

CROSSROADS
JULY/AUGUST 2017

"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people." - Luke 2:10

Dear Friends,

Summertime is upon us; school is out for a few months and all of us, no matter what age, are invited into a time of refreshment and re-creation. Summer is an opportunity to delight in the wonders of Creation; whether you take a vacation or just take the time to be outdoors in your own neighborhood. At Zion, some of our programs and ministries will be taking the summer sabbatical. As we have done for a few years now, we will be offering just one liturgy of worship per Sunday at 9:00 a.m. I appreciate how our one service in July and August brings us all together during the summer. This year, we will worship in our newly air-conditioned sanctuary! Our time of fellowship in the parish hall will feature COOL beverages- ice tea and lemonade.

Although our formal Christian Formation programs will not be meeting for the next few months, there continue to be many opportunities to stretch and grow in our relationship with God and with one another! Peruse this issue to find opportunities to serve God and neighbor! Participate in the one congregation, one book initiative by reading [A Wrinkle in Time](#).

The Buildings and Grounds on-going projects will not be taking the summer off. The stained glass window project is underway and the flooring in our lower level will soon be replaced. Please check for times when you can lend a hand to make this exciting project happen. We are getting Zion ready for new possibilities in ministry by updating all of our spaces to be used for God's mission now and in the years to come.

Wherever you go this summer, and whatever you do; know that God is beside you, in front of you, and behind you, surrounding you with God's peace, strengthening you with God's grace, filling you with God's love.

In Christ,

Lucy



Looking to the Future

At Zion, we have been talking about the possibility of offering low-cost community dinners. As we continue to discern this, you are invited and encouraged to visit our neighbors who are actively engaged in this ministry.

- United Methodist Church offers a free community dinner on the last Friday of each month.
- Grace and St. Peter's in Hamden, every Friday night year round. **Dinner for a Dollar**, 6-7 pm.

Chapel on the Green

Save the dates! Zion will be hosting Chapel on the Green on the following dates: **September 24, October 29 & December 17.**

Keep an eye out for signup sheets for providing items to be used to make lunches, or to make some lunches at home.

Knit, Crochet, Converse

Come join us to knit, crochet, or talk on the 1st Wednesday of each month (starting in August), or the 3rd Tuesday (Starting July 18th) from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. You don't have to know how to knit, we can teach you if you like. You can help make hats, scarves, prayer shawls, or begin a project that is dear to you. If you aren't sure knitting is for you, then come for the conversation. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact Jane Chick at 203-988-4401 or ctycampboss@yahoo.com.

Loaves and Fishes

Through the end of spring and summer Loaves and Fishes will be looking for light clothing, as well as toiletries and feminine hygiene products, socks and underwear (new only, please). Please bring any donations to the parish hall by the closets. All donations are greatly appreciated. The next dates for Zion going to Loaves and Fishes to volunteer is **July 8th & 29th** though you would be welcome any Saturday.

Hats, Scarves, Gloves/Mittens For All

This year Zion will be hosting Chapel on the Green on December 17th, a week before Christmas. So many of our neighbors attending have probably not been given a present for Christmas in a very long time. We will be collecting hats, scarves and gloves and/or mittens from now until December. A designated bin will be in the parish hall to collect all items. When you begin shopping for the fall/winter season, please consider picking up an item or two. If you knit or crochet, please consider

making some hats or scarves – there is a pink bin in the parish hall with all kinds of yarn and patterns and there is a box with knitting needles and crochet hooks if you need them. If you don't currently knit and would like to learn the basics please join us on either the 3rd Tuesday or 1st Wednesday of each month and we can mentor you. Thanks so much for participating – your efforts will make a difference in the lives of our struggling neighbors.

One Community/One Read

Now that summer is here, you are all invited to read Madeline L'Engle's Newbury Award winning book, A Wrinkle in Time. This is a book for pretty much all ages. Read it on your own, as a family read aloud or a combination of the two. If you are not into reading consider listening to an audio version. As you read consider the following questions:

1. What Biblical passages are quoted or come to mind?
2. What hymns or praise music do you 'hear' as you read?
3. Who makes a family? Can you belong to more than one family?
4. How does the use of darkness and light tell the story of good and evil?
5. How does love affect the outcome of the story?

These are just some of the questions A Wrinkle in Time elicits. You may come up with questions of your own that you may want to share. As the summer progresses, there will be activities to help reflect your feelings about darkness and light, good and evil, love and hate, God and the absence of God. Stay tuned!

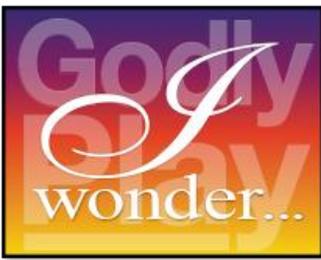
Thank you received

Dear Friends,

Now that the end of the school year is here, I can sit down and tell you all how very thankful we are for having a food collection to benefit the H-K (Haddam-Killingworth) Backpack Program. Because of your donations our little program is surviving and continuing to help feed children in need in our school district. Thank you for bestowing your love and generous hearts on our program. You have been a blessing to the children in the H-K Backpack Program and I am so very happy you decided to shine your light on us.

Most Sincerely,
Amber Stamm
H-K Backpack Program





Christian Formation

Thank you to Jen Jones and Jane Chick, our Godly Play storytellers and Joe Anderson, David LaRocca, and Becky Passante our

Doorkeepers. Godly Play helps children learn by experiencing the Bible stories, wondering about their meaning and discovering what the stories mean to them in their lives.

We will continue to expand our Godly Play program and be adding new stories throughout the summer as we prepare for fall. New storytellers and doorkeepers welcome and needed! Training provided. Come and experience this new way of learning about God and our relationship with God and one another!

Thank you to Dale Sochocki, for leading Echo the Story with our Middle School youth this past program year. Dale will be stepping down from this role at Zion. Jane Chick will be teaching some classes for this age group next program year. If you have a love of God and a willingness to mentor and lead young people, please contact Rev. Lucy about Christian Formation opportunities.

Milestones:

Baptism; April 23- Ava Sawyer Richardson

We give thanks for the Confirmation of **Ryan Cadwell, Robert Hinshalwood, Jacob McHenry-Kron, Andrew Passante, and Aaron Sadlon**, on Saturday, June 17th at Christ Church, Guilford. The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas presiding.



Holy Matrimony: June 10, **David Chick & Jennifer Dawiczek**

Zion's Spring Tag Sale

This year's tag sale was held on Saturday, June 10. This event has become a dependable source of revenue for Zion.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped sort, clean, price almost every item. Thanks to those who stayed for clean up and assisting The Salvation Army take away tag sale left overs. Thanks to those who helped cart items back downstairs for a second try at the White Elephant sale in November. Thanks to Donna Hart and her husband Rob and son Kyle for taking things that the Salvation Army wouldn't take and getting them to Mary Caruso who has a tag sale to raise funds for research on Fredericks Axatia.



Music News

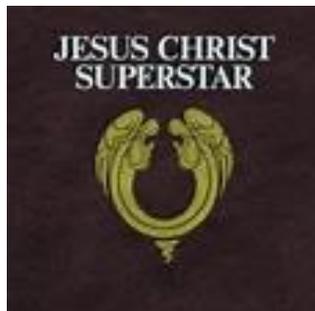
The less hectic and less structured days of summer are here! As we move into a one- service format, we will still be enjoying hymns and music on Sunday mornings. The choir is taking a well-deserved break over the summer months, although choir members will still be around helping to lead worship.

Although the choir is on a less formal schedule, many members of both the Jr. and Sr. choirs, along with other members of Zion, are participating in this summer's musical "Happily Forever After". They are joining an ecumenical and intergenerational cast of people from Ledyard, Niantic, Old Saybrook, Woodbridge, Clinton, and North Branford. This is a wonderful and fun family musical. We are rehearsing every Tuesday evening, with a performance scheduled on Sunday, August 27th at 3 p.m. here at Zion. Save the date!!

I am already planning wonderful music for the fall. I will be excited to resume both jr. and sr. choir and handbell rehearsals. I am also planning to continue incorporating guitar, viola, steel drum and other instruments into our worship.

New choir members and musicians are always welcome.

Blessings,
Ralene Goff
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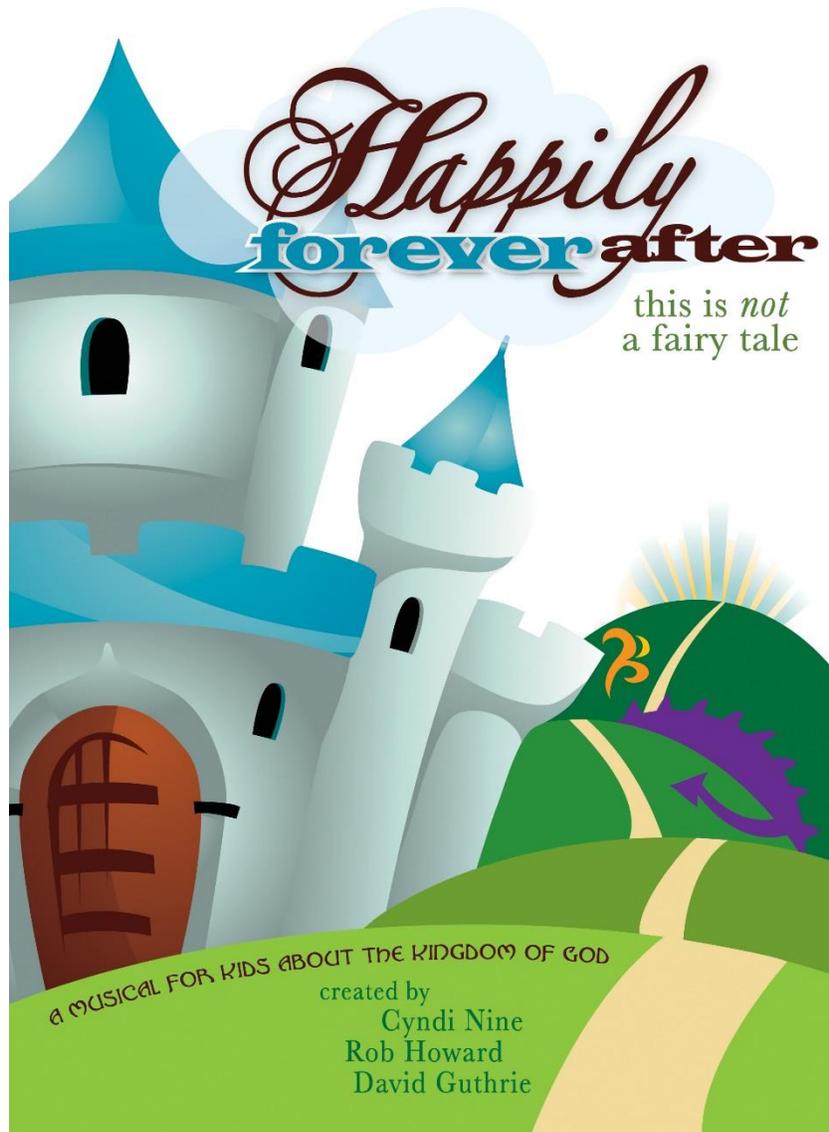
Madison Lyric Stage
presents the iconic rock opera
Jesus Christ Superstar

Wednesday, July 19th, 7:30 p.m.
Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society
297 Boston Post Road in Madison, CT

If at least 10 people from Zion want to go, we can take advantage of their offer to religious organizations and youth groups of a **discounted rate of \$25** a ticket for groups of 10 or more. (Regular price is \$35, from July 19th - 30th.) Email or call Rev. Lucy by July 5th.

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, the classic musical tells the story of the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, and features well-known songs like Gethsemane, Heaven on Their Minds and I Don't Know How to Love Him. Filled with an exciting mix of musical styles that draw upon 1970s rock, gospel, folk and funk themes, this contemporary reimagining of the biblical tale is a fiery epic of celebrity, passion, betrayal and, ultimately, salvation.

SUMMER 2017
 ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS



Intergenerational family fun musical open to anyone ages 4 and up
 Rehearsals Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. beginning June 20th
 Performance Sunday, August 27th at 3 p.m.
 Cast fee \$35.00 per person/ \$70.00 max per family
 Scholarships available.

Email Ralenegoff@gmail.com to register



Buildings and Grounds Update

Summer is a great time for vacations and getting things done. At Zion, this summer is filled with lots of activity. The week of June 26, four of the stained glass panels will be removed from the church and be restored off-site. The openings will be covered with plywood for a few weeks.

The floor is being replaced downstairs and the NONH space is being painted. Al Maiorino is coordinating the project and we will need some volunteers to help with packing and moving the NONH as well as painting. So, if you can spare a few hours please contact Al to volunteer.

Also, this summer we expect to have the backstairs replaced and have the parish hall floor stripped and waxed.

Many thanks to Dave LaRocca for repairing the furnace door and maintaining the Memorial Garden. It is a wonderful space for all to enjoy God's gift of beauty and grace.

An additional tree was taken down near the propane tanks and the trees lining the parking lot are also being trimmed. Although our work is focused on the care of Zion's physical property, we are driven to creating a space that is welcoming and encourages our worship for the glory of God. If you are interested in helping out on any B&G activity or have a skill you think we could use please contact Diane Iglesias (203-430-4207) (digle35@sbcglobal.net). Diane Iglesias, Junior Warden

Help needed! Our lower level is going to have beautiful new flooring!

To prepare for this, the following help is needed:

- Painting the walls on July 22nd, 9-noon, followed by pizza lunch.
- Can't help the 22nd? Can you help prepare the rooms for painting by moving mostly light furniture prior to the 22nd?
- Can't help the 22nd? A church school room could be painted prior to the 22nd.
- after July 22nd, Can you help pack up and move boxes and furniture for the flooring installation?

Please let Diane Iglesias or Al Maiorino know how you can help!



July/August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
						JULY 1		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Pentecost 4 HE 9:00 a.m.	OFFICE	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY				Loaves & Fishes 7:15 a.m meet at Zion		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Pentecost 5 HE 9:00 a.m. B&G meeting 10 a.m. Vestry meeting 10:30 a.m.		7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Zion.						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
Pentecost 6 Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.			“Jesus Christ Superstar”					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
Pentecost 7 HE 9:00 a.m.		7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Trinity Branford				Loaves & Fishes 7:15 a.m meet at Zion		
30	31	AUGUST 1			2	3	4	5
Pentecost 8 HE 9:00 a.m.								
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Pentecost 9 HE 9:00 a.m..		7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Zion						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
Pentecost 10 HE 9:00 a.m.								
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
Pentecost 11 HE 9:00 a.m..		7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Trinity Branford						
27	28	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2		
Pentecost 12 HE 9:00 a.m. LAST DAY OF SUMMER HRS 3 p.m. HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER					RETURN TO REGULAR HOURS BEGIN SUNDAY			

AA: Thursday, Friday, & Sunday Nights (6:30 - 9:00 p.m.) Yoga: Monday (6:00 - 7:45 p.m.), Thursday (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.)
SUBMISSION DUE DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER CROSSROADS IS MONDAY, AUGUST 20

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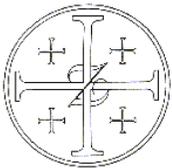
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