

# The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ  
Union, Missouri



September 2024

No. 9



## “On Holy Ground” Strengthen the Church Offering

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Offering envelopes are available in this edition of the newsletter and will also be available during the month of September by the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your support!

## Festival of Sharing

As a cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond, the hope of Festival of Sharing is to support projects and programs that help our neighbors in Missouri and beyond experience healthy and full lives. This year we will be receiving monetary donations through the month of September to send to Festival of Sharing. Offering envelopes will be available by the offering plate for your monetary donations. Please make your checks payable to: Zion UCC and in the memo portion ‘FOS donation’. If you would like more information about Festival of Sharing, please visit their website at [www.festivalofsharing.org](http://www.festivalofsharing.org).

- Outreach Team



## LOGOS Begins!

The first two Wednesdays of each month from 5-7:30 p.m. are LOGOS Nights! There will be fun activities for children from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. See page 5 for more information.

A Family Style Dinner for everyone is served beginning at 6 p.m. with a minimum \$5 donation to help support the LOGOS dinners.

## Serving Christ in September

### Ushers:

Sept. 1 & 8

Dennis & Karen Tucker

Sept. 15, 22 & 29

Bill & Fern Dewert

(\*designates Head Usher)

### Greeters:

Sept. 1 – Sandy Stierberger

Sept. 15 – Carl & Jane Ridder

### Sound System Tech:

 Alan

TenEyck

### Camera Techs:

Sept. 1 – Dan Mossoney

Sept. 8 & 15 – David Bean

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

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

Alysha Petry, Minister to  
Youth & Families

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Mandy Frick, Coordinator of  
Elementary Youth

Karen Stafford, Music Director

([kstafford1985@gmail.com](mailto:kstafford1985@gmail.com))

Brenda Herring, Church  
Organist

Joy Bradley, Church Custodian



## Join Us for Rally Day! Intergenerational Sunday School

Preschool through high school students are invited to join us for 'Rally Day' on September 10<sup>th</sup>. See page 5 for more details.

### **New for the 2024/2025 Program Year: Intergenerational Sunday School Experience**

The entire congregation is invited to join this All-Ages experience, which will take place on the second Sunday of each month. This monthly opportunity will engage participants in learning together, forming relationships, and sharing faith stories while affirming everyone's value to the community. Alysha will lead the September 8<sup>th</sup> experience, which is focused on Playing and Living Joyfully, where we will explore ways that God awakens a playful spirit among us. Join the fun in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00 AM worship.

## Zion Fellowship – September 2024

August – No activity



**Sunday, September 15** – We will have a Brunch in the Fellowship Hall after the church service. Please bring a dish to share for the meal. Also, bring any suggestions/events that we can consider doing for the upcoming months. Any help with cleanup afterwards would be appreciated.

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

## Zion Book Club

Zion's Book Club will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. The book the group will be reading and discussing at their September 17<sup>th</sup>

gathering is "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is invited to join the group.

## Help Thyself Meals

We are back into the fall routine and the Help Thyself meals. We will be getting back to soups and fall meals in the coming months along with simple desserts and cookies. Check out the freezer in the lower commons. Please let any of the following people know if you know someone that needs assistance: Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090) or Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159).

- Dorothy Mitana, on behalf of the  
Help Thyself Team

## Shannondale Fall Work Day Saturday, September 21

Plan now to join us for a day of service and making a positive impact at Shannondale this fall!

Hosted by the Grape Cluster of the Eastern Association, this event is open to everyone in the conference. It will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Work may include projects at Shannondale or for homeowners in the area.

Please use the QR code or this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/45rvx56w>. The registration deadline is Friday, September 6.

Optional lodging at Timber Lodge or Pleasant Point campground is available on Friday night for those who'd like to drive down the day before. Lodging and meals can be purchased during registration. Jeanne Lischer will be going on Friday night if anyone wants to carpool.



- Jeanne Lischer



**Monday, September 2**  
Church Offices will be closed



## Beloved Zion,

When Caeligh and I bought our house, the water heater was older than me. A “long” hot shower was five minutes. You could have a warm shower for another 5 minutes. Plenty of times when family would stay with us, strategic showers were a necessity. By the time summer would come around you didn’t notice it all that much. But after our second winter in the house, we decided it was time. In February, we got a new water heater after nearly two years in the house. The plumber came, installed the tank, and one afternoon we had as much hot water as we needed. Special thanks to Alan TenEyck who helped us properly wire it. The plumber helped me move the old tank to the garage. And there it sat. For months. And months. I knew I could take it to the recycling center. It’s not even a five-minute drive. All I had to do was take out the car seats, load it up, and drive on over. And yet it sat there for months, kinda in the way.

A couple of weeks ago, my dryer broke. The heating element died. It too, long out served its expected timeline. We were told it was broken when we bought the house. But for two and a half years it dried clothes, so we didn’t replace it. We bought a replacement, and had it set to be delivered the next day. There was a \$50 removal fee for the old dryer. I opted out. Instead, during the kid’s nap time, Caeligh and I disconnected the dryer, and moved out our back door. As we went to load it up into the car, we heard some rattling. Removing a few screws, and over \$6 in change later, the dryer was in the car, and I was on my way to the recycling center. 10 minutes later, I was loading up the water heater.

I don’t know why I couldn’t get around to it. It wasn’t a big task. It wasn’t hard or inconvenient. Part of me knows, there was a little fear. I hadn’t gone to the recycling center. What if they wouldn’t take it? What’s the worst that could happen? I would have to put the water heater back in my garage and figure something else out. My worst-case scenario is having a broken water heater in my garage. I lived with the worst-case scenario for 6 months.

How much are we willing to hang on to things that do not serve us anymore before we do something about it? How many outdated, broken, or simply worn-out ideas, practices, or customs are we still storing? Unfortunately, recycling an old appliance is a lot easier than beliefs and habits.

Welcome to the Fall Clear Out. Unlike a Spring Clean, where you freshen up the house, open the windows, clear out cobwebs, and let your space breathe a little. The Fall Clear Out is our preparation to make space. To remove the things that get in our way. That will not serve us through the winter. That is just taking up space. As we enter the fall season, our theme will be “Into the Deep”. Inspired by the theme of the next General Synod, we will journey through our scriptural tradition is the searching and teaching of wisdom. As

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

*Sunday, September 1*  
*The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost*  
Sacrament of Communion

*Sunday, September 8*  
*The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost*  
RALLY DAY!

*Sunday, September 15*  
*The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost*

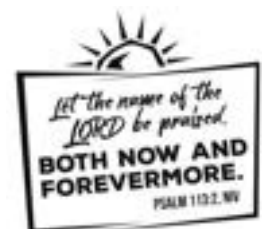
*Sunday, September 22*  
*The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost*

*Sunday, September 29*  
*The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost*

### **Fresh Flowers from August**

August 4 – Fresh flowers were given in memory of Robert Hansen by friends.

August 11 – Fresh flowers were given in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Carl & Jane Ridder given by their children & grandchildren.



we venture into the deep, this year, we do so in search of wisdom. For in the search for wisdom, we learn not to simply accept what we have been handed down. In search of wisdom, we learn what is worth holding on to, and what we need to let go along the way.

Blessings,  
Rev. Nicholas 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

**“Vote for Climate Hope”  
A Message from  
Zion’s Green Team**

As we prepare to vote in November, many issues and concerns will be on our hearts and minds, and we make our choices based on our own particular values and priorities.

Even though many issues deserve our attention, the Green Team wants to encourage you to consider how we care for God’s earth as well. When it comes to the environment and the myriad challenges we face, there are many things we can do as individuals and communities: recycling, planting natives, buying energy efficient or electric vehicles, installing solar panels. But many of the problems are so huge that we also look to our government, because it can work on the scale and scope necessary. This means we need to elect leaders who are willing to have difficult discussions and make hard choices for the good of our nation and the world.

During September and October, the Green Team will be distributing **Climate Hope Pledge Cards**. The pledge is



simple: *“I pledge to vote as an act of hope for present and future generations.”*

United Church of Christ congregations will be using these pledge cards to invite members to join others in working for a sustainable and just world. A nationwide art contest for children and youth earlier this year gathered over 400 entries from children as young as 3 years old. The card features the winning artwork by 12-year-old Charlotte, a member of Glenside UCC in Glenside, Pennsylvania. Our own Lucas Frick was a finalist in the 14-18 year old category.

Members of the Green Team will be in the upper commons before and after worship on September 8 and 15 to distribute **Climate Hope Pledge Cards** and answer any questions you may have. Additional pledge cards will be available for you to distribute to family and friends. The congregation that collects the most pledge cards will win a pizza party!

The **Vote for Climate Hope Campaign** does not endorse any particular candidate or party. Rather, this is a pledge to vote for climate policies you support and to make climate action a priority as you vote.

- Jeanne Lischer, Green Team Co-Chair

Vote like the future of humanity depends on it – because it does.  
-Environmentalist, author, and journalist Bill McKibben



**Financial Report for July 2024**

	July 2024	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$47,353.00	\$237,341.00
Expenses	\$22,573.00	\$203,773.00
Our Church’s Wider Mission (given YTD) -		\$6,166.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) -		\$1,759.00

Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the church office. Thank you.

# Kid & Youth *News*



Join us the  
**FIRST TWO  
WEDNESDAYS  
of EACH MONTH  
starting in  
SEPTEMBER**

*Dive into friendship with God*

From  
5 PM to 7:30 PM

**September theme:**  
God is a friend who is real

**It's an evening full of  
GAMES,  
BIBLE STORY,  
DINNER,  
and Lots of FUN!**

**LOGOS Registration Fees for the  
2024/25 program year:**

1st Child: \$30 - 2nd Child: \$25  
3rd Child: \$20

*The LOGOS registration fees help pay for  
dinner and supplies for the program.*

**Register at [zionunion.org](http://zionunion.org)**

**Everyone is invited to join us for a  
FAMILY STYLE DINNER at 6 PM**

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



*Sunday School*  
begins  
**SEPTEMBER 8**  
10 AM – 11 AM

All Classes will meet in  
Fellowship Hall for RALLY DAY. This will be  
our first Intergenerational Sunday School  
Experience.

All ages are invited to join in this new  
Intergenerational Sunday School experience on  
the second Sunday of each month for the  
2024-2025 School Year.

Pre-School  
Ages 3 to 5

Faith Quest  
Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Confirm NOT Conform  
6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

*Register your children for classes at  
[zionunion.org](http://zionunion.org)*

## YOUTH Event

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

## ESCAPE ROOM

September 8, 2024, Meet at Zion @ 11:00 AM  
(Time of return TBD)

Email Alysha at [apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org) if interested  
and for more details.

## *Youth* **SAVE the DATE**

- Fall Conference Youth Event for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade at Camp MoVal October 18-20
- Youth at General Synod is for youth entering 6th grade in Fall 2025 through youth graduating high school in May of 2025. July 11-15 in Kansas City, MO.

## Thank You to August Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Alysha Petry, Karen Tucker, Lee Parks, Sallie Hancox

Special Music for Worship: Dan Mossoney, Kirk Hancox, Jeanne Lischer

Ushers: Dave & Linda Hall, Rudy Ahmann, Connie Thompson

Communion Stewards: Mandy Frick, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Connie Thompson

Greeters: Kevin Vorderbruegge, Maxine Harrison, Vicki Hooper, Lee & Susan Newman

Sound System Tech: Harvey Mefford

Worship Service Recorders: David Bean, Gil Bisjak, Dan Mossoney

Newsletter Helpers: Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Karen Tucker, Donna Bocklage

Lawn Maintenance: Alan TenEyck, Carl Ridder, Brad Parker, Jim Vemmer, Paul Brinker, Ron & Pam Griffin

## New Address/ Phone Numbers

Phyllis Olson, 14672 W. Buttonwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375-6039

## Church Attendance from August

August 4 – 102

August 11 – 68

August 18 – 71 + 35 @ Camp MoVal

August 25 – 84

## Celebrations in the Church Family

Baptism

**Owen Thomas Knoblauch**

son of Nicholas

& Caeligh Knoblauch

August 4, 2024

**PUZZLE**

**A PATH TO PRAYER**

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.*

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



## Notes from the Music Director

Chancel Choir rehearsals began at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. We always welcome new singers from middle school age to kids 99+ years and older.

On September 4, Zion Ringers will begin rehearsals. This will be the same age group as Chancel Choir. Practice is at 6:45 in the chapel. (Note new time change to accommodate supper at Logos).

On September 18, Joyful Noise begins rehearsals. This is for kids grades 1-6. We play handbells, drums, sing, do movement - whatever the Spirit leads us to do! Rehearsal begins at 6:00.

**NEW THIS YEAR: Hallelujah Kids! During Logos while the older kids have their 5:00 activities, I will be doing music exploring, movement, and games with kids ages 2-kindergarten. If you are interested in that, please send me an email. [kstafford@zionunion.org](mailto:kstafford@zionunion.org). I will answer any questions or take any suggestions you might have.**

I look forward to seeing all of you soon.  
Blessings,  
Karen

## Recruiting Called to Care Members - Are You Interested?

There are many worthwhile committees at Zion but the one that has brought me such happiness and joy is Called to Care. We visit shut ins or others from Zion who just want a visit from a member. I was reluctant to join because I had some questions. Do I go by myself? No, you have a partner. What do we talk about? Anything. How do I set up the visit? Call to set up a time or just stop by. I was reminded how much my mother who had been in a care facility for 14 years looked forward to volunteers who took an interest in her and would just stop by for a chat. I told myself I could do this hoping that my visit would make someone as happy as my mother had been. I have been visiting others for five years and I cannot tell you how rewarding every

visit has been. Every member of this committee expresses the same sentiment. Please consider joining Called to Care. Let Connie know if you are interested.

- Carol Rohrbach, member of Called to Care

## Emmaus Event – ‘Waves of Inspiration’

Everyone is invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Emmaus Event, ‘*Waves of Inspiration*’, aboard the Miss Augusta yacht on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Experience a private cruise with a two-hour brunch, open bar, stunning views, and hear inspiring stories from remarkable individuals connected with Emmaus. The cruise will board at 10:15 a.m. and depart at 11 a.m. in Augusta. For more details and to purchase tickets visit [www.emmaushomes.org/events](http://www.emmaushomes.org/events) or contact [www.events@emmaushomes.org](mailto:www.events@emmaushomes.org).



## Zion Church Council Meeting--June 17, 2024

Zion UCC Council met Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Fern Dewert, Kathy Reed, Donna Bocklage, Brad Parker, Bruce Templer, Barb Cox, Susan Merlino, Paul Brinker, Connie Thompson, and Maxine Harrison. Pastor Nick was participating in VBS. Paul Brinker opened with prayer. Fern Dewert called the meeting to order.

Consensus items were approved as presented.

- Minutes of May Church council meeting
- Minutes of Special Church council meeting on June 2
- Pastor's report
- Minister to Youth and Families report
- Financial reports
- Time and Date for next meeting-August 19, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Discussion Agenda:

Finance Committee-The Hansen CD will mature in July and will be placed into the money market at Edward Jones to be used on the next project. Motion and second and vote passed. Committee is working on a policy for accepting gifts. (UCC has a good one to use as a guide)

Membership Review Committee-Currently we have 298 active and 42 inactive members. Committee recommends by laws to be changed to reflect active members and change term “inactive members” to “friends”. Plans to send a letter to update members and will include a calendar of church events. Next meeting will be in August.

By-Laws Review Committee- Brad reported he is about to secure full membership of this committee.

Audit Committee- Fern reported we have a full committee-Ken Rohrbach, Sue Leicht, Sallie Hancox, and Cindy Groenke have agreed to serve.

Personnel Review Committee-A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 20.

Leadership Development Committee-B.J. Cooper has agreed to serve. Maxine Harrison will complete her second term and will go off the council. Bruce Templer and Fern Dewert have agreed to a second term.

Building and Property Committee- Alan TenEyck and Dennis Tucker will present details of the Masonry restoration bid to the congregation at the Special Congregational Meeting on June 23, 2024.

Safety Committee- Review of the Fire drill was "It went well".

Hansen Committee-Will meet in June and the committee is feeling confident about the sight and sound choices which will cover the entire building.

The Special Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23 in the Sanctuary to discuss and approve the bid for tuck pointing the church. The vote will be a written ballot.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

- Maxine Harrison, Church Council Secretary (approved by the Church Council on August 19, 2024.)

## Electronic Giving

Would you like to be able to give electronically to Zion Church and know that your donation is secure? Besides online banking the other option is on Zion's website - [www.zionunion.org](http://www.zionunion.org) at the top right corner of the page a “Donate” button. Just follow the easy to navigate instructions!

## 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!



## Rummage Sale Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for this year's rummage sale. Without all the donations, the rummage sale wouldn't be possible. A huge THANK YOU to those of you who helped during the week, from set-up to tear-down and everything in between. Not only did we have a lot more items, but we were also short-handed as well. To all who worked during the week, your extra efforts were truly appreciated. Even with a lot of small items, we set a record this year. We earned \$7,238. This money was distributed as follows: \$1,500 to Second Blessings, \$1,500 to Wildcat Foodpack Program, \$250 to Little Free Pantry, \$250 to Loops of Love \$3,500 was earmarked for updates to the Lower Commons and \$238 went back into the Rummage Sale for purchases of other supplies. Thank you again for helping make this another very successful sale.

Jane Wilson & Brad Parker, Co-Chairmen

Well Zion you did it again, a new dollar record for the Rummage Sale, and besides that, you are all wonderful cooks! The Kitchen Committee wants to thank all of you who donated food during that week, and lended a hand in any other capacity. I don't think anyone went hungry! Congratulations and blessings!

Sharon Martindill & Sandy Stierberger,  
Kitchen Crew





## Prayers Requested

### Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune
Keith Stahlman	Frank Fazzari
Kim Yenser	Carol Bean
Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan
Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)	
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)	
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)	
Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)	
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)	
Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)	
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 Ellison)	
Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)	
Beverly Elliott (mother of Mike Elliott)	
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)	
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)	
Whitney Henle (granddaughter of Susan Merlino)	
Randy Gortney (son-in-law of Hettie Becker)	
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)	
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Marvin Huggins (brother in law of Barb Harvey)	

### Sympathy Is Extended to:

Kevin Schowe & Jane Gullledge & families on the death of their mother Margy Schowe who died on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Rohrbach, Audra & Lauren Arand & families on the death of their Mom, Grandmother & Great Grandmother Betty Renie who died on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The family of Delores Musket who died on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Suzanne Barreth & family on the death of their husband & father, Bob Barreth who died on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Joyce, Amy & Christina Altholz & family on the death of their husband & father, Don Altholz who died on August 24<sup>th</sup>.



Charlotte Ellison  
Felicia Scott  
Ruth Lord

## With Sympathy

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

**Delores M. Musket**, 87, died on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service for Delores was held at Zion Church by Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch on August 17<sup>th</sup> with burial in Zion Cemetery.

**Robert W. Barreth**, 79, died on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service for Bob was held on August 24<sup>th</sup> by his brother Ray Barreth with burial in Zion Cemetery.

**Donald P. Altholz**, 77, died on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Per his request there was no visitation or service for Don.

## Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Margy Schowe** by:

Bruce Templer, Mark & Tricia Seely, Armin & Norma Klemme, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann, Carl & Jane Ridder, Dennis & Maxine Harrison, Sue Leicht, Alan & Sharon TenEyck, Keith & Marilyn Stahlman, Kirk & Sallie Hancox (Good Samaritan Fund), Wayne & Carol Bean (Zion Building Fund), Jim Doehring & family (Zion Building Fund), Skip & Pat Buehrle (Zion Building Fund), Brenda Viehland, Robert & Jeanne Lichtenberg, Union Furniture, Jim & Sharon Strubberg, Jim & Charlotte Meyer, Mike & Becky Lichtenberg & family,

### Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

- Brenda Viehland
- Skip Buehrle
- Jake McNiel (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
- Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)
- Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
- Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)
- Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)
- Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
- Allen Coffman (friend of 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)
- Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
- 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)



### CROP Walk

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual CROP Walk for Hunger will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024. We want to have many walkers! It will begin here at Zion at 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30.

Also we will again have our Rock-A-thon on Saturday, October 12, 2024. So mark your calendars, plan to Walk or Rock! See you there! Bring your family and others. It is fun! And it is also important!

### Special Congregational Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2024

The meeting was called to seek approval for proceeding with the tuck pointing and waterproofing of the church building.

Pastor Nick opened with prayer. Fern Dewert called the meeting to order.

Alan TenEyck presented the bid of \$98,408.00 from James G. Staat of St. Louis. This bid includes tuck pointing, cut out and recaulking stone and joints, replace 30 bricks, and seal masonry. The request is to allow \$125,000.00 for this project. It will be funded by proceeds from the sale of the lot on Springfield. Motion and second to approve up to \$125,000.00 for this project. Move and second to dispense with a written ballot. Vote passed. Voice vote passed to accept and approve bid and allow \$125,000.00. The work will start in the Fall of 2024.

Meeting adjourned. - Maxine Harrison, Church Council Secretary (approved by the Church Council on August 19, 2024.)

### Memorial Gifts Given

**Margy Schowe** memorials (cont.)

Ronda Sprick & Suzanne Polys, Judy Sprick, Mark Lichtenberg, Larry & Mary Reimer, Bob & Gail Sawicki, Tim & Brenda Lakebrink, Duane & Elaine Bierwirth, Kurt & Julie Bauche

In loving memory of **Margie Longseth** for Zion Building Fund by:

Jim Doehring

In loving memory of **Betty Reine** (Carol Rohrbach's mother) by:

Dorothy Mitana, Connie & Danny Thompson

### Notes to Zion

I wish to thank those who sent cards, gave hugs, and expressed kind words to me after the death of my mother. The members of Zion have always been there to help a member make it through difficult times.

Thanks also to Pastor Nick for his words of comfort. I appreciated every act of kindness. -Carol Rohrbach

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Thank you all for the cards, calls, kindness and prayers following my recent surgery. It all meant so much to me. - Donna Bocklage




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Dear Zion Members,

Second Blessings can't thank you enough for your very generous donation (Rummage Sale.) Thank you for helping us to continue to fulfill our mission, assisting the less fortunate within our community. God bless!

-Terri Crouch,  
Second Blessings  
Volunteer/Treasurer

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Church Offices Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12 pm Loops of Love 1 pm CROP mtg. 5 pm LOGOS 6:45 Zion Ringers 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in use	<b>6</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> RALLY DAY!! 11 am Youth to Escape Room	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Finance	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 Called to Care 12 pm Loops of Love 1 pm Mem. Review 5 pm LOGOS 6:45 Zion Ringers 7:30 Chancel	<b>12</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 	<b>13</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9 am Baptism 10 am Zion Fellowship Brunch	<b>16</b> 7 pm Church Council Oct. newsletter articles due	<b>17</b> 8 am Fellowship Hall in use 1:30 pm Book Club	<b>18</b> 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>20</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 4 pm Wedding
<b>22</b> <b>The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10 am Green Team	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10 am Oct. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>27</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>30</b>					



- 18 - Lily Leung
- 19 - Linda Miller
- 20 - Daniel Vemmer
- 21 - Scott Straatmann
- 22 - Valerie Grammer
- 23 - Brad Parker  
Kate Shelton
- 24 - Taylor Nolkemper  
Lucas Frick
- 26 - Bruce Templer
- 27 - Emma Koelling
- 29 - Cyndi Overschmidt  
Clara Williams  
Nalee Birke

### **October Birthdays**

- 1 - Cherie Vollmer
- 2 - Mindy Johnson  
Megan Orf
- 3 - Tara Babbs
- 4 - Jeff Hulse  
Jacob Evrard
- 5 - William Toelke, Jr.  
Adam Stevens
- 6 - Alicia Ley
- 8 - Connie Thompson  
Elliott Avalos
- 9 - Vicki Hooper  
Don Bocklage
- 10 - Erin Harrison

### **September Birthdays**

- 1 - Becky Gable  
Paul Brinker
- 3 - Arlene Hogan
- 5 - Beau Metcalf
- 6 - Jason Dewert  
Natalie Dewert
- 9 - Jerod Koelling  
Kirk Hancox
- 10 - Sandy Berkel
- 12 - Mark Klenke  
Cindy Krause  
Michael Vemmer
- 13 - Carolyn Bocklage  
Ellen Brinkmann  
William Hulse
- 14 - Jacob Saake  
Susie Andell
- 15 - Kathy Young  
Nicole Branscum
- 16 - Jane Wilson  
Todd Yenser  
Stacy Adams
- 17 - Sandy Toelke  
Denise Muller  
Debbie Kolb  
Norma Laubinger