



# The PEAL of Zion

Newsletter of Zion United Methodist Church: Batavia  
September 2021

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*“For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.”* Matthew 18:20

Dear Zion UMC Family and Friends,

I remember my first day of school. New clothes, new school supplies, new locker (or the same one) and new opportunities. I felt excited to learn, grateful to see my friends, curious to meet new teachers and just ready to be in a routine.

As I read the verse above, I asked myself the question, can there be a newness with faithful and spiritual living? The verse reminds us that every time we gather together, there is a reNEWal of our faith. We are encouraged by what God is doing in each other lives, we offer generously to various ministries and our spirit gets renewed. This is why it is important to **regularly** gathering together among godly people (which happens most likely in a church setting).

Let us have the same attitude towards church as we do with our first day of school. The excitement of getting back into a routine of worshipping God to start off the week. The possibilities of sharing God’s love each day to others. And the blessings we can be to others extending God’s grace and love.

I want to add that in addition to excitement for the newness, there might be some anxieties as well. People might be anxious to come if they are new. Help them feel welcomed and comfortable with your smile and invitation to sit next. People might be anxious if they have not stepped into church for a *very long* time. Remind them they are still welcomed no matter what. People might be anxious because of what they perceived of the church. Remind them that at Zion UMC, church is not what they thought it was or will be.

Let’s come together to worship, to grow and to serve faithfully,

Rev. Dan Verdegan.

### **Our Homebound Friends**

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

## **Anniversaries**

September 15    Andy and Kaye Keup  
                    18    Tim Elsbury and Deb Schneider  
                    21    Scott and Sharon Krahn  
                    23    Ray and Tracy Hartmann  
                    24    Rob and Amanda DeVerney  
                    26    Dick and Margaret Bemis  
                                Travis and Sue DeRuyter  
                    27    Larry and Nadine Huiras  
                    29    Paul and Angie Hartmann

## **Help Needed!**

Candy McChain is looking for teachers who will teach full or part time, especially for the 2-6 graders. This could be a shared effort. Please contact her if you think you might be able to help.

## **Upper Rooms**

The September / October copies  
are available in the Narthex.

## **Mark your calendar now!**

Drive thru Pork chop dinner.

October 10th 11:00 am - 1pm

More details to come.

## **Birthdays**

September 1    Matt Dekker  
                                Ann Meyer  
                    5    Kayla Hartmann  
                    7    Kathryn Tykac  
                    8    Andy Heup  
                                Ben McChain  
                    9    Neal LaFleur  
                    13    Nathan Yoho  
                                Savannah Zettler  
                    15    Alexis Dekker  
                    17    Don Heimerman  
                    20    Nick Mueller  
                    27    Lynne Oppeneer  
                                Christina Wiedmeyer  
                    29    Sonja Zimmer  
                                Nash Willegal  
                    30    MacKenzie Witte

## **“Connecting with God”**

**Sunday mornings:**

Sept 5th - 9:15 am

Starting Sept 12th - 10:15am

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

**Bible Study:** Wednesday morning at  
10:30am



## Non-Sugary Cereal

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 **boxed or bagged cereal as well as all kinds of oatmeals**. 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.

## PLEASE SAY YES!

1 Peter 4:10 *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

In the coming days, you will likely receive a call from a member of our Nominations Committee inviting you to be part of one of the working committees of Zion UMC. We hope and pray that you will say yes and will agree to share your time and talents to serve God and our church.

Don't be frightened thinking you don't have the skills or the time. Most of these positions meet only occasionally, and you will not be asked to do more than you can handle. You may be surprised but having served on many of Zion's committees over the years, I can honestly say you will receive more than you give!

This is a way to meet and get to know people, to be part of Zion's decision making, to be involved in Zion's missions and ministries. Whether in an administrative role, a teaching spot, or a hands on position helping to keep the building maintained, your skills are the right skills. You will be serving God, growing in your faith, and you will be part of the important work of Zion Church.

We need you. God needs you. PLEASE SAY YES!

Terri Yoho, Lay Leader

## Notes From Parish Nurse

Nancy Eberhardt, RN

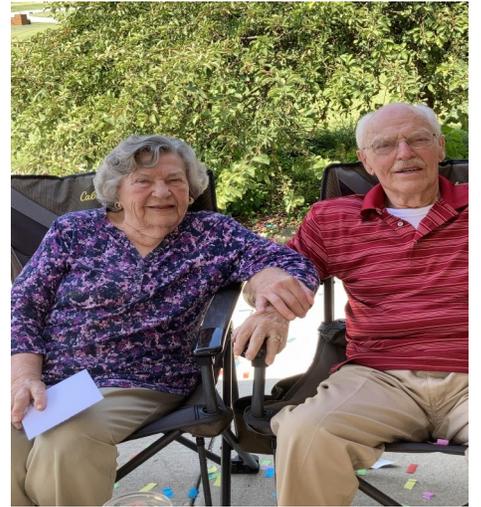
Dear Friends of Zion UMC,

I hope you and your loved ones enjoy a relaxing and peaceful Labor Day holiday. As we face the fall, we are aware of the role of education in our lives. Students and teachers are returning to the classroom, and many of the educational programs of the church are resuming too. This month I would like to share with you some thoughts on **intellectual health**. May the Lord bless the use of our intellect! Our **intellect** is one dimension of wholistic health. It refers to the **creative use of our mind**. A person who is intellectually whole strives to develop his/her mind and use it for the glory of God and for the benefit of the human community. The development of our minds is far too important to be limited to the classroom; it is a gift God gives to us for our lifetime. **God is the source of all wisdom.** The Bible has much to say about our intellect. Intellectual health starts with recognizing that God is the ultimate source of all knowledge and wisdom, "...The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding", Psalms 111:10. Without this perspective, our efforts at intellectual development are wasted. (See Isaiah 29:14). **Our intellect affects all other aspects of our life. All the other dimensions** (physical, emotional, spiritual, social, vocational, and environmental) **of our being are affected by our thinking.** For example, self-depreciating thoughts can give us a stomach ache, make us feel sad, and contribute to poor work efforts. Instead, the Bible encourages us with these words, "Wisdom brightens a man's face and changes its hard appearance" (Ecclesiastes 8:1). True understanding and godly use of our intellect helps us to be whole and joyful, and helps us to find a purpose for our lives. **God has provided us with delicious food for our minds.** "...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things" (Philippians 4:8). Often it seems we spend a lot of time thinking about things which are not worthy of our consideration. If only we could focus our thoughts on things which were right and excellent, what a different world we could create! "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7) May we recognize the Source of mental abilities, and use them to God's glory and for the service of others.

## **Venturing to Worship**

September brings changes to worship. Sunday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> worship is still at 9:15 with The Lord's Supper will be served from the front of the sanctuary. Like before, you will come forward to receive the juice in a little cup and a piece of bread. The only difference is that the bread will be handed to you by the server with tongs. If you don't want to come forward, an usher will bring a communion pack to you in the pew. If you are worshipping from the parking lot please get a packet from the usher before worship.

Sunday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> we return to worship at 10:15. It is Church Picnic Sunday. It is also Rally Day (Sunday School is at 9am). This is going to be a fun filled Sunday so please join us for worship outside under the tent. This service **will not** be live streamed on Facebook. Check out the rest of the Peal for more details.



## September 12th

Sunday School Rally Day starts the activities off at 9:00  
Outdoor service at 10:15 featuring The Redeemed quartet.

Join the parade marshals Al and Vonnie Kelling  
in the parking lot parade!

Potluck picnic lunch featuring steamed sweet corn with  
ham and cheese sandwiches.

Help round out the picnic lunch by bringing a dish to pass.

Enjoy games for all ages.

You may win a prize!



**Zion UMC Finance / Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 17th, 2021**

Present: Keith Chipman, Larry Huiras, Rev Gail Mitchell, Paul Wiedmeyer, Andy Hron, Candy McChain, Terri Yoho, Rev Dan Verdegan (via zoom)

Keith opened with prayer. Pastor Gail volunteered to take minutes.

Keith reported for Mark. Apportionments are paid at 50% as per plan. Keith signed the papers at the bank and PPP loan is forgiven.

Larry – DOC- They met on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. They agreed to handle the pot luck for the Church Picnic/Rally Day, Sept 12. They are arranging hot ham and cheese sandwiches. Contacted Mike Arndt about roasting corn, Larry will get corn. People will be asked to bring a dish to share. The Nature's Blessing table (located in the narthex) is just starting to get produce to share. DOC is also putting together more Guest Welcome bags with the travel mugs. They are in conversation with Mike Arndt about a Pork Chop Dinner for Oct 10<sup>th</sup> after worship. It will most likely be drive through.

Circuit #12 - Met last month. They had a successful brat fry raised somewhere around \$951. A group is going to the Midwest Distribution Center in Ill Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. It's a day trip and will use Shirley's van.

Paul – Trustees have been working on a number of jobs on their list. Cleaning the garage was mentioned. Paul mentioned that Trustees would like nominations to put together a memorial committee. Copier contract coming up for renewal, Jay will pass on information.

Andy- Member at Large- Relayed the feedback about Rev Dan's use of pill bottles with candy at VBS.

Candy-Sunday School- They are looking for teachers who will teach full or part time, especially for the 2-6 graders. This could be a shared effort please contact her. VBS was a great success-thanks expressed to trustees for getting the TV up.

Terri-Lay leader- SPRC has asked Rev Dan to do a Recognition Sunday.

P Gail-Worship- Plans are in the works for Church Picnic Sept 12. Redeemed men's quartet will sing. We're getting tent from Beechwood Fire Dept. We usually give them \$100 thank you. We will also be getting their fish pond. Anything on Wheels parade. Other games talked about. Pot luck picnic with roasted corn. Discussion about upcoming return to Communion in front of church. Worship has worked out a plan where people will be able to come forward for communion or have a packet of communion bread and juice delivered to them in pews. P Gail will coordinate with Communion servers and ushers.

Rev Dan-VBS a success. Sunday Aug 22 is about servant ministries in preparation for Nominations. A volunteer survey is being prepared to handout, email etc.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Gail

# September 2021

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5 <i>Communion</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>10:15 service Picnic and Pot Luck</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Trustee meeting 6:30</i>	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Ad Council meeting 6:30</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## **Zion United Methodist Church**

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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.**