

# THE JOURNEY

May 2019



Dear Zion,

How many mornings have you experienced in your life time? How many Springs? How many births? How many new relationships, new experiences? I would guess that you have lost count. So have I. The fact that we've lost count or have learned to take such things for granted does not take away from the truth they convey. Like Thomas, we need to see evidence that we deem worthy of making a case for resurrection because the evidence before us in every second of our lives has become like white noise to us.

Consider taking a morning this week, and sitting outside before the sun comes up. Pay attention to the birds as they begin to sing in anticipation of the coming day. Listen to their excitement as if they are screaming out, "Oh Lord, it's about to start again!" Soon the birds will be joined by more noises and voices, echoing the same anticipation of something wonderful beginning again.

Without having to put our fingers in the wounds of the risen Christ, we are given such evidence every moment of our lives if we only learn to listen, to pay attention. This is what I believe Jesus meant when He said, "Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe."

Happy Easter.

Love,

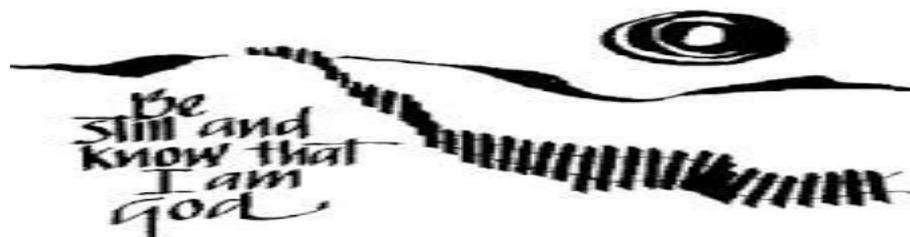
Erik

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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.



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## May Lectionary

<p><b>May 5</b>  <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>  <b>Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)</b>            Psalms 30            Revelations 5:11-14  <b>John 21:1-19</b>  <i>Turning Point of Transformation</i></p>	<p><b>May 12</b>  <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>  <b>Acts 9:36-43</b>            Psalms 23            Revelations 7:9-17  <b>John 10:22-30</b>  <i>Identity of Resistance</i></p>	<p><b>May 19</b>  <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>  <b>Acts 11:1-18</b>            Psalms 148            Revelation 21:1-6  <b>John 13:31-35</b>  <i>Spirit of Solidarity</i></p>	<p><b>May 26</b>  <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>  <b>Acts 16:9-15</b>            Psalms 67            Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5  <b>John 14:23-29</b>  <i>The Power of Listening</i></p>
<p><b>May 30</b>  <i>Ascension Day</i>            Acts 1:1-11            Psalms 47            Ephesians 1:15-23            Luke 24:44-53</p>			

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### General Synod's Shine! Festival features food, fun for all ages

If you are going to the United Church of Christ General Synod in June, you don't want to miss a chance to take in one of Milwaukee's mightiest ways of celebrating summer.

"Milwaukee is a city of outdoor festivals which we often call 'Fests,'" said the Rev. William Utke, pastor of Emanuel Church, Hales Corners, UCC, and one of the coordinators of the Sunday event. "From smaller neighborhood fests, to larger ethnic and musical festivals, the people of Milwaukee make the most of the outdoors through these celebration events. We hope to meet General Synod visitors at the UCC's Shine! Fest."

The Shine! Festival is slated for Sunday, June 23, from 4:30 - 8:30 pm in Milwaukee's Zeidler Union Square. Rev. Utke is planning the event with his wife Ann, who is serving as interim pastor, St. John's UCC, Random Lake, Wisconsin. The couple has developed a reputation as festivalgoers around town and are working now to line up both food and entertainment.

"Ann and I are very excited to offer this opportunity celebrating some of Milwaukee's diversity and the radical Wisconsin welcome we want the UCC delegates, staff members, special guests and visitors to experience," Bill Utke said.

The fun starts Sunday afternoon after the community worship service, just one block south of the convention center in Milwaukee's first park. More than a half-dozen food trucks will be parked around Zeidler Union Square, offering festival-goers a variety of local dining options. Beer, wine and other beverages will be available from [Milwaukee County Park](#) vendors.

As for entertainment, there will be live music on the gazebo stage featuring regional artists throughout the evening. From 5-6:30 pm, enjoy the sounds of [The Squeezettes](#), who honor Wisconsin's [German](#) heritage through their unique and raucous power polka, waltz, pop and rock tunes. The headline act, featuring members of the band [De La Buena](#), led by Cecilio Negron Jr. of CNJ Latin Jazz, takes the stage from 7-8:30 p.m.

"Festivals have long been a major part of the cultural, social and economic fabric of Milwaukee," Bill Utke said. "Following the turmoil and rapid change of the post-war years, the 'City of Festivals' concept truly emerged, as the city leaders recognized the value of promoting unity, music and merriment for the community and its visitors. Our urban vitality is reflected in these events, such as the 11-day Summerfest, an attraction for over 50 years."

Attendance to the Shine! Fest is free and open to all. All ages are welcome. There will be a [family game](#) area, table space and tented areas located on the park grounds, as well as portable restrooms.

"Plan to grab a bite, stay a while, groove in your dancing shoes and enjoy this slice of the Wisconsin good life," Bill Utke said. "Come rain or shine, it's just a short stroll to a fun time."

April 18, 2019

Written by **Connie Larkman**





## *Consistory Highlights*

### **Zion United Church of Christ Consistory Minutes - March 6, 2019**

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

Members present: Vern Steffens, Deniece Carlson, Keith Henry, Tau Osa, Richard Hobaugh, Denise Tabb, and Pastor Erik Graefe.

Erik opened the meeting with a prayer.

Jill Schmutz reported the new five year copier lease was signed with no increase in the monthly charge; the Women of Joy Conference in Branson, Missouri, is coming up in October at a cost of \$109.00 per person plus travel to Branson plus meals; and the Seasons curriculum for Sunday school of all ages is available for \$958.00. On motion and second the copier lease was ratified. On motion and second the purchase of the Seasons curriculum was approved. Discussion of the Women of Joy Conference was tabled.

The minutes of the February 13, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: February income was \$6,204.31; expenses were \$8,049.76, for a net monthly loss of \$1,845.45. The bank balance was \$38,866.25 on January 31, 2019, and \$37,020.80 on February 28, 2019. The report was accepted as submitted.

Pastor's Report: Visitations continue. Met with the Music Committee. Arranged for the purchase of a new communion cup and plate.

There were no other committee reports.

Old Business: KVK has finished the work on our boiler system and the bill has been paid as previously approved. Anson Jacobsen will handle the outside work again this summer without charge because he is accruing community service credits for graduation from high school. The Consistory discussed the need of the Open Door for donations.

New Business: Vern reported that the appraisal of the church property increased from \$696,500.00 for 2018 to \$705,830.00 for 2019. The Consistory discussed the purchase of a UCC yearbook for \$35.00. No action was taken.

The next meeting is April 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Keith R. Henry  
Acting Secretary



Zion News

**RUN  
FOR  
GOD**

Run/Walk/Pray for GOD – Get Yo God On Bible Study Group

Week 3 and we are FEELING IT!! Thank you to [Lyn Thomas Green](#) for the snacks. They were delicious and much appreciated. Things to keep in mind while you are training...

1. Listen to your body.
2. Listen to your body.
3. Drink water.

Take care of yourselves and don't be discouraged if you're not able to keep up with the prescribed run/walk schedule. Everyone should be disciplined in getting their workouts in but flexible in how they execute it. Need to walk more? Walk more.

Need a shorter session? Take a shorter session. Runners, you should be able to hold a conversation while you're running. If not, slow it down. If you can sing a song...then you need to step it up a bit and join choir! Remember we do NOT compare ourselves to other runners/walkers. Don't worry about what others are doing, unless they are jaywalking. Hmm... 😊 ;)

So today's class we talked about FAITH and ways we can build it.

What is FAITH?

Class answers included a belief in God, knowing he will faithfully keep his promises, and trusting in his love.

How do we build FAITH?

1. The Power of Prayer
2. Spending time with our Christian brothers and sisters (Like Run For God!)
3. Remembering the times when God was faithful to us, especially when life gets difficult
4. Recognizing God's hand in everyday things
5. Gratitude
6. Prayer Journal

PRAYER is listed first and last because I truly believe a strong prayer life is essential to strengthening our faith in God. Prayer is how we build our relationship with God. It is how we become familiar with his ways. We learn to 'hear' him when he speaks to us and we can trust him. A strong prayer life, like running, takes time to develop, but with INTENTION, DISCIPLINE and FAITH you will get there!!

Recommended Bible reading: James 1:1-27 & 2:14-26

Other reads, "The Battle Plan for Prayer" by Stephen Kendrick and "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst

HOMEWORK!! Yes there is homework 😊 ;) For class next week everyone is tasked with making a butterfly. Yep! A butterfly!! If you need craft supplies let me know we have them at church or you can use your own. Be as creative as you want and of course have fun with it! Also, next week Dr. [Mitchell Keating](#) will be our guest speaker and he will be talking with us about common runner injuries and injury prevention.

Have a great week!

Be safe, praise Jesus and be sure to 'share'.

Denise & Cleo

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Zion is partnering with First Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School this summer.

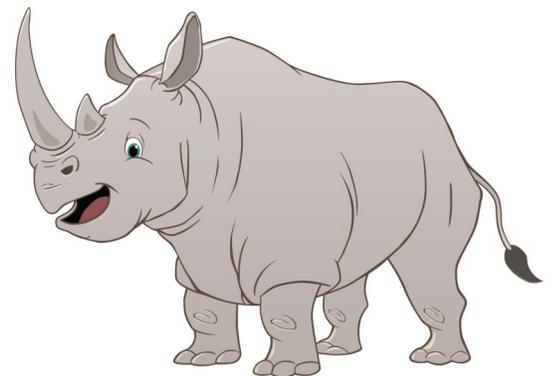
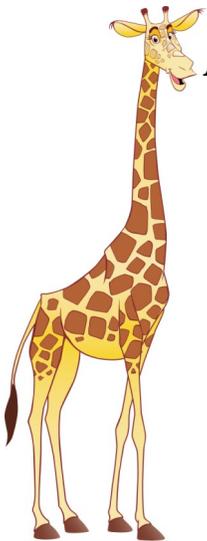
In the upcoming weeks there will be list of donations needed to put help put on vbs. There will also be a sign up sheet for helpers.



Online registration will open May 1 at [vbspro.events/p/fpcjc](http://vbspro.events/p/fpcjc)

Age groups start at 3 years old and upto going into 6th grade.

June 3 - June 6  
9:00 am to Noon



*"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessings!"  
Revelations 5:12*



*Zion 1st Qtr. Endowment Report*

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Monthly Financial Reports

Financial Secretary

Treasurer's

Date	Att.	Giving
March 3	0	
March 10	53	
March 17	63	
March 24	?	
March 31	?	
Online		
<b>Total</b>	116	





## 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!

5/18 Russel & Sally Altwegg



- 5/1 Rose Mary Roesler
- 5/5 Rod Gfeller
- 5/7 Alex Altwegg
- 5/8 Ryan Malec
- 5/9 Janice Hornbostel
- 5/11 Patsy Gfeller
- 5/12 Ron Gfeller
- 5/12 Vern Steffens
- 5/14 Nate Green
- 5/16 Molly Schoendaller
- 5/19 Carly Graefe
- 5/19 Lucian Tabb
- 5/25 Deniece Carlson
- 5/26 Kacey Butler
- 5/27 Trey Reynolds
- 5/29 Scott Altwegg

*“Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.’ I have said these things to you while I am still with you,. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.’ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ if you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”*

*John 14:23-29*

*\*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.*



# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir 6:00 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	2	3 Women's Guild 12:00 pm	4
5 Celebration of Holy Communion Food Pantry Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	6	7 Run for God 6:30 pm	8 Choir 6:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Heifer International Sunday Sunday School Recognition Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30am  	13	14 Run for God 6:30 pm	15 Choir 6:00 pm	16	17	18 
19 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	20	21 Pilot Club 5 pm Run for God 6:30 pm	22 Choir 6:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	27 	28 Run for God 6:30 pm	29 Choir 6:00 pm	30	31	

## Serving Zion

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
<b>May 5</b>	Vern & Doris Steffens	Richard Hobough & Keith Henry	Jennifer Brown
<b>May 12</b>	Deniece Carlson & Judy Gardner	Drew & Hillery Martin	Hillery Martin
<b>May 19</b>	Don & Leona Garrison	Vern Steffens & Wayne Gfeller	Lane Bitterlin
<b>May 26</b>	Tau & Sina Osa	Denise Tabb & Cleo Jones	Susanne Altwegg



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