



## 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.**

### *Pastor Note*

Our schedules, our priorities, and our rhythm of life normally change as we move through life. Doctors and health advisors recommend people to stay in a rhythm because it promotes health and wellness. Besides, they say, having a routine improves health, people can sleep better, improve their eating habits, and in general terms their health is better. Those are examples that encourage others to stay in a routine. Not so for the ones who lack rhythm in life, they are more prone to suffer more stress, and their mental health declines faster than the ones who have healthy habits or routines.

COVID 19 has changed our routines drastically, the self-isolation that we are experiencing has challenged us to confront a situation that we have never faced before, and all ages have been affected by the pandemic; from kindergarten to college, many of them have been required to change to online learning. We also as members of a Christian community have been required to worship in many and different ways, away from our routines. We all have changed our rhythm of life, the way that we interact with one another, the way that we work, the way that we shop, and even the way we worship.

It would be beneficial when we are able to go back to our weekly or daily routine, our routine of work, our routine of rest, and our routine of the sabbath to remind ourselves that the daily and weekly routine was practiced by Jesus as well. Mark 1:21-34 teaches us that Jesus had his rhythm, beginning early in the mornings with prayer, when it was “still very dark” (v.35), in solitary places just to be in communion his father. Part of his daily habits was then to talk with God before the ministry of the new day.

As you know, on October 1st we started phase 3 on the reopening of the economy in our state, this is the time we were waiting to come, and with it, to resume our habits and routines of the ministry at the church as well.

I am excited to announce that we have planned to resume our indoor, in-person worship services on Sunday, October 18th @ 10:00 AM, and Sunday School @ 9:00 AM. All other regular activities of small groups and teams will resume as well in the following weeks. This includes the recording on Sunday morning of the worship service and it will be posted on Facebook right after worship, the recorded service will not be available until after 11:00 AM. Our last outdoor service is planned for Sunday, October 11th @ 8:30 AM.

However, this does not mean that if you feel you are not ready to join us in person yet you will miss worship. By no means, you still could follow us online through the pre-recorded service on Sundays after 11:00 AM on our Facebook page.

We thank God that the pandemic situation has come to a point in which we can resume many other activities with the proper following of the safety protocols using our masks, keeping safe distancing, and washing our hands often or using hand sanitizer. At the church, we are ready to welcome you following all these safety measures, and with the confidence that you will support this effort following them as well.

I look forward to seeing you at church and to nurture our souls as we gather together to praise the Lord. Only you know when the best time to come back is, and when you are ready we will welcome you to your church with love and gladness.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Norma



**New Mission--God's Service in Our Community Mission**

**Calling all great cooks at Zion!** We would like to celebrate the EMS workers in our community. They have been first in line to care for and take people to the hospital in ANY emergency. To honor them, the mission team is asking for members of Zion to bake a small loaf of bread (zucchini, pumpkin, banana, lemon, blueberry, sourdough, etc.--5 X 3 pan size) to give to the Emergency Medical Service workers in Union County. Emily will include a devotional with your loaf of bread for each worker as a thank you for being on the front lines for people in crisis especially during the coronavirus pandemic. Please wrap your bread several times in clear plastic wrap and tape a note Baked by (your name) from Zion United Methodist Church. Place your bread in the freezer at the church by

October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!

*The October Loaves and Fishes item is a 1-2 pound bag of sugar or flour.*

We will continue to accept donations for the Union County Community Shelter Meals. Please make your checks payable to Zion UMC and put UCCS on the memo line. *Our next meal will be served on October 19<sup>th</sup>* with the help of the UMM.

**Operation Christmas Child** Shoeboxes are available for pick up in the sanctuary. Ideas and directions for what to pack in the box as well as the labels for the top of the box are inside each box. The boxes are due back by Sunday, November 15th.



**Birthday Card Mission:**

Thank you so much to everyone that helped in this mission! There will be 325 people who will receive a blessing when they receive these birthday cards and good wishes.

If you would like anything added to next month's newsletter please email it to [zionumcmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:zionumcmonroe@gmail.com) by the first of the month

Thank you

**September 2020 Collections**

Online Collections:	\$1,000
9/06 Tithes	\$2,657
9/13 Tithes	\$3,415
9/13 UMCOR	\$150
9/20 Tithes	\$2,510
9/27 Tithes	\$855
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,587</b>



## This Months News:

- Pastor Norma will be on Vacation from October 5th to October 10th. We will have Chip Harris as a guest speaker on Sunday October 11th!
- Mackenzie will be on Vacation from October 22nd to October 25th. The office will be closed on that Thursday and Friday.
- Please Remember to keep the nomination committee in your prayers this month as they choose the new leadership for 2021.



Andrew Mullis  
 Kim Mullis  
 Mitzi McManus  
 Joe and Helen Greene  
 Kay Medlin  
 C.W. Price  
 James and Shirley Lowery  
 Jimmy and Susan Clontz  
 McManus Family  
 Little Family  
 Moore Family  
 Teachers and Students  
 Military  
 Peggy's nephew- Brett Adams  
 Jim Beam  
 Rondal & Eloise Purser



*Music Notes from Barbara!*



*If we were able to be in the sanctuary right now we would be working hard learning our Christmas cantata! Well, things are not the normal this year but we are still going to do a cantata! I am delivering packets to each choir member which contains a book and a cd of the cantata I have chosen! We have done this one before so we will not need as much rehearsal time as we usually do! Right at this moment we have no idea whether we will be inside the sanctuary at Christmas but I can tell you that we will be doing a Christmas cantata even if we have to do it outside!!! Put on your calendar the date December 20th and with God's help that is the date we will be singing "Emmanuel"*

*Hope this finds everyone well! Love to all of you!!!  
 Barbara*

### OCTOBER

Shirley Lowery - 3  
 Emma Hall - 5  
 Cameron Plyler - 7  
 Scarlet Helms - 16  
 Gray Brooks - 18  
 Taylor Apple - 19  
 Susan Beam - 19  
 Peggy Herman - 20  
 Virginia Braswell - 30



### NOVEMBER

RA Kindley- 4  
 Maggie Hinson- 9  
 Todd Donaldson- 10  
 Jo Ann Rowell- 11  
 Chip Harris- 14  
 Tyler Price- 26  
 Tyler Wiley- 27  
 Bob McCall- 28  
 Jim Beam- 29  
 Kenneth Purser- 30

## *Happy Anniversary*

### OCTOBER

Tommy and Pam Hinson- 2  
 Kevin and Kim Brockett- 21  
 John and Theresa Phifer- 28

### NOVEMBER

Jason and Dana Taylor- 13





***In person Worship Service will begin again on October 18th! Please remember that we are still practicing social distancing. We have masks available at the church.***

Upcoming Meetings:

**SPRC:** There will be a in-person SPRC meeting on *October 14th at 7 PM.*

**Finance Meeting:** There will be a finance meeting on *October 20th.* Please send in any budget planning or requests by then.

**UMW:** The United Methodist Women will have an in-person meeting on *October 27th at 7 PM* in the New Life Center.

**Charge Conference:** This year the charge conference will be held virtually via zoom on *Sunday November 8th at 11 AM.*

Sunday School Classes:

**High school and Middle school:** Will start meeting in-person again outdoors on *October 18th at 9AM.*

**Gift Class:** will start meeting outdoors on *October 4th at 9 AM.* Weather permitting, if needed will be moved inside.

