



The Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Praise & Pasta

Zion UMC's Praise Band Celebrates Their New CD with a Release Party

Acoustic Grace will be once again "gracing us" with their presence and praise music on the evening of

Friday, November 4

All are invited to share in an evening of celebration and fun as Acoustic Grace debuts music from their latest CD, "Lift it Up in Prayer." The concert will be preceded by a lasagna supper beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event cost \$6, and reservations should be made by emailing zion54729@yahoo.com or calling 715.723.3639 by Tuesday, November 1.

Co-produced by Dan Lea and George House, "Lift it Up in Prayer" is a collection of the band's favorite and most popular tunes. Guest artists include trumpet player Bill Buccholtz and George House on guitar and keyboards.

Acoustic Grace has been bringing their unique and inspiring music to Zion UMC since 2005. They've also performed during Worship in Irvine Park, several Pure Water Days parades, and their biggest gig yet, the Wisconsin United Methodist Annual Conference in 2010 at the La Crosse Center. Acoustic Grace also headlined the Jam for Japan concert and Open Hearts for Haiti held at Zion.

The new CDs are on sale for \$15 each and can be purchased the night of the event or by contacting Zion UMC.



Members of Acoustic Grace include:

- Dan Lea—Guitar & Vocals
- Jacey Lea—Vocals & Flute
- Julie Miller—Vocals
- Patty Mewhorter—Vocals
- Ed Ebert—Vocals
- Randi Lea—Bass Guitar & Vocals
- Justin Reed—Percussion
- Ben Moore—Keyboard

Local retailers selling the CD include Country Treasures in Chippewa and Eau Claire, Uptown Consignments in Downtown CF, or you can order one online through Zion's website, at www.chippewafallsumc.org.

Proceeds from the CD sales will go to support the ministries of Zion United Methodist Church.

*Come as You Are...
All are Welcome!*

Sunday Worship Schedule

Praise Service—9 a.m.

Adult Sunday School—9:15 a.m.

Kids Sunday School—10-11 a.m.

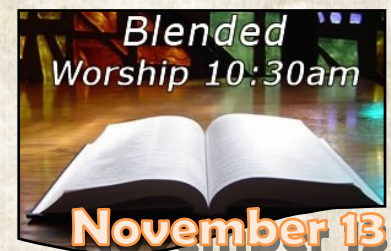
Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Fellowship After Both Services

Nursery Provided 8:50-11:45

November Highlights

- November 4
Acoustic Grace CD Release
- November 13
Commitment Sunday
- November 19
UMW Annual Bazaar
- November 27
Hanging of the Greens



Soul Food

Wise Words from Bishop Linda Lee

Ecclesiastes 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

As a denomination and in our conference and congregations, we are in a season of creativity.

An old adage says,

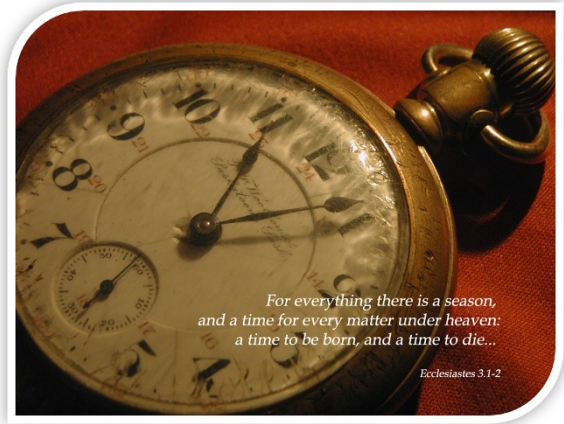
“Necessity is the Mother of Invention.”

Necessity and desperation requires that we do something different now. In order to survive and ensure the continuation of our vital mission and ministries in our communities and the world, we need to be creative; we need to change.

One of the most encouraging

words in our text is the reminder that eternity is in our hearts; and the implication that it is in God’s hands. So we don’t have to worry about what’s going to happen. We can do our part; we can give the best we have to give; we can do the planning, preparation and implementation; we can pray and fast and worship God.

In this season in the life of the Church and world, I believe the most important thing we can do is open our minds to new vistas of possibility that God shows us every day. The one constant in life is change.



Our joy is knowing that Jesus is in the midst of us in the good times and the hard times, in success and in failure, in gain and loss.

My experience is whatever season of life I find myself in, it’s always a good time to trust Jesus for the outcomes.

***In Christ,
Bishop Linda Lee***

A Sunday of Commitment

November 13 Marks Zion’s Commitment Sunday

Zion UMC’s Commitment Sunday for our Building To Reach Out Fund Appeal is coming on November 13.

We have already received many generous gifts from the leaders of our appeal.

On Sunday, November 13, we want all members and friends to bring their Capital Fund and 2012 Annual Stewardship Fund commitment cards to worship to be dedicated.

As you pray, think, and talk about your financial gifts to God and this fund appeal, please reflect on the importance of your



faith and giving in your life.

Also, consider these words:

The basis of faith is desire

The beginning of faith is commitment

The heartbeat of faith is trust

The beauty of faith is acceptance

The joy of faith is the peace of God

The reward of faith is the presence of God

The privilege of faith is sharing



“This fund appeal is important to maintain our building and to ensure that all are welcome to come in.”



Art Mathews

What's Happening?

News About Zion UMC's Members and Friends



11/2	Chuck Derhaag
11/3	Louise Ewald
11/3	Gert Hartfeldt
11/5	Bob Johnson
11/5	Autumn Robinson
11/14	Ross Hebert
11/14	Klare Reed
11/14	Kennedy Reed
11/10	Steve Mewhorter
11/15	Bob Miller
11/17	Roger Kressin
11/17	Jan Kippenhan
11/18	Laura Hebert
11/20	C. W. King
11/20	Kathlyn Ebert
11/25	Joan Hartfeldt

Jeanette C. Gunderson, 79, Chippewa Falls, Village of Lake Hallie died Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Chippewa Manor Nursing & Rehab in Chippewa Falls.

She was born February 6, 1932 in Eau Claire to Caroline "Cal" (Schulner) and Lyle "Hap" Fouser.

Jeanette married Jack Gunderson on July 3, 1953. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at Kelly Furniture .



Jeanette loved to fish, especially on the Chetek chain of lakes. She also enjoyed cake decorating, knitting, bowling, and decorating for the holidays. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; three daughters, Vicky (Frank) Beaudette, Judy (Jon) Taylor, Jean (Mike) Johnson; a son, John (Naomi) Gunderson; and many other relatives and friends.

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Notes

Colorful Meanings

Prayer Focus:

Live, Love, and Be Happy!

Proverbs 3:18

With autumn upon us, we see evidence of it with colorful leaves and cooler temps. My husband and I were driving to the apple orchard one Saturday morning, and the scenery was awesome. Trees laden with loads of shiny red apples, pumpkins sitting in lush green fields.

But one of the things I noticed was the old homesteads with leaning sides and paint no longer seen. Barns which once held bales and bales of fresh smelling hay were ready to topple down with the first high winds.

Then that made me think, "I bet that house could tell a story." Fresh baked bread and pies—small children playing hide and seek in this leaning old house—then full of happiness and love.

Isn't that kind of like our lives? Every day brings a new adventure and things to learn. Aches, pains, and difficulty getting around reminds me of the old houses and barns. Since very young age, we were being formed into the person we are today and meant to be. Some of us have seen more of life than others, but it's all a learning process.

So next time you go for a walk or a drive, take notice of these old barns and houses. Can't you just feel and smell the love in there? Sometimes our bodies are like those leaning houses but with the Holy Spirit and Jesus' blood we can be made like new again.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, We know life can be hard, but with your love and guidance we are made brand new again, washed in your blood. Bless us each one and fill us with love. In Jesus precious name, Amen.



Please Welcome Our Newest Zion UMC Members...

Don and Barbara Burghardt

Don and Barbara have been married for 32 years and have 8 children, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren between them. They have lived in a number of places, most recently in Racine, Wisconsin where Don worked at J. I. Case Co. Barbara worked in the medical profession and in home care for seniors.

Don is active in music, playing his trumpet and singing with a number of bands (you might even spot him on one of the local cable channels some time!). Don and Barbara are already active in our Sanctuary Choir, Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Tuesday Afternoon Men's Coffee.

Harry and Beverly Garrison

Beverly graduated from Chippewa Falls High School and worked as an accountant for Hamilton Chevrolet-Buick Dealership. After four years with Hamilton, she joined the local school system as secretary to Robert Halmstad, Superintendent of Schools. Later, she joined the Department of State and was assigned to Helsinki, Finland, where she met and married Harry. Harry joined the Air Force immediately after graduating from Gastonia High School in North Carolina. During the next 28 years he was assigned to Burma, Mexico City, Finland, India, Madagascar, and Chad (Africa), and where Beverly worked for the United Nations, World Food Program.

After retiring in 1978, Harry and Beverly moved to Fairfield Glade, TN. They have recently decided to make Chippewa Falls their home. Bev is glad to be back home! Bev's gifts for ministry include helping in the church kitchen and visiting with some of our older members.



Servers & Staff

The following have committed their time and talents to serving Zion United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 6 All Saints Day / Holy Communion

9 a.m. Greeter Moran Family
9 a.m. Reader Kelly Moran
9 a.m. PowerPt Angie Orth
10:30 Greeter Ron & Judy Buntz
10:30 Liturgist Kris Martineau
Counters Kyra Moran

Sunday, November 13 Commitment Sunday Blended Service—10:30 a.m.

10:30 Greeter Jack Gunderson
10:30 Liturgist Bob Helgemo
Counters Art Mathews
Barb Graham

Sunday, November 20 Christ the King Sunday

9 a.m. Greeter Robinson Family
9 a.m. Reader Jackie Ross
9 a.m. PowerPt Robin Reed
10:30 Greeter Claudia Dempsey
10:30 Reader Firma Zais
Counters Carol Mueller
Nancy Hoag

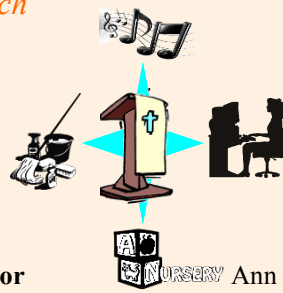
Sunday, November 27 First Sunday in Advent Hanging of the Greens

9 a.m. Greeter Patti Boeve
9 a.m. Reader Cindy Peterson
9 a.m. PowerPt Cindy Peterson
10:30 Greeter Barb Graham
10:30 Liturgist Maxine Miller
Counters Ed & Kathy Ebert

Thanks so much to all who have volunteered to serve. If you would be interested in greeting or reading for future services, contact the following:

9 a.m. Praise Readers—Cindy Peterson
715.205.2901

Greeters—Alberta Gallagher 715.382.4726
10 a.m. Liturgists—Red Naves 715.723.7223



Pastor Ann Scott
Visitation Pastor Paul Foulke
Choir Director Doug Parker
Organist Jackie Gibbs
Praise Leader Dan Lea
Praise Pianist Ben Moore
Admin. Asst. Judy Taylor
Nursery Care Sara Wittrock
Sam Kroll
Custodians John & Jane Bowe

*When you see these folks,
please thank them for their
time and dedication to our church!*

A Time to Give Thanks



Trees adorned in splendor
Hues of orange and gold
Autumn days grow shorter
North winds turning cold
Knowingly creation
Seems to be aware
God's promise of the seasons
Is proof that He is there
Verify creation
Invites us to recall
Now with a grateful heart
God has supplied it all

Honoring the Saints

What All Saints Day Means to the United Methodist Church

In the United Methodist Church, All Saints' Day is observed on the first Sunday in November to remember deceased members of the local church congregation.

We will celebrate All Saints Day on November 6 during each worship service. A candle will be lit as each person's name is called out, reminding us that their soul-light will go on.

Prayer for ALL SAINTS
by: Safiyah Fosua

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you Where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: Holy hands Used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.



Churchwide Happenings

Zion UMC Events Taking Place in the Month of November

UMW Annual Sale Set for Nov 19

The annual UMW holiday bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

New this year!

- * A Sloppy Joe Lunch
- * Unique Crafts & Wreaths by Bonnie Mathews and Laurie Goeman

We are asking for any type of homemade crafts and would appreciate donations to the bake sale, furniture, collectibles, jewelry, books and magazines.

Space prevents us from having a lot of rummage. Contact Barbara Graham for more info.

Hanging of the Greens * Nov 27

Join us for a very special worship service to kick off our Advent Season.

On Sunday, November 27, we will be incorporating the *Hanging of the Greens* directly into both the 9 a.m. Praise Service and the 11:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.

Everyone is invited to join in these joyous services and help make our church beautiful in preparation for the coming of the Christ Child.



Looking Ahead...

Mark your calendars—The following events will be taking place during our Advent/Christmas season.

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday in Advent, Communion Services

Wednesday, December 7 - Christmas Dinner and Organ Concert by Art Mathews II

Sunday, December 11 - Sanctuary Choir Cantata (One Service, 10:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 18 - Children's Christmas Program (One Service, 10:30 a.m.)



Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 - Carol Sing and Special Music (One Service 9:00 a.m.)

Sunday, January 1 - Epiphany and Communion (One Service, 9:00 a.m.)

Zion's Calendar of Events

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Sunday Worship Services are followed by a time of fellowship		1 10a C-7 Study 1p Men's Group 1p Prayer Shawls 6p Outreach Cmte	2	3 6p Sanctuary Choir Practice	4 Office Closed 6:30 Acoustic Grace CD Release Party	5 8a-8p Prayer Vigil 
6 All Saints Day/Communion 9a Praise Service 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10a Children Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Service	7 10a Staff Meeting	8 10a C-7 Study 12p Pastor to HS 1p Men's Group 1p Prayer Shawls	9	10 6p Sanctuary Choir Practice	11 Church Office Closed	12 8a Men's Breakfast
13 Commitment Sunday 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10a Children Sunday School 10:30 Combined Service	14 10a Staff Meeting	15 10a C-7 Study 12p Pastor to HS 1p Men's Group 1p Prayer Shawls 5:30p Education Mtg	16	17 12:30 Pastor to C-7 Meeting 1p Patricia Circle 6p Sanctuary Choir	18 Church Office Closed Messenger Articles Due	19 8a-3p UMW Holiday Craft/Bake/Thrift Sale
20 Christ the King Sunday 9a Praise Service 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10a Children Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Service	21 10a Staff Meeting 6p Finance Mtg 6:30 Ad Council Mary Circle	22 10a C-7 Study 12p Pastor to HS 1p Men's Group 1p Prayer Shawls	23 6:30 Vision Team	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 1st Sunday in Advent 9a Praise Service 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10a Children Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Service	28 10a Staff Meeting	29 10a C-7 Study 12p Pastor to HS 1p Men's Group 1p Prayer Shawls	30 7p Appeal Leadership Team Meeting			

Community Mission Coalition

Local Church Members Coming Together to Make a Difference

Diapers & Detergent

The November Ministry Project of the newly-formed *Community Mission Coalition* is a collection of disposable diapers and laundry detergent for the local food pantries.

The Coalition's goal is to work together on Social Ministry Projects for the community, as well as help each other with our individual Social Ministry Projects.

For the month of November please bring in to Zion UMC packages of disposable diapers (any size) as well as containers of both liquid and powder laundry detergent and they will be distributed to the Chippewa Falls Salvation Army Food

Pantry, First Presbyterian's Food Pantry and Sovereign Grace's Community Pantry &

Clothing Closet. This collection is a response to an urgent need identified by those local food pantries.

Please share your blessings by helping others in need during this month of Thanksgiving.

To find out more about the *Community Mission Coalition*, contact Ken Froelich, Paul Foulke, or Cathy Robinson.



Other News to Note

⇒ **A Note of Thanks** The family of Jeanette Gunderson would like to thank everyone for demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus during our time of grief. Also thank you for your gifts of friendship, cards, food, phone calls, flowers, and money.

⇒ **Daylight Savings Time** Don't forget to set your clocks back before going to bed on Saturday, Nov 5!



Happy Thanksgiving All!



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