

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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UP COMING HAPPENINGS

- October 6 World Communion Sunday
October 17 Church Council meeting
October 22 Come and join us in our annual
 “CROP WALK” at 3:30 pm.
October 30 Choir practice

NOVEMBER 10

Slaton concert at 6:00. Come and enjoy us for their beautiful music

Information Corner Our website address is www.zionucclowden.org

Secretary: Linda Behrens **Zion office hours** Monday through Friday 8:30 to 12:00.

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Members of the church council: Joy Combs, President: phone 941-7709,

Aaron Horman, V. President: 941-7590, Sharon Elijah, Secretary: phone 452-3185,

Duane Lasack, phone 941-5529. Randy Horman, phone 374-1899, and Jon Mansfield, phone 944-5559.

Custodian: Bonnie Kintzel

KIDS Night In PARENTS Night Out

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Contact Heather: 515.971.8988

Enjoy an evening out while we entertain the kids!

6-10 pm

More information can be found at www.zionucclowden.org

Cost: Free

Pre registration is required by the Wednesday before the event.

Second Saturday of the Month

Kids Night In/Parents Night Out
Saturday, October 12
from 6:00 to 10:00
For more information you can Call
Heather Easterly

Totenfest will be held on
Sunday, November 3 to honor all of our members
and friends who passed into New Life during the
past year. The service calls us to remember our
loved ones who have gone before us and now
shine I glory with Jesus Christ.



HACAP TRUCK will be
in Bennett on October 8
from 3:30 to 4:30. If you
are in need please come.

*A Christian Band
The Slaton's are going to be
performing for us on
November 10 at 6:00 p.m.
A Love offering will be collected
To help cover their cost.*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

"Move Over!" Tommy cried as he walked back and forth down the aisle of the bus. He was the new boy at school, and everyone had already started passing rumors about him. The word on the playground was the new boy missed the first week of school because he had head lice and now, no one wanted to sit next to him. The real story... his grandfather, whom he loved dearly, had passed away and his mother had taken it very hard. So, the move into their new home took a week longer than expected. Eventually the bus driver told the boy in the front row to move over, but instead the kids in the two front rows moved to the back, leaving what the kids thought was a safe buffer from those jumping lice.

Tommy sat in the first, front seat, but what he really wanted to do was curl-up into a ball and cry. He didn't understand how the kids from this parochial school could be so mean. They were Christians! At Tommy's last school the kids were so friendly. He knew everyone and he liked everyone. But here, they were selfish and mean...well it seemed that way.

So what do you think Tommy did? Well, he simply prayed for God to help him love the kids who were being so mean to him. Sounds familiar doesn't it? (See the * below) When lunch time came, one of the boys in his class who didn't take part in the bus segregation came up to Tommy and asked if he could sit down with him. The rest of the class sat in horror as Patrick sat down next to "Lice Boy." They all liked Patrick, but now he would have to become an outcast because he broke the "5-foot rule" of lice infestation. Then something wonderful happened after lunch. Patrick got up and introduced Tommy to the class and explained the tragedy that had befallen his family. The rest of the class sat in silence, trying not to make eye contact with Patrick.

After that, the rest of the class greeted Tommy with a smile and a few, "I'm sorry's." Patrick and Tommy became best friends and Tommy forgave his class for their rude behavior. You see, when we ask for God's help to become better servants of God and when we ask for God to help us love others, even when they are mean to us, we are already reflecting the love of Jesus Christ. So, we should not be surprised when God's answer is what we hoped for and we shouldn't be surprised when God's answer helps change the world through us. Praise be to God!

* ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:33-34)

September was a month of Great Joy and Great Sorrow. We celebrated the lives of three of our members who passed away. The Hospitality Team celebrated the coming of Autumn with an Ice Cream Social. We joined together with First UCC from Tipton and St. John's UCC from Clarence for a wonder-filled worship service lead by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. We hosted the Eastern Iowa Association's Annual Meeting. Sunday School started back up. We renewed our family commitment to the Kids Night In / Parents Night Out program. Our Confirmation Class returned for their second year.

With God's help, we are alive! So come join us in the life of Jesus Christ!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

"The Christian does not think God will love us
because we are good,
but that God will make us good
because He loves us."

C.S. Lewis

THIS MONTH USHERS

Oct. 6 Church Council
 Oct. 13 Tim & Jane Drewelow
 Oct. 20 Barry & Julie Hoffmeier
 Oct. 27 Senior High Fellowship



Videographers October coming to you soon



October 1	Harlan Deerberg, Kyle Proesch
October 3	Janice Strackbein, Sheila Bowling
October 5	Robert Johnson
October 7	Karen Baldwin, Marx Dittmer
October 8	Marlene Wiedenhoff
October 9	Jacob Balke
October 10	Merle Tank, Laurie Steinke, Dan Mohr
October 15	Carol Engel
October 16	Julie Hoffmeier, 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 DeJesso
October 31	Samuel Combs, Rhonda Schoenfelder



Card Shower

Harlan Deerberg	107 Augusta Drive Apt 1, Lowden, Iowa 52255
Marlene Wiedenhoff	Prairie Hills, 219 S. Cedar Street, Apt. 10 Tipton, Iowa 52772
Merle Tank	518 2 nd Avenue, Oxford Jct., Iowa 52323
Marlene Fox	PO Box 245, Lowden, Iowa 52255
Donna Jensen	402 2 nd Avenue Apt. #4, Clarence, Iowa 52216
Fred Klavemann,	608 Lynn Street, Tipton, IA 52772



Happy Anniversary!

October 4, 2002	Rick & Mary Balke	17 years
October 7, 1995	Royce & Lisa Gottschalk	24 years
October 7, 2006	Sheila & *Travis Bowling	12 years
October 8, 1994	*Brian & Jane Armstrong	25 years
October 15, 1977	Tim & Jane Drewelow	42 years
October 16, 1999	Jamie & Kelli Nabb	20 years



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 26, 2019

Zion United Church of Christ met August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. President Joy Combs called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve Stepp opened with a devotion and prayer. Council members in attendance were Joy Combs, Randy Horman, Duane Lasack, Aaron Horman, Jon Mansfield and Sharon Elijah. Linda Behrens was present through the treasurer's reports. Sandy Esbaum was present through her presentation. Joys and concerns were shared.

Sandy Esbaum explained to us the process of using direct deposit for church contributions in lieu of using envelopes for those that were interested. It was decided a flyer would be printed and given to church members. This idea will also be discussed at a congregational meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on a motion by Duane, 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried. The Treasurer's reports were approved on a motion by Aaron, 2nd by Jon. Motion carried.

Calendar review:

- Sept. 14 Parents Night Out, Kids Night In
- Sept. 15 Ice cream social after worship
- Sept. 16 Evening Circle meeting
- Sept. 18 Committee on Ministry meeting
- Sept. 19 Church council meeting
- Sept. 22 Joint worship service followed by the Eastern Iowa Association meeting
- Sept. 24 Movie Night

Pastor Steve presented his report. Jean is handling the meal for the Association meeting. His next vacation if planned for Oct 22-29. Pastor talked to us about the leadership structure of Zion. We also discussed church attendance and giving. Pastor's expense report was approved on a motion by Aaron, 2nd by Duane. Motion carried.

Duane moved, 2nd by Jon, that Randy Horman be appointed as a council member for the remainder of 2019. Motion carried. Randy was installed as a council member by Pastor Stepp.

Old Business:

Aaron has talked to Lowden Plumbing & Heating and Hometown about the furnace and air conditioning unit. We will await the bid from Hometown before doing any more. There is an old hot water tank that is leaking and needs replacing in the Educational basement.

Duane moved, 2nd by Aaron that we purchase a re-certified defibrillator. Pastor Steve will order it. The marker on Pastor Jordan's grave will be leveled. There have been enough donations to cover

the cost. It was decided to delay the Life Touch church directory until 2020. Council decided to forego sending out third quarter giving statements.

Our next meeting will be held September 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Duane moved, 2nd by Aaron to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Pastor Steve closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Elijah, Secretary



EVENING CIRCLE FUNERAL LUNCHEONS UPDATES

August 21, 2019

Evening Circle would like to be able to continue our cultural tradition of serving a luncheon following a funeral held at Zion UCC. Several Evening Circle members are retired and are more than willing to help out at a funeral luncheon, but due to a few of our organization who still hold jobs outside their homes and a few members that have moved out of the area, there are not always enough available to help as needed.

Depending on the congregation to provide food and workers is a common practice in many area churches. Some churches, however, have started having funeral luncheons catered or simply do not offer to serve a luncheon to the family.

In the past, there have been occasions when we have served two funerals in one week at Zion, which spreads our volunteers a "little thin".

Evening Circle, being a small group of only 13 members, as of August 2019, would like to ask for your help to be able to continue offering to serve. An Evening Circle representative maybe calling on you to furnish food or help with serving at a funeral luncheon in the near future. We would greatly appreciate your help! If you are willing to work, please call the church office at 563-941-7726 to added to the calling list.

ZION EVENING CIRCLE

September 19, 2019

We started our 2019-2020 year with our annual trip to Fox's pond on September 16, 2019. 11 members and 8 husbands, including Pastor Steve enjoyed a bountiful potluck supper with maid rites provided by the Evening Circle. Thank you to Marlene and Julie for allowing us to meet at your wonderful place.

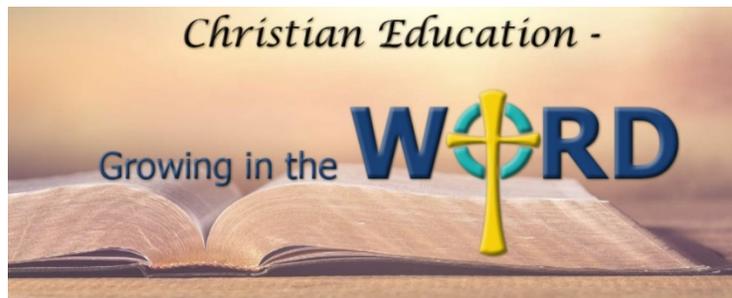
Tait Steines from Calamus was our guest speaker. He talked about his experience of carrying the Olympic Torch for the 1994 Summer Olympics.

President Terry then called our meeting to order. The Secretary's report was read, and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$3, 013.90. Dues of \$10. are now payable. Marlene made a motion, seconded by Jean to pay the bill for the maid rites purchased by the Hospitality committee for use at the summer social. The Evening circle will use the leftovers. We were sad to hear Jane Drewelow has resigned her position and moved away. However, a very competent Julie Hoffmeier has stepped up to take over the duties of treasurer.

The New program booklets were handed out and gone over. In October we will be cleaning at church starting at 5:30. Lunch will be served by Jody and Joy. Joy will lead devotions. Sharon is in charge of flowers for October. Meeting was then adjourned.



The Hospitality Team would like to Thank You for coming and supporting our Ice Cream Social on September 15th. It's is greatly appreciated.



Christian Education News!

- Sunday Classes began Sunday, September 8th at 9AM! Our first lesson was: **We are CHRISTIANS!**
- **We are Christians! We are taught to LOVE ONE ANOTHER! We learn this from the Bible Verse, “We love because HE first loved us.” John 4:19**
- **We are Christians! We are asked to HELP ONE ANOTHER! This is found to be true in Bible Verse, “Be Kind and Compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgives you.” Ephesians 4:32**
- **We are Christians! We TRUST IN THE LORD. We are taught this from Bible verse, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5**

LET’S BE CHRISTIANS:

-EVERYDAY.

-EVERYWHERE.

-AND GIVE THANKS!

Our activity to put this into action was to go grocery shopping for the food pantry! Each class was challenged to spend \$100 each and whomever got closest; would receive a prize. They took this challenge and excelled in it!

We look forward to continuing to teach God’s word!

Weather Pending; we plan to do our annual PARK DAY on September 28th!

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People from the Old Testament

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| Aaron | Esau | Jonathan | Samuel |
| Abel | Esther | Joseph | Sarah |
| Abraham | Eve | Joshua | Saul |
| Adam | Gideon | Leah | Solomon |
| Benjamin | Hannah | Lot | |
| Cain | Isaac | Moses | |
| Caleb | Ishmael | Nehemiah | |
| Daniel | Isiah | Noah | |
| David | Jacob | Rachel | |
| Elijah | Jeremiah | Rebekah | |
| Elisha | Job | Ruth | |
| Enoch | Jonah | Samson | |

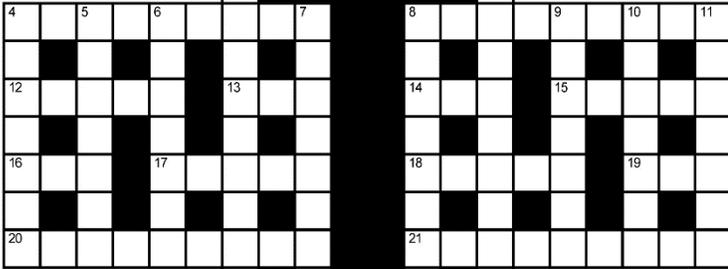
Bible Crossword X

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

Down

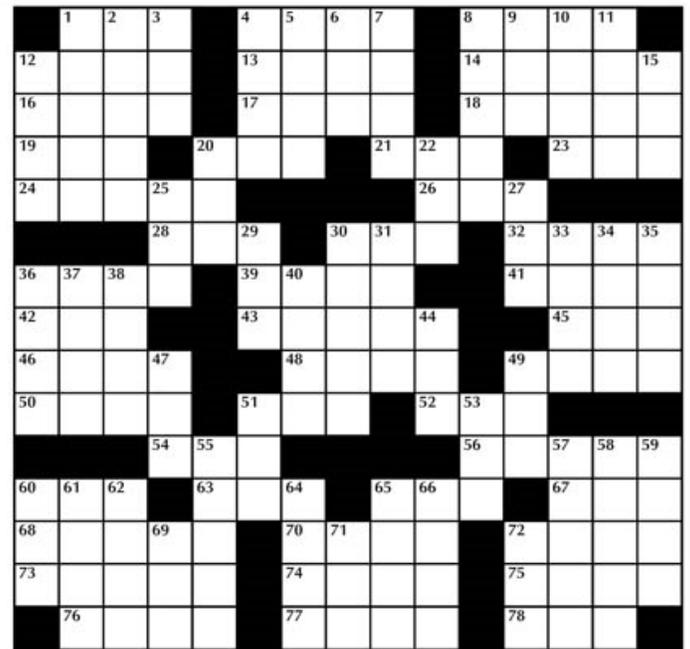
- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Savour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)

<http://biblepuzzles.org.uk>



CLUES ACROSS

- 1 "as he ___ upon the mount" (Matt. 24)
- 4 "the poison of ___ is under their lips" (Rom. 3)
- 8 "righteousnesses are as filthy ___" (Isa. 64)
- 12 "the price of his ___ shall be...the number of years" (Lev. 25)
- 13 "ye are so ___ removed" (Gal. 1)
- 14 "For that which I do I ___ not" (Rom. 7)
- 16 "rule them with a rod of ___" (Rev. 19)
- 17 "breathed ___ his nostrils the breath of life" (Gen. 2)
- 18 "be holy and without ___ before him in love" (Eph. 1)
- 19 "saw Jesus afar off, he ___ and worshipped him" (Mark 5)
- 20 "shall be astonished, and ___ his head" (Jer. 18)
- 21 "weavest the seven locks of my head with the ___" (Judg. 16)
- 23 "secretly as a lion in his ___" (Ps. 10)
- 24 "the queen of ___ heard of the fame of Solomon" (1 Kings 10)
- 26 "the ___, which the LORD God had taken from man" (Gen. 2)
- 28 "when ye pray, ___ not vain repetitions" (Matt. 6)
- 30 "if any man will ___ thee at the law" (Matt. 5)
- 32 "As the partridge sitteth on ___" (Jer. 17)
- 36 "hair is fallen off his head, he is ___" (Lev. 13)
- 39 "were as swift as the ___" (1 Chron. 12)
- 41 "nations are as a ___ of a bucket" (Isa. 40)
- 42 "repented long ___ in sackcloth" (Matt. 11)
- 43 "the days when the judges ___" (Ruth 1)
- 45 "Blessed ___ the poor in spirit" (Matt. 5)
- 46 "let him ___ himself" (Matt. 16)
- 48 "children of Edom...said, Raise it, ___ it" (Ps. 137)
- 49 "Saul ___ David from that day" (1 Sam. 18)
- 50 "fall by the ___ of the sword" (Luke 21)
- 51 "he planteth an ___" (Isa. 44)
- 52 "harder to be ___ than a strong city" (Prov. 18)
- 54 "find an ___ tied, and a colt" (Matt. 21)