

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



November 2024

No. 11

Congregational Meeting - November 3rd

The November Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 3rd following the worship service in the sanctuary.** Agenda items will include election of new council members and approval of the 2025 proposed budget.



Totenfest (Memorial Sunday) Sunday, November 10th

Each year we pause to remember those who have died in faith the past year. During our morning worship service on November 10th we will remember those who have entered their eternal rest. We'll light a candle in their memory as a symbol of their faith in Christ, the light of the world, in whose peace they now rest. We will also toll the bell in their memory as is our custom at Zion. Please join us as we give thanks for their lives and remember them before God.

Jerry D. Ellison

born: January 5, 1933
died: January 9, 2024

Fletcher Simons

born: December 7, 1944
died: March 2, 2024

Sondra L. Jackson

born: November 10, 1937
died: June 20, 2024

Margy L. Schowe

born: May 15, 1934
died: July 26, 2024

Delores M. Musket

born: March 18, 1937
died: August 6, 2024

Robert W. Barreth

born: July 7, 1945
died: August 20, 2024

Donald P. Altholz

born: November 27, 1946
died: August 24, 2024

Carolyn A. George

born: March 25, 1943
died: September 8, 2024

Serving Christ in November

Ushers:

Nov. 3 & 10

Mark Klenke*,
Connor Muller

Nov. 17 & 24

Alan & Sharon TenEyck*
(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Nov. 3 – Verlyn Yarbrough
Sound System Tech: Dan
Mossoney

Camera Tech: David Bean

NOVEMBER

Zion United Church of Christ
115 S. Washington Ave.
Union, MO 63084
636-583-2814
www.zionunion.org

9:00 a.m. Worship

(No Childcare)

Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch,
Pastor

(knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com)

Fern Dewert, Church Council
President

Connie Thompson, Adm.
Assistant

(cthompson@zionunion.org)

Alysha Petry, Minister to
Youth & Families

(apetry@zionunion.org)

Mandy Frick, Coordinator of
Elementary Youth

Karen Stafford, Music Director
(kstafford1985@gmail.com)

Brenda Herring, Church
Organist

Joy Bradley, Church Custodian

Winter Care Package Collection

We will again be assembling our winter care packages for the Little Free Pantry on Sunday, November 10th during the Intergenerational Sunday School Hour. Please help us fill the packages by bringing in items throughout the month of October and dropping them off in the lower commons Little Free Pantry Donations Basket. For a list of items needed see page 5 in the newsletter.

ECH Christmas Gifts/Donations



Greening of the Church

Sunday, November 24th

immediately following the worship.

Join us for a pizza lunch when finished!

All are invited to come decorate the church for our Advent/Christmas Season!

Each year Zion Church collects items for Every Child's Hope 'Hope Chest'. During November there will be a box in the lower commons along with a list of most needed items for the store. This 'Hope Chest' provides items that the residents of ECH can access to buy items for their families. The residents of ECH enjoy being able to gift their families with presents during the holiday season. Thank you for your donations!

- Brenda Viehland, from the Outreach Team

Zion's Book Club

Zion's Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. For the November 19th discussion time the book we are reading is entitled "*Hercule Poirot's Christmas*" by Agatha Christie. All are invited to join the group!

- Kathy Reed

Wreaths Across America

Once again the Union American Legion will be laying wreaths on the graves of veterans this Christmas season. We are currently short 40 wreaths for Zion's Cemetery. Wreaths are \$17 each. If you can help, please make out a check to: American Legion Post 297. In the memo section write 'wreaths - Zion'. Cash donations to the office would also be greatly appreciated. Contact Brad Parker at 314-330-7094 for more details. Thank you!

Zion Fellowship – November 2024

Saturday, October 26 – Meet at the Franklin County Historical Society Museum, at 15 N. Oak St., in Union at 2:00 p.m. (Come later if you don't think you will be reading a lot of the info provided. They are open until 4.) We will do a self-guided tour of the museum, then go to dinner at Que Pasa Mexican Restaurant, which is just down the street from the museum. There will be sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. *This event may be over by the time some of you get this Newsletter.*



Sunday, November 24 – The Greening of the Church for Advent will be held right after the church service, this is an all-church event, and MANY hands are needed. We will be providing pizzas and drinks for a lunch, and we will need a few volunteers to bring cookies/brownies for dessert (finger food). There will be a signup sheet for those who want to bring some dessert. FYI – The Combined Christian Choir is scheduled the same day, so we have NOT made that an official event as we had planned.

Sunday, December 8 – Meet at the back parking lot of church at 2:00 p.m. to carpool to the Washington City Auditorium at 211 High St., Washington. We will attend the Washington Brass Band Concert from 3 to 5 p.m. (this is a free event, but you can make a goodwill offering), then we will go to dinner afterwards. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board. More details later. FYI – The Washington Brass Band will also perform at the Farmer's Market on December 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. NOT an official event.

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,

As I am writing you, I am currently fasting. Not for any fad diet trend, but because in a few hours, I am going to have a medical exam for a life insurance policy. Through the powers of actuarial science, an insurance company will determine my risk factor for dying and offer me a rate. What's interesting about this process is how the method serves the mission. The insurance company wants me to buy a policy. They don't want me to die. If their rate is too high, I won't proceed. If it's too low and I die, and this happens to enough people, they go out of business. They need to find a number somewhere in the middle. Their mission then, is to collect as much money as they can from people who are not as likely to die early. This is where current health, age, lifestyle, hobbies, family health history, and daily commute all come into conversation and the actuarial wizards determine your risk factor. Their method of collecting as much information as they can, and as much money as they can, by appealing to a good cost-to-benefit ratio. I will be interested to see what kind of coverage at what rate they will be willing to offer. But until then, it has me wondering.

In the life of a church, I often wonder what our risk factors are for death. What practices and policies of any church increase or decrease its risk of dying? What would you look for if you were an actuary investigating a church? Attendance? Giving? Staffing? A financial audit? A children's ministry? The building costs, utilities, maintenance, and repair. Those seem pretty standard health checks. Would you look at the by-laws? The safe church policy? What other risk factors might indicate an early exit? When you think about what factors might be included, where do you rank a church's mission? We say things like, we commit ourselves to worship God, to form faithful followers of Jesus, and to care for the wider community. We care as Christ cares. I wonder if our biggest risk factor is not a budget, a building, or even attendance. I wonder if our biggest risk factor is how closely aligned our methods are with our mission. Do our methods serve our mission? Or has our mission become maintaining our methods? Does our building care as Christ cares? Does it serve the wider community? What about our budget or our by-laws?

How we worship, how we help the community, how we gather in fellowship, how we talk, how we debate, and how we engage with our faith, no matter how big or small should be in service of our church's mission. Tradition, practices, customs, and the methods of how we do ministry matter. But anytime the method gets in the way of the mission, it's time to change the method. The church will never receive a life insurance policy. There is no actuarial science behind risk factors for churches. We don't know how long Zion UCC will exist. We

Worship Opportunities In November

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday,

November 3

*The 24th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sacrament of Communion
10:00 a.m. Congregational
Meeting

Sunday,

November 10

*The 25th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Totenfest (Memorial) Sunday
10:00 a.m. Intergenerational
Sunday School

Sunday,

November 17

*The 26th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday,

November 24

Reign of Christ Sunday

10:00 a.m. Greening of
the Church



November 11, 2024

Remember and honor those who have served our country and those who are currently serving our country.

certainly don't know what it will look like in a decade let alone a hundred years from now. But if we are going to be anything, I hope we will care as Christ cares. And may that be enough.

Blessings,
Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch

Pastor Drop In Hours:

Monday & Wednesday mornings
Email: knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com
Appointments upon request:
Church Office (636) 583-2814
or sending an email



Help Thyself Meals

This is a gentle reminder to make use of the Help Thyself meals for

you. That is what they are for.....YOU. In the Lower Commons kitchen there are in the freezer, meals, soups and simple desserts. If you are able to pick up a couple of meals for your week ahead, please do so. If you are unable to pick them up a church friend can do it for you or a Call to Care member would be happy to bring them to you when they come to visit. Please take advantage of this opportunity available to you. Let any of the following people know if you know of 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) and Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159) - Dorothy Mitana

“These Days” Devotional Books

Did you know that Zion every quarter receives “These Days” devotional booklets? The devotionals offer each day a spiritual reading along with a short scripture and prayer. These are free and can be found in the literature rack in the upper commons or if you would like one mailed to you please contact the church office. The booklet is a wonderful resource to use in your daily Christian life. Enjoy!

Daylight Savings Time Ends

‘Fall back’ one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd.



Did You Know?

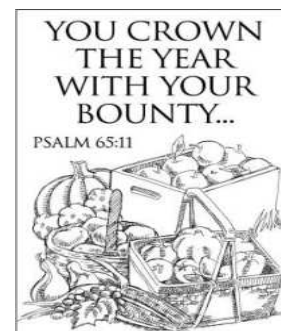
Did you know that Zion is a ‘5 for 5’ church? The success and sustainability of the United Church of Christ’s national ministries relies on our church’s contribution along with many other UCC churches nationwide to basic operating support and mission. Being 5 for 5 means that we are leaders in providing support to Our Church’s Wider Mission and the Special Mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen The Church, Neighbors In Need and The Christmas Fund.

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 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. Thanks for keeping us up to date!



Kid & Youth *News*

NOVEMBER 2024

SAVE *the* DATE

Youth at General Synod

For youth entering 6th grade in Fall 2025 through youth graduating high school in May of 2025.

July 11-15 in Kansas City, MO

Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 8th, during the Intergenerational Sunday School Hour. We will make Christmas Ornaments and decorate cookies.

Christmas Program

December 15, 2024



Sunday School

10 AM – 11 AM

Pre-School

Ages 3 to 5

Meet in the Pre-School Room

Faith Quest

Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Meet in Bible Max Theatre

November 3 – Movie

November 10 – Intergenerational S.S.

November 17 – Craft

November 24 – Cooking Lesson

Confirm NOT Conform

6th – 12th grade

Meet in the High School Room

Intergenerational Sunday School

Second Sunday of Each Month

For All Ages

Meet in the Fellowship Hall



Join us the
FIRST TWO WEDNESDAYS
of EACH MONTH

Dive into friendship with God

5:00 – 6:00 PM

ADULTS: (Re) Membership with Pastor Nick: Join the conversation on what it means to be a member of Zion and a member of the UCC, and discuss the historical legacy of the denomination and our church.

PRE-SCHOOL: Hallelujah Kids music exploration, movement, and games for kids aged 2-kindergarten with Karen

5 PM to 7:30 PM

YOUTH: LOGOS programming for K-12th grade youth with Mandy & Alysha.

October theme: God is a friend we can trust!

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

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.



We are assembling our winter care packages for the

LITTLE FREE PANTRY on

Sunday, November 10th

During the Intergenerational Sunday School Hour

Please help us fill the packages by bringing in items throughout the month of October and dropping them off in the lower commons Little Free Pantry Donation Basket.

Items Needed: gloves, hand warmers, hand lotion, ChapStick, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, Kleenex, chocolate candy, hot chocolate packets, oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, granola bars, beef jerky, dried fruit, applesauce cups, nuts, trail mix, soup, chef Boyardee, mac & cheese cups

Zion UCC Church Council Minutes – September 2024

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm with the following in attendance-Fern Dewert, Kathy Reed, Paul Brinker, Bruce Templer, Susan Merlino, Donna Bocklage, Barb Cox, Rev. Nick Knoblauch, Connie Thompson, and Maxine Harrison. Brad Parker was not in attendance. Donna Bocklage opened with prayer. Fern Dewert called the meeting to order.

Consensus items were approved as presented.

- Minutes of August council meeting
- Pastors Report- workday at Shannondale canceled.
- Minister to Youth and Families report
- August Financial reports
- Time and date of next meeting-October 21, 2024 7:00pm

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review Committee- An informational survey will be going out in the October newsletter and on the website. This is an anonymous survey, but important we get feedback.

By-Laws review committee- No Report

Audit Committee-The committee met and each member received a handbook to review prior to the next meeting in October.

Personnel Review Committee- The committee did much research and talked to each person on staff to determine how to proceed with salaries for next years budget.

Leadership Development Committee- No report

Building and Property Committee- Tuckpointing in progress. A Chase is now in place--a cover over piping from AC to air handlers from ground to roof with a cap. The 2 spruce trees from around the Hands statue will be removed.

Safety Committee-No report, but discussion on whether this needs to be a standing committee since handbook has been completed.

Ushering-Discussed possible new leadership.

Hansen Committee-Will meet September 20th to receive more information on "Sight and Sound"- Acoustical engineering group-Modern Communications out of Fenton, MO. Looking to replace speakers, hearing devices, sound boards and further evaluate needs.

Finance Committee--2025 Proposed Budget presented and discussed. Motion and second to approve and present to congregation on November 3. Vote passed. 2 informational meeting to share and discuss proposed budget--October 6 and October 20 after service in fellowship hall. Matt Herring and Fern Dewert will be there to present.

Upcoming calendar events--

- November 3-Congregational meeting (Daylight Savings ends)
- November 10- Totenfest
- November 24- Greening of the Church
- December 8- Advent workshop

New flowers to be purchased for the 2 Urns. Will need Fall and Winter to be paid out of memorial funds.

Discussion about what fund to pay items such as replacement of outdoor/indoor flags was tabled until a later meeting.

Kathy Reed and Susan Merlino will be attending Eastern Association meeting in Hermann on Sunday, September 29th.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

- Maxine Harrison, Church Council Secretary

(approved by the Zion Church Council on October 21, 2024.)



Notes from the Music Director

Flexibility-The Name of the Game

As we soon go into the season of Advent, my job will involve music for the season. We're still feeling the effects of COVID and other illnesses with the small numbers in our groups, but the participants are faithful and so joyful! In Alleluia Kids, we've been learning *This Is the Day, Jesus Loves Me*, playing little elementary instruments, listening to stories, and our favorite... playing with the parachute! Joyful Noise is small as well, but features the terrific Cooper Trio as we tackle *Siyahamba*, complete with drums and handbells. We hope to be able to play in November. Zion Ringers is taking a hiatus until January to regroup and reconfigure. Chancel Choir has been blessed with several singers who help us out, even when they do not make it to rehearsal.

My years in music ensembles have ingrained in my thoughts that numbers equal quality, although my common sense says otherwise. When I began teaching elementary music, I learned the art of improvisation and flexibility. The "COVID years" basically kicked me in the teeth as I realized I had to change my way of thinking about WHY we offer music to the Lord and provide opportunities for people to enjoy the music, whether as listeners or performers.

During my meditations and thoughts, as I tried to find inspiration for this article without sounding like I've written the same thing over and over, I suddenly decided to Google "The Bible and flexibility". I came across this bit from livingbydesign.org:

"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken."

The author was describing the frustration she and her family felt while getting ready for a mission trip, with all its problems and frustrations. Her family had determined the quote above would be their new beatitude.

Blessed are the flexible... Small numbers, changing days when groups perform, finding special music, coming up with Plan B... It's a good

beatitude to have. It's a good beatitude for all of us.

Flexibility has allowed me to find joy in playing with 2-3 preschoolers/kindergarteners, helping people who don't read music find fun and confidence in handbells, and a closer relationship with choir members as a small family. Flexibility means it's about us, not me. Flexibility, I think, is the essence of Christ.

Blessings,
Karen

Looking Ahead to December.... Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed – December 14th

Salvation Army Bell Ringers are needed for Saturday, December 14th from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Schnuck's in Union. A sign up sheet will be posted on the lower commons bulletin board. Thank you!
Brenda Viehland, on behalf of the Outreach Team



Make Your Holidays Merry and Green

The holidays are upon us, whether we are prepared or not. The Green Team would like to share with you some simple ways to make your holidays a little more sustainable during the peak consumerism season.

Thanksgiving isn't a holiday that screams waste. It is a time to spend quality time gathering and giving thanks for our family, friends and plentiful tables. However, there are some simple ways to make it a little greener; choose to wash dishes instead of using the toss away kind, if you do need to use disposable try to choose a compostable plate (they are even available at Walmart). Ask guests to bring their own containers for leftovers or make plenty of room in your freezer for leftovers ahead of time, in the US over 305 million pounds of food is wasted from Thanksgiving celebrations. Wash the napkins by opting for cloth instead of using paper towels or toss away napkins. Think locally, if you can visit a local Farmer's Market to purchase

vegetables or opt in for a local CSA (community supported agriculture) basket, a great local CSA is Avant Gardens located in New Haven. For a turkey Andy's Produce usually offers local farm raised turkeys. Just choosing one of these ideas or one of your own will make a difference in your home.

Now, Trees and Paper, Paper and Trees. We could write an entire book on making Christmas a bit greener, in fact someone has, and it is called Green Christmas by Jen Chillingsworth. We may be wondering, what is better for the environment, a real tree or a reusable fake tree? Carbon footprint wise it is a real tree. BUT, if you already have a reusable tree, trashing it for a real one isn't worth it. If for allergy reasons a fake one needs to be purchased, think thrifty, check Facebook Marketplace, garage sales and resale shops, you will probably be saving something from ending up in a landfill. If you have a real tree turning it into mulch through your local sanitation services comes highly recommended or chip it up yourself into a compost pile. Living out of town we normally have disposed of ours in a fishing pond or in the woods to decompose naturally. Remember for every real tree that is bought, 1-3 seedlings are planted and try to buy from local tree farms (less travel means less carbon footprint). If you want to get really outdoorsy, one can obtain a free use permit from our Mark Twain National Forest Office and hike out to harvest your own tree. This must be done by contacting the office directly.

As for wrapping paper, 2.3 million pounds of wrapping paper waste ends up in our landfills every Christmas season. "Technically" it can be recycled, as long as you, scrunch it and it stays scrunched, doesn't have glitter, doesn't have foil, and all sticky tape, tags and ribbons are removed. Sounds simple and easy right? Ha! Make your life a little easier and less wasteful by asking a sewer in the family to make you Santa Sack (or purchase a cloth one online) a free pattern is available online at The Polka Dot Chair, we have our kids lay theirs under the tree on Christmas Eve before they go to bed. Purchasing fabric (best price for Christmas fabric is after the holidays) to reuse

each year. Also, purchasing or making cute pillowcases and wrapping presents in pillowcases is a gift as well as being greener. Buying quality reusable grocery bags for Christmas gifts or just reusing the billion bags found in your closet is greener. Other green wrapping ideas; reuse newspapers, decorate up paper bags, old maps, sheet music, and use dried leaves or flowers to decorate boxes. I could go on and on but hopefully these ideas will give you some inspiration.

- Bronwen Voss, on behalf of the
Zion Green Team



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.

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!



Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari
Myrt Dunigan	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenzler	Carol Bean
Keith Stahlman	Felicia Scott
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)	
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)	

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Skip Buehrle
Jake McNeil (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)	



New Address/ Phone Numbers

Gerry Hoelscher's phone number has changed – it is 636-584-2865
Jessica, Mario, Ana, Tessa & Ella Oltmann, 305 Holtgrewe Farms Loop, Washington, MO 63090

Notes to Zion

Dear Zion UCC,

Thank you for the fellowship meal and comfortable couch for needed rest. I was tired from the 55 miles of cycling, especially the hot afternoon and hills. I participated in the Rock-A-Thon at Fink's (what fun!) I also participated in the Franklin County CROP Hunger Walk. Thank you again! - Don Harter

Thank You to October Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Alysha Petry, Ruth Parker, Sue Leicht

Special Music for Worship: Chancel Choir, Kirk Hancox, Karen Stafford

Ushers: Matthew Herring, Kevin Vorderbruegge, Ken & Carol Rohrbach

Greeters: Kevin Vorderbruegge, Linda Kinworthy, Vicki Hooper, Sandy Bailey

Sound System Tech: Mark Klenke, Alan TenEyck

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

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

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

Church Attendance from October

(3 out of 4 Sundays)

Oct. 6 – 99

Oct. 13 – 92

Oct. 20 – 70

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 3rd Class
 Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)
 Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

Franklin County CROP Walk and Rock-a-thon for Hunger

We are SO grateful that SO many of you, near and far, walked, rocked and supported our 33rd Annual CROP Walk for Hunger!!

On Saturday, October 12, six people rocked at Fink's Store. Thanks to Eva Adams, Dan Mossoney, George Miller, Hettie Becker, and Don Harter for rocking. They collected nearly \$150.00 (along with Veterans) on the same day.

Then, on Sunday, October 13, at Zion, Pastor Nick called together 55 people to walk the CROP mile. It was an exciting day of singing the CROP Walk song, *Step Out, Step Out for Crop*, prayer by Father Pete, the messages from Ken Rohrbach, Union Pantry, from Terri Crouch of Second Blessings, and then from Don Harter and then joining family and friends on the Walk.

We have collected \$ 6,100 so far for hungry people with money still coming in. We were so grateful that Father Pete and the Immaculate Conception parish joyfully walked with us at Zion, the Presbyterian Church, and other churches in the area, to help us support the Union Food Pantry and Second Blessings Food Pantry here. 25% of our gifts will go to the two pantries

Thank you for coming, walking, and supporting what was done those two days! We are grateful for the beautiful day to Walk! And do you know what happened? We have helped many people to enjoy good food from your generosity. We have helped many people who are suffering from the

hurricanes in the south. Yes, Church World Service goes there. They are not among the first servers, but they stay for the long haul, after the first people move on. So you are there when you help CWS!! We look forward to 2025, for our 34th Annual CROP Walk for Hunger!

Don Harter, Cross Missouri Walk for CROP

This year, Don Harter, who lives in Columbia, MO, biked from there to Union, to join us in our Rock-a-thon and Walk here. He came in on Saturday, October 12, to be here by 2:30 to be in the Rock-a-thon. After doing that, he came to Zion to enjoy a Fellowship Meal, hosted by Barb Cox, Colleen Simons and Barbara Horter, and the Church Women United committee. He stayed over night for two nights at Zion. (due to Covid at the Klemme house).

Last year and again this year, Don walked across Missouri in his Cross Missouri Walk for CROP. He also took part in the Columbia MO CROP Walk, this year alone, raising over \$4,000 in these Walks. In addition, he spoke to our congregation on Sunday morning in worship and in Sunday School. We, and ALL CROP people are grateful for his incredible dedication to helping hungry people! He lives out Jesus' directive of : You give them something to eat!

- Norma Klemme

Faith Quest/Adult Education Attendance from October

(3 out of 4 Sundays)

Oct. 6 – 8

Oct. 13 - 23 (Intergenerational Sunday School)




Oct. 20 – 5

Financial Report for September 2024

	September 2024	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$20,931.00	\$284,697.00
Expenses	\$33,896.00	\$264,952.00
Our Church's Wider Mission (given YTD) -		\$7,037.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) -		\$1,930.00

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

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	2
3 The 24th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion  10 am Congregational Meeting	4	5	6 12 pm Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	7 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	8 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	9
10 The 25th Sunday after Pentecost/ Totenfest (Memorial Sunday) 10 am Intergenerational Sunday School	11 6:30 pm Finance	12 	13 9:30 Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	14 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	15 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	16
17 The 26th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Green Team	18 7 pm Church Council	19 1:30 pm Book Club	20 10 am Dec. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	21 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	22 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	23
24 Reign of Christ Sunday	25 	26	27 12 Loops of Love	28 Thanksgiving Church Offices Closed	29 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use



November Birthdays

- 2 - Karen Stafford
Alan TenEyck
Amy Dewert
- 3 - Patrick Branscum
Brenda Bishop
Matthew Wilson
- 4 - Claude Perriguy
Jeremy Rosenkoetter
- 6 - Trinity Penton
- 8 - Nicole Evrard
Steve Helms
Taylor Lutz
- 9 - David Hall
Prudence Johnson
- 10 - Renee Gerding
Chris Robinson
Tylor Mueller
- 11 - Dan Mossoney
Joan Bauer
Oliver Eads
- 14 - Kathy Reed
- 15 - Jane Pinnell
Sandy Stierberger
Jeremy Bright
- 17 - Henry Orf
- 18 - Jenny Berghorn
Sarah Berghorn
Leesa Nolkemper
Ellen Herring
Tracy Wilson
Katrina Moore

- 19 - Stephanie Roach
Carla Kilgore
- 20 - Judy Highfill
- 23 - Dillon Bauer
- 24 - Maxine Harrison
Phyllis Berkel
- 25 - Ruth Parker
Daniel Mossoney, Jr.
- 26 - Jasen Thompson
- 27 - Carol Bean
Barbara Harvey
- 28 - Jaylyn Evrard

December Birthdays

- 1 - Sandy Bailey
- 2 - Melva Puls
Collin Muller
- 3 - Monica Klemme
Laurel Camden
Sarah Davenport
Ana Oltmann
- 4 - Georgianne McClanahan
- 5 - Carol Rohrbach
Kayla Quertermous
Lee Parks
- 6 - Leslie Bailey
Nate Birke
- 9 - Natalie Avalos
- 10 - Gail Mefford