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**ENDING  
HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER WALK**

“CROP WALK/RIDE 2017”

Heads up!!

Get your walking shoes ready!!

The CROP WALK is coming up on Sunday, October 16 at 4:15 at church. We will begin walking at 4:30. Join us on our walk while we watch the beautiful Sunset (Hopefully).

While enjoy some exercise, fun, fellowship and some sweet treats. Get your sponsor sheet from Linda in the office.



“When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, ‘Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.’”

*Matthew 8 10-11.*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Last month I talked about the cadence, “Take your mark, set, (BANG!) and I made reference to our Christian faith as it shapes and prepares us for “the expected” but “not certain exactly when” BANG in life happens to us. But when it happens to someone we love, it seems like we had more to say or more to give or more to love. And when that BANG does come to someone we love, we often experience uncertainty. We question how we lived in their life and that uncertainty can overflow our emotions. But you see, as Christians, we are not only called to evaluate our lives, we are called to accept Christ’s transformation from our prideful, self-centered human life to God’s humble, self-giving heavenly life.

You see, each day when we awake, we are given a new opportunity to say to God, “I love you God and I am going to do what I can today to show the people you love that you truly exist.” “I am going to bring your Word to life today God by the way I live and love because Jesus taught me that is what we do if we truly believe in you.”

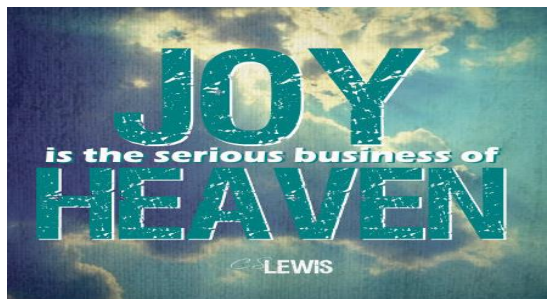
Now why would we do that? Why would we make a promise that is so difficult to keep?

Because what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross. Jesus died so that we can live beyond this life; and that means that we will one day see those we love who are no longer with us. The ones we long to stop and see. The ones we long to talk to on the phone. The ones who waved as we drove by each day. The ones we thought would never leave us until that BANG came and they were gone.

If for no other reason, we need to give all that we can to bring others to faith so that they can believe like we do. So they can know what we do...and that is...we will see our loved ones again because Jesus died so that we could live eternally with Him and all those who have gone on before us.

Sisters and Brothers, let us all get up tomorrow and the next day and the next and begin the new life in Jesus, a life that is lived by faith. The life that is given so that others may live a life that brings the Word of God to life here. Then we will all enjoy the great feast with our loved ones someday when our BANG comes.

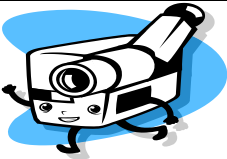
Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve



# THIS USHERS MONTH

Oct. 1, 2017	Church Council
Oct. 8, 2017	Robert & Jodie Fields
Oct. 15, 2017	Tessa Holst & Megan Hamdorf
Oct. 22, 2017	Noah & Jessica Coppess
Oct. 29, 2017	Senior High Fellowship
Nov. 5, 2017	Church Council
Nov. 12, 2017	Brian & Carolee Lohman
Nov. 19, 2017	Donna Luepker & Lori Dittmer
Nov. 22, 2017	Thanksgiving Eve Bill & Sharon Elijah
Nov. 26, 2017	Senior High Fellowship

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## VIDEOGRAPHERS

### October

Oct. 1	Donna Luepker
Oct. 8	David Niermeyer
Oct. 15	Aaron Horman
Oct. 22	Jane Drewelow
Oct. 30	Jody Yutesler

### November

Nov. 5	Jean Stepp
Nov. 12	Jane Drewelow
Nov. 19	David Niermeyer
Nov. 22	Aaron Horman
Nov. 26	Donna Luepker



## FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 1	Nathan Nabb & Leighton Tjaden
Oct. 8	Koby Stewart & Milo Easterly
Oct. 15	Taylor Lohman & August Harms
Oct. 22	Abby Balke & Nathan Nabb
Oct. 29	Leighton Tjaden & Jacob Gottschalk

**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**



October 1	Harlan Deerberg, Kyle Proesch
October 3	Janice Strackbein, Sheila Bowling
October 5	Robert Johson
October 7	Karen Baldwin, Marx Dttmer
October 8	Marlene Wiedenhof
October 9	Jacob Balke
October 10	Merle Tank, Laurie Steinke, Dan Mohr
October 11	Deloris Kahl
October 15	Carol Engel
October 16	Juie Hoffmeier, Addi Ra Ehltz, Tyler Stewart
October 17	Marlene Fox , Easton Bowling
October 18	Donna Jensen, Andy Kahl
October 19	Tessa Holst
October 21	Diane Mostaert, Heidi Krafock
October 24	Jane Armstrong, Johny Amina
October 25	Linda Behrens, Jaydon Nabb
October 30	Fred Klaveman, Wes Griesbach, Hiliary Griesbach
October 31	Samuel Combs, Rhonda Schoenfelder

Card...  ...shower

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*Happy Anniversary!*

October 4, 2002 Rick & Mary Balke  
October 7, 1995 Royce & Lisa Gottschalk  
October 7, 2006 Sheila & \*Travis Bowling  
October 8, 1994 \*Brian & Jane Armstrong  
October 15, 1977 Tim & Jane Drewelow  
October 16, 1999 Jamie & Kelli Nabb  
October 25, 2014 Robert & \*Melissa O'Howell-2014



**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Church Council Meeting Minute**

**August 24, 2017**

**(official)**

Zion United Church of Christ met at 7 p.m. on August 24, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President David Niermeyer. Pastor Steve opened with a reading and a prayer. Those in attendance were David

Niermeyer, Merlin Conrad, Bonnie Kintzel, Jamie Nabb, Joy Combs, Pastor Steve and Linda Behrens. Sharon Elijah was absent. Linda left the meeting after the financial reports.

Joys and concerns were shared. News and happenings were announced.

Secretary's minutes were read and corrected, on a motion by Merlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie, to include the approval of Pastor Steve's report in the July minutes. Motion carried. Jamie then moved to make the July 20<sup>th</sup> council minutes official. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merlin. Motion carried.

### **Calendar Review:**

- Aug. 25 - Herald Articles Due
- Aug. 26 - House warming for Rick Balke family
- Aug. 27 - Community worship service
- Sept. 4-13 - Pastor Steve vacation
- Sept. 17 - Clarence Nursing home service
- Sept. 23 - outdoor wedding  
- Massillon worship service
- Sept. 24 - Eastern Iowa Assn. Annual Meeting, Dubuque

### **Pastors Report**

Sept 3 worship, assigned council roles

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. David  | 4. Jamie  |
| 2. Merlin | 5. Sharon |
| 3. Bonnie | 6. Joy    |
- Scripture reader – Jamie

Plans for a Zion Worship Appreciation dinner

Joy made a motion to go ahead with the plans, 2<sup>nds</sup> by Merlin. Motion carried

Jamie moved to approve Pastors Expense report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Bonnie. Motion carried



## **New Business**

David reported there will be a change in our website service. There will now be a charge \$5.95 / month for the service.

Pastor Steve presented a pamphlet he has developed about Zion United Church of Christ for the Lowden Welcome Basket for new residents.

Discussion was held on the number of CDs to mature this year. Merlin made a motion that the CDs that mature in the next 8 months will be reinvested in another revenue. Seconded by Joy. Motion carried. The Council has empowered the Endowment committee to make decisions as to how and where the maturing CDs should be invested.

David reported an increase in medical plan rate for UCC.

## **Committee reports**

Jamie reported for the building and ground committee. The dehumidifier has been replaced, sump pumps are working and the hand rail has been reinstalled. Jamie made a motion to have the church Council pursue reroofing the parsonage and attached garage with a roof matching the church. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie, motion carried. This will be discussed at a congregational meeting. Jamie also reported they are continuing work on fixing the floor drain in Fellowship Hall.

Our next meeting will be Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Bonnie moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merlin to adjourn the meeting. Motions carried Pastor closed with a prayer.

Joy Combs, Pro temp secretary



ZION EVENING CIRCLE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Our 2017-2018 year started with our annual meeting at Fox's pond. One member got to make a check on her bucket list by getting to fish in the pond. Thanks, Terry, Barry and Julie! A potluck supper was enjoyed by 14 members, husbands, Pastor Steve and 4 guests. Julie presented a very interesting talk and power point on her participation in Lions International and their 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration in Chicago.

President Terry called the meeting to order with roll call "what is your favorite picnic food?" The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Thank you notes were read. Terry thanked Julie for giving her talk, Marlene F. for letting us use the pond for our meeting, Donna for her work as President the last two years, Janis for planning the summer outings, the flower committees and Jean and Marilyn for serving the Committee on Worship. Terry also announced that dues are payable now and that she purchased a new guest book to be used at the next Senior breakfast. The Crop Walk will be held in October and on a motion by Millie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice S., Circle will donate \$200. Motion carried. Circle will provide refreshments to the walkers.

Donna moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean, to donate \$50 to the Lowden Lions. Carried. On a motion by Jan S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna, Circle will donate \$200 to hurricane relief through the UCC conference. Motion carried.

The new program booklets were handed out and reviewed. Our meeting time has changed to **6:30** unless noted in the booklet.

October flowers – Janice S.

October devotions – Sharon

October refreshments – Joy and Marlene F.

Terry announced that in 2018 Evening Circle will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bring any ideas and/or historical items to Circle's attention. Pastor Steve reminded us of the dinner on October 28 after

worship service. Marlene W. presented Marlene Fox a gift as a thank-you for allowing us to have our meeting at the pond.

Meeting adjourned.

Sharon Elijah  
Secretary



The Mission Committee sponsored an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 11. A great meal (topped off with great desserts) and fellowship was enjoyed by 52 participants and we want to thank all who attended. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and special thanks to Jean Stepp, Tessa Fields and Keith Stewart for assisting us.

## *UP COMING HAPPENINGS*

*October 2 - World Wide Communion*

*October 16 4:30 p.m. CROP Walk  
Come and join us on our  
Walk*

*October 16 Neighbors in Needs  
Offering*

*October 17 7:00 p.m. Craft ítem for  
the Nursing Homes*

*Zion Youth club meeting on*

*October 5*

*October 19 Halloween Party*