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WORSHIP
SATURDAY 6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 7:15 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
(September—May)
9:45 a.m.

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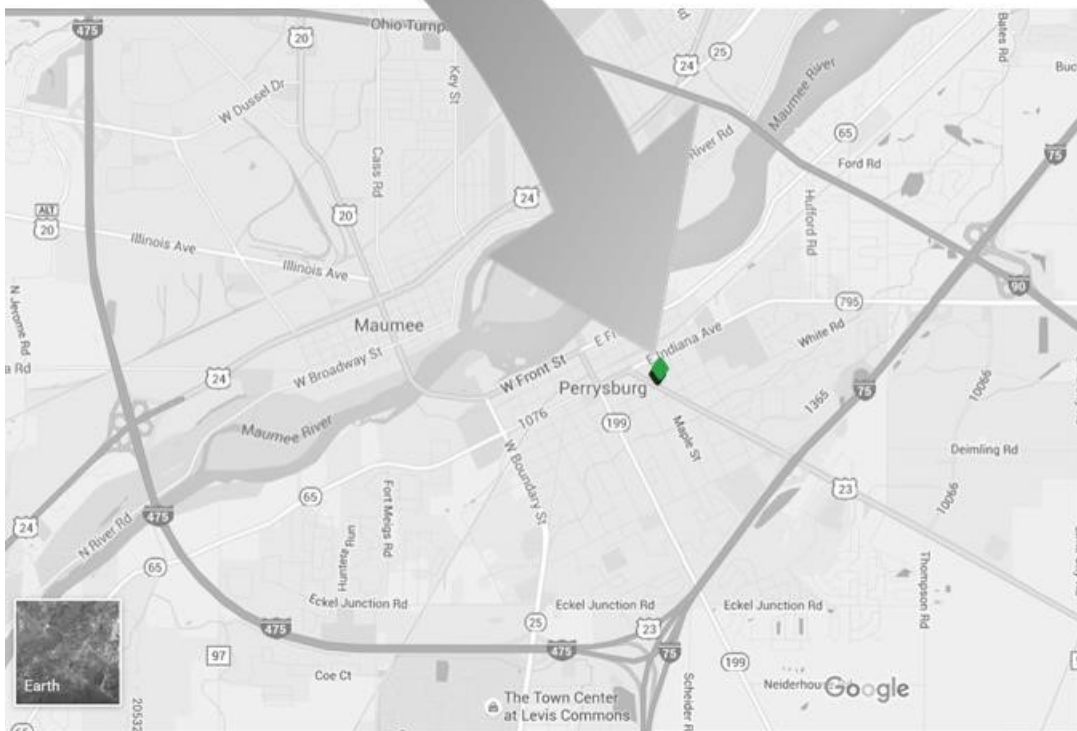
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ZOAR LOOKS TO THE FUTURE!

During his third quarter president's report, Ken Meineke called for the creation of a Vision for Mission Committee at Zoar. In a passionate call, Ken said "I am asking you as members of the congregation to step forward and volunteer to be part of this committee.

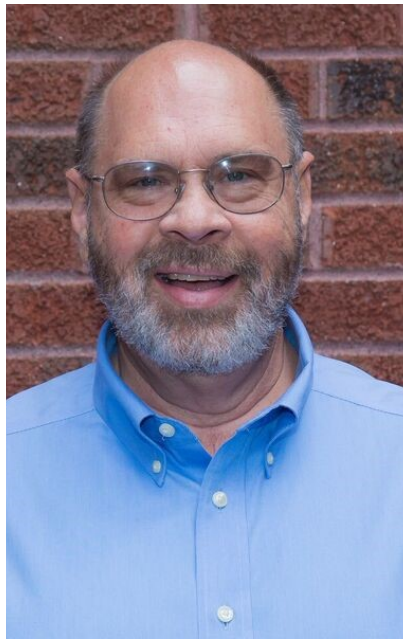
We need women and men both young and old to shape a vision for our future that reflects the history and heritage of our congregation but speaks to a new generation that is not invested in our history or heritage but is desperately seeking a personal connection with God to help them find meaning for their lives in a rapidly changing and uncertain world. The success of this committee will require input from everyone in the congregation, and we must be certain to listen to each other or else we might not hear God speaking to us in a still small voice as we seek to discover His long range plan for us." God is stirring the people at Zoar for a new day. Please contact Ken Meineke at ken.meinecke@gmail.com to offer your help.



*"Without a vision the people perish."
— Proverbs 29:18*

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from
Pastor Tim
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November – what a month is before us. These thirty days begin with thanks for all who have taught us the faith, all who now rest in Jesus, all who are washed and claimed and named in God’s grace. I am especially mindful at this time of my parents, grandparents, and aunts/uncles who were faithful in the Gospel, who shared with me their unconditional love. But also there are many folks from Zoar who have been supportive and caring and loving for the years that I have been here. Additionally, we are blessed by the saints throughout the ages who have kept teaching and loving and serving so that Jesus may be glorified!



For Lutherans, “saints” are those who Jesus has claimed in baptism. We have no understanding that after their death they can perform miracles, but there are hints in Scripture that they may be able to pray for us. Most of all, we give thanks for them!

The weekends continue, and we bow the knee before the One who is King who truly holds all of life in hands of grace. In Jesus, God’s love is made manifest. In Jesus is the promise that one day all will bow before Him, and creation will rejoice!

The month continues, and the awesome colors of October change into the beginnings of winter. God’s paint-pallet is aglow with color and beauty, and we are amaZed at the bounty of God’s farmland.

So, we give thanks! Thanks for the saints who have gone before us, who gave of their lives; thanks for the bounty of God’s land, thanks for the gift of each day and night, thanks for gifts of family, and health, and ministry, and... Thanksgiving is a life-long pursuit, not just a day. Those who are engaged in “thanks-living” know a deeper health and joy, since they know from where their help and support comes. *(Spoiler alert – it comes from The Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!)*

The month ends at the beginning. A new year in the Church, a new year of grace. Advent ushers in the waiting time before Christmas, a waiting time before Christ the King returns. And so, we wait.

Wow – what a time! May God’s amaZing grace be overflowing in your life, that you may know the leading of the King, that you may join the saints in thanks-living to God’s glory.



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WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

<u>USHERS</u>		7:15	8:30	11:00	<u>SATURDAY USHERS</u>
November		Greg Williams Tom Dayton	Lon Muir Tom Downs Lisa Scheider Rick Scheider	Chris Cooper Dave Buenting Patrick Boyer Dave Prue	Dave & Lisa Richard Steve Doughten, Cynthia Blubaugh Jim Laine, Charlie Rinker Cheryl Williams
<u>LECTORS</u>		7:15	8:30	11:00	
November 6		Ray Ruswinkle	Chuck Ackerman	Don Lieder	
13		Judy Schult	Claire Ackerman	Ann Lieder	
20		Janis Stein	Scott Libbe		
27		Dorothy Beyer	Leigh Ann Meinecke	Teri Laurer	
<u>ACOLYTES</u>		8:30	11:00		
November 6		Aubrey Arndt, Sydney Doughten	Grant Knowlton, Jacob Rickman		
13		Jenna and Sydney Rettig	Ben Robeson, Chase Saneholtz		
20		Andrew and Tyler Swoap	Deakon Cady, Peter Erlenbusch		
27		Connor Haar, Brody Schuppenies	Chad Henderly, Nicholas Pett		
<u>ASSISTING MINISTERS</u>		7:15	8:30	11:00	
November 6		Dorothy Beyer			
13			Roger Geffe	Don Lieder	
20		Karen Lundholm	Scott Geffe		
27			Carole Bohn	Roger Shoffner	
<u>GREETERS</u>		8:30	11:00	<u>SATURDAY GREETERS</u>	
November 6		Weavers and Brickers	Meyers, Sondra Alexander	Janet & Bill Smith	
13		Karnes, Marilyn Brossia	Connie Teare, Richard Hazle, Bairs	Dave & Lisa Richard	
20		D. Sahloff, D. Current, C. Everhardt	Wilburs, Lisa Hoverson		
27		Heckmans, Sharla Cook	Ninkes, Vivian Corbin	Becky & John Hoge	
<u>SOUND</u>		8:30	11:00	<u>SATURDAY SOUND</u>	
November 6		Chuck Ackerman	Greg Tye	Doug Williams	
13		Dave Sudman	Martha Amstutz	Ryan Williams	
20		Peter Cooper	Russ Baker	Paul Yarian	
27		Vince Krolak	Tom Trimble	Steve Doughten	
<u>COUNTERS</u>					
November 6		Chuck & Nancy Elvers, Heidi & Derek Meyer			
13		Jim Kwasniak, Tom Dayton			
20		Glenn & Mary Ann Abke, Alice Coy			
27		Carole Welling, Joyce Williams			
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>		7:15	8:30	11:00	
November 6		Nadine Johnson, Linda Hagedorn	S. Schadek, V. Karnes, T. Young	N. Jack, D. Besly, P. McNutt	
13		Connie Bricker	Mary Ann Abke	Lisa Hoverson	
20		Nadine Johnson	Mary Ann Abke	Carolyn St. Meyers	
23		Thanksgiving Eve 7:00	Nadine Johnson and Donna Besly		
27		Nadine Johnson	Jane Schroeder	Elaine Cutcher	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Harold Emch
- 9

Jo Moulton
- 16

Dorothy Beyer
- 21

Ruth Molter
- 24

Marcelyn Moser
- 28

Tom Seeman



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We are blessed in this family of God to be surrounded by people who share with us the light of Jesus. Some of them have been in our lives from before our beginning, and some are young people who are introduced anew to God’s grace. On the first weekend in November we will celebrate these “saints,” people who by God’s washing are declared His saints, both those who have died in the faith and those who have been baptized.

Since All Saints last year, these beloved sisters and brothers have entered into God’s Hands:

Renee Ann Fought Boyd Frazier, Jr. Anne Kopp Beverly J. Masiker Florence A. Ryder Robert Henschen Linda Kiefer Jeanne A. Winzeler Gaylord Richardson William H. Samson	William S. Bussdieker Daniel Mikesell Dorothea Hummel Robbie W. Waynick David Amstutz Jacqueline Ann Busch Mark A. Melchior Betty Hunt Betty Shively	Peter Masny Ruth Rollo John J. Spoerl Richard Royce Charles Kopp Robert Williams Rose Mary Stange Carolyn Zimmerman June Schober
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And these young sisters and brothers have been washed, claimed and named in God’s grace:

Asher Dylan Hoge Charlotte Wagner Avery Mae Murphy Amelia Jo Fleischer Mya Margaret Meek Brock Norman Nolan Newell Delaney Sue Jones Frederick Charles Gogel Maisie Jane Damman Cade Lenin Sophie Erickson	Drew Geffe Gram Hayes Warren Coleson Lee Fox Chloe Leighann Moser Liam McCormick June Noelle Luckey Adiley Raeanne Houttekier Ila Marie Newton Beckett Peinert Carson Taylor Beckman	Kylan Michelsen Callie June Tazzi Kennedy Hodulik Camron James Lambrix Lily Grace Luckey Harper Lee Kennedy
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from
Omaldo
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Not long ago, a parishioner asked me: “How come the tune of the *Holy, Holy, Holy* was different from the one we sang last week?” Here is a short answer.

If you are not new to church, you may have observed that there are certain fixed sung pieces which show up regularly during our Sunday morning Eucharist. Those elements are the *Kyrie, Gloria, Alleluia, Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei*. Over the centuries these elements have received countless musical treatments by thousands of composers. The last few weeks we have been learning Franz Schubert’s German Mass of 1827. With Reformation in our minds, we remember the past. Reinvigorated by the riches of our heritage, we move confidently into the future.





from Madeline

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In youth ministry there is a general consensus that “if youth aren’t leading, they’re leaving.” Here at Zoar we are working to give our youth the opportunity to lead within the church here and now, even from a young age. Whether that be 3rd graders leading songs during opening at Vacation Bible School, having 5th and 6th grade helpers lead small groups during JAM Time, or giving our high school youth the opportunity to be trained in Peer Ministry Leadership in early December—we strive to guide our youth to use their God-given gifts in service of the world. Our young people have so many skills to share with us!



ADVENT WORKSHOP



**Sunday
November 27th**

**9:45-10:45 AM
during the
Sunday School hour**

As we begin the Advent season of waiting and preparation, join us for a morning of Advent and Christmas-themed crafts and activities. These are practical crafts such as ornaments and table decorations that can be used to remind your family of the reason for the season: our baby Savior Jesus Christ. This event is open to any adults and children, regardless of whether you are registered for Sunday School. Please see the youth bulletin board in the Gathering Area for more information about craft choices and details. This is a free event; there will be a free-will offering to help cover the cost of supplies and materials.

FAITH 5: Holding your family together

We have a growing number of Zoar families that include young children. With a new Kurfis Fund grant, we are equipping parents with children under 3 with Bibles and support in raising strong families right at home! FAITH 5 is a great way for families to grow closer in their daily walk with each other and with God. Use FAITH 5 in a way that works for you: at the dinner table, in the car, or at bedtime!

Five Faith Acts In The Home

SHARE your highs and lows

READ a Bible verse or story

TALK about how the Bible reading might
relate to your highs and lows

PRAY for one another’s highs and lows

BLESS one another



**Over The Table has scheduled
an evening of social fun for Zoar
Lutheran singles and couples
on Friday, November 11 from
6 to 9 pm.**

Please attend this unique evening of food, fellowship, and conversation about what excites you about being a Christian disciple. This is all about the food and fellowship, but the thinking is we should explore more often what we are truly passionate about when it comes to serving God, Jesus Christ, and our church.

Sign up at church or by calling Chuck Ackerman at 419-304-7884 anytime before November 6. Since this is an adult only event and to make it as easy as possible for those with children, a free childcare will be provided.

This event will be held in the Family Life Center (FLC) at Zoar. From 6 to 6:30 pm non-alcoholic beverages will be available during a greeting time and then our meal will begin about 6:35 pm. There will be a host and seven people at each table. The host will provide the main course and each two people attending will provide either a vegetable, salad, or desert dish for just that table using family style serving.

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We have been called to serve our neighbors as a reflection of the love Christ has for us. Our Feed Your Neighbor program continues to serve a week’s worth of groceries and other personal care items twice a month. We have already served 596 new families/households this year and will serve close to 8000 individuals, nearly 25% of them children and youth, by the close of 2016. Redeemer’s food pantry has become independent and self-supporting after Toledo Area Ministries (TAM) ceased to be a viable partner in 2015.

**WE ARE BOOMING
WITH KIDS!**

Our Summer Youth Program served 68 children averaging a daily attendance of 40-45 over the course of 8 weeks from June until August. You can see a video of our Summer Youth Program posted on Zoar’s Facebook page and website or go to Youtube.com and enter SYP 2016 and look for the kids holding the parachute. Redeemer’s after school program, Art & Soul, is an extension of the Summer Youth Program – serving kids ages 4-14 (preK-8) with individual homework help, snack, an artistic activity (music, drama, crafts, art, dance, etc), computer time, supper and faith formation Monday through Thursday from 4 to 6:30 pm. We are BOOMING with kids. What was begun in the fall of 2012 has grown from an average of 6 kids with 15 registered to an average of 19 kids daily with 24 registered. We are grateful to Zoar member Leigh Ann Meinecke who had been a faithful volunteer but became a Redeemer staff member in Spring of 2016 –taking on the role of Youth Outreach Minister. We still need volunteers to help meet this growth in our program. Kids attending have increased their grades, learned better problem solving techniques and strengthened computer skills as well as study habits.

We are always open to having folks come and participate and experience the Kingdom community God has set in motion here at Redeemer – join us for worship at 10:30 am or come volunteer at our After School program once a week – or at the Redeemer Feed Your Neighbor food pantry once a month. If you have never experienced economic poverty – it will open your eyes to the reality of over one quarter of the American population. If you are interested in strengthening the educational system or have an art, musical gift, interest in drama/theatre or just want to help with homework – come join us in making a difference one child at a time.

— Pastor Lori Strang



THANKS TO YOU, ZOAR!

Greetings friends at Zoar!
We are only days away from celebrating 100 years in mission to the inner city of Toledo. We are pleased to invite all of you to join us for our **centennial celebration on November 13 from 3pm to 5pm** for snacks, beverages, celebratory worship and highlights of the future. We continue to “be amaZed” by your generosity and partnership with us. For those of you who don’t know – we have been covenant mission partners since 2009. That’s 8 years and going strong.

Thanks to your financial and volunteer support, Redeemer serves the inner city of Toledo concentrating on community development, food security, educational strength, care for children and seniors as well as networking resources for those who are experiencing the effects of homelessness, unemployment, addiction, economic poverty and mental or physical limitations.

However, folks who attend Redeemer are a combination of social advocates who put their faith in action, retired health care workers, laborers and those who have a desire to create and cultivate community that is reflective of God’s Kingdom. We believe that God has brought us to this place in history to speak up and stand up against the systems that oppress all sorts of people – lack of employment, adequate housing, educational disparity, and unequal access to every day resources – just to name a few.

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THANKSGIVING MEAL



**November 24th at noon in
Zoar’s Family Life Center**

Make your reservations now!

Zoar Lutheran Church is partnering with Bob Evans Restaurant on Route 20 in Perrysburg to provide a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This meal is open to all who are regular guests of Zoar’s Kitchen of Hope and to anyone else who might not be with family on Thanksgiving Day and wishes to partake of a wonderful dinner on the holiday. The meal will be served at 12 noon in Zoar’s Family Life Center on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016. There will be NO COST for this meal, however, donations will be accepted that day.

Reservations are **absolutely** necessary and can be made by calling the Church Office at 419-874-4346 by **Thursday, November 17.**



Zoar Youth packed 100 personal care kits to be donated to Lutheran World

*“Use me, God.
Show me how to take who I am,
who I want to be, and what I can do,
and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”*

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Register now for

THE GATHERING

The Gathering is an opportunity for groups of high school aged youth and young adults ages 18-25 to experience four days of service, leadership and community. Convening for its 34th year, The Gathering offers participants an opportunity to experience meaningful worship, engage in small groups, serve others, grow in faith, and have a blast!

FEATURING:

The Michigan Gathering, an annual experience hosted by ELCA Living Water Ministries, will be held December 27-30, 2017. Zoar youth are invited to participate in this event held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. Friends are welcome to attend. Registration is open to high school freshmen through age 25.

Cost per youth: \$20 plus daily lunch and dinner (remainder of fees covered by Zoar)

RSVP: to Madeline at mthoams@zoarlutheran.com or 419 270 6233 by November 10th.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the following people for giving their time and talent in support of Sunday School this year. Their role in faith formation in our congregation is invaluable!

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Joe Wagner
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Heidi Meyer
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from

Pastor Mike

Community Pastor
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Not too long ago, I read a news article about “nature deprivation syndrome.” The basic idea is that our contemporary world keeps us so busy that few people have the opportunity to connect with the natural world. There is something calming and relaxing about being in nature. Getting into nature is especially important for children whose lives are so often filled with digital stimuli. I hope you will take the time to join me and several others for a weekend of sheer nature fun. Camp Mowana is just two hours from Zoar and is amazingly beautiful, complete with a water fall.

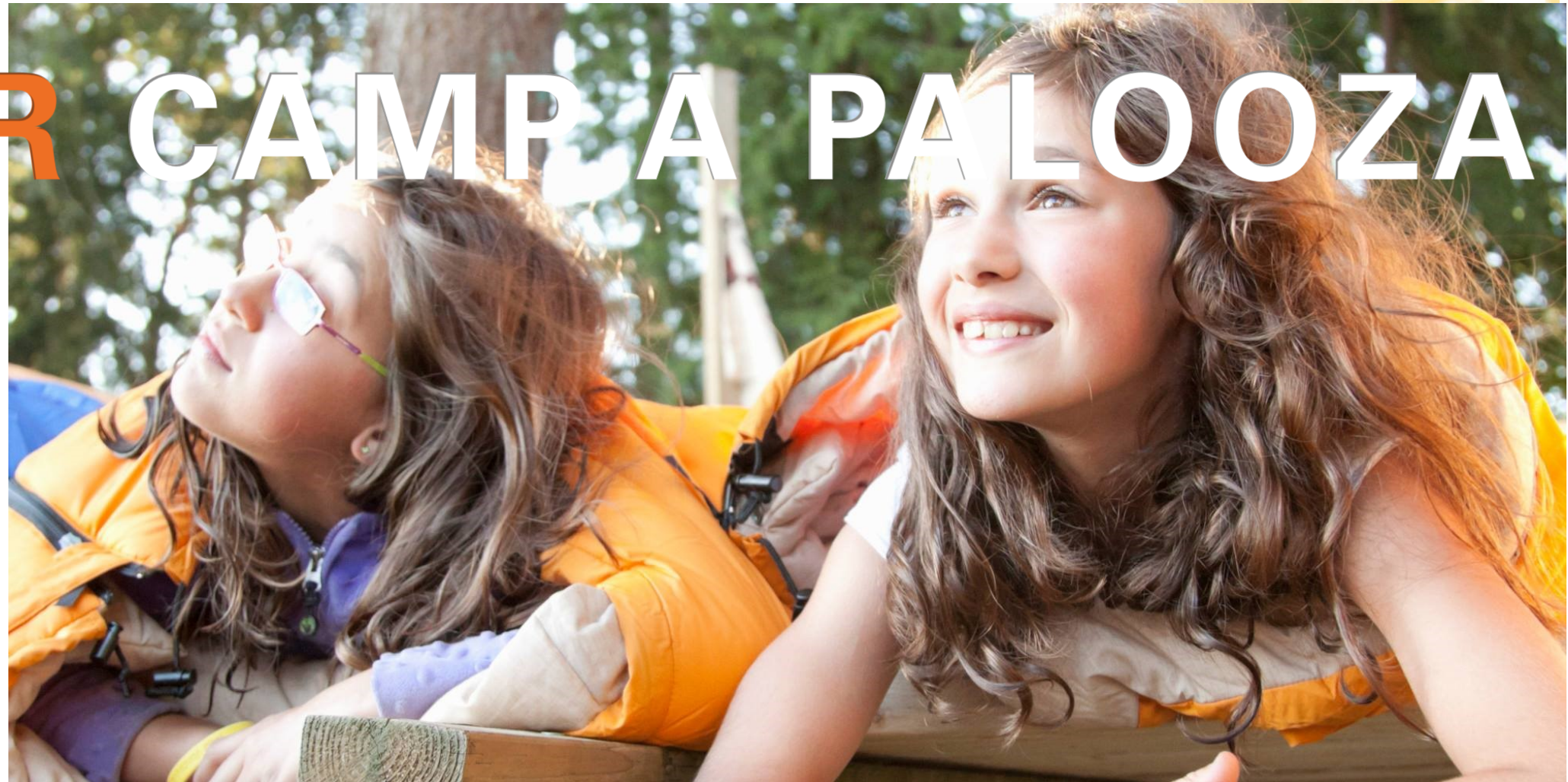


ZOAR CAMP A PALOOZA

*A Two Hour Trip,
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November 18 – 20
Friday (4:00 p.m.)
– Sunday (12:00 p.m.)

All members of Zoar are invited to an ALL CHURCH Campout at Camp Mowana in Mansfield, OH. Join others from Zoar to build faith, forts and friends. Lodging will be in the Fleming Falls Retreat Center, a very nice hotel-like facility. Meals and lodging are provided. The cost is a \$50 contribution to Zoar designated for Feed Our Families. Otherwise, the weekend is free.



CAMP WEBSITE



Download a map to the camp. Take a virtual tour.
<http://www.lomocamps.org/campmowana>

WHAT TO BRING

Bring clothes appropriate for the weather and season. Layers are often a wise choice. The staff at Camp Mowana will provide all programming which includes a campfire experience with singing campfire songs. There is no need for sleeping bags, bedding, or towels since the campout takes place in the Fleming Falls Retreat Center.



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