



THE JOURNEY

MARCH 2018



Dear Zion,

During the sixty seconds of silence beginning our service each Sunday morning, if we are awake to it, there comes in to our awareness a sense of peace. Within this peace, we can recognize who we are to ourselves and to one another. We can relax, we can trust, we can rest in the truth that within the sanctuary of Zion and one another we are free to accept our inheritance as children of the Living God. We are learning to equate this sense of sanctuary, of trust with the place where we gather and this allows us to grow as people of faith. A sense of sanctuary, a sense of holy *place* makes real growth possible.

The places where our children gather to learn are such places. Not made so by whether or not they pray, but simply by virtue of their presence. The image of God carried within each and every human being is even less hidden, less given to being covered by pretense in our beloved young ones. Our schools are holy places whether we are blind to it or not.

I don't need to be right about our nation's propensity to violence and our love affair with weapons. I don't care how it is done or who takes credit for fixing it, but we've lost our way. Our children can't relax in their schools now, they can't grow as healthfully as they should, they can't learn who they are to themselves and to one another. They are afraid. Contemplate that truth for a moment. Our children, the ones entrusted to our care by the Living God, are afraid in their schools.

I am glad that children are taking the lead in bringing this to the attention of lawmakers in this country. I will be marching with them on March 24, and will be open to and willing to work with anyone who seeks to restore a sense of sanctuary to our schools.

Love,
Erik

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Zion United Church of Christ

We welcome all people on a lifelong journey of faith with a still-speaking God.

We are many minds in spiritual beliefs, but one body in loving service to our community.

ZION

United Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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March Lectionary

<p>March 4 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22 <i>Beautiful Law</i></p>	<p>March 11 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> Numbers 21:4-9 Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21 <i>No Matter What</i></p>	<p>March 18 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalms 51:1-12 or 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33 <i>Deep in Our Hearts</i></p>
<p>March 25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 Mark 11:1-11 <i>Into Jerusalem</i></p>	<p>March 29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Ecclesiastes 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31-35</p>	<p>March 30 <i>Good Friday</i> Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalms 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 or 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42 <i>First Night of Passover</i></p>
<p>March 31 <i>Holy Saturday</i> Job 14:1-14 Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 Psalms 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 John 19:38-42</p>		

**The Journey
 Prints
 March 30
 for April**

Attendance
2018 YTD
387
2017—360

Be sure to get your Zion car decal.
They can be purchase each Sunday.
\$3.00 for one or 2 for \$5.00

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts and I will write them on their minds, he also adds, I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds not more. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

Hebrews 10:16-18

Consistory Highlights

Minutes for the Consistory Meeting—January 3, 2018

The regular monthly meeting for the Consistory was called to order by President Wayne Gfeller at 7:00 p.m.

Members present :

Wayne Gfeller, Vern Steffens, Steve Green, Tau Osa, Deniece Carlson, Jill Schmutz and Pastor Erik Graefe.

Erik opened the meeting with a prayer.

Memorial Fund:

The balance is 12,672.32 as of Dec. 30 2017.

Secretary:

The minutes were approved. Vern moved for approval and Steve seconded.

Treasurer:

Total income for Dec. 18474.00. Expenses were 9916.49. Average attendance for Dec. was 77.

Pastors Report:

Christmas went very well. The visitations with Chapman and Junction City friends and members continue.

New Business:

Budget was outlined and ready for the congregation.

The questionnaires will be sent out with the newsletter on Friday.

Two members have expressed interest in being on the search committee. Jill and Jeanette, we will need 4-5 volunteers.

There have been several interested on serving on Consistory.

Jill moved to pay for the refrigerator out of the Memorial fund. Vern seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

None

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting :

Feb 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Deniece Carlson, Secretary

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

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. "

Psalm 118:24



Zion News

Women's Guild

Women's Guild met on Feb. 2 with seven ladies attending. Janette and Ruth served pizza, salad and dessert.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Lane, treasure, reported a balance of \$1641.66. Actual profit for the chili-soup dinner was \$1282.62

There were no communications.

Old business: The group critiqued the recent chili-soup dinner. Discussion included if we want to continue this all church event and what changes might be made. Discussion was also held on continuing purchasing a book in memory of past guild members or possibly purchasing an item for the kitchen in their memory.

There was no new business.

Janette enlightened us with several readings. A sample would be "Johnny's Dust":

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and the pastor greets the family.

"Pastor," Johnny says, "I heard you say today that our bodies came from dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did," he says.

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replies. "Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin!"

This is just a little teaser to anyone reading these minutes. See what you are missing by not joining our group?!!

Announcements: Feb. 11 Marty Rombold will speak during the worship service and a potluck will follow. Ash Wednesday service will be held on Feb. 14 at 7:30. Easter is on April 1. The next meeting will be held at noon on March 2 with Lane hosting.

The meeting concluded by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Zion at Work in the World: March Giving Opportunities

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

March 4: Food donations for the Food Pantry

March 11: Quarter collection for Heifer International

Loads of Giving collecting quarters every Sunday.

Zion Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31
11:00 am



Easter Lillies

Help us Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday by bringing an Easter Lilly to decorate. The can be brought anytime in March. Thanks. Easter Sunday is April 1st.

From The Director

For our first newsletter, I thought I'd take a moment of appreciation. As camp turns 55 years old, 2018 will mark my thirteenth year surrounded by the beauty of Council Grove Lake. When I started as a junior counselor, I knew I was hooked. Now I'm blessed to call this place home. When I pass through the stone gate and look out to Vesper Point, I smell the fresh air and wildflowers and listen to the birds as they fly over the prairie. Everywhere I look brings back a memory. I've seen my campers become counselors and former counselors become teachers and leaders in their communities. People who are blown away by the beauty and warmth they find here humble me time and time again. My hope is that my team and I can continue to pass on the camp traditions, spirit and life lessons to those people. Where else can you find the unique atmosphere found here, at the peninsula in the plains?

I hope to see you soon,
Justin Whittaker
director@whitememorialcamp.com



Work Hard Play Hard

Volunteer Day
May 4— May 6

Arrowhead Camp

Adults with Id/Dd
June 11— June 15

Prairie Run Cross

Country Camp
Runners Grades 7-12
June 17 – June 23

Cottonwood Camp

Adults with Id/Dd
July 9—July 13

Saturate Camp

Grades 6-8
July 15— July 20

Local Kids to Camp

Grades 3-5 (USD 417
Students Only)
July 15— July 20

Family Camp

All Families
July 27— July 30

Young Adventurer's Camp

Completed Grades K-3
July 29— July 31

Last Blast

Completed Grades 4-12
July 29— Aug 4

Monthly Financial Reports

Financial Secretary

Treasurer's

Date	Att.	Giving
Jan 7	50	
Jan 14	60	
Jan 21	67	
Jan 28	90	
Online		
Total	267	



<u>PMM</u>		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Interest	1/9/18	1.97		26,587.20



- 3/12 Lacey & Kasey Fielder
- 3/16 Steve & Lyn Green
- 3/29 Patty & Roscoe Mayeroff



- 3/2 Henrietta Withee
- 3/3 Harold Facklam
- 3/9 Ruth Gfeller
- 3/10 Karen Malec
- 3/10 Janette Voglesang
- 3/14 Doris Steffens
- 3/20 Steve Green
- 3/21 Dick Gfeller
- 3/24 Deb Jacobsen
- 3/27 Mike Malec
- 3/28 Kasey Fielder

**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 December 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!

“You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But god, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us; created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:1-10

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2 Women's Fellowship 12:00 pm World Day of Prayer	3
4 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</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	5	6	7 Choir 6:00 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	8 International Women's Day	9	10
11 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Heifer International Sunday</i> One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am Daylight Saving time begins	12	13	14 Choir 6:00 pm	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 
18 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> No Sunday School Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	19	20	21 Choir 6:00 pm	22	23	24
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	26	27	28 Choir 6:00 pm	29 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm	30 Good Friday Newsletter prints be sure to have items into the office by the 26th <i>First Night of Passover</i>	31 Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 am 

Serving Zion

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
March 4	Tim & Renee Jury	Ronnie & Linnie Gfeller	Sally Altwegg
March 11	Steve & Angie Roesler	Rod Gfeller & Kevin Heiman	Janette Vogelsang & Denise Tabb
March 18	Wayne & Ruth Gfeller	David & Karla Butler	Renee Jury
March 25	Gary & Jill Schmutz	Caleb Snider & Kasey Fielder	Leona Garrison



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