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Recognizing Jesus as Our Savior

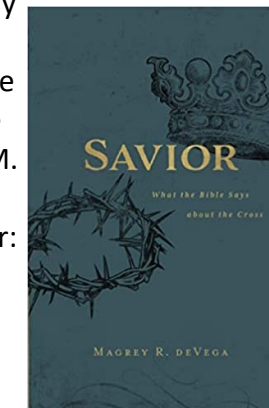
It is hard to believe that we have just finished celebrating Christmas, Epiphany, and the Season after Epiphany. And now we find ourselves approaching the season of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days that comes before Easter. It is a time marked by reflection and preparation. The Bible tells us that Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness. During this time Jesus was preparing for His mission, which began with the temptation by Satan and ended with His death on the cross when it would be revealed to all that Jesus is Savior. Our theme for Lent is: "Recognizing Jesus as Our Savior."

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17 with the observance of Ash Wednesday. This year due to the pandemic, Zion's service will be held at 7 P.M. but *on Facebook only*. Ash Wednesday is an important worship experience for all Christians. The tradition of Ash Wednesday is that the ashes are from the charred remains of the palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday. With a little bit of olive oil applied, these ashes are then placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross by a minister. When applying the ashes, the minister says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent, and believe the gospel." You will receive the set of ashes for your family on Saturday, February 13. With the ashes, you will receive a copy of the service. You can use the copy to follow along with the church's Facebook service, or for those who do not have

access to Facebook, you can have your own service. I will bless the ashes before they are distributed.

In addition to Ash Wednesday, our Sunday services will focus on our understanding of what the word Savior means to us. We have many different views of what the word "Savior" means. We will explore these different views that shape our understanding of this word and the truth that we find in Scripture. Lastly, my hope and prayer is that we may realize that even as broken and sinful people we can be reconciled to a Holy God.

We will also provide a Bible Study using Zoom. You can either use your computer or your telephone to join in. The Bible Study will be on Wednesday evenings at 7 P.M. and Thursday afternoons at 2 P.M. The study is entitled "Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross" by Magrey deVega. DeVega is senior pastor of Hyde United Methodist Church in Florida and the author of several Bible studies. The cost of the book is \$12. You can contact the office to order your book.



I pray you will join with me on this Lenten journey of Recognizing Jesus as Savior.

God bless you,
 Pastor Dave

Recognizing God at work in the world



Our theme for this year is: "Recognizing God at work in the world, in other's lives, and in my life." Even with this pandemic going on, I have been reminded time and time again that God is still at work in this world. The Bible reminds us of this fact, "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8). Jesus also says in Matthew 28:20 at the end of the Great Commission, "And behold, I will be with you always, to the end of the age." We need to celebrate with each other what God is doing. So I

would ask of you, please send articles to Craig (Craig@Duerling.org) about where you have seen God at work. Some examples would be an article of thankfulness for family and friends who have gotten your groceries or medicine for you during this pandemic; you may be thankful for friends that call you every now and then to check in on you; it could be an article on the beauty of nature; or something positive that you saw on the news. I saw a story about man at McDonalds who saw a homeless man only wearing shorts in the cold weather. The man took off his pants and gave them to the homeless man.

So help us fill up *The Beacon* with articles recognizing what God is doing. Together we can celebrate our loving God!

God bless you,
 Pastor Dave





Please remember our church family members and friends who are no longer able to regularly share worship and fellowship with us. They worshiped, contributed time, talents, and money when they were able, and participated in Zion's many ministries. They continue to pray for their church family. Share your love with them by sending cards, calling, and/or visiting. Birth dates are included where known if you would like to send them a birthday card.

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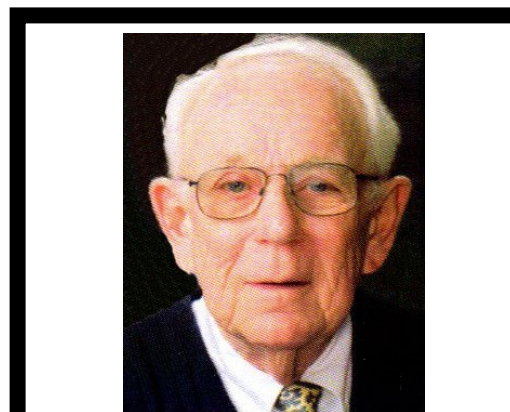
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We mourn with his family and friends while celebrating the life of faithful Zion member John Lee, who went to be with the LORD on December 23, 2020.



We mourn with his family and friends while celebrating the life of faithful Zion member Robin Farnell, who went to be with the LORD on December 30, 2020.



We want to thank everyone that donated to the Good Samaritan Fund and to those who provided a poinsettia for our Christmas services. It was definitely a different Christmas season here at Zion, but considering everything, things seemed to go very well. Let's hope and pray that by the time the Easter Season rolls around we will be back to the good old days. We will plan on having our Easter Cross again this year. Thank you again and God Bless.

Elaine Horseman

ANNIVERSARIES
in February

8-Paul & Jackalyn Stouffer
10- Dickie & Polly Lowry
16-Bruce & Robin Herman

22-Andrew & Kathy Counts

BIRTHDAYS
in February

1-Erin Downey
1-David Lamparter
2-Beth Thomas
5-Jesse Bartrum
7-Michael Willey
8-Nita Messick
9-Richard Colburn
9-Ann Coll
10-Charley Lednum
12-Lance Bramble

14-Sherry Daniel
14-Brayden Fox
14-Elizabeth Schunick
14-Annie Williams
15-Kelly Webster
16-Carlye Collison
17-Jane Turner
18-Delaney Dodd
19-Eliana Bohaker
20-Joshua Tolley

20-Alison Warfield
21-Mike Cheesman
22-Janet Gambaroni
26-Lauren Hubbard
26-Morgan Tolley
27-William Harrington
27-Donna James
29-Janel Parke