

Zion United Brethren Church

Sharing Our Faith

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From the Pastor's Desk, Rev. Aden Porter



How are you doing spiritually speaking? Are you growing, maintaining or regressing? I think that is a legitimate question to ask as your pastor. I truly believe it is a question we should ask ourselves on a regular basis. The best answer is growing of course, but I know that is not always the case. But what if we aren't? What if we are just maintaining or even worse regressing in our Christian faith? What are we to do? Whose fault is it, ours or someone else's? Maybe it is a combination of all the above.

A better question to ask is; what are we going to do about it? Are you praying *regularly*, reading your Bible *regularly*, attending church services *regularly*? The key word here is *regularly*.

If you are not, then whose fault is your lack of spiritual growth? I think you can figure the answer out to that question can't you!! Your spiritual growth depends a lot on you. So what are you waiting for? Begin praying more, reading your Bible regularly and attending Sunday school & Weds. Night Bible study—if you aren't already.

If you follow these few suggestions I'll guarantee spiritual growth. Include God just a little more in your life and it will be impossible not to grow as a Christian.

Board Notes, Chairman Tom Eisenmann

The January Board Meeting was postponed a week due to foul weather. We met January 21. Most members were present. Committee chair's reported and hopefully they will report also in this news letter. A few key people met on Jan 28 to set the up dates for the 2009 calendar of events at Zion. At the Board Meeting:

-Seth Makula volunteered to become the new Mission's chairperson. Thanks Seth. If you have ideas for missions see Seth, or e-mail him at s816m@yahoo.com .

-Craig Rose will be working on the church Directory in February, so be sure to set aside time to get your picture taken.

-The harvesting of the trees in our wood lot is being put on hold due to the drop in price of standing timber.

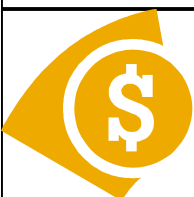
-Be sure to look on the Zion Web Site to get updated on what is happening at Zion.

-We are looking into re-establishing the Volley ball court near the pavilion.

-We are organizing a road side clean up on Weston road.

Please contact Mark Krueger if you are interested in helping on these outside projects.

Have a great rest of the Winter and pray for an early Spring.



Financial Report, Rochelle Jensen

The end of year financial report was given at the board meeting. Weekly giving has dropped starting in August, but we averaged \$2,200 weekly for 2008. We were able to give over \$5,000 to missions in 2008. The EOY general fund balance was \$6,749.29.

Budgeting for 2009, we hope to encourage weekly giving to an average of \$2,255.

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Ballet has come to Zion!

Jen Mirelez started a ballet class for girls, ages 4-7ish Wednesday, January 21st. Class will meet weekly at 7 pm on Wednesdays at the church during Adult Bible Study. The cost is \$35 a month. If there are girls who can't make it to every class, they can pay \$9 per class.

If any little girls are interested please call Jen at 517-673-7999 or 517-443-5964 to get involved in the class. If your little lady is "on the fence", she can try 1 class before signing up.

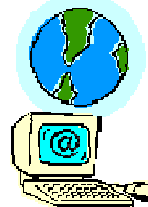
Jen is willing to start a class with girls 7-9ish if there's enough interest.

Any little girls, even if they're not part of the church, are welcome!

Zion is going Green.

Our monthly Newsletter is now available **THREE** ways.

1. You can continue to receive a paper copy.
2. You can view and print the Newsletter from our website. www.zionub.org
3. You can receive an email with the Newsletter attached as a file.



If you opt for either option 2 or 3, you will reduce Zion's monthly printing and postage fees.

Please email Pat Grau at pgrau.ggi@gmail.com and let her know if you are interested in changing to option 2 or 3.

**2009 Election Results
14 Board Members**

- Pastor - Aden Porter
- Youth Pastor - Seth Makula
- Chairperson - Tom Eisenmann
- Secretary - Sandra Uyttenhove
- Treasurer - Rochelle Jenson
- Lay Leader - Keith Hodges
- Lay Delegate - Rochelle Jenson
- Alternate Lay Delegate - Dean Porter

Members @ large:

- Colleen Rymanowicz
- Mark Krueger
- Dawn Makula
- Tom Eisenmann

Commission Chairpersons:

- Christian Education - Penny Whitt
- Mission Commission - Seth Makula
- Worship Commission - Deb Porter
- Property Commission - Bill reed
- Men's Ministry - Jim Bryan
- Women's Ministry - Kathy Eisenmann
- Finance Commission - Jim B., Tom E., and Pastor Aden

Young Adults — YAC

Anyone in their 20s and 30s is welcome to join YAC activities. We meet for a fun night once a month, it's almost always on a Saturday although the week varies. Please call Jen Mirelez 517-673-7999 or 517-443-5964 or Sarah Bryan 419-265-1575 for more information on when we're getting together this month.

We've done a variety of activities; game night, went to the lake, drive-in movie theatre, Christmas dinner, Q-zar, Jackson Ice Cream Parlor. Please come for a night of fun with other young adults in our church and bring a friend!

Men's Ministry, JimB

Our January breakfast was postponed for a week then cancelled the following week due to our frigid temperatures. The Men's breakfast resumes February 14 @ 8:00 am at ZAC—sponsored by Aden's team.

After our fellowship, we will assemble 2 shelving units for the empty room in ZAC. This will provide storage for extra cooking supplies, vending and miscellaneous items.

Also on the agenda we will be making plans to reconstruct the volleyball court which was dismantled due to the construction the Pavilion.

The **Chili Cook-off** has been rescheduled for February 15th. See JimB to enter your pot of Chili! Or JimB will find you and ask you to commit. As always, help with desserts will be needed.

February

Anniversary

19 Wm. & Alberta Anderson 60 Yrs!

Birthdays

- 11 Dean Porter
- 13 Janice Coopshaw
- 23 George Grau
- 23 Phil Milosh

Mission Statement

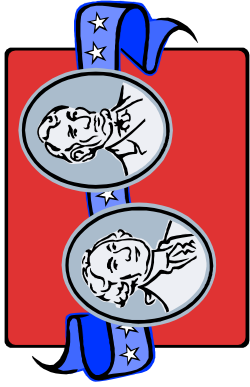
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Worship, Win,
Edify, Equip and
Fellowship
in order to Enhance
and Enlarge
the Kingdom of God.*

ROSE News, Kathy Eisenmann

All ladies are invited—Feb.20th 7:00 pm at Vonda Milosh's home—a night of Games, Movie, and just great fun and fellowship (snacks & beverages provided).

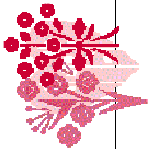
Please list Visitation needs on the **Treasured Times** sheet (ROSE bulletin board). Meetings will be as needed.

Book Club will meet at 7 pm on the 24th to review The Wedding Caper by Janice Thompson.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Services 10:30	2 Men's Bowling, 7pm	3	4 Youth Group 7pm Bible Study 7pm Ballet 7 pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Services 10:30	9 Men's Bowling, 7pm	10	11 Youth Group 7pm Bible Study 7pm Ballet 7 pm	12	13	14 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8 am <i>Valentine's Day</i> 
15 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Services 10:30 Chili Cook Off after Worship @ ZAC	16 Ladies Breakfast 9:30 am @ Beckey's Men's Bowling, 7pm <i>President's Day</i>	17	18 Youth Group 7pm Bible Study 7pm Ballet 7 pm	19	20 ROSE game movie night at Vonda Milosh's Home, 7pm	21 Email Newsletter Items to Pat
22 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Services 10:30	23 Men's Bowling, 7pm	24 Book Club 7 pm @ Faith's Home next door to Kathy E	25 Youth Group 7pm Bible Study 7pm Ballet 7 pm <i>Ash Wednesday Lent Begins</i>	26	27	28