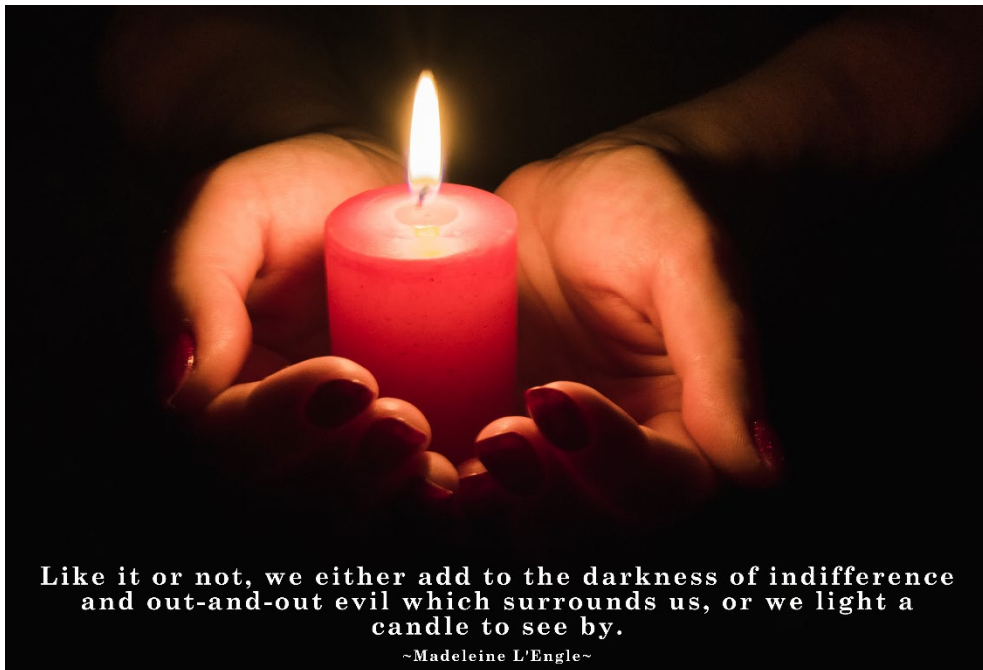


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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ☪ July 17th, 2022 ☪ 10 A.M.



Like it or not, we either add to the darkness of indifference
and out-and-out evil which surrounds us, or we light a
candle to see by.

~Madeleine L'Engle~

WORSHIP GUIDE

Dreams & Visions

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

Bruhns Medley

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"All Hail the Power"

↑ Call to Community

Jesus is in our midst! How will you bid him welcome?

We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will delight in his presence.

When God shows up, surprising things can happen.

We will make ourselves ready. We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.

Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!

So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise. Let us worship God!

↑ Prayer for Peace & Justice

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"The God of Abraham Praise"
NCH #24 (Black Hymnal)

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Based on Luke 10 and Galatians 6

Gracious God, you invite us in and you continually provide us with opportunities of radical hospitality. But our fear of difference, reluctance to share, and desire to be in control make it difficult for us to be a welcoming presence. We long for what is familiar and comfortable, and we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest who bears the face of Christ. Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do; we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

Children's Time ✦

Special Music

"My Tribute"

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Performed by Viola Whieldon (alto vocalist)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-10 (NRSVUE)

Lector: Amber Nilson

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Choral Response ✧

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my savior all the day long.

(NCH# 473)

Second Lesson

Luke 10:38-42 (NRSVUE)

Rev. Katie Penick

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

The Better Part

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ✧

Adagio in B-flat major

Offertory Response ✧

And God will lift you up on eagles wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(NCH# 775)

Blessing Our Gifts

Generous God, we share what we have because we wish to serve you with the best we have to offer. Bless our gifts that they may become a bountiful feast for all who need to be filled with good things. Open our eyes to see Christ in the visitors and the strangers in our midst, as well as our beloved neighbors. Empower us to receive them as you do, with extravagant and inclusive hospitality. May we recognize and celebrate in the gifts they share with us. Amen.

↑ Koinonia Hymn ✧

"Won't You Let Me be Your Servant"
NCH #539 (Black Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Christ's table is spread for all of us—a place of gathering, of fellowship and of praise. Let us rejoice as we respond to God's gracious invitation to receive these gifts of welcome so that we may be strengthened to live as faithful disciples.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,

the bread of life!

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal ✧

*All bread on the communion table is gluten-free to be inclusive of all God's children.
God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so.
The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice and gluten-free bread for all.*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

and love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

↑ Closing Hymn ✦

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
NCH #25 (Black Hymnal)

Special Presentation by Chris Emmert

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✦

"Concerto en Ré mineur"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 17th



Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



The daily COVID positivity rate in Washington County is currently 8.48% as of July 14th per the Washington County Coronavirus Dashboard. The 7-day average as reported by Meritus Health is 12.7% as of July 13th with 8 hospitalized due to COVID. Please continue to socially distance when interacting with those outside of your immediate family, sit in alternating pews as indicated, and mask when not seated for worship. These actions help show our love for one another in action and keeps our doors open for all. Let each of us commit to doing our part to ensure that all are safe who gather to worship at Zion Reformed UCC!

Fill the Bus School Supplies Drive

Our school supplies collection drive is an ongoing effort through August 7th, please bring school supplies in to fill the bus in an effort to help ensure that all of our neighbors have the basic supplies their children need to start the school year. Monetary donations marked "Fill the Bus" are also welcome to help with the purchase of school supplies. All supplies collected will help replenish the supplies to be given out at our *Back to School Block Party* and donated to Bester Elementary.



Supplies Needed: 3-ring binders, Antibacterial Wipes, Art Supplies, Backpacks, Ink Pens, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Erasers, Folders, Glue, Markers, Notebooks, Notebook Paper, Pencil Boxes, Pencils, Rulers, Scissors, Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Earbuds.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!



Volunteer drivers with trucks and SUV's needed to help pick up food item orders from the Western Maryland Food Bank for our Tuesday's Supper and One-Stop Shop outreach programs. We are looking for at least four drivers with trucks or large SUV's to alternate drivers each week. Food pick up is every Tuesday and the more drivers we have the fewer times each driver will be needed per month. If you can help with this important community outreach program please contact Rae in the church office. Thank you for your willingness to help!

Ukrainian Relief Fund

Zion's Ukrainian Relief Fund provides monetary support to the World Central Kitchen's Ukrainian relief efforts and to the UCC's ACT Alliance which directly supports Ukrainian relief efforts. Monies raised will be split equally between both of these vital outreach organizations providing much needed humanitarian assistance such as food, shelter, training, and more. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the church marked "Ukrainian Relief Fund" and drop it in the Ukrainian Relief Fund donation box, by mail, or online at www.zionreformed.church/give. Let us also continue to pray with our Ukrainian siblings for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world.



Our Joys & Concerns

Praying with One Another



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: Holly Bell, [Naomi Brackett](#), Jeff Cannedy, [Linda Cantilena](#), Richard Cantilena, [Cisco](#), Kim & Bill Cook, [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), [Meg Grim](#), Beth Gross, [Jim & Donna Hatfield](#), Sherry Hockman, [Paul Hose](#), Ann Kalinoski, [Rhondda Kane](#), Alyssa Kline, [Dee Krause](#), Susan LaBombard, [Nicole M](#), Sofia Martinez, [Dee McGlauckin](#), Barry & Amy Newlin, [Annie Penick](#), James Penick, [Colleen Rand](#), David Ridenour, [Betsy Roulette](#), Norm & Lori Schmidt, [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), Staci Shafer, [Thelma Summers](#), Tracy Roach Walls, [Eleanor Wible](#), Steve Wise, [Eric Wolbring](#), and Robert Yeoman.

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*

Save the Dates:

Annual Picnic – Plan to worship with us at our annual picnic on August 21st at Pangborn Park's East Pavilion. The church will provide drinks and chicken for everyone. Each family unit should bring side dishes to share within their immediate family unit due to COVID precautions. *Please note that there will be no worship at the church but at the picnic and worship service only.

September 11th – In remembrance of 9/11, the Interfaith Coalition celebrates the International Day of Peace and the interfaith relationships in Washington County with a Progressive Dinner held at 4 different local houses of worship on the afternoon of September 11th. A different course of the meal will be served at each stop. Zion is one of the stops! This will be a family-friendly opportunity to learn about different faith traditions at each house of worship, and sample spiritually and culturally relevant food. Cost will be \$20/person or \$80 for a family of up to 5.



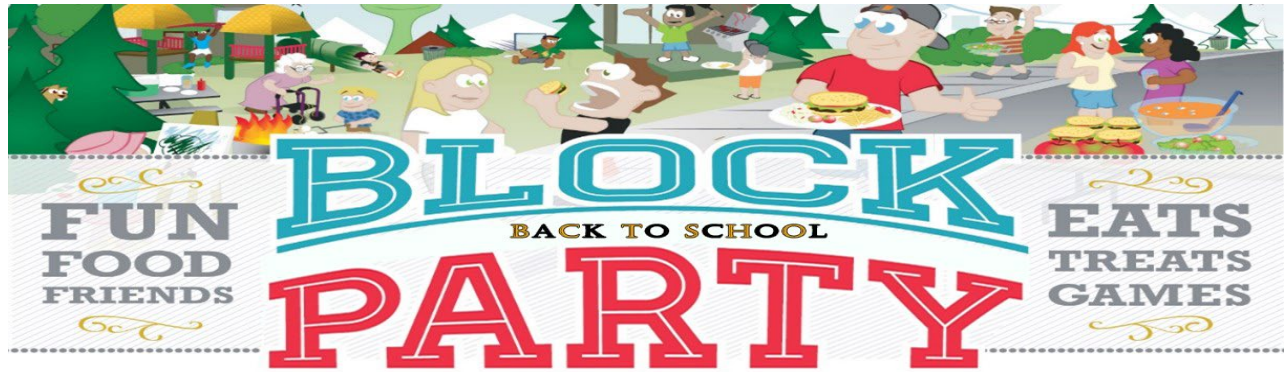
Shake n' Cream Stand – July 18th at 3pm (Zion volunteer team @ Ag Expo)

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – July 19th from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Dine-in and carry-out options available!

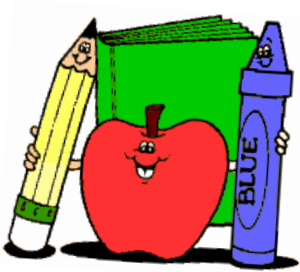
Staff Team Meeting – July 21st at 12pm (Burhans Room)

4-H Club – July 21st at 7pm via ZOOM
See Kim Ridenour for more information

Zion Book Club – July 22nd at 7pm (Sue Graff's home and via ZOOM)
More info at www.zionreformed.church/bookclub.



August 13, 2022
3:00pm - 5:00pm



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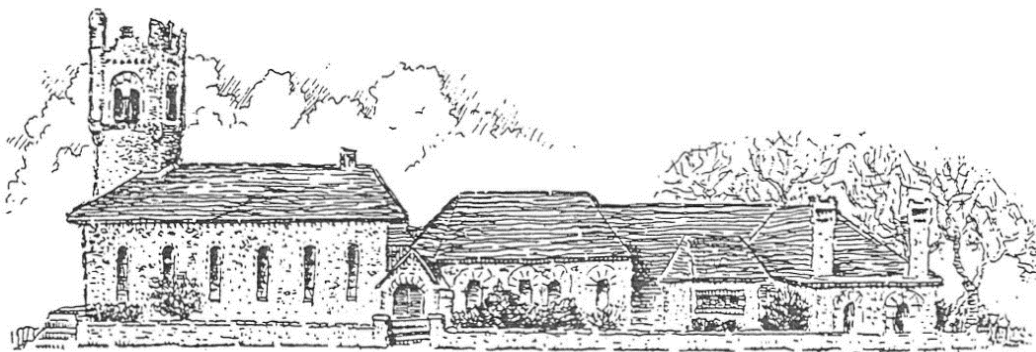
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