



ZION HAPPENINGS

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OUR VISION

**To be a church
that follows
Jesus so
closely and
makes
disciples so
well, that our
community and
town cannot
help but be
transformed.**

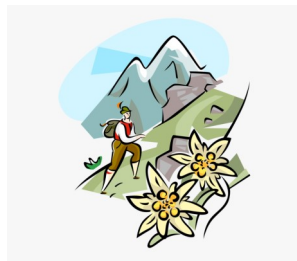


The Pastor Note

The Summer Bucket List

*“May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.” Psalm 20:4*

Everyone has their own favorite season of the year, and every season has its own beauty. For me, I love summer here in North Carolina because there are so many outdoors to explore. Whether it's visiting my favorite beach, my favorite State Park, whether it's camping, hiking, backpacking or playing a sport, or doing physical exercise, or walking for a few minutes early in the morning makes me feel fresh, and clears my mind of the problems of this world



In my experience, the healthy side of the outdoors is that while you explore them, you free your mind to explore your thoughts and desires and to connect them with God's thoughts and desires. One of the fun ways to begin summer outdoors is to review your goals and your bucket list. In my family, we have a tradition, as many families do, to make a summer bucket list, a list of places that we would like to visit, places that we would like to explore. The that list begins with New Year's Day wishes, and goals that we would like to accomplish during the year, especially during summer hoping that God will grant us all the desires of our heart.

What we find in Psalm 20 is a prayer of the people of God for their King. David was ready to go into a big battle, and with deep faith the people of David asked God to grant David the desires of his heart, the victory against the Syrians. The people of that time to win a battle had to trust in their military strength, in the strength of Horses and Chariots. But David and his people saw beyond that reality, their confidence was not in Horses and Chariots, but in the God

Almighty. The prayer begins in this way: *“May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you; May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion; May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose.”* Psalm 20:1-4. In other words, the people of David were trusting that God will keep David safe and were confident that God would give David what he needed for battle. For this reason, David writes in verse 7: *“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will trust in the name of the LORD our God.”* Amen!!

In the same way that the people prayed for David's success, I pray for your success in fulfilling your bucket list this summer!! I pray that as you go through this season you may find places of peace and fun, places to connect your thoughts with God's thoughts. I pray God that while you are searching for Him, He will guide you, protect you, and increase your ability to trust Him. God is the same forever and ever, and in the same way that He didn't leave David alone, He will not leave you alone and will grant you the desires of your heart. Amen!!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Norma





NEWS....

The Journey bags mission items will be collected through July 12th. All donated items should be placed in the box on the front pew in the sanctuary.

Zion United Methodist Church will have a FOOD DRIVE.

Please bring food items to the church and place them in the Loaves and Fishes bin inside the church OR leave your donations in the bin on the porch outside the New Life Center. These donations will be taken to the local food pantry to be distributed.

Suggestions to leave— Canned goods—soups, stews, fruits, vegetables, pasta sauces, meats.

Boxed foods—crackers, cereal, cake mixes, instant potatoes, mac and cheese, pancake mix, pasta, oatmeal, dinners.

Toiletries--toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo.

Baby needs-- baby food, cereal, diapers, juice.

Staples--flour, sugar, rice, dried beans.

Jars—peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, mayonnaise.

*Please make sure the expiration date on the food has not expired and that the food does not need refrigeration.



So enjoy a drive to the church and help others too! **We were able to donate 219 food items in may!!** Side note--If you go by the church and notice food outside the door and you have a key, it would be a great help to Emily if you move it inside. It will be delivered to the pantry once a week. Thank you!!

Zion's Back to School Book Bag Mission Project

The Mission Committee has chosen to continue to host the annual back to school book bag mission project with some changes. This mission project provides school supplies, shoes, dental and hygiene items and Bibles to students in our community. We asked Unionville Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School and New Salem Elementary School to provide us with names of 12 families each who may need assistance.

If you are planning on donating supplies to the book bag mission please have them turned in to the church by Monday, July 6th. This will give me a month to order what is needed and get the bags packed. In addition, please contact Tanja at 704-242-2995 if you would be willing to help with this project on Saturday, August 8 from 9:00am-11:00 am; Or if you would be able to help pack bags once supplies arrive. On Saturday, August 8, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. the families will be invited to drive-thru and pick up their school supplies, shoes, Bibles and other items.

We will collect donated supplies and monetary donations during June and July. You may drop off your donations in the collection bin outside the New Life Center.

Listed below are items that you may wish to purchase to donate to this mission:

- Book bags
- Bibles appropriate for elementary age students
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Pocket folders with prongs
- Packs of # 2 pencils (prefer Ticonderoga, no mechanical please)
- Ear buds (Dollar Tree)
- Glue sticks
- Pencil box (hard plastic for easy cleaning)
- Cow Notebooks (these are the marbled notebooks that are sewn together, no cartoon characters please)
- 5 Tab dividers
- Colored Pencils
- Large pink beveled erasers
- Crayons
- Wide ruled spiral notebooks
- Expo markers
- Pencil top erasers
- Index cards
- Graph paper
- Post it Notes
- ½ inch and 1 inch binders
- Student scissors



JULY

Dwight & Nancy Brooks-6
Bob & Emily McCall-20



AUGUST

Charles & Kay Medlin-1
Doug & Nancy Martin-2
Jamie & Amy Wiley-4
Carlton & Gail Brock-11
Mark & Jennifer Clark-16
Bobby & Ann Simpson-26
Bobby & Lila Clontz-30

JULY

Tommy Hinson-2
Karis Haigler-7
Rebecca McCall-8
Debbie Purser-8
Ashley Price-10
Bernice Tomberline-13
Norma Villagrana-13
Jenna Purser-19
John B. Phifer-23
Hugo Villagrana-26
Lee Gaston-27
Peyton Wiley-29

AUGUST

Spencer Thomas-1
Tracy Biggers-2
Daniel Purser-3
Jennifer Clark-8
Kevin Brock-9
Robbie Hall-12
Julie Plyler-20
Madeline Taylor-25
Katie Price-26
Emily McCall -
Annette Harris-31

Hi Everyone!

Can you believe its already July? Looks like we are all "Still at home", I'm starting to believe I could become a "couch potato"!

I'm still working on music and playing my violin again after the years of letting it collect dust. That seems to be a good positive through all of this. I miss seeing my choir and right now I have no idea when that is going to be possible for us to get together.

Enjoy your break, because when we are given the go ahead for choir, we will be raring to go!

Love and Blessings!

Barbara



Virtual Sunday School:

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever." Amen. Philippians 4:19-20

Adult Sunday School:

The Gift class invites everyone to join them on a Zoom Conference every Sunday morning from 10:00-10:45 AM. Come and join us for a morning that is meaningful and fruitful with our Bible Study. For information please contact Skip Watwood. We miss you all.

Virtual Youth Ministry
Middle High Group :

Our Youth Group Zoom Hangout meets every Sunday from 6:00 PM- 6:40 PM. We do hope that this virtual space helps our youth feel more connected with the church family and their faith as they continue exploring the Book of John. This group is hosted by Pastor Norma, Annette Harris, and Amy Cline. For more information please contact Norma @ zionpastornv@gmail.com

High School Group:

The High School Zoom small group will meet every Sunday from 7:00 PM - 7:40 PM. This group is hosted by Sidney Haigler, Phil Douglas, Annette Harris, and Pastor Norma.

This group will meet on zoom and the link will come in your email. Join us!



UMW

UMW will be having a business meeting "virtually" on Tuesday, July 28th at 7PM. A Zoom invite will be sent out on the UMW email list. If you are not on the list and would like to be included, please contact Pam Hinson at 704-577-2616.

June 2020 Collections

Online Collections (Tithes)	1,550
6/1 Tithes	902
6/15 Tithes	5,970
6/15 Memorials	20
6/23 Tithes	784
6/23 Book Bag Mission	23
6/30 Tithes	4,499
6/30 Crisis Ministries	130
6/30 Community Shelter	155
6/30 Book Bag Mission	100
6/30 SS Study Books	17
Total	\$15,005

Guidelines for In-Person Worship & Ministry During COVID-19

Guiding Principles

Do No Harm. Do Good. Stay in Love with God.

Greetings, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in the midst of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to our biblical mandate to “love our neighbors as ourselves” and our Wesleyan call to “Do no harm. Do all the good we can. Follow the ordinances (stay in love) with God.” In doing so, we seek ways to engage faithfully in worship, study, and ministry while ensuring the health and safety of our members and communities.

We celebrate the many ways you, as churches across Western NC, have been creative and innovative during this crisis in how you worship, reach, teach and serve in your communities.

As Bill Wilson, writing for the Center for Healthy Churches states in a recent article, “*We will not be able to un-learn what we have learned about being the church going forward. Our new normal will see us regarding our physical location as one of many expressions of our church. In doing so, we will quite possibly become more of the gathered and scattered church Jesus had in mind for his followers.*”

Our mission has not changed (Matthew 28:16-20). We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is still happening as we continue to find new ways to worship, connect, grow, serve, and give in the age of COVID-19.

We want to be in alignment with our scriptural and Wesleyan call to “love others” and “do no harm,” and in compliance with public health guidance and governmental mandates.

We do not recommend returning to indoor worship for the foreseeable future, particularly as long as the percentage of positive Covid-19 tests and hospitalizations are not declining. You agree to accept the liability for doing otherwise.

Please use the following guidelines to lead your church safely during this in-between time, and for working with your transition team to plan for eventual indoor worship services. We covenant to continue to update you as conditions change in our local ministry areas.

<https://www.wnccumc.org/files/websites/www/blog/wnccguidelinesforinpersonworshipministrycovid24june2020final.pdf>

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 for our outdoor worship service!
If you haven't been to one of our outdoor services, you have missed a blessing.
So enjoy a drive out, you can sit in your car, bring a lawn chair or stand, we are practicing social distancing.

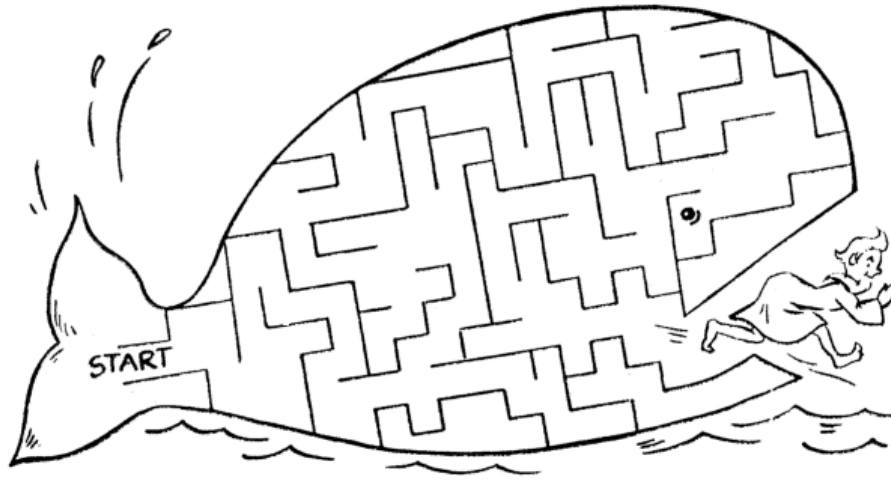
Thank you to all who have donated food for the food bank or items for our back to school mission.



Elain Strobel,
James and Shirley Lowery,
Carole Johnson,
Betsy Hinson,
Brian Hinson

Hugo Villagrana
Jimmy and Susan Clontz,
Doug and Nancy Martin,
Jim Beam, Joe and
Helen Green.

Children's time



Jonah found his way out of the big fish. Can you?

