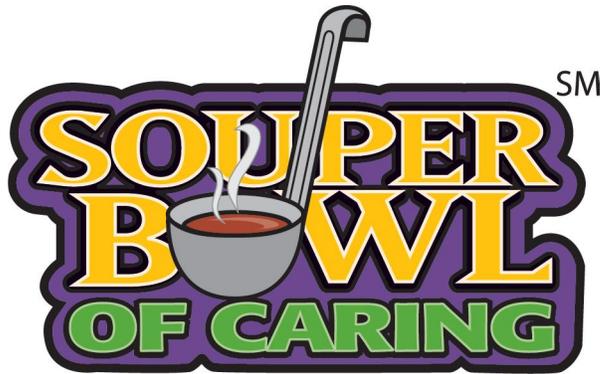


Elliston Zion United Methodist Church

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February 7, 2016 12:30 PM

Come & enjoy a delicious selection of homemade soups & bread. Then gear up to challenge the champs during the Annual Ping Pong Tournament.

This is a FAMILY FUN event and ALL are WELCOME!

Proceeds benefit our food pantry. Love offerings and donations accepted.

Lenten Services

Zion will be partnering with the local UM churches for Lenten Services this year. Soup and Salad supper provided at 6 PM, Worship at 7 PM:

- Ash Wednesday, Feb 10 at Genoa UMC, hosted by Elmore UMC
- February 17 at Elliston UMC
- February 24 at Genoa UMC
- March 2 at LaPointe UMC
- March 9 at Genoa UMC
- March 16 at Oak Harbor UMC
- Maundy Thursday, March 24 at Oak Harbor UMC (this one only is a pot luck, bring a dish to share)
- Good Friday Services held at each congregation's home church

Our Easter plans will be announced soon. Society of St Andrew coin boxes and Lenten devotionals will be available in the Narthex.

Blood Drive February 27, 8 am to 1 pm

We're serving WAFFLES for Breakfast! Every person coming in to donate will receive a gift from the Red Cross. Register online at redcrossblood.org or call 419-250-1188. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays

Prayer in the Lounge, 8:30 am

Wednesdays

Lenten Services begin February 10

3rd Sunday

UM Women lunch meeting, 12 pm

February 7

Potluck & Ping Pong

February 8

Ad Council, 6:30 pm

February 27

Red Cross Blood Drive



The focus for our First Friday Day of Prayer and Fasting on February 5, 2016 is General Conference.

On May 10-20, 2016, the next General Conference of The United Methodist Church will meet in Portland, Oregon.

During the month of February, we ask for your prayers for the work of the General Conference, for our delegates, and our denomination.

Mountain Mentors Vacation Rental

The Toledo Mountain Mentors, a community outreach program for at-risk teens, has a vacation home for rent in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Several from Zion have volunteered at the Camp and helped remodel the vacation home. Now, your vacation can support mentoring! North Chatham is a great area for hiking, biking, snowmobiling, sightseeing & more. The house sleeps 8 and can be rented for \$850 (Sat-Sat). Call 207-890-9533 or email rent@toledomountainmentors.org. Visit www.toledomountainmentors.org to learn more.

2016 Mission Trip Henderson Settlement Frakes, Kentucky

The SOWER VIM Team is in the planning stages for constructing the 15th home for a family in 2016. The cost of materials to build one of the 28' x 28' or 28' x 32' houses from the ground up is approximately \$43,000 to \$47,000. The SOWER VIM Project is in need of both funding to cover material costs and volunteers for the build.

Elliston Zion UMC is going to participate in this project and is looking for prayer partners, volunteers to travel to Kentucky to help with the construction and financial support.

Melissa is coordinating a team to help with the home from July 10-16. The registration fee is \$250/person and covers food and lodging at Henderson Settlement. While there is no requirement for volunteers to contribute to the cost of materials, it is suggested that each volunteer or their church contribute \$400 to \$500 toward the cost of materials. Volunteers without materials to work with are not very effective!

If you're interested in going on the mission trip, please let Melissa know ASAP. This will help her determine if we have a large enough group to go.

Nicaragua Mission Trip

The first of two 2016 Volunteers In Mission (VIM) teams is now forming. The dates are June 21-29 and October 8-16. The team will continue work with the Fundacion El Samaritano ministry in Nejapa, Nicaragua, a poor rural barrio on the southwest side of the capital, Managua. Ohio VIM teams have been working with this foundation every year since 1997 which is dedicated to offering quality education in a Christian environment to children who cannot afford good schooling. The cost is \$1,450 per volunteer. A brochure and application is available by contacting Jack Reif, 513.831.5550 or jack.reif@zoomtown.com. For more details visit maumeewatershed.org.

2015 In Review

Food for Thought is happy to announce that in 2015 our mobile pantries served 8,500 households in the Greater Toledo area, including 7,500 children and 3,200 seniors. Volunteers harvested over 3,500 pounds of produce from local farms, which was then distributed on our mobile pantries. In addition to our mobile pantries, we also distributed 15,600 peanut butter and jelly lunches in downtown Toledo. None of this would have been possible without our incredible crew of volunteers and leads, who donated **4,192 hours** of their time to help us feed Toledo in 2015.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary

2	John Tolliver
11	DuWain Boss
12	Deanna Cluckey
13	Adam Andryc
13	Ben Andryc
13	Christie Andryc
13	Natalie Smith
14	Dale & Davina Gulau
17	Marion Rudes
21	Kathy Gregg
23	Sue Wyss
24	Trevor Stolz
24	Brian Wyss



Tithing

My take on tithing in America is that it's a middle-class way of robbing God. Tithing to the church and spending the rest on your family is not a Christian goal. It's a diversion. The real issue is: How shall we use God's trust fund—namely, all we have—for His glory? In a world with so much misery, what lifestyle should we call our people to live? What example are we setting?

John Piper, pastor and author

Food Pantry Task Force

Elliston Zion is forming a task force to create and administer new ideas for our Food Pantry so we can better serve the hungry of our community. If you would like to join in, see Pastor or Pat Young.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers & card since my surgery. *Pat Young*