

Email 10/25/2022

Western Brass Quintet will play in both Sunday worship services this week as we celebrate The Reformation! This annual special music event comes courtesy of the Helm/Zastrow Music endowments. This is a wonderful time to invite friends who might not have a church home to visit!

Candidate list for new Senior Pastor? Our call committee is currently working with a new list of candidates, but if you know of anyone who might serve well in this position, please share that name with the call committee. Maybe you have other friends in other parts of the country who might suggest names as well? God is part of this process, and your prayers and suggestions are ways that God works through each of us. When we get a name, the Michigan District President's office gathers background information and when they appear to be a good match (and are available for a call) returns the name to us for consideration. Thanks for your help and your prayers!

Special Thank You! Thanks to all who contributed food this past week for the two funeral lunches we served. Everything was very good and enjoyed by all. Thanks also to the Kitchen Helpers! We could not do this without your help.

Bless you all, The Funeral Luncheon Committee

CINDY KRILL ART DISPLAY in BLENDS is one that should not be missed. Cindy is part of our art ministry team and has agreed to display some of her work over the next few weeks. Photographs, paintings, and ceramics are part of this display, and you will be enriched by her creativity and the message of her exhibit in Blends. This is another way that God shares his gifts in our midst.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 – 2022 Is now available on Zion's Website and in hardcopy in the Lobby located in the stand below Portals of Prayer.

COMING EVENTS:

A new small group Bible study cluster will meet together on **Nov. 2, 9, and 16 from 6:15p – 7:30p**. This short term group will be discussing **Tony Dungy's "Dare to be Uncommon"** study on RightNow Media. To sign up for this cluster, please contact the church office or sign up on the kiosk.

Playdates for families with kids aged 0-5 will meet **Nov. 1 from 9am-11am!**

Starting Sunday, Oct. 30 you will see a variety of service opportunities. The first one is through Samaritan's Purse: **Operation Christmas Child**. You may find these red and green shoeboxes to be familiar. Instructions for this opportunity and more details about the organization will be on the table in front of the office. If you have any questions please contact Aaron Grube or Lynne Gerfen.

Zions Women's Book Group - Enjoy reading, lively and thoughtful discussions... come join us the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:00p.m.** **Upcoming books: 11/15 - "A Woman of No Importance" – Sonia Parnell**
12/20 "A Christmas Carol" – Charles Dickens

Wednesday dinners have resumed! They are a wonderful time of fellowship! Dinners are open to everyone beginning at 5:15pm with a suggested donation of \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. This week we are enjoying our pork and sauerkraut supper on October 26th. Check the bulletin board in the hallway for the weekly menus. We will be continuing an opportunity that we started last year for you to gather and socialize beforehand for 'Dessert First'. Lights will come on an hour early and coffee and cookies will be ready

NEW ADULT CLASS. "The Book of Job." Pastor Seeber will begin this class on November 2. It will be posted online, and offered on Wednesday afternoons at 3pm, for those who would like to discuss this face to face before the evening meal. Call the church office to let us know if you are interested or not!

Adult Choir has resumed practices on Thursdays, under direction of Roxanne Nieboer. Come when you are able, we are always looking for more voices. Call Roxanne or church office for more info.

Weekly meditations continue to be posted most Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook page!

Coffee and donuts, each Sunday at 9:15am in BLENDS. We need help to make this work! Coffee should be started by 8 a.m. Donuts are picked Sunday morning from Sweetwater's Donuts. It only takes a short time to clean up at 10am. If we have enough volunteers, each person / couple will only do this once every couple of months. Please contact me, Bev Snow at 345-2211 email: cakepan34@charter.net, or the office know if you can help!

Funeral Luncheons: We are looking for workers to help organize, serve, and clean up. If you are willing to be on our "call list" for a food donation or able to assist in the kitchen on that day, please let us know. Email either Bev Snow at cakepan34@charter.net or Carol Rosin at rosredhen@charter.net.

GRATEFUL HEARTS / THANKFUL HANDS WE NEED YOU...Please stop by the kiosk bulletin board to select the shift(s) you would like to help with the Grateful Hearts, Thankful Hands Bazaar on November 19. At this time we truly need people to help during the second (10:30 - 12:30) and third (12:30 - 2:30) shifts. This helps to cover lunch for the workers. You are welcome to help as long as your schedule allows. The efforts of many volunteers will make this bazaar as successful as before.

PLEASE! We would appreciate ALL email addresses in your household. Believe it or not, sometimes husbands and wives forget to share with each other, and parents sometimes forget to share with their kids (HA!) Our goal is to keep all of you informed!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES are posted each month on bulletin board.

Worship and Class Schedules!

Saturday 5:30 pm / Sunday 8am / Sunday 10:30 am

Classes for all ages at 9:15am

Pastor Seeber's Classes:

Sunday 9:15 am Gathering Space / relating Genesis stories daily lives

Wednesdays 4pm in Gathering Space (and on Facebook) / the book of JOB.

Saturday Men's study 8:00 am (zoom) / real world issues and the Gospel of John (contact Pastor Seeber for Zoom address should you wish to log in)

Pastor Brelje's Class -- Book of Romans

Tuesdays 10am in Gathering Space

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848

Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

LOAVES AND FISHES. We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Zion has supported this ministry for more than thirty years and we are gradually getting more food each week. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need in October is **Stews & Soups.**

Thank you for your financial support. Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:
<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a **new address or phone number, please call the church office and let us know!**

Ministry of the Week: Bazaar

Prayers: Richard Griffith and family on the death of Rosemarie, Lydia Decker – recent surgery, Char Sauer – recent hospitalization, Rebecca McLaren Craft – family member illness, Pete Wilkins – return of cancer.

Funeral Arrangements: Rosemarie Griffith - Saturday, October 29th at Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home 9170 E D Ave, Richland, MI
Visitation Gathering at 11:30a.m. Prayer Service at Noon.