

# The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ  
Union, Missouri



February 2024

No. 2

## Souper Bowl of Caring!

Youth will collect money and canned goods for the Little Free Pantry and the Union Food Pantry on Sundays, February 4 & 11.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

All are invited to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A freewill donation will be collected for the Camp Scholarship Fund.



## Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 14 – 6:30 p.m.

The service will include the imposition of ashes. The Chancel Choir will provide special music.

## Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Our congregation will gather for our Congregational Meeting and the celebration of our ministry together on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. The 2023 Annual Report will be available prior to the meeting with copies in the upper commons.

Please join us this year for our meeting and let us prayerfully consider these matters before us.

## Lenten Study

This year's Lenten Study will focus on the Gospel of Mark. We will cover its origin, unique contributions to Christianity, literary style, and ways in which we modern readers can interpret this Gospel. The study will happen Every Wednesday at 10 am in the chapel. (2/21 2/28 3/6 3/13, and 3/20) Let Pastor Nick or the office know if there is any interest in an evening option for the study, either in person or online.

## Serving Christ in February

Ushers:

Feb. 4 & 11

Daryl Hartley\*,  
Harvey Mefford

Feb. 18 & 25

Paul & Shanna Brinker\*  
(\*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Feb. 4 – Ken & Carol  
Rohrbach

Feb. 11 – Carl & Jane Ridder

Feb. 18 - Dennis & Karen  
Tucker

Feb. 25 – Linda Kinworthy

Sound System Tech: Dan  
Mossoney

Zion United Church of Christ  
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**9:00 a.m. Worship**

(No Childcare)

Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch, Pastor  
([knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com))

Fern Dewert, Church Council  
President

Connie Thompson, Adm.  
Assistant

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Alysha Petry, Minister to  
Youth & Families

([apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org))

Mandy Frick, Coordinator of  
Elementary Youth

Karen Stafford, Music Director  
([kstafford@zionunion.org](mailto:kstafford@zionunion.org))

Brenda Herring, Church Organist  
Joy Bradley, Church Custodian

## Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds – February 18 – March 24

Help build our Lenten Labyrinth that feeds by bringing in items for the Little Free Pantry and the Union Food Pantry. Donations of canned goods/non-perishable items and toiletry items will be collected from February 18 to March 24.



### 2024 Lenten Offering Your Other Mother

This year our 2024 Lenten Offering will be given to **Your Other Mother Pregnancy & Positive Parenting Center**. The mission of Your Other Mother is to promote positive parenting, building stronger families and bringing healthy accountability into unhealthy situations. The founder of Your Other Mother worked as an RN in Labor and Delivery for 15 years and helped pregnant moms and newborns in their homes. This ministry was started from the trunk of her car – offering families extra diapers, formula and clothing donated by the community and families. In 2017, Your Other Mother became incorporated as a non-profit organization. All who give their time to this organization are all volunteer staff.  
- Outreach Team

### Camp MoVal Benefit Trivia Night Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

The Grape Country Cluster of Churches is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit Camp MoVal on Friday, March 1, 2024, at St. Peter's UCC in Washington, Missouri. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include soft drinks, beer, and water. No outside beverages are allowed, but you can bring your own snacks. Tables hold eight people, but smaller groups can be paired up. Tickets are limited (17 tables available.) Zion is sponsoring two tables of eight. Contact Alysha if you would like to reserve your spot at the Zion-sponsored tables. We would love to fill more than two tables. There are three ways to support the event: purchase tickets to



attend, donate silent auction items, or sponsor a round (an opportunity to advertise your business/activity/event.) Pick up a silent auction form at the office or email Alysha [apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org) to receive a digital form. To sponsor a round and/or make a reservation, e-mail Jeff Remelius at [bemchurchpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bemchurchpastor@gmail.com). Help us support the camp by supporting this fun event.



### All-Church Family Game Night Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

EVERYONE is invited to the All-Church Family Game Night on Saturday, February 24 at 3:30pm. See more details in the Zion Fellowship article below.

### Zion Fellowship – February 2024

Saturday, January 20, 2024 – We have canceled the All-Church Family Game Night due to the predicted weather, and moved it to February.

**Saturday, February 24, 2024** – All-Church Family Game Night in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30 p.m. If you have a game that others might enjoy playing, bring it along. Also, bring a favorite appetizer to share. We won't be able to play everyone's game, but we can narrow it down to a few. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**March** – No activity planned.

**April** – Sunday Brunch. Date and details later.

Check the monthly Newsletters, also the weekly Bulletins, for any change of event dates/times that might occur. **Anyone** is welcome to join us for these events. If you have any questions, please contact Fern Dewert (President), Carl or Jane Ridder (Vice Presidents), Ruth Parker or Bruce Templer (Treasurers), or myself.

Sharon TenEyck, secretary





## Beloved Zion,

April 17<sup>th</sup> is the expected last frost date for Union this year. If I am going to start seeds six weeks out, I will have till the end of February to have everything in place. I could start seeds early and risk needing to re-pot multiple times which would not only give me more work, but it also disturbs the roots. I could start later, but this might mean missing out on the full growing season. But I also know, that if I am not careful, if I do not start planning, getting things ready, setting up my grow lights, mixing potting soil, checking seeds, ordering more, mapping out my garden, considering watering needs, and my schedule down the road.

I enjoy gardening. It's something my family has always done. Both as a kid growing up, and now as an adult with a family of my own. This will be my third growing season at our house. Each year I have scraped away sod to make beds, find where the sunlight shines, and found new areas to grow. This year will be no different. I am excited to start growing. Here in the later winter weeks, long before I will plant anything in the ground, the work begins.

Long before we ever see the fruits of our labor does our work begin. In the life of the church, we must never forget to tend to the soil. Anytime we seek to grow our church, it will mean focusing on some root work. Tending seeds well before they are planted in the garden. Planting seeds that might not make it. Planting seeds that we might give away. It will mean doing some planning, and figuring out where the sunlight will shine. It will mean experimenting and trying some practices or plants. Maybe it means we will talk to neighbors. Sometimes it means finding ways to fend off aphids or groundhogs. And we will also be aware that sometimes, some plants don't fruit. Maybe a late frost hit them. Maybe you over prune. Or they flower too later for pollinators to get to them. Not everything will turn out the way you hope, but that doesn't mean the work you did wasn't worth it.

I didn't fall in love with gardening picking tomatoes or strawberries growing up. I fell in love with gardening dragging my finger in the soil and getting ready to plant carrots. I fell in love with going out every evening to water with my father. I fell in love with picking up the good apples and boiling and grinding and canning with my mother. This is the discipline of faith. It's finding enjoyment in the everyday practices of faithfulness. It's doing the good that is yours to do. It's about building relationships even if they won't last forever. I love Candlelight Christmas Eve services and communion on Maundy Thursday. I love baptisms and new members. But I also love challenging council meetings where people are honest, passionate, and yet kind. I love opening a blank Word document week after week and facing the challenge of writing something new. I love getting to know funeral directors as we give the family time alone with their deceased loved one. I love setting up chairs, making coffee, and checking if doors are locked. I love clearing my

*Worship  
Opportunities  
In February*  
9:00 a.m. Worship

*Sunday, February 4  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Epiphany  
Sacrament of  
Communion*

*Sunday, February 11  
Transfiguration  
Sunday*

*Wednesday,  
February 14  
Ash Wednesday  
Service  
6:30 p.m.*

*Sunday, February 18  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
in Lent  
10 a.m. Congregational  
Meeting*

*Sunday, February 25  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
in Lent*

### **Celebrations in the Church Family**

Baptism  
**Ella Mae Oltmann**  
daughter of Jessica Oltmann  
January 21<sup>st</sup>



schedule and the table before someone drops by for a visit. When we tend to the roots, the fruits will take care of themselves.

Blessings,  
Rev Nick Knoblauch

**Pastor Drop In Hours:**  
Monday & Wednesday mornings  
Email: [knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com)  
Appointments upon request:  
Church Office (636) 583-2814  
or sending an email



## Zion Church Council Meeting- December 2023

Zion United Church of Christ met on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The following were in attendance: Jane Wilson, Dan Mossoney, Kathy Reed, Donna Bocklage, Brad Parker, Bruce Templer, Barb Cox, Connie Thompson, Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch, Paul Brinker, Susan Merlino, and Maxine Harrison. Fern Dewert was not in attendance. Rev. Knoblauch opened with prayer. Jane Wilson called the meeting to order.

Consensus items were approved as amended.

- Amended minutes of the November Church Council meeting
- Pastor's Report
- Minister to Youth and Families Report
- Financial Reports
- Time/Date of next council meeting-January 15, 2024 7:00 pm.

Discussion Agenda:

Election of Council officers for 2024 - Donna Bocklage proposed a slate of officers--President-Fern Dewert, Vice President-Kathy Reed, Secretary-Maxine Harrison, Connie Thompson-Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary. Motion and second to accept this slate of officers. Vote passed.

Committee Assignments-Sheets containing committees were distributed and returned. Assignments will be made at the next meeting.

Update on backdoor project--Bruce Templer shared that the interior doors are in, outer doors to arrive this week. Installation to follow.

Lot sale--The closing for the lot on Springfield, purchased by Union RXI, will be Friday, December 29, 2023 at Hanson Title. The \$215,000.00 will be put in a 6 month CD, funds earmarked for the fellowship hall.

Grass cutting--Brad Parker has found a service to cut grass at \$65.00 per cut, including trimming. Will write a simple contract to secure this service.

Outside lighting on Washington street side. Brad will contact Ameren as to cost.

Thank You--Thank you to Jane and Dan for their years of service on the council.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

- Maxine Harrison, Church Council Secretary

(approved by the Church Council on January 22, 2024.)

## Thank You to January Volunteers

Zion Church acknowledges and appreciates the work done by the following volunteers for the month of January:

Liturgists: Karen Stafford, Matt Herring, Ruth Parker, Delores Musket

Special Music for Worship: Chancel Choir, Jeanne

Lischer, Kirk Hancox

Ushers: Carol Rohrbach,

Karen Tucker, Skip & Pat

Buehrle, Wayne Bean, Bruce Templer

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Carl & Jane Ridder, Mandy Frick

Greeters: Pam Klenke, Cindy Groenke, Maxine Harrison,

Kevin Vorderbruegge

Sound System Tech: Ken Rohrbach

Worship Service Recorders:

Gil Bisjak, Alysha Petry

Newsletter Helpers: Ken

Rohrbach, Carol Rohrbach,

Donna Bocklage, Karen

Tucker, Kirk Hancox

## Church Attendance from January

Jan. 7 – 81

Jan. 14 – 33

Jan. 21 – 97

Jan. 28 – 96

## Faith Quest/Adult Education Attendance from January

Jan. 7 – 6 (youth)

Jan. 14 – 4 (youth); 8 (adults)

Jan. 21 – 13 (youth); 4 (adults)

Jan. 28 – 4 (youth)



# Kid & Youth

*News*

February 2024



## YOUTH *Ministry*

*7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth*

Meet in the High School room every Sunday from 10 AM to 11 AM.

## SAVE *the* DATES

### CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT

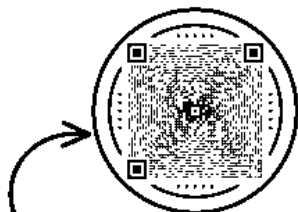
*at Camp MoVal for all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth.*

February 17-19, 2024

This event will feature guest speaker Marcus Engel.

*You don't want to miss it!*

**DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 6**



**Scan to Register**

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Youth will collect money and canned goods for the Little Free Food Pantry and the Union Food Pantry on February 4 & 11.

### **REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT**

for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth

July 17-24, 2024

at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

## FAITH QUEST

*First Grade - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*(Meet in BIBLE MAX THEATRE)*

Every Sunday from 10 AM to 11 AM

### **FOUR FRIENDS (Luke 5:17-26)**

February 4 - GAME

February 11 - STORY

### **LENT**

February 18 - Photo Drama

February 25 - Photo Drama

## Pre-School & Kindergarten

(They will no longer be meeting in Bible Max, they will go directly to the Nursery with Ms. Amy)

Every Sunday from 10 AM to 11 AM

### SUNDAY LESSONS

**FOUR FRIENDS (Luke 5:17-26) & LENT**



Join us the **FIRST TWO WEDNESDAYS** of **EACH MONTH**

for an

**OUT OF THIS WORLD**

evening full of Games, Bible Story, Dinner and Lots of FUN!

**5 PM to 7:30 PM**

**This month's theme:**

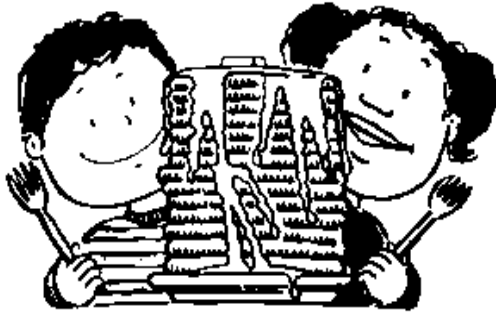
God's out-of-this-world love helps us shine Jesus' light when good things happen!

**NO LOGOS FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

**FAMILY STYLE DINNER at 6 PM**

A minimum of \$5 donation suggested to help support Zion's LOGOS dinners.

*Everyone is invited!*



## *Shrove Tuesday* **Pancake Supper**

The family ministry group will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on

**February 13**

**5:00-6:30 PM**

A free will donation will be collected for camp scholarships.



**FEBRUARY 4 & 11**

We will be collecting for the Little Free Food Pantry & Union Food Pantry.

Bring in food or donate money. Youth will collect money after each worship service.

## **CAMP MOVAL REGISTRATION Is NOW OPEN**

for Summer 2024 Camps

Register for camp at the Ultracamp website. Click on the REGISTER TODAY button at [www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval](http://www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval) to be directed to the Ultracamp website.

## **Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds**



The Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds will be set up in the lower commons by Sunday, February 18.

Help build our Lenten Labyrinth that feeds by bringing in items for the

**Little Free Pantry  
&  
the Union Food Pantry.**

*Bring in can goods and toiletries items from February 18<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Thank You!*

We would like to thank everyone who thought of us during the Christmas season with a special gift. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

We love working with the children and youth of Zion!  
Love, Alysha and Mandy





## Notes from the Music Director

Happy New Year to you all!

A few weeks ago on

Facebook, several friends

shared a post on what happens when we do away with hymnals. I know we aren't looking toward that soon, but I was curious. According to the post by Joseph Gilbert of the group Great Hymns and Songs of Faith:

- Hymns in hymnals have been carefully vetted.
- Hymnals are a great reference, but they also contribute to learning hymns from memory to pull from in personal life.
- Hymnals allow us to sing in harmony.
- The diversity of the hymns and cultures represented that are included in most hymnals.
- Hymnals provide liturgical structure and theological education.
- Hymnals are accessible for all ages.
- Hymnals allow for more congregational involvement.
- Hymnals can be used for personal use as well as community use.
- Hymnals provide spontaneity.
- Hymnals were traditionally used to help with music literacy and continue to do so.
- Hymnals are familiar and comfortable.

We have a treasure sitting right in the backs of our pews, which I, for one, took for granted. This is a wonderful reminder of the tools we have to provide a musical community.

### Seeking Ringers:

I am planning an Easter anthem combining Joyful Noise, Zion Ringers, and Chancel Choir. The bells part is very flexible and allows for many ringers. No reading ability is necessary. In fact, Joyful Noise members will be ringing as well. Please let me know if you would like to participate in the Easter anthem and are NOT in Chancel Choir. We will rehearse this on *March 13, 20, and possibly March 27*. You can send me an email at [kstafford@zionunion.org](mailto:kstafford@zionunion.org) or let me know

at church. Please consider being part of this musical celebration of Christ's resurrection!

- Karen

## Friends Foundation Benefit Valentine's Drive Thru Gala!

A Valentine's Drive Thru Gala to benefit the Friends Foundation of Franklin & Warren Counties will be held on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** with curbside pick up from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Orders can be placed by: The Mosaic Café website at [www.mosaiccafeandcatering.com](http://www.mosaiccafeandcatering.com); calling Mosaic Café at 636-390-1722; or emailing [pat@mosaiccafeandcatering.com](mailto:pat@mosaiccafeandcatering.com). All orders must be placed by Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$45 per meal. For more information check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the lower commons.



## Little Free Pantry and Union Food Pantry

Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Free Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office. Likewise, there is also a list of items most needed for the Union Food Pantry posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons with a barrel for your donations. Or you may also give a monetary donation to support the Union Food Pantry.

## Notes to Zion

Zion Friends,

First, I want to say a big THANK YOU for all your prayers (my Prayer Warriors). My first chemo went extremely well. I have no side effects so far. I'm determined with my prayer warriors behind me that they will all be the same and I will feel great.

Second, to the team working on the backdoor – I drove by one day and it looks great from the outside – I am looking forward to seeing the inside soon!



Third, to the team that worked on the children's statute by the flags. I drove by it and sat there and looked at it for a long time. It is perfect! It is in the perfect place and an absolute testament to love, hope and faith.

Zion is the best and I'm thankful every day and I miss you all!  
- Brenda Viehland

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Alysha & Zion Friends,

I just wanted to say I received the package Zion sent. It was very thoughtful of everyone. I hope you can pass the message that I read each individual one. All of the gifts are quite thoughtful. Love everyone there. I will be back one day for church!  
- Jake McNeil

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Thanks to all of you who came and who donated to make our first Snow Ball Gala for Hope Ranch successful! Despite the cold and the snow and the various illnesses that worked against us, we are counting the event a big success. Thanks also to all who TRIED to come but had to give up the idea after seeing how bad the ice in their driveway was! We raised enough money to cover our monthly shortfall for several more months, and everyone who came seems to have had a wonderful time. We plan to do it again next year, maybe with better weather?  
- Lee Parks

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Dear Zion Friends,

Thanks so much for your generous donation of \$524. This will help a lot of needy families. God bless you!  
- Union Food Pantry

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting Every Child's Hope this Christmas season with your donation of items for the Hope Chest. It is through your support that ECH is able to help children experience joy, love, and support during the season. Together we are able to help them discover the hope and strength needed to build a better life for themselves.

- Julia Adami, CEO  
Every Child's Hope

## Up to Date Info?

Does the church have your **updated contact and household information** (change of address, college students moving out, etc.)? If you are not sure, give the church office a call at 636-583-2814 or email [cthompson@zionunion.org](mailto:cthompson@zionunion.org). Thanks for keeping us up to date!



## Crayon Heart

Make heart-shaped crayons as a reminder that the things of God should be written on our hearts.

### What you need:

- An adult to help
- Oven
- Oven mitt
- Heart-shaped silicon mold (available at craft stores)
- Old crayons

### What you do:

1. Heat oven to 230 degrees.
2. Remove paper wrappers from crayons. (This is easier if you soak crayons in cool water first.)
3. Break crayons into small pieces. Place pieces into heart-shaped mold, filling them about two-thirds full.
4. Bake for 15 minutes or until crayons have completely melted.
5. When the heart-shaped crayons are cool, remove them from the mold.



## Prayers Requested

### Health and Healing:

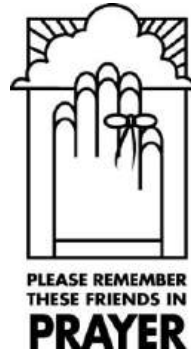
David Pehle	Jim Doehring
Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho
Frank Fazzari	Charlotte Ellison
Sondra Jackson	Fletcher Simons
Kevin Vorderbruegge	Norma Kern
Carol Bean	Keith Stahlman
Virginia Maune (knee replacement surgery)	
Myrt Dunigan	Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)	
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)	
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)	
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mike Matthews (friend of Carolyn George)	
Linda Barnhart (sister of Fern Dewert)	
David Borgmann (brother of Fern Dewert)	
Shirley Brand (friend of Gerry Hoelscher)	
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)	
Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)	
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)	
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)	
Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)	
Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Liz Klemme (daughter/sister of Armin, Norma & Phil Klemme)	
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte & Jerry Ellison)	
Doris Feth (mother of Phyliss Fink)	
Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)	
Beverly Elliott (mother of Mike Elliott)	
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)	
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)	
The Henle family (family of Susan Merlino)	
Shirley Thompson (mother-in-law of Connie Thompson)	

### Sympathy Is Extended to:

Mark Klenke, Delores Musket & families on the death of their brother & nephew, Richard Klenke.  
Charlotte Ellison & family on the death of her husband, Jerry.

### Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland Jake McNiel (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)  
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)  
Morgan Jones (friend of Connie Thompson & Amy Eads)  
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)



## *With Sympathy*

We join in the sorrow of the family and friends of our fellowship who are experiencing the grief that death brings.

**Jerry D. Ellison**, 71, died on January 9, 2024. Funeral service for Jerry was held at Midlawn Memorial Gardens by Rev. Knoblauch on January 16, 2024 with burial in Midlawn Cemetery.

## Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Ken Lause, Ken LaValle, Richard Klenke & Vern Longhibler** for Zion Building & Property Fund by:

Jim Doehring & family

In loving memory of **Bob Hansen** for Zion Good Samaritan Fund by:

Jim Doehring & family

In loving memory of **Jerry D. Ellison** by:

Vicki Hooper (for Little Food Pantry); Skip & Pat Buehrle (for Building Fund); Jim Doehring & family (for Building Fund); Keith & Marilyn Stahlman (for LOGOS Program); Alan & Sharon TenEyck (for Good Samaritan Fund)

## Honorary Gifts Given

In honor and gratitude to wonderful 'Help Thyself Cooks' for Union Food/Little Food Pantry by an anonymous donor

## New Address/ Phone Numbers

**Keith & Marilyn Stahlman's** phone number is 636-249-8633

Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)  
 Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)  
 Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)  
 Allen Coffman (friend of David & Shawn Pehle)  
 Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)  
 Donna Eime (friend of Jim Doehring)  
 Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)  
 Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)  
 Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)  
 Leland Stahlman (brother of Keith Stahlman)  
 Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)

**Various Concerns:**

Prayer for our country and those actively serving:  
 Aviation Structural Mechanic 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hunter Grafrath (currently deployed) (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)

**Did You Know?**

In 2022 Missouri's power supply was produced by 12 per cent renewable energy.

Wind power contributes about ¾ of Missouri's renewable energy.

66% of Missouri's electric power is generated from coal. Missouri is in fourth place among all states for coal produced electricity. Only a small percent of coal used, is mined in Missouri. Missouri is the second largest bio- diesel producing state.

Missouri ranks 27<sup>th</sup> in per capita energy consumption.

The average Missouri household consumes 100 million BTU's of household power each year. That is 12 steps higher than the U.S. Average.

(Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration as in the Jan.-Feb. 2024 edition of Missouri Life Magazine)

-Armin Klemme on behalf of Zion Green Team

**Camp Registration Is Open!**

Summer camp registration is open for all Camp MoVal Camps. Zion members receive a 60% discount thanks to camp scholarships. Contact the church office for your discount gift certificate. Register for camp at the Ultracamp website. Click the REGISTER TODAY button at [www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval](http://www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval) to be directed to Ultracamp.



**Help Thyself Meals**

We have had a very successful year supplying meals and desserts to many participants and are pleased with the results. Please do not be shy - if you are in need of a helping hand with meals, please take advantage of this program. The meals are in the freezer in the kitchen in the Lower Commons. Please Help Thyself. Also, please mark the chart on the front of the freezer if you are donating or receiving a meal. We are grateful to the volunteers who prepare the meals and who financially donate to this cause. Thank you very much. Any questions or suggestions please contact Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159) and Jane Ridder (314-520-7090).

- Dorothy Mitana

**Called to Care Team Request**

The Called to Care Team is asking that if you or someone you know would like a visit from the team or our pastor, please contact the church office. If you or members you know are in nursing homes, homebound, or staying close to home please contact the church office. Our mission is to minister to and care for the entire community of Zion Church, whether able to be present in worship or not. Thank you!

*"Always be kinder than you feel."*

**Financial Report for December 2023**

	December 2023	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$61,326.00	\$323,600.00
Expenses	\$32,695.00	\$312,008.00
Our Church's Wider Mission (given YTD) -		\$9,935.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) -		\$3,000

## 2024 Camp MoVal Schedule

Registration is open!

Register at ultracamp via link at [www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval](http://www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval)

<u>Camp Description</u>	<u>Camp Date</u>	<u>Price with</u>	
		<u>Camp Scholarship Discount</u>	<u>Full Price</u>
Young Adult Camp (ages 18-30)	May 29-June 2	\$ 80.00	\$199.00
Mini Camp Session (ages 7-9)	June 9-12	\$ 132.00	\$329.00
Leadership Camp (ages 14-17)	June 9-14	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)	June 16-21	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)	June 23-28	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
PRIDE – Summer Camp (ages 8-17)	June 23-28	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
Family Camp ( all ages)	June 30-July 4	\$ 80.00	\$199.00
All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)	July 7-12	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
M.A.D.D. Camp (ages 8-17)	July 7-12	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
All Ages Camp (ages 8-15)	July 14-19	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
S.T.E.M. – Summer Camp (ages 8-17)	July 14-19	\$ 240.00	\$599.00
Adventures in Community (ages 18+)	August 4-9	\$ 240.00	\$599.00

Contact the church office for your camp scholarship gift certificate.



## Zion Ushers for 2024

\*indicates Head Usher

### January 2024

Jan. 7 & 14 Skip & Pat Buehrle\*  
Jan. 21 & 28 Wayne Bean  
Bruce Templer\*

### February 2024

Feb. 4 & 11 Daryl Hartley\*, Harvey Mefford  
Feb. 18 & 25 Paul & Shanna Brinker\*,

### March 2024

March 3 & 10 Donna Bocklage\*, John Crane  
March 17, 24 & 31 Jeff, Denise & Connor Muller\*

### April 2024

April 7 & 14 Sandy Stierberger, Jim Vemmer\*  
April 21 & 28 Brad Parker, Connie Thompson\*

### May 2024

May 5 & 12 Ron & Pam Griffin\*  
May 19 & 26 Mary German, Sue Leicht\*

### June 2024

June 2 & 9 Gale Claggett\*, Vicki Hooper  
June 16, 23 & 30 Donna Bocklage\*, Verlyn  
Yarbrough

### July 2024

July 7 & 14 Maxine Harrison\*, Lee Parks  
July 21 & 28 Delores Musket\*, Susan Merlino

### August 2024

Aug. 4 & 11 David & Linda Hall\*  
Aug. 18 & 25 Rudy & Darlene Ahmann\*

### September 2024

Sept. 1 & 8 Dennis & Karen Tucker\*  
Sept. 15, 22 & 29 Bill & Fern Dewert\*

### October 2024

Oct. 6 & 13 Matthew Herring\*,  
Kevin Vorderbruegge  
Oct. 20 & 29 Ken & Carol Rohrbach\*

### November 2024

Nov. 3 & 10 Mark Klenke\*, Connor Muller  
Nov. 17 & 24 Alan & Sharon TenEyck\*

### December 2024

Dec. 1 & 8 Dan Mossoney\*, Jane Wilson  
Dec. 15, 22 & 28 Susan Merlino, Delores Musket\*



### Christmas Eve

6:30 p.m. Skip & Pat Buehrle\*, Sammi  
Blankenship, Shanna Brinker,  
Scott Buehrle

Please read over the Usher list for 2024. If there is a problem please let me know.  
Thank you!

- Delores Musket

# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle  6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>2</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday            after Epiphany/            Communion</b>  	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:30 pm Book Club	<b>7</b> 12 Loops of Love 5-7:30p LOGOS 6:30 Zion Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>8</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>9</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Transfiguration            Sunday</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Finance Committee	<b>13</b> 5-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  6 pm Security Committee	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 6:30 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>15</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>16</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday            in Lent</b> 10 am Congregational Meeting	<b>19</b> 7 pm Church Council  March Newsletter items due	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10 am Bible Study 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>22</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>23</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>24</b> 3:30 pm Family Game Night
<b>25</b> <b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday            in Lent</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> "People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7, NLT	<b>28</b> 10 am Bible Study 11 am March News. assem. 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal			



## February Birthdays

- 1 - Rod Starling  
Kim Lutz
- 3 - Andrea Ingle  
Jackten Copeland
- 4 - Anne Parker  
Richard Young
- 5 - Shawn Robinson
- 6 - Adelaide Narup
- 9 - Megan Soetebier
- 11 - David Sutton  
Melinda Gerstner
- 12 - Carol Pope  
Vickie Johanpeter
- 13 - Mike Elliott
- 14 - Billy Beckmann  
Faith Groenke  
David Pehle
- 15 - Kristi Hargrove
- 16 - Gary Schulte
- 17 - Samantha Blankenship  
Ruth Cantrell

- 19 - Jenny Whisenand
- 20 - Pat Buehrle  
Les Snodgrass  
Tessa Oltmann
- 21 - Hadley Heaton  
Susan Merlino
- 22 - Suzanne Barreth  
Sarah Vondracek
- 23 - Cheryl Baker
- 24 - Bryan Williams  
Gale Claggett
- 25 - Tim Kolb
- 26 - Austin Toelke  
Alec Sullentrup
- 28 - Dustin Overschmidt

## March Birthdays

- 2 - Carol Whisenand
- 3 - Paul Berger  
Sandy Breitenbach
- 4 - Jim Doehring  
Eddy Koelling  
Shirley Truel  
Abigail Wilson  
Abigail Dewert
- 6 - Jennifer Hawkins
- 7 - Mandy Frick  
Ramah Fitzgerald
- 8 - Jenna Klenke Galbreath  
Samantha Williams  
Owen Mertz
- 10 - Gary Toelke