



Zebulon United Methodist Church

*Transforming life through
relationships with Jesus Christ*

July 2018

The Redeemer

"We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

A few years back, I was given ("yes given ") a trip to Hawaii to escort my wife's grandmother to visit other relatives there on the island. We had a wonderful trip. We stayed ten days and saw much of the island, including Pearl Harbor, the rain forests in the mountains, and the beautiful North Shore. The North Shore is known for its 40 foot waves and the place of origin for surfing back in the 1960's. One of the other notable places that we visited on the island was the Dole Pineapple Plantation, where a tremendous proportion of the world's pineapple crop is grown. Dole and several other companies grow hundreds of acres of pineapples on the island. A pineapple is notable in that every plant is planted by hand. It takes twenty months for the first fruit to bear and another twelve months for the second pineapple. Then sometimes the plant will produce a third fruit, but not always. So, it takes three years for the plant to produce three pineapples and all the work is done by hand. At this rate, it's amazing that pineapples don't cost ten dollars a pound?

One of the most interesting things we learned is that the Hawaiian Islands are all old volcanic islands. The soil of the islands is decaying volcanic lava, rich in iron, and a deep reddish brown color because of the high iron content. This reddish soil is not particularly good for growing most crops. In the mid-1800's, James Dole, visiting the island, wondered if the soil could be productive for agricultural and experimented with a number of different plants. He discovered that almost none of them would grow well, except for the pineapple. He is credited with turning the barren plains in the middle of Oahu into a vast pineapple plantation that brought wealth to the natives of Hawaii. Hawaiians had, until that time, been forced to live off the land. Mr. Dole's discovery and his experimentation grew into a vast cultural production that now serves much of the world.

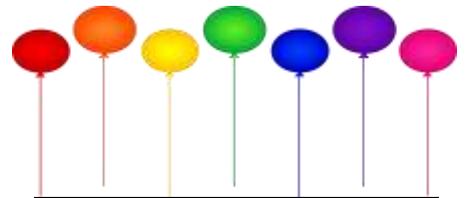
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July Anniversaries	
3	Sam & Donna Ipock
8	Elton & Patricia Roberson
21	Robert & Sue Russo
22	Eddie & Debby Driver
23	Sim & Tracy Brown
30	K.C.& Debbie Beavers



July Sanctuary Flowers	
1	Sam & Donna Ipock
8	Genelle Dail
15	open
22	open
27	Grace Hawke



July Birthdays	
1	Holly Bailey Audrey Shoemaker
2	Michael Weeks Jr.
3	Sim Brown
7	Kristin Bailey Tommy Hawke
9	Megan Montgomery
10	Lynn Butler
11	Teresa Pulley
12	Angie Fowler Robert Pulley
13	Linda Johnson
17	Andrea Pearce Norma Phillips
18	Julie Sittig
19	Melissa Brannan Heber Windley Jr.
21	Cheryl Crumpler Danna May Evan Montgomery Myrtle Tyson
22	Adam Crumpler
24	Andy Brannan
25	Andy Crumpler
29	Betty Moss Macon Shoemaker

JULY marks the **TWO** year anniversary for

Pastor Clyde & Leigh Denny

having joined us at **ZUMC**.

Please take a moment to thank and show them that we appreciate them this month!

To Our Pastor's Wife

*It takes a special person
To be a pastor's wife
For it is not an easy task
Or a simple way of life*

*The phone often rings at dinner time
Vacations, they are few
With so many needs in our church
There is always lots to do*

*When people need a helping hand
On you they can depend
For you always try to do your best
To be a faithful friend*

*So keep this in a special place
So you will always know
You are a special gift from God
Who is appreciated so*

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

97% of pastors have been betrayed, falsely accused or hurt by their trusted friends. 70% of pastors battle depression. 7,000 churches close each year. 1,500 pastors quit each month. 10% will retire a pastor. 80% of pastors feel discouraged. 94% of pastor's families feel the pressure of the ministry. 78% of pastors have no close friends. 90% of pastors report working 55-75 hours per week. Pray for your pastor.

July

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

<p>1 Communion Sunday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 No UMW <i>Steel Magnolias</i>.....7p <i>Tues. Women's Bible</i>....9a <i>Boy Scouts</i>.....7p</p>	<p>4 <i>Happy 4th</i> <i>Office c</i></p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <i>Historical Society</i>.....7p <i>Tues. Women's Bible</i>....9a <i>Boy Scouts</i>.....7p</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15 <i>Prayer Shawl</i>.....3p</p>	<p>16 <i>Finance</i>.....7p</p>	<p>17 <i>Evangelism</i>.....6:30p <i>Tues. Women's Bible</i>....9a <i>Boy Scouts</i>.....7p</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>UMW General Meeting</i>...7:30p <i>Tues. Women's Bible</i>....9a <i>Boy Scouts</i>.....7p</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 <i>Church Council</i>.....7p</p>	<p>31 <i>Tues. Women's Bible</i>....9a <i>Boy Scouts</i>.....7p</p>	

2018

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

End of July
closed

5
Girl Scouts.....7p

6

7
Brown Bag.....11a

12
Missions.....7p
Girl Scouts.....7p

13

14
Brown Bag.....11a

19
Girl Scouts.....7p

20

21
Brown Bag.....11a

26
UMM.....6:30p
Girl Scouts.....7p

27

28
Private Event
Fellowship Hall.....8:00a
Brown Bag.....11a

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Isn't that just like God and His work as a Redeemer in our lives? God possesses the unique ability to "redeem" experiences and difficulties that seem unusable and insignificant, even destructive. God has a wonderful way of taking the mess, the infertile aspects of our lives, and producing wonderful fruit of the spirit, from what might have been thought useless, or worthy of condemnation. Love, joy, peace, self-control, patience, kindness - these fruits that Paul mentioned in Galatians 5, are the results of God's work in our lives, when we offer ourselves and "our mess" to God the Redeemer.

The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead means that God can take even a terrible situation and bring good out of it. So Paul was right when he wrote the Romans. God is at work and has the ability to make everything work together for good, for those who love Him, and who are called to live according to His purpose.

I found this to be true in my life and I know it can be true for you as well. Is there any part of your life that seems unredeemable or cursed or useless? Perhaps Jesus is simply waiting for us to offer that barren land to Him, to see what the Holy Spirit might do with it. Offer it to the Lord today, and see what good might come. He promised good fruit that will bless many from your gift.

Love to you all,
Pastor Clyde

June Budget Report			
DATE:	Amount Given	Year to Date Monthly Amount	Year to Date Monthly Budget Amount
June	\$18,895.51	\$131,208.05	\$171,300.00



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Registration is now open for all kids, ages 3 - 5th grades who would like to be a part of our fun-filled week of VBS. Don't forget to invite your friends! Our theme is **SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus**. The program will run Sunday, July 15th - Thursday, July 19th from 5:30pm-8:00pm.

You can visit this website for information and to register:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/zumcvbs>



Happy 4th of July