

October 18 congregational email

All know that there has been an upturn in the numbers of those testing positive to the COVID virus. Several of our members have been affected, thankfully none seriously. We are committed to being as responsible and safe as we can and are currently discussing possible changes to our policies here at Zion with the Board of Directors and members who are part of the medical community. For the time, be respectful of each other's needs. Not all have the same perspective and some are more fearful than others. If you are not vaccinated we would ask you to wear a mask. If you have been vaccinated but feel more comfortable wearing a mask around others, we support you and appreciate your concern about everyone's safety. Keeping each other safe and comfortable when we are together is our primary concern. We'll keep you informed concerning any changes in our current policies here at Zion.

+++ An important message +++ Communication is more difficult now that we are not seeing each other more often and more regularly. PLEASE call Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Brelje, or Aaron if there are ANY illnesses, hospitalizations, births or other important things we should know about. We have posted our cell phones weekly to make it easier and you are never bothering any of us if you call. This is a tough time for all and we really want to serve and support you as well as we can. Thank you so much. We pray daily for healing and an end to the havoc this virus seems to have visited upon us all. Pastor Tim

This week's Wednesday Adult Special at 6:15PM "Healthy Conversations"

Pastor Seeber and several of our trained Stephen Ministers lead a discussion on helping and healing conversations with each other. Knowing when to talk and when to listen are crucial in being supportive and helpful with each other. We will meet in the Gathering Space, closest to the sanctuary. Class runs from 6:15-7:30pm.

PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Pastoral Call Committee received a list of candidates for the call of our new senior pastor. Five candidates are being considered at this time. There are two binders available in the church office that can be reviewed on the premises only (Binders may not leave the church office). **Current times to review the binder in the church office are Monday through Thursday, 9am-4pm and Friday, 9am to Noon.** Hopefully, additional times to review the binders before and after Saturday and Sunday services will be available. We will update the information as soon as that is possible.

THIS Sunday in between services the hallway will be lined with high schoolers dressed up as Bible characters. They would love to interact with you and share about who they are! Be sure to

bring change and dollars to "vote" for your favorite! All donations will be going to send these youth to the National Youth Gathering next summer. We always look forward to this exciting event...**COSTUME WARS!!!**

WEDNESDAY DINNERS are POSTPONED until Advent.

WORSHIP

Saturday 5:30pm / Sunday 8am and 10:30 am / Sunday Classes 9:15am

(Pastor Couch meets with College students for pizza after 10:30 worship)

Church Office hours: Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm; Fri 9a to Noon 382-2360

Pastoral assistance: Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848

Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Weekly Online and Radio Ministry

Sunday 10:30 am worship live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Radio Sermon WKZO 590AM at 9:30 am

Facebook devotions (Monday and Friday)

Pastor Seeber Men's Class / "John's Gospel" / Saturday 8am (at Zion AND Zoom)

Pastor Seeber's Sunday Class / 9:15 am / "The Prophets"

We continue to monitor COVID activity and are abiding by guidance of local health department and CDC. Masked or unmasked, you are welcome here and things continue to go smoothly.

Pastor Seeber's "Walking Through the Bible" class / Tuesdays on Facebook and YouTube

Pastor Brelje Class on the Liturgy / Tuesdays at 10am

Thanks to those who are volunteering as ushers, greeters, communion assistants, lectors, altar ministry, sound board, and kitchen help. Please email (zion@zionkazoo.org) or call the office (382-2360) to get back on schedules or to learn how to help.

Grateful Hearts Thankful Hands bazaar needs anything you can spare from your canning projects...jams, fruits, relishes, pickles, vegetables...etc. Our cupboard is bare. Jars are available in the old kitchen. Please see the display in the hall.

Sign-up Sheet is now available at the Kiosk for volunteer helpers. Please help if you can November 20. You may specify the job you prefer: greeter, raffle table sitter, checkout bagger, cashiers, sellers, package porter, and clean up crew. **For the safety of workers and shoppers masked will be required during the bazaar.**

**** Watch for a Survey via Survey Monkey coming later this week to gather your thoughts regarding masking during worship services. ****

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Finance Update for 10-17-2021	
Offerings received:	\$9,835
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$10,560
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$238,370
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$262,580

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 or are now confined to home or have a new address or phone number, please call the church or one of the pastors and let us know! ***

Thanks for the increased support for LOAVES AND FISHES!!! The food collection bins are located in front of the church office. October need is ... Soups & Stews.

Prayers: Jeanine Longjohn - the death of her son, Brian, Don Heath's brother died, Ollie Rutgers hospitalized, Christine Folck (chronic serious medical condition), and Melissa and Paul Noseworthy.