

September 23, 2020

“4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
5 For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 100:4-5

Good morning, Zion United Methodist Church!

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we find ourselves entering into the season of fall, I am excited to share with you some updates and events in the coming weeks. First, and this is important, beginning on October 4, we will be live streaming on Facebook *only* the 8 am worship service. This is a change from live streaming the later 10:45 service as we have been offering. Please remember, if you are not able to be present at the 8 am worship service in-person or online, you can watch it at any time on Facebook, and the service is also recorded on the church’s You Tube channel for later viewing. Zion UMC has upgraded the ability to live stream with the investment of new equipment that allows for a better visual experience, improved audio, and an order of worship being displayed as guests worship remotely. In order to support this new ministry, I am asking for disciples from this church to contact me so that we can be sure to have a number of people ready and willing to run the audio/visual portion of this live streaming ministry during worship.

Some noteworthy events in the coming weeks include the performance of the worship band, Risen to Save, that will be present at the 10:45 am worship service on October 4th. If the weather is nice, we will gather outdoors. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the Family Life Center. Also, October 4th is World Communion Sunday. Holy Communion will be

celebrated and distributed by way of individual communion and juice sets. Congregants who choose to live-stream the October 4 worship service may contact me to receive the consecrated elements at a later time. Another exciting event is our plan to hold a community Trunk or Treat event on October 25 from 5-7 pm. Vehicles will be parked 15 feet apart. Participants are asked to please wear a mask and use gloves when handing out candy to our children. No hot dogs, refreshments, or fellowship time under the pavilion will take place in order to create a constant flow of guests and keep everyone as safe as possible. Finally, as we approach the month of October, please keep an ear out for Donna Scholl and the Christian Education Department as children's Sunday School schedules will be announced.

As I close our time together, I simply share Zion UMC's contact information for those who may be unfamiliar. Our church contacts and social media sites are as follows:

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May God bless you all!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Rob