

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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

September 16 11:00am

USHER Dana Lohr
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Joe Lemasters

September 23 11:00am

USHER Robert Vargo
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Peggy Lohr

September 30 11:00am

USHER Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER Jeff Knauff

October 7 11:00am

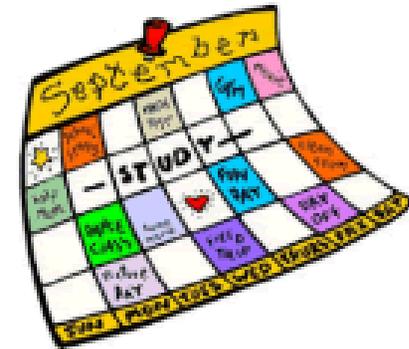
USHER Howard Ross
FLOWERS Flower Fund
LAY READER John Diekmann

October 14 11:00am

USHER Robert Vargo
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October 21 11:00am

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30 Days Hath September

Thirty days hath September,

April, June, and November;

February has twenty-eight alone,

All the rest have thirty-one,

Excepting leap year, that's the time

When February's days are twenty-nine.

MISSION REJOICE

Once again, our church will be hosting the Mission Rejoice at the Urban Mission on **Saturday, September 15th** beginning with the service at **5:00 PM** and then serving the dinner following. More details will follow, but if you would like to **help** in any way, please contact the church office or the pastor or Jeff Knauff and make them aware.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will be **October 3, 5:00 PM** at the church. Minutes from the last meeting are in the back of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUSPENDED FOR NOW

Due to lack of interest, we will be suspending Sunday school for now. We hope to revive the Sunday school program in the future.

URBAN MISSION NEWS

Thanksgiving Challenge- The Urban Mission is collecting supplies for their Thanksgiving food giveaway. All items may be brought to the church. Here is a list of things they are still collecting: **Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Peaches, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Vanilla Frosting, and Vanilla Cake Mix.**

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

Sunday, October 7th, is Worldwide Communion Sunday. We will also be receiving our "Neighbors in Need" offering.

HARVEST DINNER

Our Annual Harvest Dinner will be held here on **Sunday, October 28th**.

From the Pastor



Motivation is a slippery concept. There was a time when the motivation to come to church was based solely on the expectation of one's parents, or the fear of hell, or the cute youth group member you wanted to meet. These days our motivations to participate in the life of the church are as varied as our personalities. For many of us, church is a lifeline; it is a place to connect with a spiritual source of being, and a human source of support. If it were not for this church family, there would likely be fewer meaningful attachments and activities in your life.

We all live busy lives, there is no way around that. It's not easy to make time in our week for church between work, and family, and sports, and sleep. Yet, when we do find ways to make space, often we find that we have not lost the time for something else, and instead gained something more powerful and meaningful than a football game, a concert, a few extra hours of sleep.

As we enter into the Fall season, there will be opportunities to be part of this faith community and to reach out to others in the communities in which we live and work. Maybe you haven't been motivated yet to join us on a Wednesday evening for Caffeinated Conversations at Leonardo's Coffee shop, but we'd love to see you! Maybe this is the year when you will feel the pull to leave your pew and join the choir. Perhaps you will be motivated to volunteer your gifts and play an instrument for our worship. Have you volunteered to help with Vets in the Ville? Maybe you will be motivated to serve on Church Council.

Motivation isn't just about getting off your butt and doing something; it's also about listening to the prodding of the Holy Spirit. What is God asking of you? What is God prodding you to do? Maybe it's to join something that is already in existence; maybe it's to bring something new to life.

If you are seeking to discern what motivates you to be part of this faith community, if you are struggling to see what God is calling you to do, or you have been awoken in the night by that still, small, insistent voice of God, I invite you to give me a call, I would love to explore together where the Holy Spirit may be leading you.

With the Greatest of Hope!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

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, 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.



Every **Wednesday**, Pastor is hosting Caffeinated Conversations at **Leonardo's Coffeehouse** from **7pm until 9pm**. Leonardo's is located at **159 N. Fourth Street Steubenville**. The format is simple: coffee, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions, bring a friend, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way. Join us for open and honest conversations about things that matter. A table at which all perspectives are welcome.