

## 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



# Joyful Noiz

June 14- July 12, 2019 Newsletter



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

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

*God is still speaking,*

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



### 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, Pat Loyszczyk, Carol Huston, Vern McCamic

\*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.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next church council meeting will be **July 7, after worship.**

### PASTOR COY CELL PHONE

We are so thrilled to welcome Rev. Walter Coy to Zion!! If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy his cell number is **330-301-0551**. Pastor Coy's office hours are **Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9am-3pm.**

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

The new office hours will be **Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9am-3pm.**

### FRIENDS IN FAITH DINNER

Council has decided to change the name of the Parents & Pals dinner to **Friends in Faith**. This year's dinner will be in honor and memory of **Jeff Knauff**. The dinner will be held **June 23** after worship. If you would like to help, please let John D or Renea S-H know. The entrée will be Baked Steak. Please bring a story or memory of Jeff to share!

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### June 16 11:00am

USHER	Howard Ross
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Renea Starkey-Hunt

### June 23 11:00am

USHER	Dave Hunt
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	John Diekmann

### June 30 11:00am

USHER	Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Dave Hunt

### July 7 11:00am

USHER	Howard Ross
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Renea Starkey-Hunt

### July 14 11:00am

USHER	Sirius Hunt
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	John Diekmann

### July 21 11:00am

USHER	Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Dave Hunt

## *Pastor's Pen*

Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

Picture you are at a museum. A sculpture is working on large pieces of stone. One has a body, one has a head, and the last one is just at the beginning. I remember our trip to Mt. Rushmore and the thoughts of the immensity of the time and the creation it took to make that work take place. But, back to these stones. The day is done and the work on these stones is incomplete. What will they become? They are already becoming something quite beautiful but they have no faces. You can tell they are going to be people but who? We have to trust in the work of the maker that they will become who they are meant to be.

You can find this experience anywhere. Open up your Bible. Reread the Scripture above. Jesus found people in the most unlikely, ordinary places and said "Follow me." Men mending their fishing nets on the shore. A tax collector sitting behind his booth. And a woman at the well. All these people would become witnesses of salvation and workers in the kingdom of God. Look around you. God is still working today. In Christ, we have been made God's people. Disciples in his Kingdom. But we have to throw down our nets and follow him. His death destroys the power of our sin. His resurrection brings life and salvation to all of us. Like those large pieces of stone the creator is not done with us. We are all under construction. Look with in and you and I will catch God in mid – creation. He has called me.

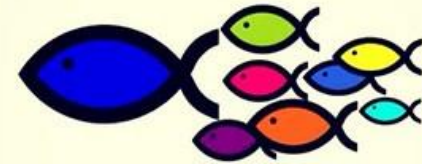
He has called you. Our life is the work of God. He is forming us into the disciples he has called us to be.

Here at Zion UCC Church I am thrilled to see what God has in store for us. He is waiting and watching and sculpting us to be all that we can be. We are a work in progress. All we need to do is throw our lines in the water and extend the love of Jesus Christ. Entrust your discipleship into the hands of your creator. God, the one who set the stars in the sky knows all that you will be.

I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Rev. Walter Coy

follow Jesus.



"Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."  
They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Mark 1:17-18

Trust in the Lord

## Outdoor Planting Memorial List

Mel Humes and Carlene Christ in memory of Martha Kress, Dorothy Kress Humes, Charlotte (Humes) Sullivan and Barbara Humes-Mott.

Thelma Cook in memory of Jack, Sidney, and Cindy.

John Diekmann in memory of Jeff Knauff, Estella and Lewis Diekmann

Tom Kaufmann in memory of Thelma Kaufmann.

Carole Kirkendall in memory of Jeff Knauff.

John and Beverly Luscher in memory of Betty Luscher, Anne Davis Becker, and Loved Ones.

Charles Maffett in memory of Doris & Jay Mann.

Janet Niederhuber in memory of Jeff Knauff.

Al and Elaine Panyi in memory of Love Ones.

Barbara Ross in memory of George H. and Aimee Ross.

Howard Ross in memory of Aimee Ross.

Lucretia F. Ross in memory of her husband, William H. Ross and son, Richard D. Ross.

Betty J. Sparr in memory of Loved Ones and Jeff Knauff.

