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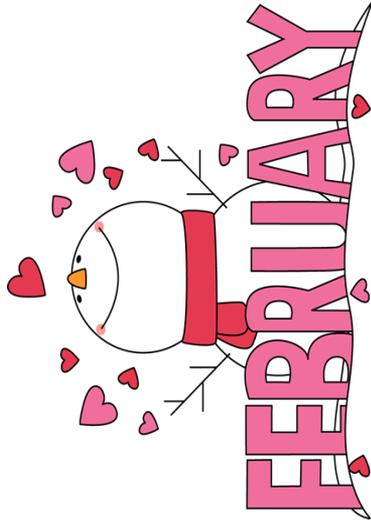
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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH

February 3

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

Wear your favorite team apparel and
Please bring soup or a nonperishable food
Item for our food pantry

ALSO

February 3

Christian Education Bake Sale

With proceeds going

to Ronald McDonald House

Be sure to stop by for some goodies.

February 9

Our Second Annual Father/Daughter

Dance from 6:00 to 9:00

Dads come and enjoy a special night with
Your daughter.

February 12

At 6:30 there will be a

Movie Night at church

Mark your calendar for March 6

We will be having ASH Wednesday Service Here

Did you feel the Holy Spirit of God this year?

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I hope that we all felt the Holy Spirit working in each of us and our Community at Zion. It may have been at the Mission Potluck Lunch to kick off the New Year in January, or when we laid our hands on the 2018 church council and blessed them, or possibly when we collected food for the pantry on Souper Bowl Sunday. Maybe we felt the Spirit at the Father Daughter Dance or when we accepted new members into our church community. The Spirit may have touched us when we gathered during the Lenten worship service or during the meal provided by our Evening Circle. Maybe we felt the Spirit when our confirmands prepared a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, or when they read their faith statements, or during the account of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion during the Good Friday Service.

Could we have felt the Spirit when we gathered at 6:30 am to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Could it have been when we worked side-by-side during the Spring Dinner or when we blessed our graduating seniors? We may have experienced the feeling of the Spirit while our youth sang to the nursing home residents or maybe at the Regional Youth Event or the Confirmation Retreat. Maybe we felt the Holy Spirit during our outdoor worship service, Vacation Bible School, or during the Lowden Community worship service at the park. We may have felt the Spirit on the first day of Sunday School or confirmation class, or when we bought food for the food pantry. Or was it during the Kids Night In, Parents Night Out?

Maybe we felt the Holy Spirit at our fantastic joint worship service led by Bryan Sirchio. Did the Spirit touch us during the Crop Walk, or during Trunk or Treat or during the ZYC Halloween Party? Did we feel the Holy Spirit during our Totenfest or Thanksgiving Eve worship service?

Maybe when we decorated the church for Christmas or at our special Christmas Eve service. We may have felt the Holy Spirit during a funeral or a wedding. Or possibly we felt the Spirit during a regular worship service or during communion or possibly when the choir or congregation sang a special song. Or was it during a Multigenerational lesson or when we joined in our Lord's Prayer?

We may have felt the Spirit during a church committee meeting or while we landscaped the church yard. Did we feel the Holy Spirit when we needed help and care or when we celebrated a joyful event with our beloved community who was there to love and support us? Or maybe we felt the Holy Spirit during one of the many other gatherings that we "The Church" Zion United Church of Christ had as we called upon God to be a part of our lives. We may have been praying, we may have been singing, we may have been learning; but no matter what, God was present with Zion in 2018 and we may have felt the presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

In 2018, we continued to develop into a church founded on God's love, Christ's life and the work of the Holy Spirit. I do not know of any better way to say it, so..."God is with us, and God opens our heart, mind and soul through the work of the Holy Spirit, the life of Jesus Christ and the wisdom of God so that we can know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God is right here with us, laughing and crying with us."

You know what my Sisters and Brothers in Christ? Every time we feel God's presence in our lives, our relationship with God and each other grows closer and stronger, and we are transformed into the reflections of Jesus as we continue the work of building God's kingdom here on earth.

So, rejoice! Because we have the Holy Spirit, guiding us and touching us as we are transformed, just as Paul writes,

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

In 2018, Zion has grown as a faithful community of Jesus Christ. Our hopes and prayers must be our continued transformation as apprentices of Christ in 2019. May God bless us as we all feel and experience God in our lives and as we move forward into the 21st Century as a faithful community of Jesus Christ here at Zion United Church of Christ. Amen.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can. In all the places you can.
At all the times you can. To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can."
John Wesley

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THIS

MONTH

February 3, 2019	Church Council
February 10, 2019	Lou & Janis Krafock Diane Esbaum, Vicki Mohr
February 17, 2019	Bob & Mary Campbell, Lonnie & Stacy Luepker
February 24, 2019	Senior High Fellowship
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March 3, 2019	Church Council
March 10, 2019	Jared Bentrrott, Brett Esbaum Dennis Mostaert
March 17, 2019	Donavon & Linda Freese, David Niermeyer
March 24, 2019	Merlin Conrad, Janice Strackbein
March 31, 2019	Senior High Fellowship



VIDEOGRAPHERS 2019

February

February 3, David Niermeyer
 February 10, Jody Yutesler
 February 17, Donna Luepker
 February 24, Aaron Horman

March 3 Jane Drewelow
 March 10 Cheryl Boedeker
 March 17 David Niermeyer
 March 25 Jody Yutesler
 March 31 Donna Luepker



February 3, 2019 Drew & Josselyn
 February 10, 2019 Johny & Jaydon
 February 17, 2019 Sophie & Carter
 February 24, 2019 Josselyn & Matthew

March 3 2019 Johny & Josselyn

March 6, 2019 Lenten Service Matthew & Sophie

March 10, 2019 Jaydon & Sophie
 March 17, 2019 Carter & Matthew
 March 24, 2019 Josselyn & Johny
 March 31, 2019 Drew & Jaydon



February 1 Kaci Gottschalk
 February 2 Brenda Esbaum
 February 3 Taylor Armstrong, Dave Horman
 February 4 Jon Mansfield
 February 7 Duane Lasack, Easton Drewelow,
 Hunter Lohman, Drew Behrens
 February 8 Darren Esbaum

February 9 Laettner Esbaum
 February 10 Sharon Elijah
 February 11 Carl Pasley
 February 12 Millie Muhs
 February 13 Kevin Kahl, Renate Port
 February 14 Blake Proesch
 February 15 McKenna Luepker
 February 16 Makayla Schluter, Aidan Jacobs
 February 18 Koby Stewart
 February 23 Kip Esbaum
 February 24 Curt Conrad
 February 25 Gunner Klahn
 February 26 Sig Schluter
 February 27 Madeleine Combs



February 4, 1956 Harold & Mary Louise Horman 63 years
 February 5, 1977 Randy & Sandra Horman 42 years
 February 7, 1998 Butch & Sig Schluter 21 years
 February 15, 1996 *David & Dawn Adney 23 years



ZION EVENING CIRCLE
January 21, 2019

Ten Evening Circle members and Pastor Steve met January 21, 2019, for their regular meeting. Julie Hoffmeier led devotions with the topic "Faithful Steps".

President Terry called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was read and approved. Jane read the treasurer's report which was approved. Julie moved, 2nd by Millie to pay bills. Motion carried.

Jane gave a report on the poinsettia committee. 32 poinsettias were ordered with eight of them going to Nursing Home and Assisted Living church members. Monetary donations were also made to other places in the church.

President Terry thanked Jane, Joy and Janis for their work with the poinsettias; Janis and Janice for planning the Christmas party and Janis and Jane for serving the Committee on Ministry in January.

The newly purchased advent candles are very nice and Bonnie likes the new vacuum Evening Circle purchased. Terry thanked those who helped with the Lowden Lighted Parade float and those who helped with the silent auction that night.

Discussion was held on finishing the cleaning of the cupboards in the kitchen. It was moved by Millie, 2nd by Donna, that we clean as an activity in October this year. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the Lenten supper; Pastor Steve will see if Evening Circle can have our turn serving the Lenten meal on March 27 or April 3.

Janice Strackbein volunteered to try to revive the plant in the Educational Building across from Linda's office.

On a motion by Jane, 2nd by Jean, Evening Circle agreed to serve the evening meal at the Eastern Iowa Association meeting at Zion on Sept. 22. Motion carried.

Those in charge of Easter flowers are Donna, Jean and Janice. In February Millie will be charge of altar flowers; devotions by Sharon, project by Donna and refreshments by Joy and Rose. Janice and Jody will serve the March meeting of the Committee on Ministry.

Donna and Millie served lunch; the entertainment that was planned by Jane wasn't held because of the bad weather and roads as several members went home early.

Sharon Elijah
Secretary



**Zion United Church of Christ
Church Council Meeting Minutes
DECEMBER 13, 2018**

Zion United Church of Christ Council met at 6:00 p.m. on December 13, 2018. President Joy Combs called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve opened with a short reading and prayer. Those in attendance were Joy Combs, Duane Lasack, Bonnie Kintzel, Rick Balke, Jamie Nabb and Sharon Elijah. Linda Behrens was present through the treasurer's report.

The secretary's report was read and made official. The treasurer's reports were reviewed and approved. Pastor Steve's report was reviewed. Jamie moved, 2nd by Rick to move \$6400 from Pastor's cash salary to housing allowance on his W-2 form. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the thermostat in the Education Building. Pastor's expense report was approved on a motion by Rick, 2nd by Bonnie. Carried.

New business:

The 2019 budget was discussed. A motion to approve the budget was made by Duane, 2nd by Rick. Motion carried.

A letter from Aaron Horman was read concerning upgrading the internet connection to a business bundle package through F & B. That would include voicemail service that would replace the answering machine. Duane moved, 2nd by Rick to do this. Motion carried. Aaron also is reviewing option for an enterprise-class WIFI system that will provide coverage throughout the church. The technology fund has enough money to cover this.

Sharon moved, 2nd by Rick, to sign a contract with All-Star Turf to provide their service again in 2019. Motion carried.

Our next council meeting will be January 19th at 7:00. Zion's annual meeting will be January 27th.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2018

Zion United Church of Christ Congregational Meeting was held December 16, 2018, immediately following worship service. The meeting was called to order by President Joy Combs. Pastor Steve opened with a prayer. As the secretary read the wrong minutes, a motion was made by David Niermeyer, 2nd by Bernice Minor, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

The nominating committee placed the names of Jon Mansfield and Aaron Horman as council members and Mary Campbell as delegate and Terry Lasack as alternate delegate before the congregation. There being no other nominees, Duane Lasack moved, 2nd by Leroy Luepker the nominees to be declared elected. Motion carried.

The 2019 budget was presented. President Combs asked if there were any questions and discussion was held. Jan Strackbein moved, 2nd by Marilyn Klahn that we accept the budget. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Sharon Kruckenberg moved, 2nd by Linda Behrens that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor Steve closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Elijah, Secretary

Missions Committee Meeting
January 13, 2019

Present: Linda Behrens, Carmen Fields, Jess Coppess
Megan Horman Pastor Steve

Absent: Mary Campbell, Rick Balke, Jan Olson

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Linda and Pastor Steve led the group in prayer. Approval of Minutes: Carmen moved approval of the November 11, 2018, meeting minutes and Megan seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial Report:

Linda reviewed the financial report. There are two remaining gifts to be distributed giving us an account balance of approx. \$670.

Megan moved for approval of the financial report and Carmen seconded. Report approved.

Old Business:

Jess gave an update on the Human Trafficking presentation. The presentation will take place on February 19 at 630 pm. Flyers have been created and posted at all the local businesses. Pastor Steve shared the information among the North Cedar clergy who will promote it within their churches. He has also collected a \$50 honorarium for the speaker to help with travel costs. The committee agreed to have a social in fellowship hall after the presentation. Drinks and bars will be provided. Each member should bring 1 jellyroll pan, or 2 cake pans of bars. Members will meet 30 minutes prior to the presentation to setup.

New Business:

Pastor Steve shared he is working with the confirmation class to sponsor a rescue house in Dewitt. This rescue house exists to help those with addiction issues re-acclimate to society. They provide resources to help with healthier living, jobs, etc. The confirmation class may ask missions to help with a monetary donation. More to come from Pastor Steve and the confirmation class in February.

Pastor Steve also recommended missions be present at the Lenten Service we host. More to come on that as well.

Next Meeting:

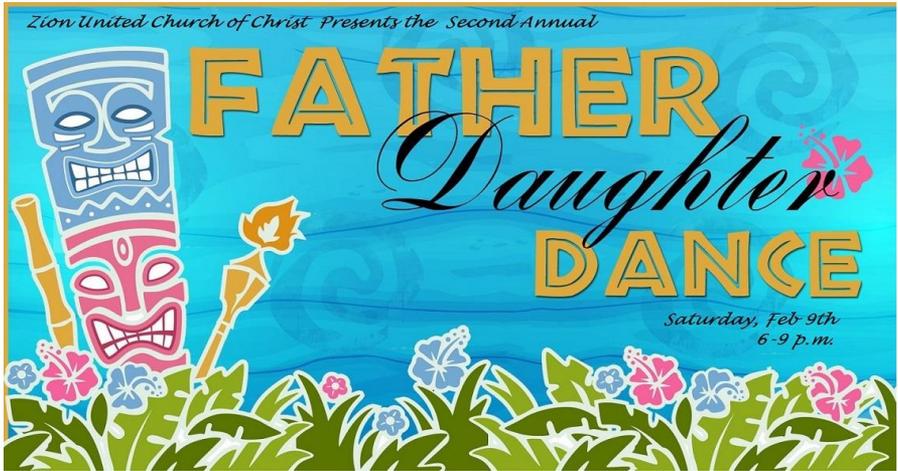
The next meeting will take place February 24, 2019 after church.

Adjournment:

Linda adjourned the meeting. Pastor Steve ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Coppess

Zion UCC presents our 2nd Annual Father Daughter Dance



The Spring Dinner Committee has met in preparation for our annual event. We have set the date for April 28, 2019 and are again planning to serve a Swiss Steak Dinner. This event serves as a gathering for all members of Zion. We hope that our members will participate in some way so that our community will be strengthened in this great mission of Zion Church.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex for you to choose one or more ways to participate and sponsor this event. Perhaps you will choose to make a food item, pick a job you will enjoy, make a monetary donation, and come enjoy a wonderful meal with your family and friends. However you choose to do God's work for the Church and for this mission, remember it is in the spirit of love and fellowship that brings us together. We thank you in advance for your work and we will communicate further as we approach April 28th.

The Spring Dinner Committee: Jean Stepp-Diane Esbaum-Julie

Hoffmeier-Sue Monson-Merlin Conrad and the Dean Behrens' fmy.