



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 “A Safe Home”

Zechariah 2:1-5

1 “Then I looked up, and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 I asked, “Where are you going?” He answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is.” 3 While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him 4 and said to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. 5 And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will be its glory within.’”

In this time in which we are living stressful social and political times, in this time when we are experiencing uncertainty due to pandemic, people naturally search for safety, for security and stability. This is a constant search for communities and individuals, but this is increasing in times such as this. People seek financial, emotional, and spiritual stability as well, which is part of the balance that many people believe is required to live in harmony and peace.

One of the natural reactions, when people feel that security is at risk in the communities, is to protect themselves, their families, and their properties. Today people implement all kinds of security measures for their properties, going from brick fences window with security bars, iron gates, iron entry doors, anti-break windows, anti-kick doors, security alarm system with interior motions, all of these to create a sense of stability. This is not new since all ages’ protection was part of the life of the nations. For instance, the Bible mentions that the cities were fortified

with walls to protect them from their enemies, and they had a surveillance system with soldiers located in towers. However, that protecting system was destroyed in Jerusalem when the Babylonians conquest Jerusalem.

When the Persians conquered the Babylonians, and they allowed the people to return to Jerusalem, Zechariah the prophet had a vision of a man with a measuring line in his hand, measuring the city of Jerusalem. In this vision seems that Zechariah was concerning about Jerusalem being big enough, wide enough, and secure enough for all the people who will come back to restore the worship to Yahweh and to rebuild the temple and the walls of Jerusalem.

The people of Judah were longing for security and stability as they rebuilt the walls of the city, however, in his vision the angels told Zechariah that the strong protection will come from God. He will be the wall of fire around his people. In other words, the protection for the people would not rely on walls and the soldiers upon it, but on the presences and the glory of God.

Many of the ways in which the glory of God is manifested throughout the Bible is through his the majesty, his honor, his power, his comfort, his healing, and through his Son Jesus Christ who is our wall of fire around us. He is our safe home and our strong wall. In him, we find security and stability

It is my prayer that in these uncertain times, we remind ourselves that our main security does not come from the security measures that we can implement, but our main security comes from the wall of fire that is our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. He is the glory of our midst and our safe home. Therefore, let us pray that the Lord of the heavens and earth, that the wall of fire pour out his protection and security over our lives, our families, and our communities. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you,
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!!

The collection for Crisis Ministries, to help people with rent and utilities, will conclude on June 14th. Please make checks payable to Zion with Crisis Ministries in the memo line.

Tara is feeding the Union County Community Shelter, please think about donating as we are unable to make the food ourselves. Please Make checks payable to Zion with Community Shelter in the memo line.

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 ask Unionville Elementary, Fairview Elementary and New Salem Elementary to provide us with names of twelve families each who may need assistance.

On Saturday, August 8, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. the families will be invited to drive through 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
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Packs of # 2 pencils (prefer Ticonderoga, no mechanical please)
- Glue sticks
- Cow Notebooks (these are the marbled notebooks that are sewn together, no cartoon characters please)
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Expo markers
- Index cards
- Post it Notes
- Student scissors
- Bibles appropriate for elementary age students
- Pocket folders with prongs
- Ear buds (Dollar Tree)
- Pencil box (hard plastic for easy cleaning)
- 5 Tab dividers
- Large pink beveled erasers
- Wide ruled spiral notebooks
- Pencil top erasers
- Graph paper
- ½ inch and i inch binders



JUNE

Vann & Tanja Huntley-7
 Bobby & Tammy Parker-15
 Gary & Janie Whitley-18
 James & Shirley Lowery-21
 John & Tracy Biggers-23
 Phil & Jennifer Douglas-28

JULY

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



JUNE

Jason Taylor -4
 Melia Haigler-8
 Amy Wiley-8
 Brenda Daniels-9
 Lila Clontz-13
 Dianne Helms-16
 Kirby Haigler-17
 Kirk Clark-19
 Elaine Stobel-19
 Jennifer Douglas-20
 Sarah Biggers-22
 Abbey Mills-28
 John Biggers-29

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



Hi everyone!

Hope everyone still has music in your heart. I know it has been hard with the pandemic and not getting to choir practice and church every week; this too shall pass.

I miss seeing everyone but know that I think about all of you everyday and you are in my prayers. I have been practicing music that we will be able to sing in the next year! I have some wonderful music that we will be learning when we do get back together.

It is my prayer that you are all well and safe and don't give up - we will soon be back together and until then keep a song

*in your heart
 Love Barbara*



May 2020 Collections

Online Collections (Tithes)	3,850
Online Collections (UMW)	230
5/7 Tithes	3,252
5/15 Tithes	10,530
5/15 Food Bank	600
5/15 Memorials	400
5/28 Tithes	1,000
5/29 Tithes	3,260
5/29 UMCOR	200
5/29 Crisis Missions	415
Total	\$23,737



Elain Strobel, Jimmy and Susan Clontz,
 James and Sherly Lowery, Doug and Nancy Martin,
 Sherly Warlick Jim Beam, Joe and
 Hugo Villagrana Helen Green.

Virtual Sunday School:

Philippians 4:19-20 "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."

Adult Sunday School:

The Gift class invites everyone to join them on a Zoom Conference every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45 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.

Frequently Asked Questions From the Western North Carolina Conference

Q. What is allowed in Phase Two?

At this time, the conference recommends no in-person, indoor worship on campus through at least June 30. Continue hosting online, drive-in, or outdoor worship services while following the conference, CDC & state guidelines and observing physical distancing rules. Most experts recommend no congregational singing at this time.

Q. If we hold worship against the Conference suggestions, will my local church be held liable?

Yes. Every church assumes the risk of opening no matter what procedures or guidelines they are following. The goal is to reduce risks, both to health and to legal liability. The more you document cleaning, policies, and processes, for both employees and public, the better off you are and the more you reduce your legal exposure. The more governmental mandates you follow, the better off you are as well. We encourage you to read this risk assessment from our conference chancellor.

Q. When can we have indoor worship?

Each local church will answer this question differently based on your ability to assure that those who attend can do so safely. Please do not rush this decision, but thoroughly work out a plan for protecting your congregation and visitors.

Q. Will the Conference give me appropriate lead time for re-opening, so that churches can work with their teams to create a schedule?

You are being given that time now. Please form a team and begin to use the resources that have been provided to you to plan for how you will re-open safely and faithfully.

Q. Who is ultimately responsible for forming a team to plan for re-opening?

The Pastor and the Chair of Trustees

Q. Can small groups of less than ten meet in the church building?

Yes, as long as they are aware of and abide by building use, cleaning policies, and social distancing guidelines.

Q. What about preschools or childcare?

Generally, most of our preschools, childcare, children and youth ministries follow the public school guidance which is closed through the end of the school year. The CDC has strict guidelines for limited reopening of preschools and childcare to assist with children of essential workers. This is not permission for a blanket re-opening of programs for youth and children. Summer camps, youth trips, VBS, etc. do not fall under the "limited re-opening of facilities for essential workers." In addition, the CDC guidelines for that limited re-opening are quite rigorous.

Our recommendation is that churches not hold in-person summer programming for children and youth due to the difficulty of ensuring compliance with the CDC guidelines and the challenge of having kids practice social-distancing. And most summer camps, youth mission trip agencies, etc., have cancelled their in-person summer programs. We do encourage creative online, at-home options.

Q. I am a church childcare worker who has felt that my concerns about re-opening have been dismissed.

What should I do? First, share your concerns in written form with your supervisor, the Preschool director, the pastor and the chair of the Staff Parish committee or otherwise follow the church's HR procedures. If that doesn't resolve the issue, share your concerns by email with your NC Childcare Consultant.

Q. Is the conference making requirements or recommendations?

The Conference is making strong recommendations undergirded by a desire to love God and love our neighbors. Please know that they are shared with a focus on what's best for the common good and the greater community.

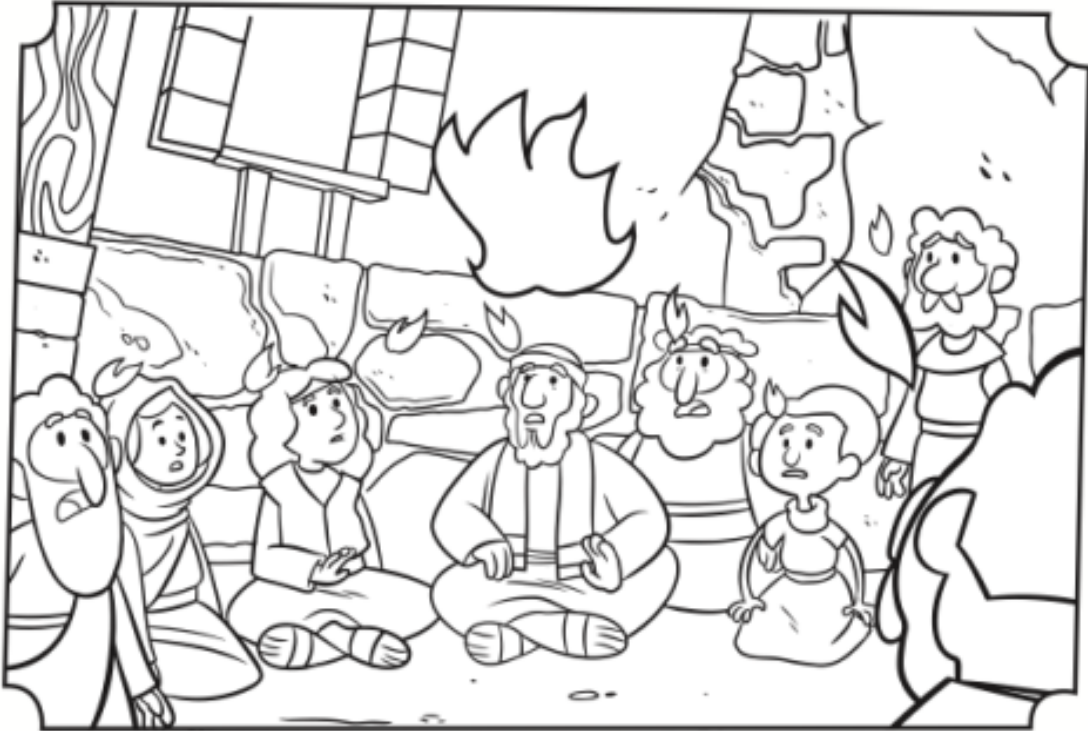
Q. Do these guidelines relate to groups who are requesting to use our buildings?

These guidelines should relate to all group who use your church facilities. Local Church Trustees, guided by your "Re-opening Team" need to make decisions regarding outside groups using the building. These groups need to be provided with specific instructions for what's expected before, during, and after they meet.

United Methodist Woman:
Virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat.
Details visit the web site for additional
information: <https://wnccumw.org/>
Friday, June 12th @ 7 PM
Saturday, June 13th @ 2 PM
Sunday, June 14th @ 2 PM



Children's time

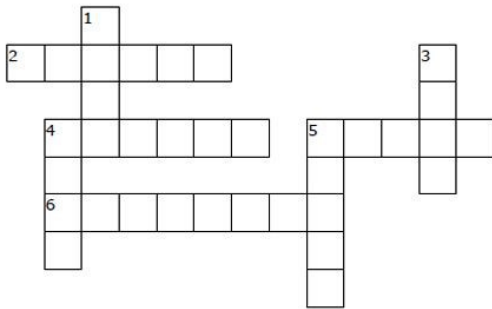


Jesus had promised his followers a special helper - the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. Acts 2:1-4



The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)
Based on Acts 2:1-21



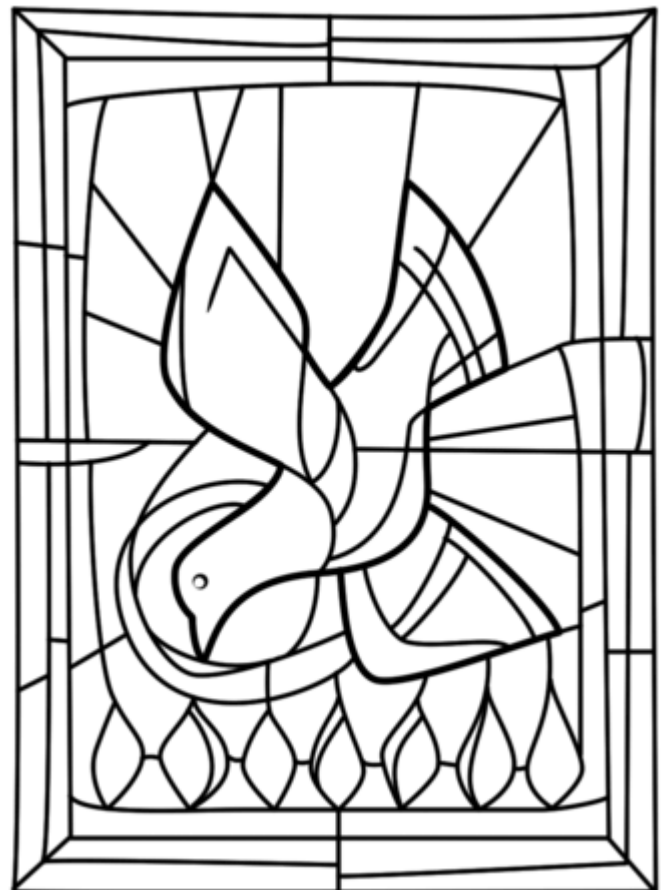
ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE	FIRE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	HEAVEN	SOUND	SPEAK



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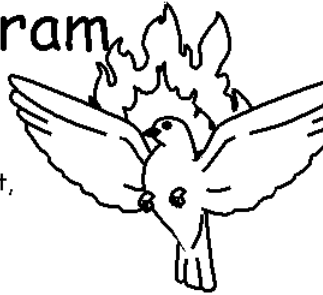
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| DOORS | CLOSED | DISCIPLES |
| PEACE | SIDE | FATHER |
| BREATHED | FORGIVE | RETAIN |





Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Pentecost Anagram



Word List:

disciples, fiftieth, heaven, languages, offering, power, presence, sounds, Spirit, symbolize

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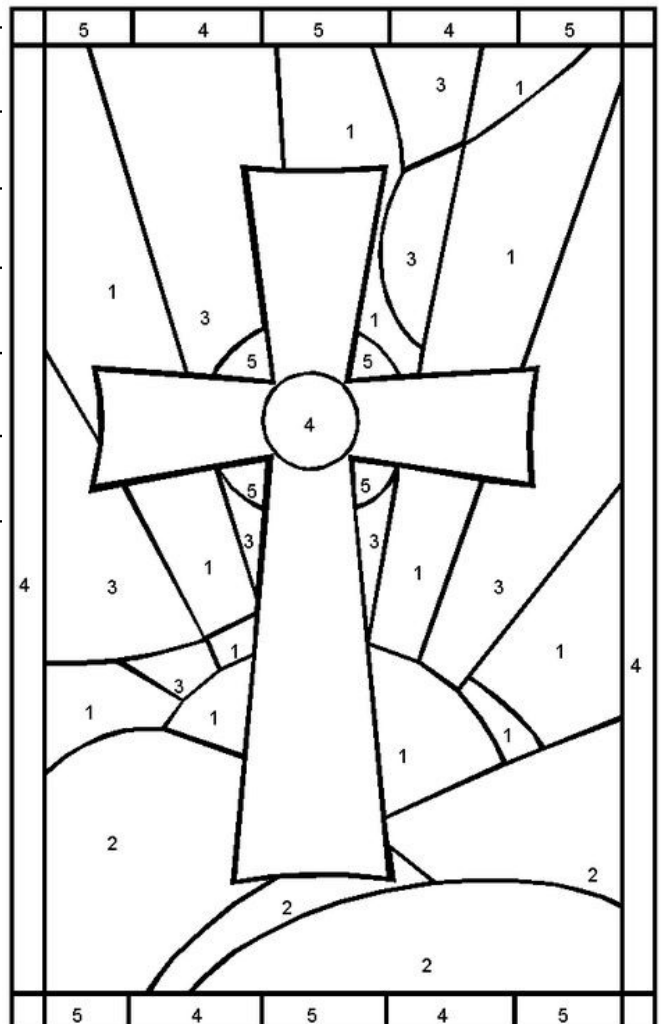
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- 1 - yellow
- 2 - green
- 3 - blue
- 4 - purple
- 5 - red