



The PEAL of Zion

Newsletter of Zion United Methodist Church: Batavia
August 2021

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Dear Member and Friends of Zion UMC,

The month of August is busy with families finishing up their vacations and transitioning to school.

Let us also transition from our summer spiritual routine with these few reminders as we head into the fall season.

1. Make church attendance a weekly family time to grow deeper in knowing God.
2. Prepare your heart (and your family budget) so that you can be generous.
3. Do everything for the LORD and not for the world or yourself.

If you do these things, you will find that there is less stress and worries in your life! God has blessed *you* so you can bless others!

Blessings,

Rev. Dan Verdegan

Our Homebound Friends

Bill Hartmann Lucille Koschak
Donna Schroeter Ann McChain
Meredith Langan Judy Arndt
Al & Vonnie Kelling Tracy Gaulke

Anniversaries

August 2 Mark & Luan Liebham
17 Al & Vonnie Kelling
19 Chuck & Marion Zehner
28 Don & Terri Treichel

Sunday August 1 Holy Communion



Shower the Kellings with cards!!!

August 17th is their 70th anniversary.
Why not send them a card to celebrate
their commitment to each other?

Alan and Vonnie Kelling
119 Cedar Ridge Drive apt S321
West Bend, WI 53095

Birthdays

August 2 Virginia Witte
3 Alicia Hartman
5 Tracy Hartman
9 Bill Leissring
11 Stone Pomeroy
13 Sierra Elsbury
14 Susan DeRuyter
20 Connie McChain
22 Marcia Clements
23 Joanna Maas
24 Sharon Arndt,
Trenton Kittler
Mike Morse
26 Luan Liebham
Stefanie Eisentraut
27 Owen Lomis
28 Amanda DeVerney
30 Terri Yoho
31 Linda Gerlach
Jorge Tadeo

Upper Rooms

The July / August copies
are available in the Narthex.

“Connecting with God”

Sunday mornings: In Person, FB
Live and Parking Lot worship will
start at

9:15 am

Devotions: Tuesday Lunchtime at
noon & Thursday nights at 7pm

Bible Study: Wednesday morning at
10:30am



Soups & Crackers

The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. All kinds of nonperishable food items are needed. Each month we like to highlight one item. This month we are highlighting all kinds of soups and crackers. Items can be placed in the shopping cart. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

GOT MILK?

Zion is still supplying all of the funds for the purchase of milk through the Food Pantry. Thank you to all who help fill this need. Please mail milk fund donations to Zion.

The Interfaith Food Pantry is located at 310 Center St, Adell, WI

Curbside pick-up ONLY at this time. Call the Food Pantry at 920-447-2293 for appointment.

BACK TO CHURCH

Bill and I came back to church for the Easter Sunrise Service, and then, shortly after that, we started back at church in person. We still miss a Sunday here and there when our grandson (too young to be vaccinated) sleeps over on a Saturday night. Then, we revert to our Covid mainstay—live stream on Facebook.

Seeing the service is online is great for shut-ins and others who cannot make it to church. I believe we should continue this indefinitely as it allows Zion, and God's message, to have a greater footprint. But, it just does not match worshipping together.

While we felt connected to Zion during the months of Covid restrictions, nothing compares with being in church together. Singing, praying, and worshipping together is powerful. To see Barb or Bev at the organ, to hear Jay's deep voice in our pew, to see how Manny and other kids have grown, to experience Niko's joy as rambles up the aisle, and being able to connect with old friends and people we care about—this is what we missed! We are thrilled to be back at Zion to hear Rev Dan preach, to sing the familiar hymns, and simply be together in the church we love. What a blessing!

If you have fallen into the habit of staying home on Sunday mornings, there is no better time than the present to join us in worship. We all established new habits this past year and a half, and many of us simply fell out of the habit of being in church on Sundays. Find out what you have been missing and join us at church. We miss you!

Terri Yoho, Lay Leader

Notes From Parish Nurse Nancy Eberhardt, RN

Dear Friends of Zion UMC,

Happy American Family Day! In case you did not remember, it is celebrated on the first Sunday in August. It seems to me that August is a good time to take a few minutes, and reflect on the **value and blessings of family life**. I hope that during this month, you are able to enjoy some special time with your loved ones.

How can healthy families be described?

In order for families to be healthy, the members need a **strong commitment to one another**. This includes both adults and children. Without this commitment, the family can't serve as the refuge that God intended it to be. One of the most beautiful accounts of family commitment recorded in the Bible is found in Ruth 1:1-22. This passage describes the loyalty and love of Ruth for her mother-in-law Naomi.

Families also need to **relate to one another on an intimate level**. God has intended for many of our personal and emotional needs to be met in families. It is not always easy to share ourselves intimately with our family. Yet, when it seems the most difficult, or involves taking real risks, this may be when it is most important.

Families also need a **sense of identity**. Parents and children need to feel that they are both an essential part of the family as a whole.

May you be blessed and affirmed in your family life.

Welcome Mugs

We have travel mugs to use in our Welcome bags for guests. If you are interested in one for personal use or gifts contact P Gail or the office. They are \$10.



Venturing to Worship

SAVE THE DATE -Sunday Sept 12 Church Picnic

The tent is going up! We have reserved the men's quartet "Redeemed" for this special event. Lots of other things are in the planning stage: parade, games, pot luck. Of course, everything depends on the weather but we're making plans.

Sunday Sept 5th will be a return to Holy Communion as we knew it; by walking forward to receive the elements. Precautions will be taken to ensure the most sanitized conditions possible.

SHARE “NATURE’S BLESSINGS”



Too much garden produce to use at home?

Bring your extras to church.

If you can use fresh produce from this table, help yourself.

Leave a good will donation in the basket if your wish.

We hope to share any extras left at church with our local Food Pantry and Sheboygan Food Bank! We want to spread God’s blessings around this summer!

Zion UMC Finance / Council Meeting Minutes

July 20th, 2021

Present; Rev. Dan Verdegan, Larry Huiras, Mark Leibham, Candy McChain, Rev. Gail Mitchell, Terri Yoho

Rev. Dan opened with prayer. Larry was appointment recording secretary.

Mark presented the six month summary from January 1 thru June 30, along with a comparison to the last 10 years. There have been \$58,051 envelope offerings, total receipts income of \$99,579 and total expenses of \$84,920. This is very consistent with past years.

Mark reported that all bills are paid to date. There is \$30,000 in the discretionary saving account. He has paid 50% of our monthly Conference Apportionments through July. Mark asked if we are content with our percentage paid to the Conference. We discussed and decided that yes we are. We will review at year end.

Larry reported for NE Circuit 12 Laity. They are hosting a Brat Fry fund raiser on Saturday, July 24th at the Piggly Wiggly in Plymouth. They are supporting the costs to ship 45 school desks constructed to the Midwest Distribution Center along with a van taking volunteers to work one day at the Center in August.

Pastor Gail presented a welcome gift bag for visitors attending services. The bag includes a coffee mug, two coffee packs and welcome brochure that describe Zion's church activities. DOC will review and more bags will be made.

Pastor Gail is preparing for the Worship Design meeting on August 8th. The main focus is Rally Day on Sunday, September 12. Redeem Quartet is interested to perform for Rally Day. Extra activities need to be planned. She asked if the DOC group could plan the potluck lunch. We need to train more individuals to be head ushers for Sunday services. Jeff and Paul have been great, but they can't cover every week. The front of church will get freshen up with new banners.

Rev Dan reported for Trustees. They are looking to improve the hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. Yard cleanup is planned. They are setting up a separate Memorial Committee. There are reports from our parking lot neighbors of strange activities seen. Larry mentions that Greg Melius has offered to cut the lower limbs off the pine trees by the cross on the hillside. Terri will mention it to Bill so the Trustees can discuss.

Candy has started to think about Sunday school startup on Rally Day.

Terri stated that she meets with Rev Dan once per month to discuss church program.

Rev Dan has been helping Shirley plan VBS. We discussed that safe practices should be in place to prevent Covid. Masks and sanitizer will be available. Cleaning surfaces will be performed.

Rev Dan has been attending youth sporting events when he can. He has had positive feedback from parents. He keeps encouraging the congregation to come back to Sunday services.

Next Finance/Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 6:30 pm

August 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> DOC meeting 6:30pm	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> Worship design team meeting after service	<i>9</i> VBS 9-12	<i>10</i> VBS 9-12	<i>11</i> VBS 9-12	<i>12</i> VBS 9-12	<i>13</i> VBS 9-12	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> VBS Program	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> AdCouncil meeting 6:30pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Trustee meeting 6:30pm	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Nominations meeting 6:30pm	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
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STAY UP TO DATE WITH US!

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Secretary office hours are 8:00—11:00 Monday thru Friday

Call ahead if you are stopping by to be sure someone is here!

**Rev. Dan's work hours are Tuesday —Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm/Fridays 9:00am—1:00pm.
Generally, he is in the office, but may be out visiting or in meetings. Please call ahead for
an appointment.**