

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



January 2025

No. 1



Annual Reports Due

In order to get the Annual Reports ready for the February 16th Congregational Meeting, we are requesting that chairpersons of ministry teams, boards, and fellowship groups have their 2022 written reports in to the church office **no later than Monday, January 20th**. You may also email your reports to cthompson@zionunion.org.

The following ministry teams/boards/fellowship groups, etc. should submit a written report to the church office: Church Council, Finance, Leadership Development, Pastoral Relations, Properties, Security/Safety, Called to Care, Chancel Area, Family Ministries, Green Team, Help Thyself, Historical, Hospitality, Loops of Love, Outreach, Quilting Circle, Rummage Sale, Stewardship, Worship Arts, Zion Fellowship & Zion Fellowship financials, Pastor's Report, Music Director, Minister to Youth & Families, Operating Fund financials, & Memorial Fund financials.

Zion Cemetery Association Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 19th

The Zion Cemetery Association Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 19, 2025 in the sanctuary**. The agenda will include: election of new Zion Cemetery Board members, a change in the by-laws for the Treasurer's position on the Board, and a review of the financial statement of the Zion Cemetery.

Please mark your calendars to attend the meeting of the Zion Cemetery Association.

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**.

The Church Council is asking that if any member(s) of the congregation have any concerns that they would like *considered* at the annual meeting they should submit a written request to the church office by Monday, January 20th. Thank you.



Serving Christ in January

Ushers:

Jan. 5 & 12
Skip & Pat Buehrle*

Jan. 19 & 26

Wayne Bean,
Bruce Templer*
(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Jan. 5 – Jane Pinnell

Jan. 12 – Jeff & Denise Muller

Sound System Tech: Ken
Rohrbach

Camera Techs:

Jan. 5 & 12 – Dan Mossoney

Jan. 19 & 26 – David Bean

January

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

2024 Giving Statements

Giving Statements for 2024 will be mailed in January. Please watch for them in the mail.



Zion Fellowship – January 2025

On Sunday, December 8, twelve people carpooled to the Washington City Auditorium where we attended the Washington Brass Band Christmas Concert at 3 PM. After the wonderful performance, we met for dinner at Guffeys Restaurant in Washington. Thank you to Fern D. for arranging this enjoyable event.

Sunday, January 19 – We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the church service for a Brunch. Please bring a dish to share for the meal. Also, bring ideas for future events that we can consider doing. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

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

Good Samaritan Fund Update

The Good Samaritan Fund had a very worthwhile year. We helped individuals with housing, utilities, food, and may other essentials. So far in 2024 we have assisted approximately 50 persons (or families) with almost \$11,000 in kind contributions. It has made a great difference in the lives of these persons.

We were saddened with the death of Delores Musket earlier this year. She had been a longtime member of our Team. Her kindness and consideration will be long remembered. Susan Newman then joined our Team and with myself, administers this Fund.

Thank you for your continued support. It really makes a difference!

- Alan Klobasa, on behalf
of the Good Samaritan Fund

Help Thyself Meals Program



HELP THYSELF meals program has had two successful years with the endeavor and we plan to continue as a service to those that need a bit of support in the future. These meals are for anyone in need of a bit of help with meals during the week. We want you to help yourself. The meals and simple desserts are in the freezer in the kitchen in the Lower Commons kitchen. This is a reminder to mark the chart on the front of the freezer for taking meals or bring meals to donate to those in need.

If anyone needs assistance in receiving meals please contact one of these people: 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, on behalf
of the Help Thyself Team



Thank You and Welcome!

We wish to thank Maxine Harrison (6 years) who served so faithfully as a member of our Church Council. Thank you!

The following were elected to serve on the council for the next three years: BJ Cooper (1st term), Fern Dewert (2nd term), and Bruce Templer (2nd term). We look forward to their gifts and insights in the coming year as they join current council members: Donna Bocklage, Barbara Cox, Paul Brinker, Kathy Reed, Brad Parker and Susan Merlino. Please keep the council in your prayers in the coming year.

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,

The new year is here while Christmas lingers in our hearts and homes. How long do you wait to take down your tree? Is it already down? Did you not decorate this year? Will it stay up until Lent? Are you clinging to Christmas, or are you trying to get a jump start on your year? How we approach a year in January rarely makes a difference. Starting fast or slow, we end up making plenty of changes to our year. I don't mean to sound disparaging. If you have goals or resolutions, great! I hope they serve you well. But know, you can start late. You can start January first. Quit by January 15th, and suddenly have a resurgence by mid-April. I think the beginning of the new year can be nerve-wracking. For some, it might be exciting. But for most, it can bring a lot of worry. So, I have one small word of advice with the hopes and fears that linger in our hearts. Don't borrow trouble. There will be things that go wrong this year. Don't borrow that trouble before it gets here. After all, it may never even come to pass.

This idiom stems from a saying of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. *"Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* (Matthew 6:34 CEB) As we begin a new year, there is plenty of work. The lists are already long. The reasons to fret and fear may be abundant. Don't add any trouble today, that isn't today's problem to be solved. Plan. Make contingencies. Make a manageable list of tasks to complete something over a more manageable timeframe. All of that is good. Just don't let worrying about what might happen get in the way of doing what you can do today.

So as this new year begins, I wish you well in all your endeavors. May your resolutions be a blessing for you. May God be with you in the trouble and the triumph. And may this next chapter bring you more joy than worry.

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 January

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, January 5
*The 2nd Sunday
after Christmas*

Sacrament of Communion

Sunday, January 12
Baptism of the Lord
10:00 a.m. Intergenerational
Sunday School

Sunday, January 19
*The 2nd Sunday
after Epiphany*

Sunday, January 26
*The 3rd Sunday
after Epiphany*

New Address/ Phone Numbers

Suzanne Barreth's new phone number is 314-550-1891

Jim Doehring's new phone number is 636-485-4492



From the Zion Historical Team... Eden Theological Seminary Part 1

This part 1 of two parts of the history of Eden Theological Seminary is presented for January 2025 issue of the newsletter. In February and March 2025, we will present two of Zion's members who will observe their 90th birthdays those months. Part 2 of Eden Theological Seminary will be presented in the April 2025 issue of the newsletter.

Gottfried Duden came from Germany in the mid-1820s to an area near Dutzow, Missouri, and wrote letters back to his homeland encouraging the overpopulated Europeans to come to Missouri. Many did so. In 1933 an Evangelical Church was begun at Femme Osage (first one west of the Mississippi River). By October 1840, several Evangelical pastors gathered at Gravois Settlement, now Mehlville, Missouri, and organized the denomination – The German Evangelical Church of the West. German pastors came from Barmen Mission in Germany and Basel Mission in Switzerland. By late 1840s it was felt necessary to begin a seminary.

Twelve sites were offered by church members in Missouri and Illinois. Finally, a place between Femme Osage and the Marthasville churches was chosen. It adopted the name “Marthasville” and accepted 15 acres of land from a local farmer, Heinrich Niekamp. In the same year 44 additional acres were given by others. Pastor William Binner of St. Paul's, Waterloo, Illinois, was chosen first professor “Inspector” in February 1850. The Seminary was first housed in one building. Of the first eight students – one was Methodist, another Mennonite. Students were expected to work (build buildings, care for animals and raise food). Daily chapel was held at 5:30 a.m. and at 9:00 p.m. A weekly service was observed on Saturday evening. On Sunday, the students walked several miles to attend morning worship at Femme Osage Church. Eden was called The German Evangelical Mission College. Only German language was spoken. It was at that location from 1850-1883 that enrollment was around 25 students. It had five presidents during these 33 years and nine other

professors. A German paper, Der Friedensbote, was edited by professors of Eden in 1950. In 1883, it relocated. In 1893, the old seminary became a home for the developmentally disabled.

After the civil war, German Evangelical Church of the West grew in numbers, especially in the east and the Midwest. A pro-seminary (Elmhurst College) was established at Elmhurst, Illinois in 1871. In 1872 the denomination became known as The German Evangelical Synod of North America. It numbered 283 pastors and 337 congregations. It was a new day and it was felt students would have more opportunity for field work near St. Louis. So the Seminary was located on St. Louis Rock Road. There were 18 acres of land, an administration building, dining room, chapel, cisterns, and landscaping. It was called Eden because of its location by Wabash Station (not the Eden of the Bible). As the 19th century ended, the school became more American with ¼ German and the majority American born. Some courses were in English since 1892. In 1908 Dr. Samuel Press was the first professor to teach all his courses in English. Morning chapel was then at 6:45 a.m. and evening chapel at 6:30 p.m. A student-led prayer service was observed Saturday evening. On Sunday, a morning service was led by a senior student. Evening service was led by a middle level student or a professor. During the 41 years at Wellston (1833-1924) Eden had 4 presidents, 16 professors, and an enrollment that ran from 35-70 students.

Be sure to see the display in the Zion Historical Cabinet during the month of January.

- Armin Klemme, on behalf
of the Historical Team

Financial Report for November 2024

	November 2024	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$31,051.00	\$342,449.00
Expenses	\$30,290.00	\$317,501.00
Our Church's Wider Mission (given YTD) -		\$8,473.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) -		\$1,980.00

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

Kid & Youth

JANUARY 2025

News

SAVE *the* DATE

The Annual Conference Youth Event

For 6th – 12th grade youth

Worthy.

Accepted.

Loved.

February 14-16

at Columbia UCC, in Columbia, MO

The event begins Friday evening and ends after Worship on Sunday. The youth will participate in a mission project, many fun activities, and games. More details and registration will be shared by Alysha in early January.

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



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.

JANUARY THEME - GOD IS A FRIEND WHO LISTENS

NO LOGOS JANUARY 1

Please join us on JANUARY 8 & 15

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



10 AM – 11 AM

January 5, January 12, January 19
& January 26

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

This month we will be exploring lessons on prayer and listening to God.



**The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring
Collection days will be**

February 2 & 9.

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



Thank you to everyone who supported the giving tree and donated items for the winter warming packs.

All the gifts were happily received!

Fifty winter warming packs were prepared during the Advent Workshop and shared throughout our community.

Special thanks to the hand-knitted items that help provide warmth to our community!

Thank You to December Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Karen Stafford, Carla Kilgore

Special Music for Worship: Chancel Choir, Jeanne Lischer, John Phillips, Gail Mefford, Caeligh Knoblauch, Danny Pace, Liz Pace, Theo Bockhorst, Henry Giles

Ushers: Karen & Dennis Tucker, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Susan Merlino, Dan Mossoney, Jane Wilson, Rudy & Darlene Ahmann, Connie Thompson

Greeters: Kevin Vorderbruegge, Carl & Jane Ridder, Lee & Susan Newman, Pam Klenke, Linda Kroeter, Daryl & Ann Hartley

Sound System Techs: Jason Dewert, Jeff Petry

Worship Service Recorders: Blake & Camden Dewert, Alysha Petry

Advent Candle Lighters: Phyliss Fink & Elsie Saake; BJ, Danielle, Logan, Drew & Oliver Cooper; Sammi, Jared, Alissa & Regan Blankenship; Joshua, Bronwen, Sutton, Nate & Nalee Birke

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

Church Attendance from December

(4 out of 5 Sundays)

Dec. 1 – 80

Dec. 8 – 92

Dec. 15 – 137

Dec. 22 – 87

Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) – 181

Faith Quest/Adult Education Attendance from December

Dec. 1 – 9 (youth); 4 (adults)

Dec. 8 – 32

(Intergenerational Sunday School)

Dec. 15 – 18 (youth); 4 (adults)

Dec. 22 – 3 (youth)

Dec. 29 – N/A

Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Robert & Nadine McDonald** by:
Mike & Nancy Brand

In loving memory of **Charlie Bierbaum** for Good Samaritan Fund & **Sherwood Kloppenberg** for Zion Building Fund by: Jim Doehring

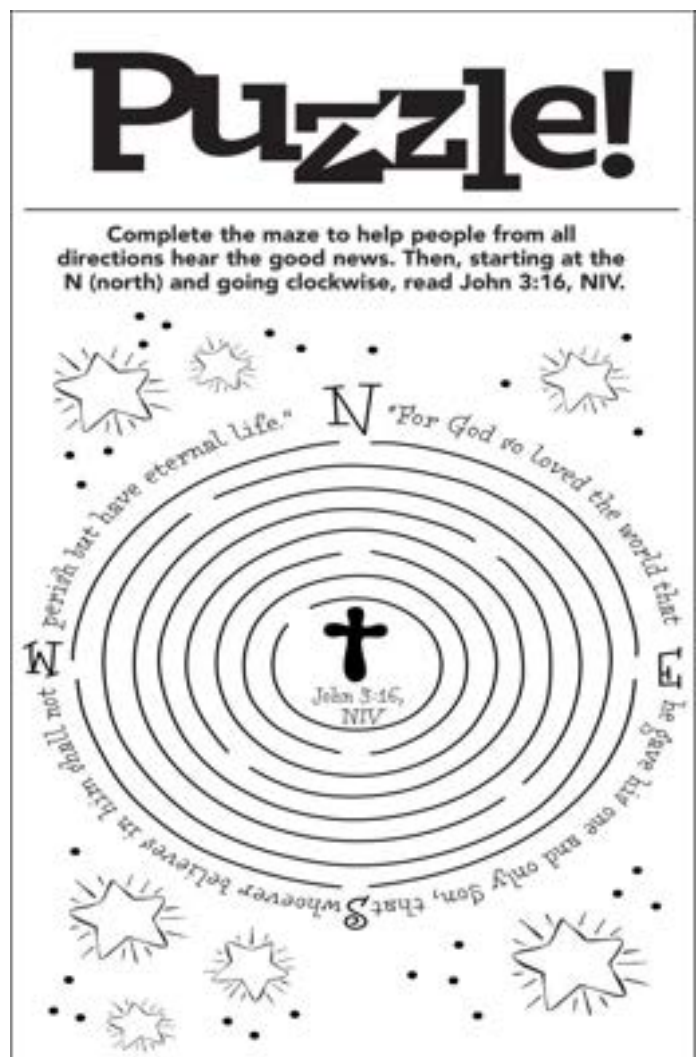
Honorary Gift Given

In honor of Zion's wonderful staff for **Zion General Fund, Our Church's Wider Mission**, and **Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries** by:

Armin & Norma Klemme

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.





Notes from the Music Director

As we look forward to a new year and new hope, I am grateful for those who have shared music in Zion, whether as performers, choir members, helping with the music of our children and youth, or singing hymns in the congregation.

I look forward to the new calendar year with new activities and ideas. Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on January 8, as does Alleluia Kids. On January 29, we will hold our second Drum Circle gathering in the chapel at 6:00.

I would like to invite all who are curious about any of these activities to contact me at kstafford@zionunion.org, or visit our website or Facebook page as soon as I update our music activities.

Blessings for the New Year
Karen

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.



“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!

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!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers – Thank You!

Thank you to the following who helped with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday, December 14th on a cold, rainy day at the Schnuck’s location in Union. Huge shout out to the following: Gary Stafford, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Karen Tucker, Maxine Harrison, Ron & Pam Griffin, Alan TenEyck, Bruce Templer, Sue Leicht, Sandy Bailey, Colleen Simons, Barb Cox, & Jean Stevens.

- Brenda Viehland, on behalf
of the Outreach Team

Notes to Zion

I just want to say thank you for all the prayers, kind thoughts, cards, and calls. They helped greatly during my recent surgery! Very blessed!

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Dear Zion Friends,

We send a big ‘thank you’ to all of you for your continuing donations and support.

- Union Food Pantry
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Dear Zion UCC,

Thank you for supporting Every Child’s Hope this Christmas season with your in-kind donation of 130 items for the Hope Chest store. The holiday season can be a difficult time of the year for the young people in our care as well as for their families. It is through your support that ECH can help these children experience joy, love and support during the season. Thank you for being a part of the healing process for all the young people we work with. Your donation is truly appreciated.

- Julia Adami, CEO
Every Child’s Hope

Zion UCC Church Council Minutes November 2024

Zion United Church of Christ Church Council met on Monday November 18 2024. Those present were Paul Brinker, Brad Parker, Bruce Templer, Kathy Reed, Donna Bocklage, Barb Cox, Fern Dewert, and Connie Thompson.

Bruce opened the meeting with prayer and Fern called the meeting to order.

Consensus Agenda items were approved as printed with corrections being noted on the financial reports.

- Minutes of the October Council Meeting
- Minutes of November Congregational Meeting
- Pastor's Report
- Minister to Youth & Families Report
- October Financial Reports – Temporarily Restricted Historical Funds - \$152.65 should be an expense for the Historical Funds not income; expenses for October in the Memorial Fund need to be added
- Time/Date for next Council Meeting – December 16 2024 at 6:30 p.m. - bring snacks to share

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review: 36 surveys have been returned. Connie will make extra copies of the survey for Sunday to put on the usher table and Kathy will hand them out for those who have not filled out a survey. We will ask Pastor Nick to announce again about forms being available on the ushers table/Kathy handing them out.

By-Laws Review Committee: At the October meeting, Brad gave Fern proposed changes to the current bylaws. Pastor Nick and Fern have reviewed the suggestions. They will meet with various committees after the first of the year to review the proposed changes. The council will review/update a building use policy. We will discuss again at the January 2025 council meeting.

Audit Committee: The committee has been meeting diligently and working on the current years books.

Personnel Review Committee: No report

Leadership Development Committee: No report

Building & Property Committee: The safety film is now on all lower windows of the church. Alan TenEyck and Dennis Tucker did a walk around with the tuck pointing company. The outside chapel stairs still need to be painted and there are areas of the church where the cracks need to be filled. Final bill will not be paid until all the work is done. The next step will be to begin work in the fellowship hall.

Safety Committee: Suggestion will be made to the committee to possibly get another outside security camera by the new statue.

Hansen Committee: The updated/revised contract for the new sight and sound system has been signed and the down payment sent to Modern Communications in Fenton, Missouri. Bruce will contact members of the Hansen Committee to get their input on the balcony construction for the new sound system/video equipment table/desk.

Finance Committee: The committee met in October and is working on a gift acceptance policy. The Investment Team of Alan Klobasa and Matt Herring made a recommendation to the council that the \$55,000 CD which will mature on December 23, 2024 be cashed in and placed in the Money Market checking account at Edward Jones. Motion second and approved for the CD to be placed in the Money Market account at Edward Jones when it becomes due.

Memorial Gift for Delores Musket from her family: The family would like to donate something in her memory. Fern met with a family member about putting an engraved sign on the wall above the lower commons kitchen with a verse from the hymn 'Amazing Grace' (Delores' favorite hymn).

Installation/Decommission of Council Members will be held on December 8 2024 during the morning worship service.

— Connie Thompson, Secretary Pro Tem
(approved by the Church Council on December 16 2024.)



Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring
Carolyn Donoho
Myrt Dunigan
Kim Yenser
Carol Bean
Sarah Berghorn
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)
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 (eye surgery, granddaughter of Susan Merlino)
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)
Marvin Huggins (brother-in-law of Barb Harvey)
Jake Phillips (father of John Phillips)

Sympathy is Extended to:

The family of Felicia Scott who died on Friday, November 29. celebration of life services will be held at a later date.



Ruth Cantrell & family on the death of her husband Rev. Bob Cantrell who died on December 10th.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland Skip Buehrle Susie Andell
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)
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)



Mark Your Calendars! Souper Bowl of Caring!

Youth will collect money and canned goods for the Little Free Pantry and the Union Food Pantry on Sundays, February 2 & 9.

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!

Christmas Gifts Given

Poinsettia Gifts Given:

In memory of Fletcher Simons by his family.
Peace on earth and God's blessings on us all by Susan Merlino.
In memory of our parents by William & Fern Dewert.
In memory of our parents by Skip & Pat Buehrle.
In memory of Clarence & Amelia Peters by Pauline (Peters) King.
In honor of our children & grandchildren by Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann.
In memory of loved ones by Kirk & Sallie Hancox.
In honor of our parents, Skip & Pat Buehrle, by Scott Buehrle, Shanna Brinker & Sammi Blankenship.
In memory of loved ones by Linda Kroeter & family.
In memory of Hugo & Lucille Viehland by Brenda Viehland.
In memory of Elmer Holtgreve & in honor of Katelyn Meyer and Brandon & Lindsay Titter by Bernice Holtgreve.
In memory of Greg Stevens & Josh Camden, our daddys, husbands & friends by Jean & Adam Stevens and Laurel, Amelia & Archer Camden.
In memory of Ed Stierberger by Sandy Stierberger.

Benevolent Gifts Given:

In memory of Fletcher Simons by his family.
In memory of our parents by Gary & Karen Stafford.
In honor/memory of our parents by Brad & Louise Parker.
Peace on earth and God's blessings on us all by Susan Merlino.
In honor of our grandchildren – Abigail, Blake, Camden, Hannah & Natalie Dewert by William & Fern Dewert.
In honor of our children & grandchildren by Skip & Pat Buehrle.
In honor of Zion friends by Carl & Jane Ridder.
In memory/honor of Don & Kurt Puls & my family by Melva Puls.

In memory of family & Steve Hooper by Vicki Hooper.
In memory of my grandparents by Brenda Viehland.
In memory of Greg Stevens & Josh Camden, our daddys, husbands & friends by Jean & Adam Stevens and Laurel, Amelia & Archer Camden.
In memory of Elmer Holtgreve & in honor of Katelyn Meyer and Brandon & Lindsay Titter by Bernice Holtgreve.
In memory of loved ones by Kirk & Sallie Hancox.
In memory of our parents August & Alma Brinkmann & August & Pauline Scheidegger by Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann.
In memory of Arline Stahlman & Alan Freiermuth by Keith & Marilyn Stahlman.
In memory of loved ones by Ken & Carol Rohrbach.
In honor of our family by Mr. & Mrs. Alan TenEyck.
In memory of loved ones by Armin & Norma Klemme.
In memory of Robert Barreth by Suzanne, Mindy & Brian Barreth.
In memory of Judy Doehring by Jim Doehring, Paula & Krista & families.
In memory of Arline Stahlman by Tim, Annette, Travis & Nicholas Stahlman.
In memory of Pauline Altholz by Pauline (Peters) King.
In memory of family & John Leicht by Sue Leicht.
In memory of our parents by Dan & Lanora Mossoney.
In memory of David Kinworthy by Linda Kinworthy & family.
In memory of Robert L. Pope & Robert W. Pope by Carol Pope.
In honor of our children by Dennis & Maxine Harrison.
In honor of Stacy, Scott, Molly & Owen Mertz and Ryan, Kara & Jackson Hall by Dave & Linda Hall.



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Church Offices Closed	2 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	3 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	4
5 The 2nd Sunday after Christmas 	6 	7	8 12 pm Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	9 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 1 pm Historical	10 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	11 4 pm Fellowship Hall in Use
12 Baptism of the Lord 10 am Intergenerational Sunday School	13 6:30 pm Finance	14	15 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 Chancel Choir	16 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle Feb. newsletter articles due	17 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 	18
19 The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10 am Zion Cemetery Association Meeting (sanctuary) 10 am Zion Fellowship Brunch (fellowship hall)	20 7 pm Church Council	21 1:30 pm Book Club	22 10 am Feb. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 Chancel Choir	23 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 1 pm Historical	24 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	25
26 The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	27 10 am Audit Committee	28 	29 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Drumming Circle 7:30 Chancel Choir	30 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	31 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	



January Birthdays

- 1 - Tammy Broeker
- 2 - Dorothy Parker
Charlee Robinson
- 3 - Lanora Mossoney
Sue Straatmann
- 6 - Jim Petero
Alexis Musket
- 7 - Joyce Altholz
- 8 - Danielle Cooper
Dana Post
- 9 - Jeff Petry
- 10 - Gerry Bedwell
- 11 - Andrew Rosenkoetter
- 13 - Braden Pracht
- 14 - Dawn Robinson
- 15 - Nora Brinker
- 16 - Jeff Muller
- 17 - Marcia Van Leer
Frank Fazzari
Clara Koch

18 - Sharon TenEyck
Tim Sexton
Ken A. Puls

22 - Jane Gullede
Bill Walker

23 - Daryl Hartley
Lee Newman

24 - Colleen Simons

25 - Dennis Harrison
Blake Babbs

26 - Debbie Koelling
Teddy Orf

27 - Timothy Bauer
Sarah Shi

29 - Robert Elliott

30 - Austin Helms

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