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TOWER TOPICS

October 2021



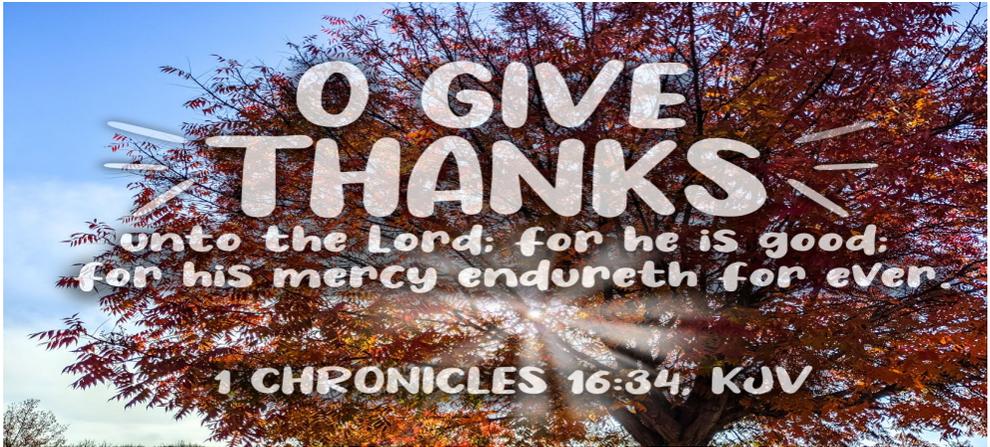
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On line Worship Service
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

In house Worship Services
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Communion Services
1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School
2nd & 4th Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.



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Just be — and be still
 Various versions of the following sentiment are posted online: "I am a human being, not a human doing. It's okay to just *be* sometimes." Many of us get anxious if we think we're not *doing* enough, but peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh insists it's not a waste of time to just be: "To be alive, to be peaceful, to be joyful, to be loving ... is what the world needs most."
 During the pandemic, when people were urged to stay home to slow the virus' spread, we had to think hard about how to continue being the church while limited in what we could go out and "do." Yet church leaders reminded us that we were actually loving our neighbors by staying home — by being less active.
 It's sometimes okay — ideal, even — to just be. In quieting our bodies, minds and hearts, we may find ourselves more often in prayer, more aware of God's presence and more nourished for when the time is right to again take up more active forms of ministry, peacemaking and love. "In quietness and trust is your strength" (Isaiah 30:15, NIV).
 —Heidi Mann from Newsletter.newsletter.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10am First Communion
3 Worship online 9:00AM Face-book Live and on facebook or our website thereafter	4	5 Property @ 6pm	6 Pastor's Playlist Class 1pm & 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10 worship @ 9 & 10:30 9:15 Sunday School	11 Stitchery 9:30 am Outreach 4pm Finance 6:30 pm	12 Book Club 4pm Executive 4:30 pm	13 Pastor's Playlist Class 1pm & 6:30 pm	14 Craft Show Set up -5-7pm Fellowship 4pm	15 Craft Show Set up 4:30 - 6:30	16 Craft Show 9-2
17 *communion worship @ 9 & 10:30 Youth Group 6-7:30	18	19 Council 6:30	20 Pastor's Playlist Class 1pm No Evening class	21 Lunch Bunch @ Clam Lake Beer Co. 12:00pm	22	23
24 worship @ 9 & 10:30 9:15 Sunday School	25 Stitchery 9:30 am TOPS 5-7 pm	26	27 Pastor's Playlist Class 1pm & 6:30 pm	28	29	30 Trunk or Treat 2-4 pm
31 Reformation Sunday *communion worship @ 9 & 10:30						



Ministry Coordinator

Val Hanson

We are figuring out how to do ministry in new times here at Zion. This month I would like to reflect on trends I see developing as we figure out how to continue our work of sharing our faith with each other and the world around us. Here are a few things I am noticing currently in Zion's ministries:

- Focus on service
 - We have 26 people from Zion serving beside the Council on Aging in various ways.
 - We had 15 people show up to help paint playground equipment at Forest View.
 - During Pastor Scott's listening groups, many parents mentioned that being involved in serving was important for their kids.
- Communication is changing
 - Some groups have moved from depending mostly on regularly scheduled in-person meetings for the planning of their work to sharing ideas and making decisions as needed through group texts/emails or short Zoom meetings.
- Focus over frequency
 - Sunday school is meeting less often this year with more discussion, planning, and collaboration between leaders happening between classes.
 - Many committees are meeting less frequently, but being very intentional about focusing their discussion when they do meet. Some have gone to a meeting-as-needed format.

As we carry on in this environment, I am thankful that our congregation continues to be respectful of each other and committed to our work. Thank you for helping to create that kind of community here at Zion.

Important Information About Our 2022 Offering Envelopes

The 2022 offering envelopes will be available for pickup at church by mid-October. Please help us be good stewards by informing the church office if you have a box of envelopes but do not need or use them.



Summer 2021 construction update for New Hope Center in Cadillac

Thank you again for your support and encouragement. Many of you have made New Hope a priority and given your time and treasure and we are very grateful.

Much has been done in the last two months: dry wall mudding, cement board install for bath showers, bathroom tiling is in process, ceiling and wall painting, metal door installation, and fire protection piping is complete, final electrical is in process.

The remaining items: plumbing for 13 baths, 8 kitchens, 4 laundry rooms; base board heating throughout; hot water heaters and boilers; final electrical; bath tile; start the flooring throughout the building; install the remaining 31 doors, kitchen cabinets and counter tops, bath fixture with handicap rails; and base trim throughout the building – that's it. **Volunteer activity is ongoing. Contact Mark at 231-429-2974.**

Again, thank you for your steadfast endurance and continued support. As it says in 2 Cor 8:10,11 *"Last year you were first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it."*

We have an open house schedule for September 24th from 4 to 7 pm. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Our work will not be complete, but we are close.

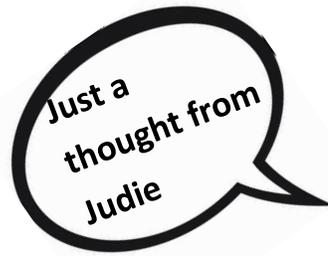
New Hope Center, 4874 Meyer St., Cadillac MI 49601



Thank you again,

Mark B. Mogan

New Hope Center Board



As all you football fans know, the last Sunday in September, the Detroit Lion's football team was seconds away from a much needed win when the Baltimore Raven's team kicked a record breaking field goal to win the game.

Detroit fan's were devastated. Baltimore's fans were ecstatic.

I began to think about all the many times in our lives when we are so close to succeeding with something extremely important to us. Our emotional systems lock into accomplishing whatever our focus is set on.

Then.....something unexpected happens. What we thought deep within us was a sure thing didn't happen!

At first, shock.... then disappointment.....then maybe anger.....or uncontrollable sadness.

Confusion, frustration, bewilderment, devastation, helplessness.....all applicable adjectives to the feelings that pass through our mind and our heart.

Life is filled with these situations. Could be a sporting upset, a terminal diagnosis, an unexpected accident resulting in horrendous disability or death, a miscarriage, job loss, a relationship severed, death of a loved one, a financial wipe out.....any number of experiences that cause us to stop in our tracks.

We feel pain. We feel unrest. We want our upside down world set upright again. But how.....

There are many ways a person may turn to in trying to find relief. Some destructive and some temporary.

But only one that brings us to that "peace that passes all understanding."

When we call out to our God.....surrender our feelings to Him.....trust Him to bring us through whatever it is we are experiencing.....it is then, because of that trust, He responds.



His Spirit resides within us and is activated by our awareness.

We may be led to accept our circumstances for now as our God unfolds His future plan for us.

So whether it be disappointment in the outcome of a sporting event, or any other situation which does not turn out the way we hoped for, if we will put our trust in our loving God, He will bring us to a better place. And that's a win!

Ladies Luncheon



Ladies Lunch Bunch

October Lunch bunch is hosted by Lois Durham. They will meet at the Clam Lake Beer Company at noon on Thursday, October 21.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

BOOK CLUB

The Zion Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, October 12th at 4:00 p.m.

They will be discussing the book *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

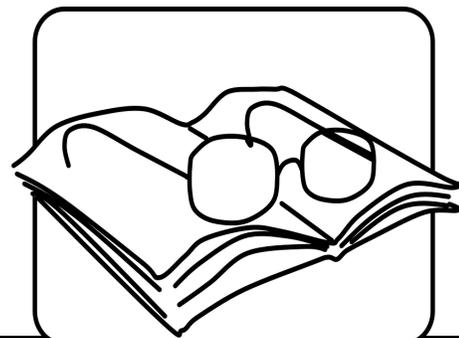
Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of poor white Americans.

The Vance family story began with hope in postwar America. J.D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love."

They moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the

hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility.

For more information contact Marie Mercier



Thank you! Thank you! for the many donations! We appreciate you beyond words! We couldn't do it without you!
*King's Storehouse Pantry
First Baptist Church*



Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

We wish to thank you for your gift to Friendship Family Homes of McBain. We are very deeply blessed to have friends like you who share our concern for the developmentally disabled. This year marks our 31st year of providing Christian Adult Foster Care to our ladies, and we can do this only through the prayers and support of partners like you. We sincerely thank you for the trust you have placed in us.

May God Richly Bless You!

Kenneth J. Stahl, FFH Treasurer

Thank You all for your generous donations to our Baby Ministry. We collected 88 items to divide between Oasis and War Memorial Hospital. There were 28 hats, 3 blankets, 5 t-shirts, 6 pants, 1 swim suit, 3 winter sleepers, 12 sleepers, 34 onesies. These babies would thank you for helping them to keep warm and clothed.



*Many
Thanks*



October

Happy Birthdays

Patti S	10/01	Jackie D	10/23
Sydney D	10/02	Marisa M	10/24
Julie H	10/03	Oliver P	10/25
Thomas R	10/03	Paul L	10/25
Marty W	10/03	Lakelyn P	10/26
Michael F	10/06	Eric G	10/28
Lori N	10/07	Lee J	10/29
Owen P	10/08	Shirley H	10/30
Betsy P	10/08	Katie D	10/31
Caleb B	10/09	Sue S	10/31
Nancy G	10/11		
Abby Z	10/12		
Carol N	10/12		
Noah B	10/13		
Bobbie B	10/15		
Penny J	10/16		
Randy M	10/17		
Clarabelle L	10/17		
Gloria H	10/18		
Linette T	10/20		
Mark A	10/20		
John C	10/20		
Deborah K	10/21		



Help us get the word out!!

Just a quick reminder that Zion's Annual Festive Fall Craft Show is Saturday, October 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and join us to do some early Christmas shopping.

The Outreach Committee would also appreciate your help in getting the word out to the community. If you have a presence on social media, please pass the word along about our Craft Show. Feel free to share the information on our Zion Face Book page. Copies of a Craft Fair flier are available at church. Pick some up and share with family, friends or neighbors or post somewhere you think will help get the word out.

Bakers, just a quick reminder we need *your* help!

We really depend upon our Zion bakers to



make our Craft Fair bake sale a HUGE success! If you bake for us, please bring your baked goods to church packaged and ready for sale by Friday, October 15. Please do not pre-price.

In addition to normal business hours, the church will be open both Thursday night and Friday night for Craft Fair set up.

Some hints to help make our sale a success! Label what you drop off, and please use clear packaging. Finally, individually wrapped items, such as one large brownie, sell better than a plate of a dozen. **Also, just a gentle reminder as** we are a nut-free zone, please no nuts of any kind including peanut butter.



Take part in our Trunk or Treat, and provide a safe place for children to visit on Halloween.

It will be held in the West parking lot in conjunction with the family Halloween event at Samaritas from **2:00-4:00PM on Saturday, October 30**. Those coming to pass out candy have the option of wearing a costume or not and decorating their trunk or not. Simply show up with a bag of treats to participate.

Those who can't be here are welcome to take part by contributing a bag of individually wrapped candy, trinkets, faith based prizes, or monetary donations for the Trunk or Treat to be collected at church during the month of October. We ask that you remember our **No Nuts** Policy when choosing a treat to provide for this event.



Current Prayer Requests

- *John C, Health concerns
- *Randy W, Health Concerns
- *Howard P, recovery from a fall
- *George C, Health Concerns
- *Shirley G, recovery back surgery
- *David A, Marsha A's son, Cancer
- *Phil P, Cancer
- *Wendy M, healing

Continuing prayer requests:

- * John C
- * Deb B
- * Barb B
- * Kay F
- * Nancy G
- * Allena M
- * Dan S
- * Janet S

Please note ... Friends and family members will be listed for one month. Please contact the church office after the one month period if you wish them to be included another month.

In the book "What Is God Like?" written by Rachel Held Evans (co-authored by Matthew Turner) she says "that's a very big question, one that people from places all around the world have wondered about since the beginning of time. The book highlights such biblical images for God as an eagle, a shepherd, a fort, wind, an artist, a "strong and safe" mother, and a "gentle and safe" father.

Just as Evans remained open to questions as a means to grow in faith, her book concludes: "Keep searching. Keep wondering. ... But whenever you aren't sure what God is like, think about what makes you feel safe ... brave ... loved. That's what God is like."

What images for God come to your mind? Indeed, what is God like — for you?



Sunday, October 3

Communion Assistants

9:00 Mike & Kendra Vandervelde
 10:30 Colleen Luhtanen & Judie Sprague

Lectors

9:00 Jennifer Sück
 10:30 Harvey James

Sound Techs

9:00 Scott Hanson
 10:30 Randy Mercier

Ushers

9:00 Paula Campbell & Bob Shumway
 10:30 Pam & Marty Dahlstrom

Coffee Hour

9:50 Karla Anderson, Marilyn Bridges, & Carol Neverth

Sunday, October 10

Lectors

9:00 Lois Durham
 10:30 Lee Brown

Sound Techs

9:00 Anne Koschmider
 10:30 Devin Taylor

Ushers

9:00 Karla Anderson
 10:30 Char Davis & Deb Kulmacz

Coffee Hour

9:50 Woodie & Lois Durham

Sunday, October 17

Communion Assistants

9:00 Marilyn Bridges & Scott Swanson
 10:30 Bobbie Brown & Harvey James

Lectors

9:00 Marilyn Bridges
 10:30 Lindsey Torkko

Sound Techs

9:00 Eric Gustafson
 10:30 Maddie Masten

Ushers

9:00 Kendra & Tucker Vandervelde
 10:30 Rick & Patti Swanson

Coffee Hour

9:50 Sue Anderson, Heidi Fenner & Chris Norkoli

October 24

Lectors

9:00 Craig Johnson
 10:30 Marie Mercier

Sound Techs

9:00 Mike & Tucker Vandervelde
 10:30 Randy Mercier

Ushers

9:00 Carol Neverth
 10:30 Beckie Kanipe

Coffee Hour

9:50 Elsie Moore & Chris Venema

Sunday, October 31

Communion Assistants

9:00 Sue Anderson & Dave Monson
 10:30 Jim Higgins & Lee Jones

Lectors

9:00 Elsie Moore
 10:30 Barb Hazlett

Sound Techs

9:00 Eric Gustafson
 10:30 Devin Taylor

Ushers

9:00 Cara Bosack & Becky Gustafson
 10:30 Ron and Sue Smith

Coffee Hour

9:50 Jeff & Penny Johnson

Organist Schedule

October 3: Nailya Cederstrom
 October 10: Carolyn Lucas
 October 17: Joanne Carlson
 October 24: Nailya Cederstrom
 October 31: Carolyn Lucas



Help the Salvation Army provide Thanksgiving Baskets

About mid-October, when our Fall Harvest of Socks and Underwear Drive concludes, it will be time for our annual collection of stuffing mix boxes.

For those unfamiliar with our annual drive, we collect boxes of stuffing mix to give to the Salvation Army for Thanksgiving baskets given to those in need. You can help make the holidays a little brighter for families, in our local community, by buying boxes of stuffing mix and filling our collection box at church. The box will be in the Fellowship Hall.



October 31 "Noisy" offering

You can also help by supporting our October 31 "Noisy" offering. The money raised is designated to assist the Salvation Army in providing the holiday food baskets.



PLEDGE CARDS AND TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

Each October the Stewardship Committee invites our congregation to reflect and plan for growth in the area of stewardship for the coming year. **On Sunday, October 24**, we invite you to offer your pledge intent card and Time and Talent sheet as you enter the sanctuary for worship. Alternatively, you can complete your estimate of giving pledge card and time and talent commitment choices through the links on our website, cadillaczion.org. Please consider taking a moment to reflect on how you are responding to all God has done and will continue to do for you. It is our hope that sharing both monetary and spiritual gifts in service to God will be a joyful experience for you. Year after year, Zion has proven itself to be full of generous people who care about this place and its ministry. Thank you in advance for the gifts of time, talent, and money that keep us moving toward the future God has promised.



Lessons from lilies

Recently I was challenged to think about what consumes me — and what distracts me from giving God more. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tells us not to worry about what we eat, drink and wear. I've read those verses numerous times and usually respond, "Yeah, but the birds and lilies don't have mortgages and bills! How can I not worry?" I'm finally realizing that if I put Christ first, then my trust in him affects my day-to-day decisions. Plus, negative thoughts start to fade.

When do you respond, "Yeah, but ..." to God? Maybe it's when you want to sleep in on Sunday, or when the offering plate is passed, or when you're asked to teach Sunday school. Try reciting Matthew 6:33 often: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (ESV). When we prioritize Jesus, he guides us toward him and away from worries.

By Julie Lee taken from Newsletternewsletter.com



Laughter is good for the soul...

You don't really realise how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.



Interviewer: "So, tell me about yourself."

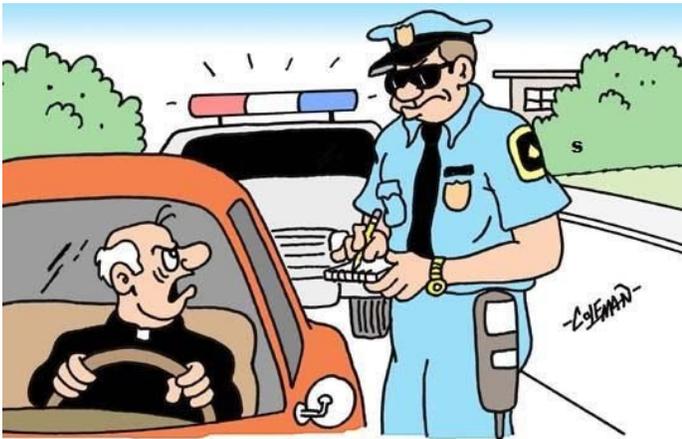
Me: "I'd rather not. I kinda want this job."

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.



Me: Sobbing my heart out, "I can't see you anymore.....I'm not going to let you hurt me again." Gym Trainer: "It was **one** sit-up. You did just **one** sit-up."



"SHOW ME IN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WHERE IT SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT SPEEDING!"

I tried donating blood today. **Never again!!**
Too many stupid questions!
Like "whose blood is it?"
"Where did you get it from?"
"Why is it in a bucket?"

Aliens probably fly by earth and lock their doors