

### THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES



*"David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals." 2 Samuel 6:5*

It is our anniversary, let us praise God!!  
The anniversary I refer to is actually for several occasions. The first and foremost is

Zion's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a blessing for Zion to have been faithful in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and in sharing the love and grace of Jesus through the many mission projects we have supported for the people in this community, in this country, and around the world for 200 years. That is a long time for any church to exist, and for what began as a small community church, it is incredible and a blessing to have grown to our present size.

It has taken commitment, dedication, and a desire of our people to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ for this anniversary to occur. It has meant pulling together in the toughest of times, both economically and through several wars. It has also meant the adaptability of the church and its members to continue to seek to grow spiritually and to be intentional in our walk in faith.

The Anniversary Committee has been meeting to discuss several upcoming events to help everyone join in the anniversary celebrations. In the last two newsletters there have been historical trivia questions that we all could enjoy, and we have raised \$2,022 for Society of St. Andrew's food ministry, a number that is especially significant for us this year. Now we have planned for an Ice Cream Social and movie-night on Saturday, May 21 in honor of our anniversary.

Additionally, this year's VBS theme of Christ being the cornerstone of our faith is especially appropriate for a 200-year anniversary. Also a sit-down catered meal and celebration is planned for September, and we will hold our grand anniversary event on Sunday, October 23. Christ remains with us and we need to celebrate our calling.

But other anniversary celebrations we are recognizing is our one-year return to in-person worship and our two-year online presence for weekly worship services and other special services. Also, in the midst of the 50-days of Easter, we are celebrating our own baptismal vows into the Body of Christ.

Zion United Methodist Church has a history of spirit-filled worship, of dedicated and loyal members, and of opportunities to serve our Risen Lord in many EXCITING, AWESOME, and FAITHFUL ways, all worth celebrating. Like King David as he entered Jerusalem with the Ark of the Covenant with joy and excitement, we too need to embrace the Holy Spirit and praise God for the work in our lives as we prepare for the ministries yet to come. Let us all allow the Easter Spirit to fill our hearts and our minds as we celebrate the year in special ways, acknowledging the joy of Christ is in our midst.



*I will turn  
their mourning into*

**JOY,**

*I will comfort them,  
and give them*

**GLADNESS**

*for sorrow.*



*Pastor David*





Our Easter Celebration for children—**EGGFEST '22**—was enjoyed by all. Thanks to our volunteers who helped prepare the decorations, different stations, sno-cones, popcorn, and outdoor activities. The hit was the arrival of the Easter Bunny!







Over 70 children attended the event and seemed to enjoy each activity available, including the bounce house and slide.

The parents seemed to enjoy the festivities as well, especially the snack area where chairs were available for weary legs.









## Ash Wednesday Pancakes

The kitchen crew had a great time preparing sausage and pancakes for our Shrove Wednesday pancake dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped and came out to enjoy the meal. We collected over \$350 for the Organ Fund that evening. After the meal, we joined together in the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Service.



## AROUND THE CHURCH

A new “Welcome” sign greets people on the wall as they enter the church through the doors at the ramp. In addition to a sign of welcome, it is used as a directional sign to help offer our guests some directions.

God’s paintbrush was also evident around the church over the last couple of months with a full moon over the church in the photo to the right, and the colors of an early spring sunset in the photo below.







Thank you to all who shared their love in support of our February/ March "Share the Love" Mission Project for The Society of St. Andrew Adopt a Bushel challenge.

A grand total of \$2,022 was sent to Society of Andrew! This will share more than 100,000 servings of fresh, health-giving fruits and vegetables with people in need.

The Society of St. Andrew will also be featuring Zion in their next newsletter.



Zion served the homeless community through the PORT program at Warwick

Memorial UMC on Thursday, March 3. This was the second time this season. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with this important ministry.





## JOURNEY OF THE EASTER LILIES

Again this year, we were able to acquire Easter Lilies to help decorate the church for Easter. The journey began at Lowe's with three carts full, and ended at the altar table in the sanctuary.

Our Easter Lily dedication brochures are still available at the church for those wanting a copy.



## Landyn Kopczynski & Zachary Hawkins Wedding Celebration

Congratulations to the Kopczynski and Hawkins families on their union as one. The newlyweds were married on March 27, and reside in Florida. Their new address is:

6830 Holly Heath Drive, Riverview, FL 33578





## Bazaar Ladies at Work

The Bazaar Ladies are again enjoying their workdays each Tuesday. From making crafts in preparation for the Bazaar in November, to helping out with jobs around the church. They cleaned the windows in the Social Hall, made flower arrangements for Easter Sunday, and filled 2000 eggs for EggFest '22. We appreciate all they do for Zion and the community.



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## SOCIAL HALL WORK



The work in the social hall is almost complete, as Matt Burris and Jimmy Butler begin adding the cove base to the wall.



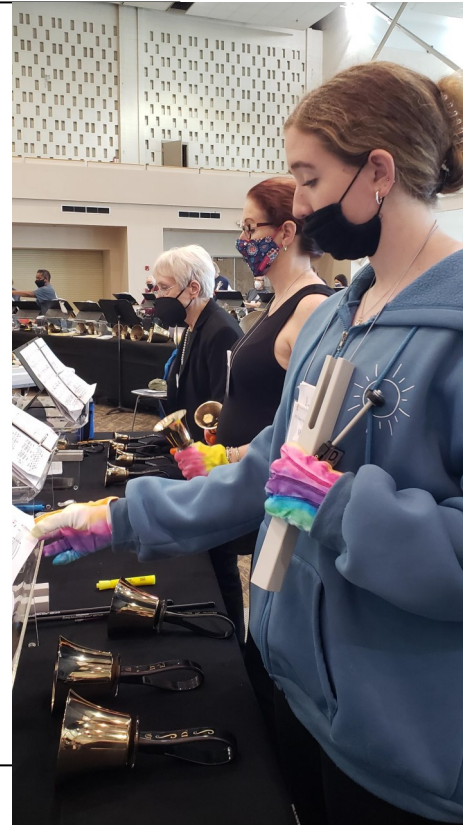
## Ringling Bells in Ocean City, Maryland

Bell choir members: Jessie Raymer, Haley Thomas, Tara Thomas, and Sherry Wornom, along with Diane and Gary Short from Yorkminster Presbyterian Church attended the Handbell Musicians of America Spring Festival in Ocean City, Maryland on March 18 and 19.

This event brings together church and community handbell choirs from Maryland, DC, Delaware, Virginia, and North Carolina to ring as one massed choir. There were 16 ensembles participating this year, a total of 120 ringers. Our conductor was Mr. Jason Krug. Mr. Krug arranged *Easter Medley*, which we presented for you on Easter Sunday.

After many hours of rehearsal, several classes, and few breaks for some fun, the festival concluded on Saturday with a concert which was open to the public. Due to the pandemic the festivals in 2020 and 2021 were canceled, so this one was extra special, meeting new people and catching up with friends we haven't seen for a few years. We look forward to sharing what we learned with you.

If you interested in learning to ring please let us know. Now is a great time to give it a try.



## EASTER BELLS



What a JOY to have some of Zion's children join us with the kids bells on Easter Sunday for the hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*. They were so much fun to work with and we look forward to doing something again soon!



## UMCOR Kits for 2022 Virginia Annual Conference

We are collecting financial gifts for the supplies of hygiene kits. If you would like to make a donation, please note it as Zion Kits on your check or envelope. On May 15, we will gather to assemble the kits **following our 10 am worship service in preparation for Annual Conference.**



## **Women's History Month—Virginia Conference Honors Joan Quass**

In March, Bishop Lewis's workgroup on Racial Reconciliation and Justice issued an invitation to the conference to honor a woman in their life who has "made a difference." Dot Ivy submitted Joan Quass' information, who was a long time member of Zion, and she was honored on March 29th by the Virginia Conference:

Joan and her family were among the most active participants in Project Launch at Zion. This was a year-long multifaceted commitment to sponsor a Lao refugee family to our community. What a joy it was to share with Joan the arrival of the 8 members of the Saysombath family, who were followed several months later by three additional members. Joan's care for them has never ended even though they left Virginia long ago. Several of the younger members of the family have visited "Ma Joan" in recent years to show their love and appreciation.



However, one of the biggest differences Joan made was to the character of the Virginia Annual Conference session. In the mid-to-late 1970s the annual conference initiated having liturgical banners at the AC session. These banners hung around the meeting space and were beautiful statements of faith from all around the conference. In 1979, Joan wrote to Bishop Goodson to request that in recognition of The International Year of the Child churches be invited to make baby blankets instead of banners. These blankets would have a practical as well as decorative use since they could be sent to Church World Service to warm babies all over the world. The bishop enthusiastically embraced Joan's suggestion and for a number of years churches across Virginia sent hundreds of blankets each year to annual conference. Many of these hung in the meeting space just as the banners had. Like the banners, though, they got more and more elaborate and decorative such that it was hard to picture their practical use in many countries. This led to more recent collections of kits for conference, mission activities at annual conference and an emphasis on getting together not only to do the business of the Virginia Conference but also to celebrate the many ways in which we can share in God's mission in the world. Thank you, Joan, for leading us to see new ways of loving our neighbor.

Joan is now 94 years old and living in an assisted living facility in Charlottesville where she is often remembered with cards and visits from members of Aldersgate UMC.

I am privileged to honor Joan Quass for setting such a wonderful example of loving and caring for ALL people and for making a difference in the world, especially for children.





# Youth Group News



Our Youth Group meets each Sunday at 5 pm for devotion, a light dinner, and to plan future events and help around the church.

Recently they have been updating our sign in the front and agreed to clean the picnic shelter, pavilion area, in preparation for the Ice Cream Social on May 21. Some were more interested in getting wet rather than helping pick up pinecones and sticks.

A plan for a "Free Library" receptacle has been approved by the Board of Trustees and the Youth is busy drawing up plans for its construction. Due to busy schedules, the youth will have limited meetings during the summer but are looking forward to helping with VBS and other events in the future.

## Zion Has Updated Its Website

Our website has a fresh, new look! Check it out at:  
[www.zionseaford.church](http://www.zionseaford.church).

Thank you to Frances and Chuck Meissner for their continued updates, help, and support in keeping our online presence up-to-date.

Visit Us  
ONLINE 



The Zion United Methodist Men will continue to meet each month on the 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm for dinner, devotion, and a speaker. Cost of the meal is \$8.00 per person and all men are invited to attend. Our next meetings are May 26 and June 23.





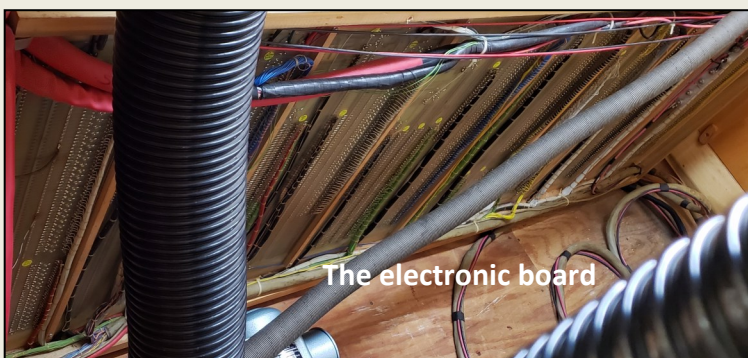
## **CUB SCOUT DERBY**

Pack 155 held a Pinewood Derby on March 5. Those who were able to attend enjoyed the friendly competition and wonderful fellowship in our Social Hall.

## **AN ORGAN FUND ESTABLISHED**

Our 38-year-old pipe organ will soon need some work. During the last tuning of the pipes, the organ specialist noticed that the electronic board that controls the air flow and lift of the pipes is at the end of its lifespan. This means that the board will need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$60,000. The specialist did share with us that he thought the current board would last about five years.

The Trustees and Finance Committee believe we need to prepare ourselves for this expense in order to maintain the organ and an Organ Fund has been established. If anyone would like to donate to this fund, you are welcomed to do so and note it on your giving envelopes. In addition, over the next couple of years we will have fundraisers and budget money to go into this fund. A gift of



The electronic board

\$10,000 has already been given for this fund, and \$10,000 from the Les Smith Memorial Fund has been designed for the organ.







## COLONOSCOPIES

I worked in various GI Labs in two different states and the District of Columbia for 27 years. I am writing this piece to make sure we all know how important colonoscopies are after age forty-five.

The preparation is the worst part of having a colonoscopy. Only drinking clear liquids for twenty-four hours prior to the procedure may seem quite difficult. “A day in your life before a colonoscopy could very well save your life” is a quote that I often heard from Dr. Jonathan Eisner, a local gastroenterologist. Polyps can be found with a colonoscopy. Colon cancer is very easily detected and cured if found early. You will be comfortably sedated or in some cases anesthetized, according to preference of the physician.

During the colonoscopy, you may be informed about diverticula. Many adults will have small pouches that bulge outward, through the colon. If these pouches become inflamed, they are then known as diverticulitis. Diverticulitis can be easily treated with antibiotics. There are four tips to prevent diverticulitis...eat more fiber, drink more water, do not smoke, and move around as much as possible.

Follow up colonoscopies are also essential. You will most likely be scheduled for three or five years depending on the outcome of your exam and your family history of colon cancer. If you are free of colon polyps and have no family history, ten years is usually when the gastroenterologist will schedule a follow up exam.

Sandra Page Phaneuf

## **200th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

### **Community Ice Cream Social & Movie Night**

May 21—6:00 pm Ice Cream Social

8:00 pm Movie Night—*The Sandlot*

### **Vacation Bible School—Concrete & Cranes**

July 11—14, 6:00 pm—8:15 pm

### **Anniversary Banquet**

September 24—5:30 pm

### **October 23—Grand Celebration**

One worship service with Bishop Lewis scheduled to preach. Followed by covered dish fellowship lunch and other activities.







## Rewards Programs for Zion

Zion is continuing to see the benefits of being a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program and of Amazon Smile. So far we have received over



\$1,000 from Kroger Community Rewards, and \$450 from AmazonSmile. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute. To learn more about either of these programs, please contact the church office.



May 2—1:00—6:00 pm Blood Drive  
May 4—6:00 pm Fiesta Dinner  
May 8—Mother's Day  
May 9—6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
May 15—10 am Summer Worship Schedule  
Pack UMCOR kits following the service  
May 16—6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 17—6:30 Anniversary Team Meeting  
May 18—6:30 pm Church Council Meeting  
May 21—6:00 pm Ice Cream Social  
8:00 pm Movie Night  
May 26—6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting

June 13—6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
June 15—6:30 pm Church Council Meeting  
June 16—18 Virginia Annual Conference  
June 20—6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 23—6:30 pm ZUMM Dinner & Meeting

### **Each Week:**

Sunday—5:00—7:00 pm Youth Group  
Tuesday—10:00—2:00 pm Bazaar Workshop

Please stop by the library and browse our newest books that have donated to our library!



## **SHOE DONATIONS**

**Thanks to your efforts, Zion has been able to provide over 400 boxes of shoes for THRIVE and the Natasha House with this on-going project so far. Please continue placing used shoes in the red container in the commons.**



# Celebrate!

## May Birthdays

Betty Fox	5/1
Bill Gibson	5/2
Cooper Simpson	5/2
Cole Foster	5/3
Beth Tyree	5/3
Robert White	5/3
Pamela Harrison	5/6
William Wornom Jr.	5/7
Anthony Moore	5/9
Elizabeth Greenwood	5/10
Laura Pack	5/10
Rebecca White	5/10
Marshall Butler	5/13
Charlie Thomas	5/13
Stephanie Freeman	5/15
Rebecca Golden	5/15
Barbara Nickerson	5/15
Robert Thompson	5/17
Andrew Moon	5/20
Maureen Cassada	5/21
Ronald Bennett	5/22
Geraline Snapp	5/22
Sharon Freeman	5/23
Matthew Needy	5/23
Phillip Miller	5/26
Matthew Burris	5/27
Loretta Leonard	5/27
Samantha Grimmett	5/28
Katie Simonnet	5/28
Jessica Weiss	5/29
Anne Moffat	5/30
Clark Nickerson	5/30
Douglas Crockett	5/31
Monty Mills	5/31
Julie Thomas	5/31

## June Birthdays

Nancy Verry	6/1
Cammie Butler	6/2
Seth Blanton	6/5
Jaclyn Wilburn	6/6
Catherine Westcott	6/7
Jeannette Moldovan	6/8
Benjamin Tyree	6/11
Barbara Gillikin	6/13
Austin Ancarrow	6/14
Kelly Gdovic	6/14
Joseph Prata	6/17
Gwendolyn Appleton	6/18
Madison Capps	6/18
David Westcott	6/20
Gary Poteat Jr.	6/21
Bob James	6/22
Albert Cote	6/23
Barbara James	6/25
Richard Gdovic	6/26
Bonnie Bennett	6/27
Mallory Wornom	6/28
Brian Wroten	6/28
Atley Ancarrow	6/29
Carson Burris	6/29
Corey Carden	6/29
Robert Morrow	6/29
Miranda Moon	6/30

## May Anniversaries

Thomas & Virginia Foster	5/2
George & Darlene Stephenson	5/4
Thomas & Maria Scallorn	5/8
Julie & Michael Mason	5/9
Clarence & Carol Westcott	5/9
Barbara & Purnell Hopson	5/12
William & Beverly Moreland	5/16
John & Laura Pack Sr.	5/21
Richard & Mary Boyd	5/25
Monty & Sara Mills	5/26
David & Pam Turk	5/28
Lewis & Sam Stratton	5/30
David & Beth Tyree	5/30

## June Anniversaries

Greg & Martha Simonnet	6/1
Bob & Barbara James	6/8
Chris & Beverly Palen	6/13
James & Elizabeth Dillon	6/15
Warren & Sondra Hickmott	6/16
Dennis & Maureen Cassada	6/18
Andrew & Carol Harrison	6/19
Stacy & Ronald German	6/21
Seth & Liz Blanton	6/25
Nancy & Samuel Honeycutt	6/28

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed throughout the year, please call the office or send an email to the church office at [office@zionseaford.church](mailto:office@zionseaford.church) so we can update our database.

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## OUR WEEKLY COUNTERS!

**May:** Susan Shaw & Warren Hickmott  
**June:** Pat binder & Maria Scallorn

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**Summer Worship  
Schedule  
Starting May 15  
One service at 10 am**

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