 Addy Snider
- 6/27 Tammy Altwegg
- 6/27 Roscoe Maycroft
- 6/28 Nichole Green
- 6/28 Sarah Reynolds
- 6/30 Mrs. William(Ruth)Gfeller
- 6/30 Hannah Reynolds



- 6/2 Don & Leona Garrison
- 6/14 Keith & Jolynn Henry

*\*If we have missed a birthday or anniversary we are sorry. The reason for that would be that we do not have that birthday or anniversary in our information. If you would like it included please give the information to the office.*

## *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!

*“O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*

*Psalm 8*



# June 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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<b>4</b> <i>Celebration of Holy Communion</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> Adult Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	5	6	<b>7</b> Consistory 7:00 pm	8	9	10
<b>11</b> <i>Heifer International Sunday</i> Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>18</b> <i>"Helper" Sunday for Wheels of HOPE</i> Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	19	20	21	<b>22</b>  Bldg. rented 5 pm	<b>23</b> <i>"The Journey"</i> prints for July	24
<b>25</b> Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	26	27	<b>28</b> Choir 6:00 pm	29	<b>30</b> General Synod, Maryland	

## Serving Zion

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

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
June 4	Wayne & Ruth Gfeller	Nate Green & TJ Osa	open
June 11	Keith & Jolynn Henry	Rod Gfeller & Vern Steffens	open
June 18	Marvin & Janice Hornbostel	Ray Kruse Jr. & Richard Hobaugh	open
June 25	Selesa & Panisia Valoaga	Denise & Payton Tabb	open



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