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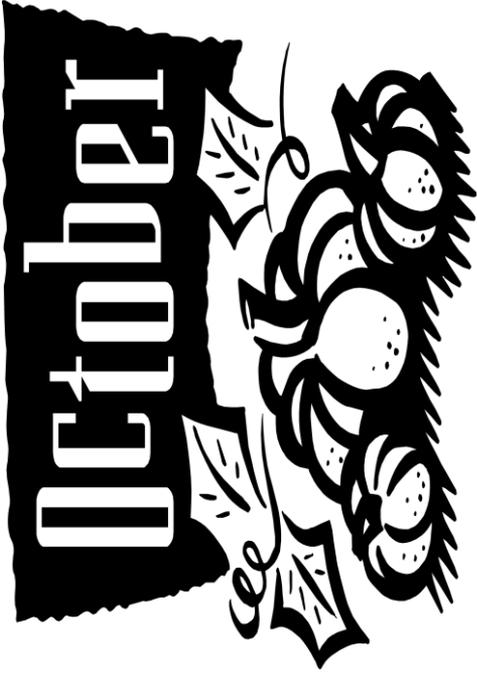
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# ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK

“CROP WALK/RIDE 2018”

Heads up!!

Get your walking shoes ready!!

The CROP WALK is coming up on Sunday, **October 21 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.



Greetings Sisters and  
Brothers in Christ,



In October the cold brisk wind that penetrates our clothing calls us to a time of preparation for the coming winter. But to only think ahead to the coming winter would be to abandon the beauty and splendor of October's autumn transformation. It is a transformation of preparedness. Leaves change from their summer green to a rainbow of reds, yellows, and oranges as God paints the landscape around us. Those leaves will form a nourishing blanket that protects plants and animals. Many other transformations will occur in this month which prepares creation for a time of renewal and rebirth.

October can also be a month where we as Christians explore our preparedness for God's call to us and our communities. Through prayer, study and conversation, we renew our commitment to God, seek out God's call to us, and continue our transformation in Jesus Christ. As a community, let us turn to God, gather in God's name, pray to God, read God's word, share our thoughts and ideas about what God is calling us to do, and then answer God's call to us and our community. Let us participate in Christ's faith because Christ is the only one to answer God's call faithfully and completely.

"But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit"  
(2 Corinthians 3:16-18).

- It is Christ's faith that releases us from the bonds of this world that veil us from God's call.
- It is Christ's faith that transforms us into the beautiful colors of God's children now and forever.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve

“Joy is the serious  
business of heaven.”

*C. S. Lewis*



**Zion United Church of Christ** will end the month of September **boldly** as we do something that has **never been done** in the **150 year history** of our church.

**On Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>,** we will not hold our regular worship service at our church, but instead, we will join with other UCC churches in our area at

**First UCC, 600 Mulberry Street in Tipton** to form a large community of believers. During the worship service we will enjoy the leadership and **contemporary music** of Christian music artist, **Bryan Sirchio**.

Check out his music at <http://sirchio.com/> Please **come and lift your voices** in song and prayer as we **step out** of the normal Sunday worship experience and try something **wonderfully new**.

# THIS MONTH USHERS

Oct. 7, 2018 Church Council  
 Oct. 14, 2018 Mary Huffman, Wilbert & Millie Muhs  
 Oct. 21, 2018 Brian & Carolee Lohman,  
 Dean & Lisa Hamdorf  
 Oct. 28, 2018 Senior High Fellowship

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Nov. 4, 2018 Church Council  
 Nov. 11, 2018 Joby & Kyle Proesch,  
 Donavon & Linda Freese  
 Nov. 21, 2018 Barry & Julie Hoffmeier, Jay Hein,  
 Jodie Snowbarger  
 Nov. 25, 2018 Senior High Fellowship



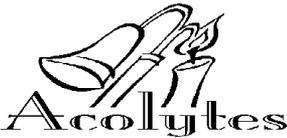
## VIDEOGRAPHERS

### October

Oct. 7 Jean Stepp  
 Oct. 14 Cheryl Boedeker  
 Oct. 21 Aaron Horman  
 Oct. 30 Jane Drewelow

### November

Nov. 4 Tessa Holst  
 Nov. 11 Jody Yutesler  
 Nov. 18 Donna Luepker  
 Nov. 25 Donna Luepker



## FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 7 Drew Behrens & Carter Horman  
 Oct. 14 Sophie Poppe & Jaydon Nabb  
 Oct. 21 Joselyn Easterly & Johny Amina  
 Oct. 28 Matthew Bramlett & Drew Behrens



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 Ehlts, 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



**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Church Council Meeting Minute**  
AUGUST 23, 2018  
**(official)**

Zion United Church of Christ Council met at 7:00 p.m. on August 23, 2018. President Joy Combs called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve opened with a devotion and prayer. Those in attendance were Joy Combs, Bonnie Kintzel, Duane Lasack, Rick Balke, Jamie Nabb and Sharon Elijah. Linda Behrens was absent.

Joys and Concerns were shared.

The secretary's minutes were read and made official on a motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick. Carried. The treasurer's reports were reviewed and approved on a motion by Duane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon. Carried.

Calendar review:

Aug. 26	Worship at Sunday Funday, Lowden Park
Sept. 4	Movie night
Sept. 8	Parent's Night Out

Sept. 9	Christian Ed classes begin
Sept. 13	Council meeting
Sept. 17	Evening Circle at Fox's pond
Sept. 19	Confirmation classes begin
Sept. 30	Joint worship with 4 other churches at Tipton

Pastor Steve told us about the planned combined worship service in Tipton with musician Bryan Sirchio on September 30<sup>th</sup>. There might be a combined Sunday school also. On a motion by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie, it was agreed to join the other churches in this event. Motion carried. The association meeting will be held that afternoon. Annual Conference meeting will be Oct. 12 & 13. Rick moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie, that pastor's expense report be approved. Carried.

Jeremy Butler of the insurance board joined us in a conference call regarding doing background checks on those who work with young people in our church. For a cost of \$5 per person, the conference will do the background checks. This will protect our church, insure safety for everyone involved and protect the church's reputation. Duane moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie, that we will do background checks with the Basic program plus MVR checks with Pastor Steve as the administrator. Motion carried.

President Joy announced that she had met with the boiler inspector and a heating sensor coil needs to be repaired. She will call Lowden Plumbing & Heating to look into this. Jamie will look at the bannister and light switch repair that is needed. A thank you card will be sent to Merlin Conrad for installing the new ceiling light fixtures in the educational building.

Our next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick to adjourn the meeting. Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Elijah, Secretary



**ZION EVENING CIRCLE**  
**September 17, 2018**

We started our 2018-2019 with our annual trip to Fox's pond on a hot September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 12 members and 7 husbands and Pastor Steve enjoyed the bountiful pot luck supper with pulled pork sandwiches provided by Evening Circle. Thank you, Marlene and Julie for allowing us to meet at your wonderful place.

Linda Freese called the meeting to order. After roll call the secretary's report was read and approved. Jane read the treasurer's report and it was approved. Dues of \$10 are now payable. Jody moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

Thank you notes from Makayla Schluter, Connie Madden, Megan Horman and Avery Luepker were read. Linda thanked Millie, Janice S., Jean, and Marlene W. for taking care of flowers and the bulletin board this summer, and Joy and Terry for serving the committee on ministry. Janis and Marilyn will serve the committee tomorrow, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

The new program booklets were handed out and reviewed. Janis and Janice talked about some of the interesting things we will do this coming year. In October we will be cleaning at church; bring a dust cloth or other favorite cleaning tool. We will begin at 5:30. Lunch will be served by Marlene F. and Marilyn. Joy will have devotions. Sharon is in charge of flowers for October.

Pastor Steve reminded us of the joint worship service to be held in Tipton on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember those who need a ride, a bus will be taking Sunday School students to Tipton for a joint Sunday school worship experience.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Elijah,  
Secretary



## **Sunday Classes has begun!**

September was a busy month already in Sunday School! Abby Balke is joining us in the classroom this year! We welcome her to our team of teachers! Jessica Coppess and Kelly Nabb will be in the classroom again this year! Also, Tanya Stewart will help us

prepare lessons during the week when needed and will help out on Sundays when her work schedule allows it!

We began our classes with new journals for the year that will include our lessons and a bible verse for each Sunday! Our first one was, "This is the Day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24. Our second Sunday was spent "Helping Others" as we went shopping at J&J Grocery for our food pantry! All classes were allowed to spend \$100 and whomever was closest to \$100 would be the winner of a breakfast party. All classes worked hard to be as close as \$.11! Our third Sunday was our annual visit to the Lowden Memorial Park! The weather was beautiful, and all youth helped make a sidewalk ladder like Jacob's ladder in his dream where the ladder/staircase went all the way to Heaven! We enjoyed a walk and resting in the outdoors just like Jacob did in his story from Genesis 28: 10-22.



**We look forward to teaching more of Gods' words and stories!**

If you ever have any questions, please contact me! Thank you for your continued support of our Christian Education Program!

***Kelly Nabb***

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## **Senior High Fellowship!**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>! Senior High Fellowship will oversee ushering and helping collect the offering. I

would like one SHF member to volunteer to read for worship. We will have a meeting following the worship service. We have lots to discuss! The leaves may be off the trees by then, so we can decide when we should rake leaves as our service project as we get closer to the meeting! Koby Stewart and his family will oversee the meal and the devotion for the meeting.



Parents, has it been a long time since you were able to go out and get a break from parenting? Zion United Church of Christ would like to

help. We will be offering a Parents' Night Out where you can drop your kids off and get a little time to yourself. We will start the night off with a nutritious meal, games and end with a movie. This event is completely free thanks to the Love Like Lija Foundation. Pre-registration is required by the Wednesday before to ensure we have enough volunteers.

### KNI/PNO REPORT

During our very first Kids' Night In/Parents' Night Out, we were blessed to have 4 children and 4 adults plus one student for NC High. We had a wonderful Spaghetti and meatball meal prepared by Annette Behrens and talked about praying as we ate. We went to the park and played a game where the kids would hide toy animals from the Ark and had each other find them.

Once we got back to the church, we made a craft with Perler beads and talked about how it is nice to make something and to give it as a gift to someone we love. The kids were shown how to make a banana Noah's Ark with peanut butter and animal crackers and then we went upstairs to watch the movie, Noah's Ark. I am very thankful for our volunteers Annette, Melissa Gottschalk and her daughter Kyra Lange, and Pastor Steve.

If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and get a break for yourself, please register by the Wednesday before. The next one is Saturday, October 13th, 6-10 p.m. and the theme is The Lord is My Light.

Warmly,  
Heather Easterly

# *UP COMING HAPPENINGS*

*October 7 -World Wide Communion*

*October 21 4:30 p.m. CROP Walk*

*Come and join us on our  
Walk*

*October 17 7:00 p.m. Evening Circle*

*Zion Youth club meeting on*

*October 3*

*October 31 Halloween Party*

*October 21 Neighbors in Needs  
Offering*

## **Neighbors in Need**

Please use the envelope enclosed in the last Herald or use one that is on the table in the lobby, for NIN offering that will be taken on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.