

Open and Affirming Declaration

We, the members of Zion United Church of Christ in Steubenville, Ohio, seek to continue the faithful presence and witness to God's love that has been maintained by our denominational predecessors for more than 150 years. Our ultimate goal is to have the Message of Jesus Christ permeate all that we profess, through our words and by our actions. To that end, we join together on this day of the celebration of the Feast of Transfiguration, February 10, 2013, to joyously proclaim:

We believe we are all created in God's image, female and male, and are called to proclaim and show our love for God by loving our neighbors as God loves us. We believe that we are many members, but one body in Jesus the Christ, called to unite all people in God's enduring love. We therefore offer our Open and Affirming pledge of Radical Hospitality to all God's created, with a commitment to extend God's Extravagant Welcome to persons of every gender, age, race, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, social and economic status, faith background, political and theological beliefs, marital standing and family structure. Remembering the time frame in which our church was founded, we particularly affirm President Abraham Lincoln's call that all of our words and actions must reflect "malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right...."

The People of Zion United Church of Christ



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

A Small
Powerful Prayer

Dear Father,

I love you and I need you,
come into my heart,
and bless me, my family,
my home, and my friends.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 17 **11:00am**

USHER Howard Ross
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Joe Lemasters

March 24 **11:00am**

USHER Dana Lohr
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Renea Starkey-Hunt

March 31 **11:00am**

USHER Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Peggy Lohr

April 7 **11:00am**

USHER Dave Hunt
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER John Diekmann

April 14 **11:00am**

USHER Howard Ross
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Joe Lemasters

April 21 **Easter** **11:00am**

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

*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.

A NOTE FROM COUNCIL

Spring is on the horizon! It will be so nice to not have to worry about snow and cold! It's also a wonderful time to see the Lord working on the earth to bring it out of its winter slumber. **We have been missing** so many of **you!** We hope the weather change will encourage folks to come worship with us on Sundays! We are actively trying to find an interim pastor. We have a preacher named **Rev. Walter Coy** coming **March 22** for an interview and a sample sermon **March 24**. Rev. Coy is currently an interim pastor in Boston, Massachusetts. He and his wife are from Poland, Ohio and he is very interested in moving back to Ohio. Please come out and give him a listen!

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 **Wednesday, April 3, 5:00 PM, at the Church.**

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.

May you have
The gladness of Easter 
which is Hope.
The promise of Easter 
which is Peace.
The spirit of Easter 
which is Love.