

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



February 2025

No. 2



Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 16th

Our congregation will gather for our Congregational Meeting and the celebration of our ministry together on **Sunday, February 16th following the worship service in the sanctuary.**

Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth will be collecting money and canned good items for the Little Free Food Pantry and the Union Food Pantry on Sundays, February 2nd and 9th.

2025 Camp MoVal Schedule

Registration is now open for the 2025 Camp MoVal season! See page 6 for more information.

Outdoor Ministry Mission Mondays in February

Join your fellow MMSC volunteers in a fulfilling and inspiring experience by dedicating your time to Outdoor Ministry this year. Whether you choose to serve at Shannondale or Mo-Val, you'll have the chance to deepen your connection with nature, support meaningful programs, and build bonds with like-minded people who share your passion for service.

Here is how it works:

On the 2nd Monday of each month meet at Main Street Café in Salem, Missouri, at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, breakfast and fellowship. From there, work projects will begin at Shannondale until 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

On the 4th Monday of each month meet at White Rose Café in Union, Missouri, for coffee, breakfast and fellowship. From there, work projects will begin at MoVal until 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

All skill levels and experiences are welcome! Contact the church office for more information.

Serving Christ in February

Ushers:

Feb. 2 & 9

Daryl Hartley*, Harvey Mefford

Feb. 16 & 23

Paul & Shanna Brinker*

(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Feb. 2 – Kevin Vorderbruegge

Feb. 9 – Ken & Carol Rohrbach

Feb. 16 – Faith Quest Kids

Feb. 23 – Gary & Kathy Reed

Sound System Tech: Dan Mossoney

Camera Techs:

Feb. 2 & 9 – Dan Mossoney

Feb. 16 & 23 – David Bean



FEBRUARY

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



Zion Fellowship – February 2025

The January 19 Brunch was canceled due to another scheduled meeting and icy roads.

Sunday, February 9 – We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the church service for a Brunch, and we will be joining with the Intergenerational Sunday School group. Please bring a dish to share for the Brunch. Our meeting might be a little later this time, but please bring ideas that we can discuss and consider doing for future events. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Tuesday, March 4 – Please join everyone for the All-Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Also, if you are able, they would appreciate any help preparing, or cleaning up after the meal. If you can help, contact Alysha.

Friday, March 7, evening – Plan to attend the Camp MoVal Fundraiser at the Trivia Night held at St. Peter's UCC in Washington. You will need to signup with Alysha and pay ahead of time. Several members attended last year, and they had a great time. More details will be in this Newsletter.

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

General Synod Volunteering

The time is soon approaching to sign up to volunteer at General Synod! There are plenty of ways you can help—both with hospitality and behind-the-scenes tasks—to make this event a success. We need YOU to make General Synod 35 possible! Our Local Arrangements Committee volunteers are currently putting the finishing touches on the online sign-up platform. There is a two-step registration process for volunteers: All volunteers must register with the sign-up

platform FIRST before registering as a visitor for General Synod. When you complete your volunteer registration, you will be sent a discount code for your Synod registration. Please keep an eye out for more volunteering info, including both registration links, in a future MMS-UCC eCourier. General Synod is July 11-15 in Kansas City, MO. For more information go to generalsynod.org.

Thank you for volunteering! Let's provide a big welcome to our UCC Synod family!

Camp MoVal Benefit Trivia Night Friday, March 7th



The Grape Country Cluster of Churches is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit Camp MoVal on Friday, March 7, 2025, 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. Zion is sponsoring two tables of eight. Sign up at the lower commons bulletin board to be on a team. 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 to receive a digital form. To sponsor a round, e-mail Jeff Remelius at bemchurchpastor@gmail.com. Help us support the camp by supporting this fun event.

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!



Beloved Zion,

Can you believe we have already been together for four years of ministry? What an incredible time looking back on our time together. This time of year always feels particularly reflective. Maybe it's the anniversary of my arrival. Maybe because my birthday is around the corner. Maybe it's because I am itching to plan my garden in the spring. Or maybe it's just because I am tired of being held up inside by bad weather, and little I want to do in the yard this time of year. With Lent not beginning until March this year, I feel like there is a little extra time for reflection and discernment. Most of the program year can feel quite busy. From Rally Day through Christmas Eve, it feels like a rush. A never-ending list of events, planning, and meetings. This year January started slow. With inclement weather, shutting down most of the area, we spend the first week inside. Waiting for the ice to melt. Once Lent starts, we suddenly find ourselves picking up where we left off in December. But this year, we have two full months between the two. This extended Epiphany gives us a little more time.

So, it has me wondering, what new deep understanding are you working through? What aspect of your life, or faith are you working through? Do you take time each day, or every other day to sit with your thoughts, to journal, to go deep? Perhaps you are focused on your legacy. Or your purpose in life right now. Maybe you have been considering what it means that Christ was fully Human and Fully divine. Or what it means to care as Christ cares. Maybe you are wrestling with the nature of the Bible, and how you relate with its authority or lack thereof. Whatever it is, I encourage you to write it down. At least a few key phrases. Or a word. If you are not a journal keeper, then write it on a Post-it. Put it on your mirror, by your kitchen sink, or on the dashboard of the car. Let it serve you as a reminder to go deep. To think, to discern, to contemplate the deep mysteries of life and faith. May this season of contemplation lead to greater understanding.

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

Worship Opportunities In February

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, February 2

The 4th Sunday

after Epiphany

Sacrament of Communion

Sunday, February 9

The 5th Sunday

after Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Intergenerational
Sunday School

Sunday, February 16

The 6th Sunday

after Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Congregational
Meeting

Sunday, February 23

The 7th Sunday

after Epiphany



From the Historical Team... Ruth Cantrell 90th Birthday

Ruth Cantrell and her husband, Rev. Robert Cantrell, became members of Zion UCC on October 7, 1997. She was active on Zion's Evangelism Committee and made kits for Festival of Sharing. Ruth was born at Jamestown, Missouri, just north of California, Missouri, on February 17, 1935. She met Bob when he was attending Midwestern Seminary near New Orleans, Louisiana. They were married at her home church in Jamestown on May 27, 1961, Bob's 26th birthday.

They first served a Baptist Church in Franklin, Georgia, and then four UCC churches in Missouri. They served the church in Gerald, Missouri, for 16 years. During that time, Ruth taught third grade. At the same time, Gary Stafford, taught art at the same school.

They retired to their home south of Gerald. In 2006, they moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri, where they lived next door to their daughter and family so they could help care for their grandson. Before moving to Lee's Summit, they were still active at Zion, and they still support this church. They have two sons, Todd and Jeremy and one daughter, Lisa, and four grandchildren, Aaron, Alissa, Jessica and Conner.

Sadly, Bob passed away December 10, 2024. He would have turned 90 on May 27th. He was born and raised on a cotton farm near Rome, Georgia. Bob and Ruth were married 63 years.

See the display of her life in Zion's Historical Cabinet during February 2025. Ruth's mailing address is: 1532 N.E. Amanda Lane, Lees Summit, MO 64086. Happy Birthday Ruth!

- Linda Hall, on behalf of
the Historical Team

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!

Best Choice Labels

Containers are available in the lower commons kitchen as well as the fellowship hall kitchen for your Best Choice Labels. These labels go into the Missouri Hunger Fund. They are used for hunger relief, nutrition, or food insecurity situations. The Union Food Pantry has also benefitted from the donation of these labels. Thank you for your contributions and continue giving them!



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.

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.

Kid & Youth

FEBRUARY 2025

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CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT

For 6th – 12th grade youth

**Worthy.
Accepted.
Loved.**

February 14-16

at Columbia UCC, in Columbia, MO

The event begins on Friday evening and ends after worship on Sunday. The youth will participate in a mission project, many fun activities, and games.

Contact Alysha for scholarships and more details.

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/52b45bec>



Sunday School

10 AM – 11 AM

February 2, 9, 16 & 23

Pre-School

Ages 3 to 5

Meet in the Pre-School Room

Faith Quest

Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Meet in Bible Max Theatre

Confirm NOT Conform

6th – 12th grade

Meet in the High School Room

Intergenerational Sunday School

2nd Sunday of each month

Join us for an Intergenerational lesson and a fellowship brunch

This month we will be exploring lessons on giving and receiving Hospitality



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.

PRESCHOOL: 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.

FEBRUARY THEME - GOD IS A FRIEND WE LOVE

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.

YOUTH AT GENERAL SYNOD

July 11-15, 2025

Kansas City

For youth entering 6th grade to graduating 12th graders

The theme for Synod is "Into the Deep," and youth will focus on leadership development, mission, and water/climate justice issues.

To register and/or get more information, go to generalsynod.org. Contact Alysha for Scholarships.



GREETERS

Faith Quest & Preschoolers will greet on

Sunday, February 16th.

Meet Miss Mandy at the front doors at 8:40 AM.



2025 Camp MoVal Schedule

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Register at www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval or <https://tinyurl.com/nhzv7yc9>

The grades listed are the grade the camper completed in May 2025

Camp Description	Camp Date	Price with	
		Camp Scholarship Discount	Full Price
All Ages Camp #1 (grades 3-9)	June 22-27	\$ 250.00	\$625.00
High School Camp (grades 9-12)	June 22-27	\$ 250.00	\$625.00
Family Camp (All Ages)	June 29-July 3	\$ 83.00	\$208.00 (pp)
All Ages Camp #2 (grades 3-9)	July 6-11	\$ 250.00	\$625.00
All Ages Camp #3 (grades 3-9)	July 13-18	\$ 250.00	\$625.00
S.T.E.A.M Camp (grades 3-9)	June 20-22	\$ 84.00	\$210.00
‘And Me’ Camp (Adult Guardian & Child)	July 20-July 21	\$ 38.00	\$95.00 (pp)
Adventures in Community (ages 18+)	August 3-8	\$ 240.00	\$625.00

Contact the church office for your camp scholarship certificate to receive the 60% Zion discount.



The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring

Collection Days

February 2 & 9

Youth will be collecting money and canned good items for the Little Free Food Pantry and the Union Food Pantry.

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UCC Climate Hope Contest

The 2025 Climate Hope Poster Contest theme is

“Planting Seeds of Hope.”

Kids and youth can submit their art from February 2 to March 14th.

There will be winners from each age category, and an overall winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to visit Washington, DC, with a parent or guardian.

The winning art will additionally serve as the logo for UCC Climate Hope advocacy work through the end of the year.





Notes from the Music Director

There is much that has happened in the last couple weeks of January that has left me “gobsmacked” and disheartened. Events happen so fast I can’t even fathom them, let alone try to determine if they are real or threats. But, after the sermon by the National Cathedral’s Bishop Budde, the lyrics to an old hymn we used to sing started running through my mind. Written in 1845 by James Russell Lowell, “Once to Every Man and Nation” was published in the *Boston Courier* in protest of the Mexican War. The first couple of lines have resonated with me:

*Once to every man and nation,
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, some great decision,
Offering each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by forever,
'Twi'xt that darkness and that light.*

Another song has been going through my mind, one that is appropriate for February and Black History Month, as well as the struggles that many targeted people are facing:

*We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome, someday
Oh, deep in my heart
I know that I do believe
We shall overcome, someday*

I am reminded again how much music plays a part of our historical story, keeping reminders of events, that history books may not fully cover. Music shows how faith has kept many dark moments in the life of the United States bearable. My suggestion for anyone who might be overwhelmed by what they hear: find music to restore your spirit and your faith.

Blessings,
Karen

Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| Jim Doehring | Phyllis Olson |
| Carolyn Donoho | Frank Fazzari |
| Myrt Dunigan | Charlotte Ellison |
| Kim Yenzer | Carol Bean |
| Keith Stahlman | |
| Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center) | |
| 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) | |
| 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) | |
| Norma Laubinger (sister of Hettie Becker) | |
| 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) | |
| Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer) | |
| Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark) | |
| Jake Phillips (father of John Phillips) | |
| Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison) | |

Sympathy Is Extended to:

- Nicole Branscum & family on the death of her grandmother Doris (Griffin) Ackman who died on January 6th.
- The family of Stan Heidmann who died on January 14. Service was on January 25.
- The family of Richard Haverstick who died on January 17.



Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland Skip Buehrle
 Susie Andell
 Jake McNeil
 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)
 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 3rd Class
 Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)
 Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

With Sympathy

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

Stanley C. Heidmann, 88, died on January 14, 2025. Funeral service for Stan was held on January 25, 2025 by Rev. Knoblauch. Burial was in St. Peter's UCC Cemetery in Washington, Missouri.

Richard L. Haverstick, 77, died on January 17, 2025. Funeral service for Richard was held on January 25, 2025, with burial in Ebenezer Stone Church in Gerald, Missouri.

Notes to Zion

Dear Zion Friends,
 We are so grateful for your recent donation in the amount of \$1,620.50. Zion's continued support truly means a lot to the Pantry.
 - Union Food Pantry

Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Jim Moss** (for Good Samaritan Fund), **Donna Eime** and **Stan Heidmann** (for Zion Building Fund) by: Jim Doehring

Thank You to January Volunteers

Zion Church acknowledges and appreciates the work done by the following volunteers for the month of January:
Liturgists: Carol Rohrbach, Lee Parks
Special Music for Worship: Kirk Hancox, Chancel Choir
Ushers: Karen & Dennis Tucker, Wayne Bean, Bruce Templer, Richard Young
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Ron & Pam Griffin
Greeters: Jeff & Denise Muller, Sallie Hancox, Carl & Jane Ridder
Sound System Tech: Ken Rohrbach
Worship Service Recorders: Dan Mossoney, David Bean
Newsletter Helpers: Donna Bocklage, Carol & Ken Rohrbach, Karen Tucker
Snow Removal: Alan TenEyck, Carl Rosenkoetter

Church Attendance from January

Jan. 5 – N/A (snow/ice)
 Jan. 12 – 80
 Jan. 19 – 68
 Jan. 26 – 89

Faith Quest/Adult Education Attendance from January

Jan. 5 – N/A (snow/ice)
 Jan. 12 – 3 (youth)
 Jan. 19 – 5 (youth)
 Jan. 26 – 8 (youth); 6 (adults)

Financial Report for December 2024

	December 2024	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$67,884.00	\$409,993.00
Expenses	\$27,947.00	\$368,886.78
Our Church's Wider Mission (given YTD) - Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD)		-\$10,917.00 - \$4,084.00

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



Council Notes

Zion UCC Church Council

Minutes December 2024

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, December 16, 2024, with the following in attendance: Kathy Reed, Bruce Templer, Susan Merlino, Barbara Cox, Fern Dewert, Paul Brinker, Brad Parker, BJ Cooper, Pastor Nick and Connie Thompson. Pastor Nick opened the meeting with prayer and President Fern Dewert called the meeting to order. She welcomed BJ to the council.

Consensus Agenda:

- Minutes of November Council Meeting
- Pastor's Report – A review of the staff will be done by Rev. Nick and possibly a member of the Personnel Team in January. The Personal Leadership Profile that was done by council members was reviewed.
- Minister to Youth & Families – The Grape Cluster MoVal Trivia Night Fundraiser that will be held in March 2025 at St. Peter's UCC in Washington was noted as well as the Memorial Day weekend event at Shannondale in 2025.
- November Financial Reports – The question was raised about expenses for the Telephone/Internet. Connie will check these expenses and report at the January 2025 council meeting.
- Next council meeting will be on Monday, January 20, 2025.

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review Committee – 40 surveys have been returned to the church office. The committee will meet soon to review the results.

By-Laws Review Committee – Fern and Pastor Nick will meet in January to discuss/review the possible changes proposed.

Audit Committee – The committee will meet in January 2025 to hopefully review the end of year income and expense reports for 2024.

Personnel Review Committee – Staff evaluations will be done by Pastor Nick in January.

Leadership Development Committee – no report.

Building & Property Committee – The committee met and discussed the next steps for repairs to the fellowship hall walls which will include a plasterer to come in and tear out the wallpaper, etc. A check for Zion's portion of the street light in conjunction with the City of Union was sent to Ameren Missouri. We still may need to install another light at the end of the building.

Safety Committee – no report.

Hansen Committee – no report.

Finance Committee – no report.

Election of Officers for 2025 – Motion was made to elect the following officers for 2025: Fern Dewert, President; Kathy Reed, Vice President, and Susan Merlino, Recording Secretary.

Committee Assignments – Council members were handed out a listing of Committee of the Church Council from the By-Laws. Each council member was asked to pick their 3 top choices of committees to be liaison to. The president and vice-president will meet to discuss the assignments for each council member and report at the January council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Connie Thompson, secretary pro tem (approved by the Church Council on January 20, 2025.)



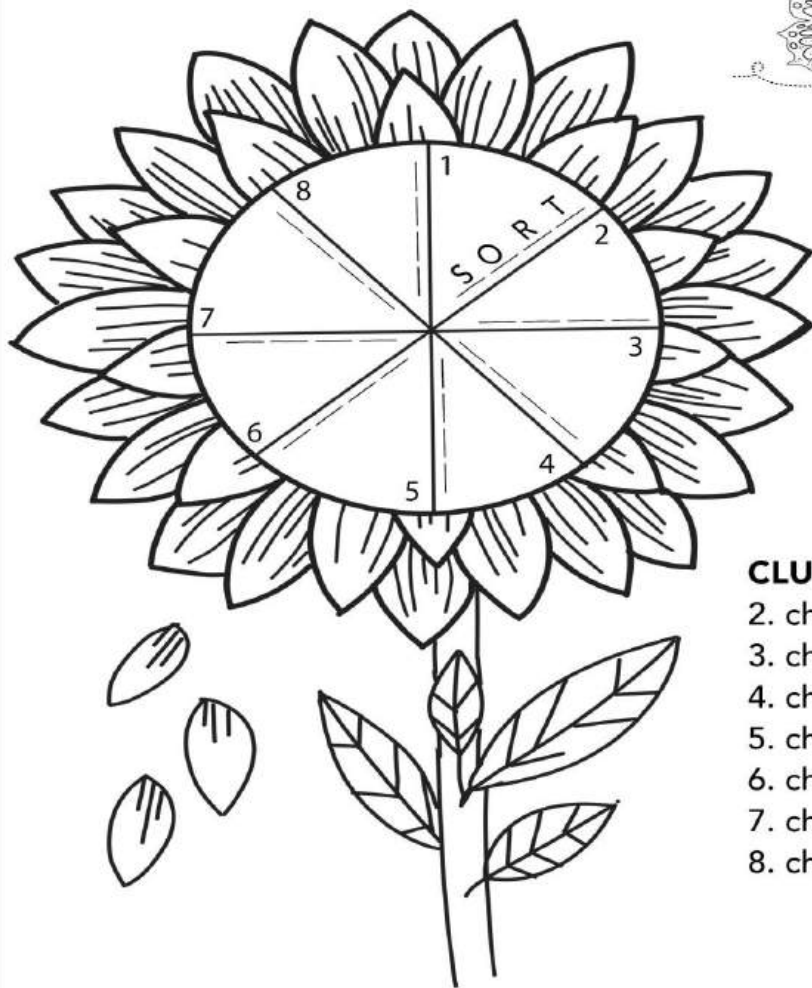
PSALM 37:3



THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.



We _____
because [God] first
_____d us.

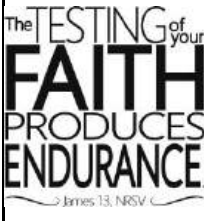

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this
(see 1 John 4:16).

Answers: fort, fold, gold, gown, down, dove, love; We love because [God] first loved us. 1 John 4:19, NIV

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 The 4th Sunday after Epiphany/ Communion  Souper Bowl of Caring	3	4	5 12 pm Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	6 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	7 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	8 4 pm Fellowship Hall in Use
9 The 5th Sunday after Epiphany Souper Bowl of Caring 10 am Inter-generational Sunday School/Fellowship Brunch	10 6:30 pm Finance	11	12 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir	13 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	14 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 	15
16 The 6th Sunday after Epiphany 10 am Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)	17 7 pm Church Council	18	19 10 am Feb. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 Chancel Choir	20 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	21 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	22
23 The 7th Sunday after Epiphany	24 	25	26 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 Chancel Choir	27 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	28 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	



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
- 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
- 5 - Susan Newman
- 6 - Jennifer Hawkins
- 7 - Mandy Frick
Ramah Fitzgerald
- 8 - Jenna Klenke Galbreath
Samantha Williams
Owen Mertz
- 10 - Gary Toelke