

Love Yourself For Who You Are

You were born to be who you are
Embrace it

You are a beautiful human
Your unique beauty is yours alone

You have many gifts and talents to share
Share them in your own special way

Your story is yours alone
Use it to help others with theirs

Surround yourself with people who truly
see your best self

Shine your bright light on the world
for all to see

You are a miracle

Love yourself for who you are!

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Rejoice in
hope,
endure in
affliction,
persevere in
prayer.

Romans 12:12

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No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Marlene Rhueff, Steve Panyi, Toots Ross,,Rev. Walter Coy, Joyce Coy, Marlene Dumbaugh, Teresa Kaufmann, Judy Neiderhiser (John Diekmann's sister-in-law), John Luscher, John Diekmann

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

NOW LIVESTREAMING!

We're now livestreaming our church services on you tube. **Our services start at 10:00 AM** Check us out! Zion UCC Steubenville
<https://youtube.com/@zionucc6794?si=EnSIkaIECMiOmarE>

Bible Study

Please join us **Sundays after worship** as Pastor John Harris leads a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark after worship.



THOSE WHO HOPE
in the Lord
WILL RENEW THEIR
strength.
THEY WILL
SOAR
ON WINGS LIKE
EAGLES:
they will run
AND NOT GROW WEARY.
THEY WILL WALK
AND NOT BE FAINT.
-ISAIAH 40:31-

PASTORAL LETTER

May 2026

To all God's Beloved in the Zion United Church of Christ, Steubenville, OH, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from our Triune God, the Holy One of Israel.

I regret my schedule prevented me from writing to you last month, but as Arnold Schwarzenegger's said in 2018 after undergoing heart surgery, "**I'm back.**"

A year before Schwarzenegger underwent heart surgery, I attended a seminar on "Illuminating the Text" as part of my Certificate in Spiritual Formation work. One of the highlights of that seminar was learning about *The Saint John's Bible* and working in the same room with *The Gospels and Acts* Volume of the 2 ft high Heritage Edition of the of *The Saint John's Bible*. Not long afterward I obtained my own copy of the smaller 15 inch high and less expensive Trade Edition of *The Saint John's Bible, The Gospels and Acts*.

Using tools and materials employed by scribes for thousands of years, Donald Jackson and an international team of artists and scholars, commissioned by St. John's Abby and University in Minnesota, embarked on a monumental ten-year journey: to create the first handwritten and illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press. Combining the most widely used English translation of the Bible with original artwork that reflects cultures from around the world, the seven volumes of *The Saint John's Bible* is an inspiring interfaith undertaking that speaks to the heart of many religious traditions. It has even been compared Ireland's prized treasure, the *Book of Kells*, a 1,200-year-old illuminated manuscript containing the four Gospels and considered to be the finest example of an ancient illuminated manuscript in the world, now permanently on display at Trinity College, Dublin.

Regardless of the edition, *The Saint John's Bible, The Gospels and Acts* has more than 25 illuminations, including full-page opening illuminations for each of the four gospels. Some of the prominent illuminations include the *Genealogy of Jesus*, the *Birth of Christ*, the *Raising of Lazarus*, the *Crucifixion*, *Christ Our Light*, the *Last Supper*, the *Road to Emmaus*, and *Pentecost*.

I recently began placing my copy of the Trade Edition of *The Saint John's Bible, The Gospels and Acts*, opened to the Gospel Reading for the Day, on a music stand in front of the pulpit. On some Sundays, only beautiful calligraphy can be seen. On other Sundays, stunning illustrations cover a part of a page to the full page. The next time you attend worship, be sure to come to the front of the sanctuary to take a close look at this Trade Edition of *The Saint John's Bible, The Gospels and Acts*, and feel free to flip through some of its pages to see some of the stunning illustrations.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

John Edward Harris