

### ANNUAL MEETING

Council has decided to postpone our Annual Congregational Meeting until we get an interim pastor to help us through everything that is going on at Zion.

### SYMPATHY AND SORROW

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to our church administrator, chef, friend, and brother in Christ, **Jeff Knauff**. We are devastated at his passing. Jeff passed away January 23. Deepest condolences to Jeff's family. He will be greatly missed.

### GREAT APPRECIATION

Big thanks to **Rev. Dr. Carol Vaccariello** for serving as pulpit supply these last two months. It was a blessing to hear her uplifting sermons. We wish her luck on her next pilgrimage.

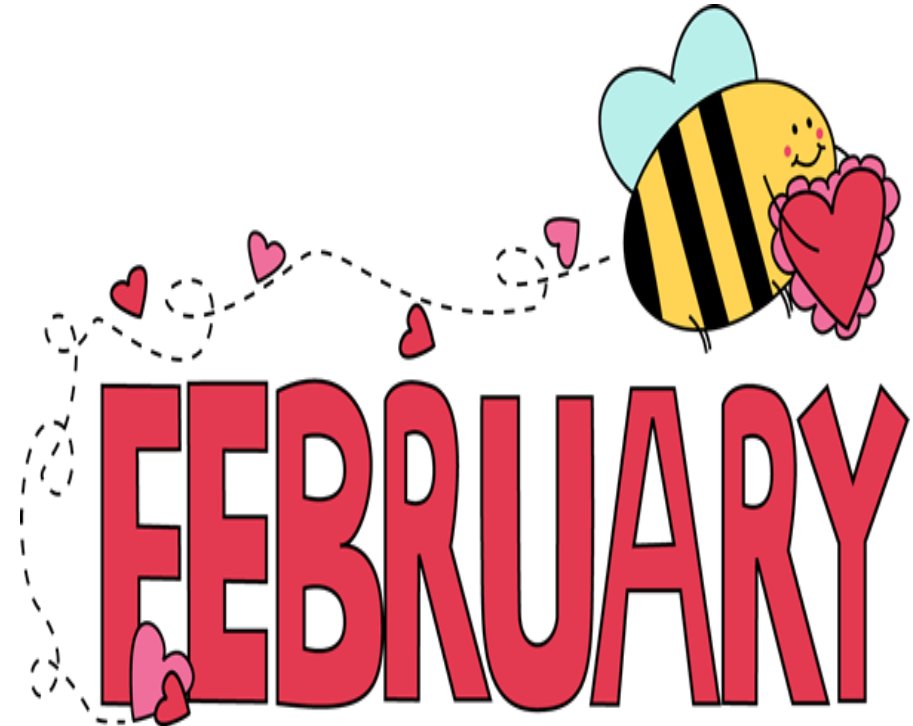
### CUSTODIAN

We are looking to hire a custodian for 18 hours a week. A list of job guidelines can be obtained from the church office. Please contact the church office or a member of council if you are interested.



# *Joyful Noiz*

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

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### February 17 11:00am

USHER Tom Kaufmann  
FLOWERS Flower Fund  
LAY READER Joe Lemasters

### February 24 11:00am

USHER Dave Hunt  
FLOWERS Flower Fund  
LAY READER Renea Starkey-Hunt

### March 3 11:00am

USHER Howard Ross  
FLOWERS Flower Fund  
LAY READER Peggy Lohr

### March 10 11:00am

USHER Dana Lohr  
FLOWERS Flower Fund  
LAY READER John Diekmann

### March 17 11:00am

USHER Robert Vargo  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

If you haven't checked out our website, take a look!

[www.zionuccsteubenville.com](http://www.zionuccsteubenville.com)



### IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Mary Hoover, Bill Bertram, Janet Davis, Thelma Cook, John Rhueff, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Barb Mottice, Al Panyi, BethAnn Postlewait, Alan Cochrane, John Loyszczczyk, Opal Kleineke, 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.

### EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Until an Interim Minister is hired, **Rev. Tom Bullard** has agreed to be "on call" for any pastoral needs the members may have during this time. His cellphone number is **740-381-0962** and he has graciously agreed to help anyone that needs pastoral care during that time.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The **2019** Offering Envelopes are available for pickup. If anyone desires envelopes and has not received them in the past, please contact the church office and they will be made available to you. We will be mailing some to the shut-ins and out of town folks.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

We will have a brief meeting after worship. The next church council meeting will be **Tuesday, March 5, 5:00 PM, at the Church.**

But I would remind you that we couldn't always worship in the same room. In the Old Testament there was a division between the:

Gentile  
Jew  
Man  
Woman

In order for us to all worship in the same room Christ was:

Shamed  
Beaten  
Killed  
Resurrected

Which is far worse than being:

Bored  
Uncomfortable  
Embarrassed  
Ignored

So why not come back to church and let all of these messed up people:

Challenge you  
Sharpen you  
Strengthen you  
Humble you

I can't promise you that the people will be great. This is church. It's not:

Heaven  
Paradise  
Beulah Land  
The Celestial city

Come back.

God wants you here.  
The body needs you here.  
The world needs your witness here.  
You belong here.

Hello, my name is church.

I miss you.  
I love you.  
I'm sorry.  
Can't wait to see you.



**This was written by a blogger who goes by The Unappreciated Pastor.**

## **Hello My Name Is Church**

By: The Unappreciated Pastor (Pastor of a small church in the Bible Belt)

Hello my name is church,

I'm sure you've heard a lot about me. I have no shortage of critics. Perhaps you have heard that I am...

- Boring
- Shallow
- Cheap
- A waste of time

You've heard that I am full of:

- Hypocrites
- Clowns
- Greedy people
- The self-righteous

Maybe you have visited me before and discovered:

- Horrible music
- Passionless singing
- Dry preaching
- Rude congregants

Maybe you needed me and I was:

- Too busy
- Too "righteous"
- Too broke
- Too blind

Maybe you joined me and found I was:

- Distant
- Demanding
- Dull
- Preoccupied

Maybe you tried to serve in me but were caught off guard by:

- Business meetings
- Committees
- Teams
- Bureaucracy

Maybe you left and were surprised that nobody:

- Called
- Cared
- Noticed
- Invited you back

Perhaps your experience has driven you to:

- Speak negatively of me
- Swear to never come back to me
- Proclaim that no one needs me
- Believe you're better off without me

If this is true, I have something to say to you:

- I'm sorry
- I was wrong
- I blew it
- I made a huge mistake

But remember, I never said my name was:

- Perfect
- Flawless
- Complete
- Arrived

My name is church. I welcome the:

- Hypocrite
- Dry
- Self-righteous
- Shallow

I welcome the

- Sincere
- Passionate
- Forgiving
- Selfless

I cannot shut my doors to the people who make you:

- Angry
- Uncomfortable
- Impatient
- Self-conscious