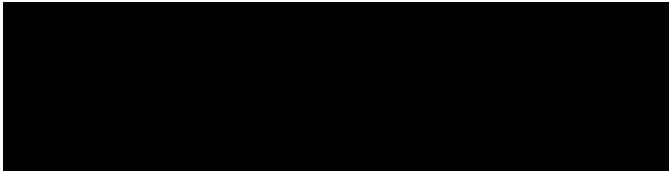


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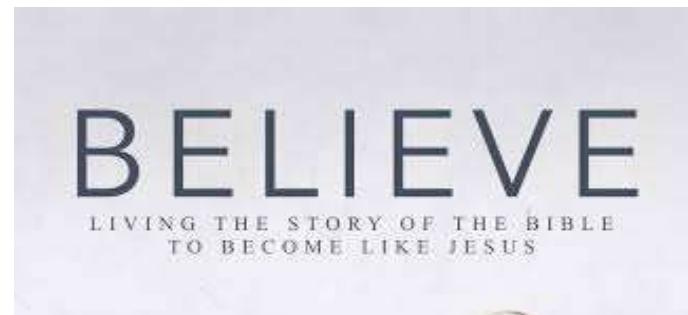
Zion's Lenten offering, designated for the Dental Clinic at Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) in Tanzania, amounted to \$2,607. Thank you for bringing health and hope to the people of Tanzania.



New Member Orientation

April 21!

Are you interested in membership at Zion? If so, let us know by checking the "*To become a member of Zion*" box on the blue connection cards at church, or call the church office at 541-923-7466. We will be having a New Member Orientation and Luncheon on **Sunday, April 21**, right after church, and then receiving new members on Sunday, May 5, at both services. We look forward to inviting you into our congregation!



Know What You Believe and Why It Matters!

This year we've been focusing on ***Believe: Know What You Believe and Why It Matters!*** We're looking at how to think like Jesus in our heads, feel like Jesus in our hearts, and act like Jesus with our hands – all focused on engaging our head, hearts, and hands; our convictions, character, and conduct in full bodied discipleship in following Jesus. In April and May we'll be focusing on our third 8-week series on ***acting like Jesus*** – living our lives doing what Jesus wants us to do. And as we finish this year-long series, one simple truth will become undeniably clear: ***What you believe drives everything you think, feel, and do.***

April 7 - How Does God Want me



*to Love
Others?*

**April 14 – What
Will Give Me True
Joy?**

**April 21 – How Do I
Find Real Peace?**

**April 28 – How Can God Free Me
from Sinful Habits?**

**May 5 – How Can I Maintain Hope
during Hardships?**

May 12 – How Can I Be Patient with Others?

May 19 – Why Should I Be Loyal to Others?

**May 26 – How Can I Be Considerate
of Others?**

general expenses YTD are **\$50,128** compared to **\$47,674** in 2023.

Connie

Adult Forums

Hensley-Jones, treasurer

Come join us for Breakfast!

We had a great time at breakfast last month! We meet on the **FIRST Tuesday** of the month at the Redmond Pancake House for a time of good food and fellowship. **Our next breakfast will be held at the Redmond Pancake House on Tuesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.** Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to save a seat.

From our
Parish Coordinator,
Brittany

– April Adult Forums –

The adult forums in April will follow along with the sermon series topics of *Acting like Jesus*. Join us each Sunday, 10:00 a.m., in the sanctuary!

Treasurer's Report for February 2024

In February we were **\$18,599** below our budgeted income goal. The General Fund balance is **\$101,905**. General giving for category 1 was **\$11,934** and category 2 was **\$9,402**, for an income total of **\$21,336**. Our

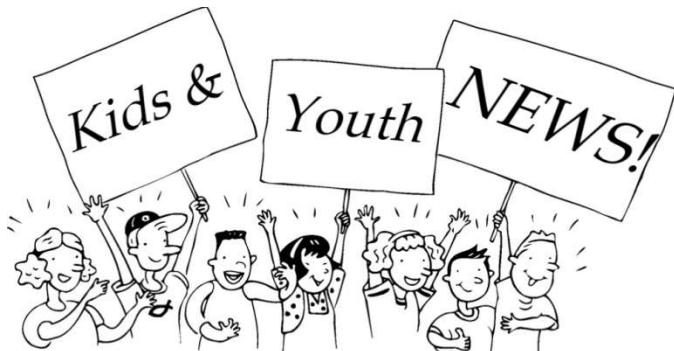


With Easter we rejoiced in His resurrection! The sadness and despair of His death has opened up that bright promise of immortality. Light will overcome darkness, and love conquers death. We have much to look forward to in our fellowship this Spring! Last month our community shared their time and talents cleaning up Zion inside and out. Next on the list we will launch our garden club and get ready to plant. Be on the lookout for upcoming garden maintenance and prep sign-ups.

This month I will lead Session 3, "My Heart Rejoices In The Lord," as our WELCA group gathers to learn more about prayers of petition and thanksgiving. As the When You Pray text shares... "Many things can be said about the act of petitioning God in prayer. God wants us to ask Him for things. He will not mock our prayers, giving us stones for bread or snakes for fish. He will not give us what will harm us, and for that reason He will often answer our prayers differently from what we ask, knowing what is good for us." I wanted to share that because it relates to each of us and the crucifixion is a reminder to me how much God loves us. During the time that may feel like waiting for answers to your prayers, try to spend time reading the Bible. Also, try taking a walk, trust in God, connect with others, give service to someone by sharing time/talent/treasures.

Blessings,

*Brittany Ury
Parish Coordinator*



Zion Youth Group has had a great year so far and we have a lot of great things planned! Get these dates on your calendar so your kids don't miss out!

Middle School/High School:

April 20th - Bowling at Lava Lanes on Saturday, April 20th from 3 to 5 p.m. Meet at church at 2:15 p.m. if you want to drive with Margaret and Pastor Eric.

June 25th - Summer Game Nights begin on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and

continue through August. Join us for fun games, a BBQ, and s'mores around the fire pit!



July 14th - Annual Youth Car Wash Fundraiser!!

This includes a free hot dog BBQ as well! Kids and parents get together to wash cars to raise money for their activities! Sunday after church from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Elementary Kids and Families:

Kids and parents game night and BBQ at the church! We had a great time last year and we are planning another fun evening!

**Remember to
keep in your prayers:**

This is a reminder that our Sunday morning prayers are mostly for those with acute prayer concerns, but please keep in your daily prayers those who live in long term care homes:

Brookside Assisted Living – Junemarie

Brookdale Assisted Living – Patti

Chinook Assisted Living – Lois R.

Juniper Springs – John & Alice M.

And those in need of ongoing prayer:
Pastor Chet, Judy H., and Gerry R.



Food Donations

JERICHO ROAD OUTREACH

April & May 2024

Canned Pork

Boxed Milk

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months of April and May, we will be focusing on food donations of **Canned Pork** and **Boxed Milk** for our community neighbors in the homeless camps through Jericho Road Outreach. Of course, you may always bring items from the list below.

Following is a shopping list of the most popular foods:

Canned Items:

Spam, Salmon, Chicken Chunks, Pork Beef Stew, Chili, Vegetable Beef Soup

Canned Fruit (peaches, pears and mixed)

Dry Cereal (Cheerios, Wheaties)

Snack/Protein bars

Peanut Butter

Boxed Milk

Please Note:

A sufficient inventory is on hand for canned vegetables, dried beans (lentils), pork & beans, baked beans, dried noodles, rice, top ramen, tomato soup, tomato sauce, and dog food. No more is needed at this time. No perishable, frozen or foods that require cooking/baking.

Cash donations given to Zion must be designated on the check or envelope with cash as "Jericho Road Outreach", in order for it to be used for food or essential items given to our neighbors in the homeless camps.

theme is "*Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was A Kid*". We had to cap registration last year and we hope to be able to expand that, but it takes many, many volunteers to put VBS on. We hope you will volunteer to help either all week or several days. We also need **about 4 canopies** for our Nazareth Marketplace. Do you have one that we can borrow that week? Please contact Deb Lewis, 503-358-3496, or Gloria McLeod, 541-604-1543, if you have a canopy we can borrow or if you want to help with that week of VBS, please let us know.

Quilting: April 4 & 11

You are invited to join Zion's Quilting Group, Thursdays, April 4 & 11, at 8:30 a.m., as we continue to work on this year's quilting projects. We meet the first two Thursdays of each month. If any changes to the schedule



must be made, a phone call will be made, so be sure Barbara Jones has your phone number! **All are welcome, no previous experience is needed.** Come give us a hand and join us for service and fellowship!

June 17-24

VBS is scheduled for June 17th-24th this year (we hope Redmond Schools will not have to have makeup dates at the end of school). Our

WOMEN OF ZION NEWS

April 2024

*"Encouraged in our hearts
and United in Love"*

Shalom! May the promise of spring bring you God's Peace!

Our exciting new Bible Study, "When You Pray", continued in March with about two dozen women attending. Melanie McNinch led this wonderful study on "Your Kingdom Come" focusing on the Lord's Prayer. We learned who Jesus says God is....

*Personal
Provisional
Giving
Good*

Our afternoon began at 12:45 p.m. with fellowship and delicious refreshments provided by Barb Jones and Rita Hansen. Thank you! Thank you Melanie for your wonderful leadership in our Bible Study! And a HUGE thank you to Dennis for running the video in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall! You are a Magician!

Brittany Ury will be leading our April 17th Bible Study with session 3, "My Heart Rejoices in the Lord", focusing on Hannah's prayer. She encourages us to read Hannah's prayer of petition and the other supporting verses listed on page 49. Look for more information on Brittany's article in this newsletter!

Dates to remember:

April 2-Breakfast at the Pancake House 9:30

April 17-WELCA Bible Study & brief meeting-12:45 fellowship and refreshments

(by Marcia Madsen and Barb Fast)

1:00 PM Bible Study

April 26-planning meeting 10:30 am

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[WELCA news, continued]

May 7-Breakfast at the Pancake House 9:30

May 15-Ladies Luncheon 1:00 pm

Sign-up sheets and more information to follow

June 4-Breakfast at the Pancake House 9:30

June 19-WELCA Bible Study & brief meeting-12:45 fellowship and refreshments

(by Barb Iverson and Tina McCarthy)

1:00 PM Bible Study

Shalom!

Nancy Keeton

March 22 Planning Meeting Notes:

- * Joy has agreed to play music/songs for the Ladies Luncheon in May! Thank you, Joy!
- * talked about using artificial flowers for the decorations.
- * each table will have 6 flowers, one at each place setting with an explanation of their meaning.
- * salad bar menu finalized-be on the lookout for sign-up sheets to provide toppings.
- * one person at each table will win the centerpiece.



Health Ministry Highlights: Understanding the Opioid Epidemic

The opioid epidemic in the United States is playing out all around us. On a daily basis, we hear harrowing statistics, personal stories, legal arguments, and solutions to alleviate this massive and urgent problem. An estimated 2.1 million people in the U.S. struggle with an opioid Substance Use Disorder. Some of those struggling may include our family members or friends.

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[Health Highlights, continued]

Opioids are a class of drugs that include medications such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl and methadone, which are commonly

prescribed to treat pain, as well as illegal drugs, such as heroin. Often in the news is Fentanyl, a strong synthetic opioid. Legal, pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, but Fentanyl is also produced and distributed illegally.

Legally prescribed opioid pain relievers are generally safe when taken for a short time and as prescribed. But, opioids can produce euphoria in addition to pain relief and this can lead to them being taken in a different way or in a larger quantity than prescribed, or taken without a doctor's prescription. Regular use, even as prescribed by a doctor, can lead to dependence and, when used differently than directed, opioid pain relievers can lead to addiction, overdose incidents, and death. Drug addiction, also called Substance Use Disorder, is a disease that affects a person's brain and behavior and leads to an inability to control the use of a legal or illegal drug or medicine.

The first task for the church is to understand all we can about Addiction/Substance Use Disorder in order to provide support. How do drugs take over a person's life? If we have never experienced addiction, it is very hard to understand. When we don't understand addiction it is easy to place a stigma on it. What about overdose? Do you know how and when to respond?

In 2023, Deschutes County created an *Opioid Overdose Response Team*, which together with community partners, is deploying enhanced prevention resources, education and awareness. **In April, Zion Health Ministry will host a presentation by the Opioid Overdose Response Team on Tuesday, April 23, at 10:00 a.m.**, for a chance to increase your understanding of addiction and the Opioid Epidemic. Watch for flyers and a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to come soon.

Sources: DeschutesCounty.gov, CDC.gov,
[Oregon Health Authority](http://OregonHealthAuthority)



The only thing constant is change, and yes, there are some changes to your new church directory you need to make to keep it current.

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