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Happy May Day

Have you ever wondered why the distress signal is “Mayday, mayday, mayday!” (that’s right: it has to be given three times)? I looked it up and it actually has nothing to do with May or Day or a Day in May. The word is derived from the French: “*venez m’aider*,” which when translated means “Come help me.”

Good thing, too, because May is probably my favorite month – spring is in full bloom, the temperatures are near perfect, longer days, more sunshine, new life springing up everywhere. May falls into the season of Easter, and this year we even have Pentecost Sunday in May (and mothers have reason to be happy for their special Day on the 10th).

I’m certainly anticipating a great month of May especially after a long and cold winter. Time to start enjoying God’s nature again, time to celebrate new life, and time to celebrate Pentecost – God’s presence in our lives and God’s spirit within us.

As every year I am also looking forward to welcoming new members to our church family, as well as the young men and women that grew up in our church to be confirmed as members with all rights and responsibilities, on Pentecost Sunday (May 31st).

So happy May everybody. Hope to see you all for all of our great services and events.

Pastor Frank

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2009 marks the 58th consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer – a very important day in the life of our country. Millions of Americans will join together across racial, political and denominational boundaries to pray for our nation and its leaders.

This year’s theme, “**Prayer – America’s Hope**,” is based on Psalm 33:22: “*May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.*”

You are invited to the local observance of this important day. It will be held in front of the Lebanon Municipal Building from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There will be a 30-minute musical program followed by 30 minutes of prayer for our governmental leaders, troops, churches, synagogues, families and other important areas. *In case of inclement weather, the observance will be held at the Beth Israel Synagogue across from the Municipal Building.*

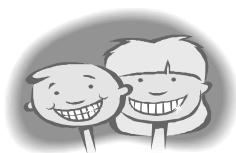
Please feel free to bring your family and friends – this day is planned for everyone! God bless you! For more information, call the Rescue Mission at 273-2301 and talk with Chris Smith or Paul Topping.

Special points of interest:

- New Mission Project
- Membership Classes
- Two Positions Available at Iona Church
- Car Show

ZION U.M. CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FUND BALANCES (as of March 31, 2009):					
Capital Improvement:			Memorials:		
Capital Imp. (other)	-39,861.29		Bloss, Jess	600.00	
Wish List	850.00		Brubaker, Richard	1,155.00	
Windows	10,600.00		Deck, Stanley	850.00	
Total Capital Imp.:		-28,411.29	Dundore, Susan	100.00	
Endowment Fund		6,697.25	Felty, David	187.50	
General Fund		27,274.76	Light Memorial	1,705.00	
GF		944.02	Marinkov, Mishi	205.00	
Missions		2,364.00	Miller, Lela	605.00	
Special Projects:			Olson, Betty	707.07	
Drama Fund	831.12		Peters, Pam	5.05	
Youth Fellowship	4,098.94		Reed Mem. (Camping)	364.00	
Sound System	233.49		Smith, Eleanora	25.00	
Children's Church Min.	500.00		Staeger, Howard	75.00	
Kid Free Friday	-238.50		Strohm, Dorothy	25.00	
UMM – Lebanon County	55.00		Walters, Donald	30.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00		Total Memorials:		6,638.62
Total Special Projects:		5,658.64			
Unclassified		-2.98	TOTAL		<u>\$21,163.02</u>



Z.U.M. Church Humor Corner

Top Five Signs You May Not Be Reading Your Bible Enough

#5 The preacher announces the sermon is from Genesis...and you check the table of contents.

#4 You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.

#3 Your favorite Old Testament patriarch is Hercules.

#2 You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.

And the number one sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

#1 You keep falling for it every time the pastor tells you to turn to First Condominiums.

Stewardship Humor

A 100 dollar bill, a 20 dollar bill, and a one dollar bill meet up at the shredder at the end of their lives.

The 100 says, "I've seen the whole world during my lifetime. Why, I've been on cruises in the Caribbean, safaris in Africa, and vacations in Europe."

The 20 says, "Well, I've not done quite as well, but I have been to Atlantic City, Disneyland, and Starbucks." They both turn to the one dollar bill and ask, "How about you?"

The one, not wanting to be outdone, says, "I've seen the whole country as well. I've been from church to church to church..."



A New Missions Project: Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission, guided by Jesus Christ, is a non-profit agency located in the Appalachian Mountains of southeastern Kentucky, which empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing educational, health, and community outreach ministries to area low-income residents. Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas:

- ◆ Education – K-12 Christian school, residential dormitories, early childhood development.
- ◆ Health and Wellness – dental clinic, pharmacy, lab, x-ray, public health.
- ◆ Community Outreach – community aid ministries, elderly ministries, family ministries.
- ◆ Economic Opportunity – community store, craft marketing.
- ◆ Community Housing Improvement – work camp, home repair, mission facilities.

Please check out their website at www.rbmission.org for more in-depth information. Look for a way that you can help out the Red Bird Mission in an upcoming service!

Membership Classes



For three consecutive Monday evenings, beginning May 4, Pastor Frank will lead a membership exploration class.

If you are interested in learning more about Iona Church and the United Methodist Church and are considering becoming a member of our church family, you are cordially invited to attend this class offered May 4, 11, and 18, 7 p.m. at Pastor Frank and Brigitte's home, 401 Royal Road, Lebanon. Refreshments will be served. Please sign-up on the sheet posted outside the church office.

New members will be received during both worship services on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

Missions Financial Report

MISSIONS GIVING:

<u>Month</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
December	\$2317.00	\$2743.50	\$1603.00	\$
January	\$1605.00	\$1678.00	\$928.00	\$1522.00
February	\$1232.00	\$1526.00	\$1320.00	\$1443.00
March		\$1524.00	\$1140.00	\$1337.00
April		\$1292.00	\$1296.00	\$1588.00
May		\$1619.00	\$1215.00	\$1607.00
June		\$1563.00	\$1011.00	\$1312.00
July		\$1739.00	\$1350.00	\$1833.00
August		\$1882.00	\$1306.00	\$1072.00
September		\$1294.00	\$1430.50	\$1347.00
October		\$1572.00	\$2290.50	\$1838.00
November		\$2432.00	\$2557.50	\$1542.00

EXPENSES:

1st Quarter

YFC - \$375
Rescue Mission - \$250
Mission Society - \$250
UBTP - \$500
Forneys - \$300
Miners - \$150
Najjars - \$500
J. Stahl - \$400
L. Wenger - \$500
LCCM - \$250
M. Krebs (Hope College Ministries)- \$100 (short-term)
Discretionary Fund- \$1200
Total - \$4775

**Current Balance-
Discretionary
Fund - \$100**

**Current Balance-
Missions - \$7386.36**

Upcoming Services – May 2009

3 May – 4th Sunday of Easter

- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – Message by Pastor Frank
- ◆ Message title: “Thank God for ‘Doubting’ Thomas”
- ◆ Text: John 20:19-31
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Chancel Choir;
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN, Iona’s Praise Band

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10 May – Mother’s Day

- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – Message by Pastor Frank
- ◆ Message title: “Care for Others and Watch the Miracle”
- ◆ Text: John 5:1-11
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Cherub Choir / Rainbow Ringers;
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN

17 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

- ◆ 8:45 am & 11 am – Message by Pastor Frank
- ◆ Message title: “Lost and Found”
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Men of Zion;
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN

24 May – Ascension Day

- ◆ 8:45 & 11 am – Message by Clydette Overturf
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Iona Bell Choir;
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN

31 May – Pentecost Sunday/Reception of Members

- ◆ 8:45 & 11 am – Message by Pastor Frank
- ◆ Message title: “Happy Together”
- ◆ Text: Acts 2:1-21
- ◆ Music: 8:45 am – Chancel Choir;
11 am – Songs led by OUTSPOKEN



Reception of New Members

Following our confirmation and membership classes, all participants who wish will be confirmed as members of Zion U. M. Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, during both services. Please join us and welcome our new Iona Church family members!

Attention All Graduates

Graduates (**high school and college**) - please submit information concerning details of your graduation (your school, date of graduation, degree, honors, etc.) and future plans (college, employment, military) to the church office as soon as possible.



Graduates will be recognized during both worship services on June 7.

Phone the church office at 273-2958 or email your information to ionaoffice@comcast.net.

Birthday Greetings

(college, military, homebound, missions)

- May 16 – Jon Boger
- 17 – Lydia Miner
- 27 – Lucinda Westermann
- Jun. 18 – Kyle Cooper
- 21 – Hannah Forney

Please remember to contact the church: phone 273-2958; email ionaoffice@comcast.net with any changes or additions.

Two Paid Positions Available at Iona

CHURCH SEXTON: The position of church sexton for the Zion U.M. Church of Iona encompasses the responsibility for the maintenance and security of the church and secondary building. To fill and maintain this position the individual must be:

- ◆ Physically able to handle the necessary heavy equipment required for cleaning.
- ◆ Knowledgeable in the operation of the heating and cooling systems and know when service is required.
- ◆ Responsible for the inventory of supplies and suppliers and the records required.
- ◆ Willing to accept the responsibility for the security of the church.

Job duties to include weekly cleaning of the following areas: sanctuary, Gable Hall, classrooms, bathrooms, halls, kitchen, pastor's office, secretary's office.

This is a permanent position available immediately; salary to be determined.

GROUNDS KEEPER: Immediate opening – Part-time position available – approximately 11 hours per week – April through October during the grass mowing season.

Mowing and trimming the church property and the church cemetery. Equipment supplied and maintained by the church.

Employment applications for these positions are available in the church office. Return completed applications to the church office in a sealed envelope to the attention of William Bailey, SPRC Chair.

ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF IONA

presents the

FIRST ANNUAL CRUISE IN CAR SHOW

at 1920 S.

5th Ave-



**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

RAIN DATE:
SUNDAY MAY 31, 2009
2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

DASH PLAQUES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FIRST 75 CARS REGISTERED

FOOD, MUSIC, DOOR PRIZES, AND RAFFLES WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE, MARY KAY GIFT BASKET, AND MORE..

IONA CHURCH IS NOT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT MAY OCCUR.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CHURCH RENOVATION FUND.

CALL SCOTT KEFFER at (717)270-4304 WITH QUESTIONS OR E-MAIL keffer_bunch@verizon.net

More info and registration forms can be found on the church website, www.zioniona.com.

Community Events and Ministry Opportunities...

LCCM's 15th Annual Golf Outing

Join the fun and fellowship on Friday, June 5, at Lebanon Valley Golf Course, Myerstown, PA. This will be a 4 person scramble; shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person and includes round of golf and cart, beverages, snacks, prizes and steak dinner. All proceeds will be used to provide food, clothing, and other emergency services to families and individuals in need or crisis.

Registration forms (which must be returned by June 1) are available on the bulletin board outside the church office. The morning start fills up fast so register now to ensure your spot!

Going Deeper: Dealing Positively with the Anxieties of Aging

This older adult ministry seminar will be presented on Tuesday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Freeman Auditorium at Cornwall Manor Retirement Community. The seminar will be presented by Rev. Robert and Mrs. Harriet Ziegler and Rev. Glen Esler, Cornwall Manor Chaplain.

This session is designed for clergy, lay volunteers, adult Sunday school teachers, and anyone else who works with or has an interest in older adult issues and ministry. The workshop will discuss ways to approach the "anxieties of aging" in a positive and proactive way. The presenters will lead a discussion that explores options and challenges we

all share as we age.

The \$15 registration fee includes meals and workshop materials. For more information, contact the Cornwall Manor Public Relations Office at 273-2647 or 800-222-2476.

Tee Off with Evangelical!

Hold the date for Evangelical's 24th Annual Golf Tournament which will be held Thursday, May 21, 2009. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. at Fairview Golf Course located on Rt. 72 south of Lebanon.

Church foursomes compete for "closest to the pin" or "longest drive" prize or the \$10,000 hole-in-one prize for your church and a new Harley Davidson for you!

36 foursomes will be accepted so get your group together now. If you do not register with a foursome, you will be matched up with some others. Your sponsorship and registration support the Evangelical Annual Fund and help to advance the seminary mission of training individuals for Christian service.

For more information or to register call Bob Ladd, 717.866.5775, ext. 2113.

Kochenderfer UMC hosts "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon"

"Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" is a two hour program presented in seminar format. It is designed to train faith community leaders on how to better minister to returning veterans and their families.

The seminar will be held Sunday, May 17, 4 p.m. in the KUMC Christian Life Center, 1105 Kochenderfer Road, Lebanon. The facilitator is Chaplain Max Furman, a National Guardsman who has had two deployments and returned from Iraq in July 2007.

The program is open to everyone in the community. Soup and sandwiches will be served following the program.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office and must be returned by Monday, May 11.

Faith in the Marketplace Breakfast

The breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 7 a.m. at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Zinn Commons, and will feature Dr. Dennis P. Hollinger, President, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The topic will be "Ethics in the Marketplace."

For more information or if you are interested in attending, see the flier posted on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 717.866.5775. Pre-registration by May 8 is requested.

2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday of Easter Fellowship Day School/Confirmation Cl. Connection Service Men's Choir Women's Ringers Bell Choir Fellowship	4 7:00 New Members Class @ Pastor Schaefer's	5 6:00 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Admin. Council Meeting	6	7 National Day of Prayer 11:30 – 12:30 Observance @ Lebanon Municipal Building	1 8 Evening – Set up in Gable Hall	2 9 a Private (Gable)
Monday Fellowship Day School Connection Service	11 7:00 New Members Class @ Pastor Schaefer's	12 9:00 Young at Heart Breakfast @ Quentin Haus	13	14	15 Evening – Set up in Gable Hall	16 All Day Event
Sunday of Easter Fellowship Day School/Confirmation Cl. Connection Service Private Event (Gable)	18 7:00 New Members Class @ Pastor Schaefer's	19 7:00 SPR Committee Meeting	20	21 Ascension Day	22	23
Monday / Memorial Sunday Fellowship Day School/Confirmation Cl. Connection Service	25 Memorial Day Observed	26	27	28	29	30 Memorial Day
First Sunday Fellowship-Reception of Members Day School Connection Service- Members						

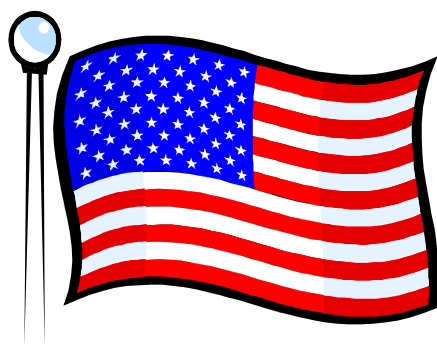
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SANCTIFY OUR LOVE OF COUNTRY

Lord God, who has so lavishly blessed this land, cause us, your people, to be humble. Keep us ever aware that the good things we enjoy have come from your hand, and that you have lent them to us.

Impress upon our smugness the knowledge that we are not owners – but stewards; and remind us, lest we become filled with conceit, that one day a reckoning will be required of us.

Sanctify our love of country, that our boasting may be turned into humility and our pride into a ministry to people everywhere.

-Peter Marshall