

Summer Changes

Summer is normally a bit different from our normal routines at Zion. We look forward to some big events and family vacations and many things that will be different this year, if they happen at all. Even as society begins to circulate more, we encourage everyone to continue to be wise, be safe, be caring – please continue to follow guidelines for wearing masks and keeping distance.

Just to be sure everyone knows; we want to share once again that the big events that normally happen at Zion in the summer have been altered:

- **Vacation Bible School** will not happen on campus. Pastor Dan is working on a home VBS program for families to do together. He is also planning local service/mission events for high school students since the **summer mission trip** was cancelled this year.
- The summer **Theater Camp** for our younger folks is also cancelled. There is just no way for us to safely bring children of all ages together for such an event.
- The summer production of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” by our **Zion Theatre Group** has been postponed to summer of 2021. However, Sam Mikulski and her creative team are putting together an alternative – **Dinner and a Show to Go!** It will be an online presentation, much like you are seeing frequently on TV productions during the COVID shutdown, where individuals record performances and Sammy’s team brings them all together digitally. There will even be a tap dance number! Stay tuned!

We will also soon be sharing some changes for **Zion’s Zoom presence** this summer. Pastor Kathi’s Digital Gathering is on summer break, along with the Sunday evening Gazebo Gathering that Pastor Dave hosts. Both of us will look to initiate a Zoom-based class this summer - details to come.

We also remind everyone that our **small groups** are still asked to meet by Zoom and not risk gathering, especially on campus. In the meantime, perhaps our group leaders can begin dreaming about what their gatherings will look like under the “new normal.” With a vaccine for this virus still a long way off, social distancing and masks will be here with us for quite a while. What changes might need to be made to how your group operates when we can begin again? How will distancing happen, if possible? What changes to your normal practices need to be altered or discontinued? Do the challenges of current social restrictions offer any new possibilities? It’s good to think these things through beforehand so we are ready to go when we can start your small group up again.

And again, **THANK YOU** to our whole congregation, members and friends, for the way you have worked with us during unusual times. You are an inspiration in the way you’ve adapted!

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