

THE JOURNEY

APRIL 2018



Dear Zion,

I recently read a quote from author James Baldwin: “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” First and foremost, we need to be able to see clearly, and what is required for that vision first and foremost is light. That is the Easter story. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection shines light on us, on who we have been and who we are still. Whether or not we will change remains an open question.

This is important for people of faith to consider given the too pervasive idea that somehow Jesus had to be sacrificed to “make things right” with an angry, disappointed God. This makes sense to us because we live as if everything can be counted and calculated. This theology is also attractive because inherent in the idea is the notion that some transaction has been completed, and therefore nothing is left for us to do. Not so.

The Easter story not only reveals who we are, it also reveals God. The Light reveals no matter who we are, no matter what we do to a creation that is good, to a gift of life that is vulnerable, to the tenderness of a Loving God, that God will continue to offer a good world, a vulnerable life, and tenderness. Light reveals this to be true over and over and over again.

Light reveals a humanity that still crucifies and refuses to see, and a God who resurrects and continually offers vision. Easter offers us a chance to see this truth, to face it, and perhaps change.

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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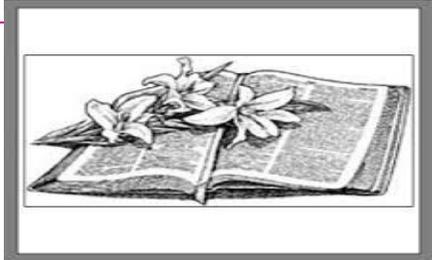
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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April Lectionary

<p>Easter Vigil Ex 14:10-31; 15:1-21 Isa 55:1-11 & 12:2-6 Ezek 36:24-28 & Ps 42 & 43 Rom 6:3-11, Ps 114 & Luke 24:1-12</p>	<p>April 1 <i>Easter</i> Acts 10:34-43 Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8 <i>Now What?</i></p>	<p>April 8 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 4:32-35 Psalms 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31 <i>Marks of Faith</i></p>
<p>April 15 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 3:12-19 Psalms 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-48 <i>Christ Among Us</i></p>	<p>April 22 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 4:5-12 Psalms 116:23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18 <i>Enfolded by Love</i></p>	<p>April 29 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 8:26-40 Psalms 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8 <i>Abiding in Love</i></p>

**The Journey Prints
 April 27 for
 May**

**Attendance
 2018 YTD
 782
 2017—768**



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

*Thank
 you*

**To all those who donate
 Easter Lillies.**



“For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. “

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Consistory Highlights

Minutes for the Consistory Meeting—Feb. 7, 2018

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

Members present: Wayne Gfeller, Vern Steffens, Ray Kruse, Jill Schmutz, Keith Henry, Deniece Carlson and Pastor Erik Graefe. Tau Osa and Lyn Green were unable to attend.

Erik opened the meeting with a prayer.

Memorial Fund: The balance is 12,243.95 as of January 31, 2018

Secretary: The minutes were approved as read by Vern and seconded by Ray.

Treasurer: Total income for Jan \$17,851.387. Expenses were \$5118.58, Jan. Average attendance was 67.

Pastor Report:

Lawrence Kientz is under hospice care.

Pastor Erik visited with David Jones concerning another visit to help with the church profile.

Financial Secretary: January giving was \$6165.42

Emergency Action Team: Wayne and Ruth attended a meeting put on by a state trooper. How to react when a shooter comes in a business or church. Very good information, for questions see Ruth or Wayne.

Old business:

The floor heat is not working yet.

Keith moved to purchase a \$50.00 visa gift card for Anson Jacobsen for the lawn mowing last summer.

Deniece seconded. Motion carried.

Formation Team:

Ash Wed services will be Feb 14 at 7:00 p.m.

March 18- No Sunday school for children (spring break)

March 25- Palm Sunday

March 29-Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m. with communion

No Good Friday services

March 31- Easter Egg hunt 11:00 a.m. at the Church.

April 1- Easter service. Communion

May 13- Mother's Day and Sunday school recognition service. Children will sing during the service.

A \$50.00 gift card will be given to the graduates in May.

New Business:

New officers for 2018: President - Wayne Gfeller

Vice President - Vern Steffens

Treasurer - Keith Henry

Secretary - Deniece Carlson

Jill will send the annual report to UCC in Feb.

Vern will compile the questionnaires so the consistory can start filling out the profile for the new pastor.

David Jones will be in contact with Eric when we are ready for more information.

Ray needs a key to the church.

Tammy will have year end giving reports for each family to pass out on Sunday.

Keith moved that Century Link bill be set up for auto pay, Ray seconded. Motion carried.

Ray will check into "amazon.smile" to donate to non-profit organizations.

Next meeting March 7, 2018

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Deniece Carlson, Secretary



Zion News

Women's Guild

March 2, 2018

Women's Guild met on March 2 with six ladies attending. Lane served a delicious beef and noodle dinner with all the trimmings.

Lane, acting president, called the meeting to order. The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Lane, treasure, reported a balance of \$1612.16.

There were no communications. Old business: \$23.00 was collected with decal sales.

There was no new business.

Announcements: Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7:00 pm with communion. The Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday at 11:00. Easter Service will be at 10:30 with the choir presenting a cantata. Janette and Rose Mary will host the April meeting.

The meeting concluded by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Jill Schmutz, acting secretary

Zion at Work in the World: April Giving Opportunities

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

April 1: Food donations for the Food Pantry

April 8: Quarter collection for Heifer International

Loads of Giving collecting quarters every Sunday.

*“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.”
Psalm 23:6*

WORKHARD, PLAYHARD
MAY 5, 2018



Greetings,

We're excited to extend an invitation for our White Memorial Camp volunteer work weekend!

May 5 Schedule of Events

Check-In starts at 8:00 am & continues throughout the day.

Help us with miscellaneous projects to prepare for the 2018 camping season! We would love to be recipients of your time and talent. We have several special projects to work on around camp.

Lunch will be provided.

Appreciation of Awesomeness Dinner 5:30 pm.

All are invited to attend a fun dinner celebrating everyone that makes camp possible. Fun, food, prizes, and story swapping. Did we mention the food? Dinner is free with an opportunity for small goodwill donations. Please RSVP by April 25.

May 5th is our primary workday, but WMC invites those that would like to experience camp an opportunity to lodge at the lake to help on Friday and/or Sunday projects. Friday dinner will be on your own. There will be some cook-out supplies available. Saturday a light continental breakfast and coffee will be available.

Let us know if you have questions,
White Memorial Camp

RSVP for your Free Dinner and/or Workday Preferences [HERE](#)

Monthly Financial Reports



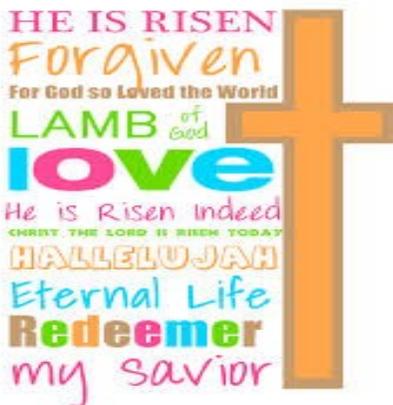


4/19 Steve & Susanne Altwegg



- 4/2 Leona Garrison
- 4/15 Chase Altwegg
- 4/17 Aaron Jacobsen
- 4/21 Lane Bitterlin
- 4/22 Steve Woodard
- 4/23 Marvin Hornbostel
- 4/24 Jolynn Henry
- 4/25 Ella Martin
- 4/26 Courtney Gfeller

**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!

“Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ— he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believe in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Ephesians 2:1-10



April

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Celebration of Holy Communion</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am <i>Christ is Risen!</i>	2	3	4 Choir 6:00 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	5	6 Women's Guild 12:00 pm	7
8 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</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	9	10	11 Choir 6:00 pm	12	13	14
15 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	16	17	18 Choir 6:00 pm	19	20	21
22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	23	24 Pilot Club 5:00 pm	25 Choir 6:00 pm	26	27	28
29 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	30					

Serving Zion

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
April 1	Russ & Sally Altwegg	Doug Vogelsang & Wayne Gfeller	No coffee hour
April 8	Kenny & Debby Gfeller	Nate Green & Jack Graefe	Ruth Gfeller
April 15	Lane & Harlan Bitterlin	Josh Gfeller & Cody Bitterlin	Hillery Martin
April 22	Mike & Karen Malec	Tim & Renee Jury	Jill Schmutz
April 29	Doris & Vern Steffens	Tau & TJ Osa	open



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