

# The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ  
Union, Missouri



March 2025

No. 3

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



All are invited to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A freewill donation will be collected for the Camp Scholarship Fund.



## Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.

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

## Special Congregational Meeting – March 9<sup>th</sup>

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called by the Church Council for Sunday, March 9, 2025, immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to get congregational approval for repairs to the fellowship hall not to exceed \$20,000.

## Green Team/LOGOS Adult Education Forum – Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Do you wish you understood what and how to recycle the waste from your household or business? Do you wonder why recycling is important or if it is even helpful at all?



The Zion UCC Green Team and LOGOS invite you to join us on March 12th from 5-6 pm for a special adult educational forum. Vickie Moore from EarthBound Recycling will be presenting to us the “Why, What, and How of Recycling” and will answer your questions. Founded by her husband, Bob Moore, EarthBound Recycling is located in Eureka, MO and states their mission is “to minimize waste, find homes for unwanted items, and recycle as much as we possibly can.”

A Family Style Dinner and fellowship will follow the presentation. A minimum of \$5 donation is suggested to help support Zion’s LOGOS dinners.

- Tabitha Grimm Nolting, on behalf of Zion’s Green Team

## Serving Christ in March

### Ushers:

March 2 & 9

Donna Bocklage\*, John Crane  
March 16, 23 & 30

Jeff, Denise & Connor Muller\*  
(\*designates Head Usher)

### Greeters:

March 9 – Bill & Fern Dewert

March 16 – Linda Kinworthy

Sound System Tech: Jason  
Dewert

### Camera Techs:

March 2, 5 & 23 – Dan Mossoney

March 9 & 16 – David Bean

March 30 – Gil Bisjak



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**9:00 a.m. Worship**

(No Childcare)

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

Fern Dewert, Church Council  
President

Connie Thompson, Adm. Assistant  
([cthompson@zionunion.org](mailto:cthompson@zionunion.org))

Alysha Petry, Minister to  
Youth & Families

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

Mandy Frick, Coordinator of  
Elementary Youth

Karen Stafford, Music Director  
([kstafford1985@gmail.com](mailto:kstafford1985@gmail.com))

Brenda Herring, Church Organist  
Joy Bradley, Church Custodian



## Camp MoVal Benefit Trivia Night Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org) to receive a digital form. To sponsor a round, e-mail Jeff Remelius at [bemchurchpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bemchurchpastor@gmail.com). Help us support the camp by supporting this fun event.

## Lenten Bible Study

Join Pastor Nick during the Wednesdays in Lent for a Bible Study and conversation. There will be two opportunities to join. See Pastor Nick's article on page 3 for the dates, times and location. All are welcome and invited!

## Camp Sunday – March 9<sup>th</sup>

Camp Sunday will be on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Wear your favorite camp t-shirt and/or camp pajamas!

## One Great HOUR OF SHARING 'Be the Light' – One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced

due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

Our OGHS offering will be received through the month of March. Envelopes are in this edition of the newsletter and additional envelopes will be available by the offering plate.

## Lenten Offering



This year's Lenten Offering will be divided between **Grace's Place** and **Loving Hearts Outreach**.

The mission of **Grace's Place** is to serve as a licensed emergency shelter for children and youth whose families are in crisis by providing a loving and safe environment for children. Grace's Place is all about the kids. They exist to prevent child abuse and neglect – and all children are welcome in their homes. The facilities are state licensed emergency shelters, for children ages birth to 18-years-old. Being licensed matters – they maintain the highest standards of care for the safety and wellbeing of children in need.

**Loving Hearts Outreach** is a place where those in need of extra support can find assistance. They can help with food insecurities, school supplies, clothing, utilities and even run the Christmas program to be sure families have what they need during the holidays.

Offering envelopes are in your offering boxes and additional envelopes will be available during the Lenten season. - Outreach Team

## Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds

Help build our Lenten Labyrinth That Feeds by bringing items for the Little Free Pantry and the Union Food Pantry from March 9 through April 13.



## Beloved Zion,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer. Our Lenten journey is set before us.

Before we gather this coming Ash Wednesday, I want you to consider how you're preparing for the journey. Like any trip, we need to plan. For some, they will plan to "play it by ear", or to "go with the flow". For everyone who doesn't want to plan, I have good news. I have you covered. I will be leading all of the worship services, showing up or tuning in you will be covered. For those who want to be a little more involved in their journey, I have some resources. This year, following the work of *Sanctified Art*, we will be God **in** the midst of extremes.

This year's theme is "*Everything In Between.*" This theme "invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed." Intention & action, stranger & neighbor, faith & works, rest & growth, lost & found, righteousness & mercy, shouting & silence, power & humility, acceptance & resistance, grief & hope. As we prepare to go on this journey, the themes will help us explore nuance and wisdom as we challenge the binary and imagine where we meet God everywhere [in] between. Perhaps one of these pairs sticks out. Perhaps you have your own. I suggest you make one your theme for all of Lent, particularly if you are caught in the tension between two extremes in your life. How might we hold the tension tenderly enough to neither wear ourselves out nor lose our grip? Each week, there will also be a time of reflection. On Wednesday in both the morning and the afternoon, I will lead a guided conversation on our journey progress.

Lenten Bible Study: Morning Sessions in Chapel. Evening Sessions in Lower Commons

March 12 | 11 am & 5 pm (Evening Session led by the Green Team)

March 19 | 11 am & 6 pm

March 26 | 11 am & 6 pm

April 2 | 11 am & 5 pm

April 9 | 11 am & 5 pm

As you prepare to set off on this Lenten journey, you may find yourself filled with courage or fear, hope or despair, love or lostness. It is my prayer that you embrace all that you are experiencing and feeling this season, and may God meet you everywhere in between.

Blessings,  
Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch

## *Worship Opportunities In March*

9:00 a.m. Worship

### *Sunday, March 2*

#### *Transfiguration Sunday*

Sacrament of Communion

### *Wednesday, March 5*

#### *Ash Wednesday Service*

6:30 p.m.

### *Sunday, March 9*

#### *The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*

*in Lent*

10:00 a.m. Special

Congregational Meeting

10:00 a.m. Intergenerational

Sunday School

### *Sunday, March 16*

#### *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*

*in Lent*

### *Sunday, March 23*

#### *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*

*in Lent*

### *Sunday, March 30*

#### *The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

*in Lent*

#### **Pastor Drop In Hours:**

Monday & Wednesday mornings

Email:

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

Appointments upon request:

Church Office (636) 583-2814

or sending an email



## Zion Fellowship – March 2025

On Sunday, February 9, we met in the Fellowship Hall after the church service and enjoyed a Brunch, and were joined by the Intergenerational Sunday School group. Everyone brought a dish to share for the Brunch. There were no new ideas for future events to discuss.

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 – Several people have already signed up for the Camp MoVal Fundraiser at the Trivia Night, held at St. Peter’s UCC in Washington at 7:00pm. Meet at the back parking lot at church at 6:20, so we can carpool. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and you will need to pay Alysha ahead of time. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes soft drinks, beer and water. You can bring your own snacks, but NO outside beverages.

April - If you have an idea for an event in April, contact Fern Dewert, Carl or Jane Ridder, or myself.

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

## Updated Address Directory

An updated Address Directory will be published soon. If you have any changes that need to be made to either your address and/or phone number, please contact Connie in the church office or you can email those changes to her at [cthompson@zionunion.org](mailto:cthompson@zionunion.org). Thank you!

## 2025 Camp MoVal Schedule

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

## Zion Cemetery Clean Up

Spring clean up at the Zion Cemetery will be from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remove any items you may want to keep before these dates and they may be placed back after March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!



## Daylight Savings Time Begins! March 9<sup>th</sup>

‘Spring’ forward one hour! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>! Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

## Electronic Giving

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

## New Melle Community Passion Play

The New Melle Community Passion Play will be held this year at the New Melle Sports and Recreation Center, 4700 Hwy. Z in New Melle, Missouri. Admission is free. **Seating is on a first-come first seated basis.** For groups or more information call 636-384-0576 or email [nmpassion@gmail.com](mailto:nmpassion@gmail.com)

Dates of the play are:

- Saturdays, April 5 & 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sundays, April 6 & 13 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

A flyer is posted on the lower commons bulletin board for more information.

# Kid & Youth

*News*

MARCH 2025



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

Volunteers are needed! E-mail Alysha [apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org) if you are available to help.

**March 4th**  
**5:00-6:30 PM**

*A free-will donation  
will be collected for  
camp scholarships.*

Join us the **2nd WEDNESDAY ONLY** this MONTH  
for LOGOS.

Join us the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday for the Pancake Supper.



*Dive into friendship with God*

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**ADULTS:** The Adult class on March 12<sup>th</sup> will feature a guest speaker sponsored by the Green Team, Vicky Moore & Earthbound Recycling.

**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-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth with Mandy & Alysha.

**FEBRUARY THEME - GOD IS A FRIEND FOREVER**

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

**March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

*This month will begin our lessons on Lent and Easter.*

### Pre-School

**Ages 3 to 5**

*Meet in the Pre-School Room*

### Faith Quest

**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Meet in Bible Max Theatre*

### Confirm NOT Conform

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

*Meet in the High School Room*

### Intergenerational Sunday School

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month*

Join us for an Intergenerational camp themed lesson

## CAMP SUNDAY

**MARCH 9th**

Wear your favorite camp t-shirt  
and/or camp pajamas.

### Save the Dates

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- **VBS 2025:** June 16-19 in the evening
- **Pool Party:** Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Camp MoVal

## YOUTH AT GENERAL SYNOD

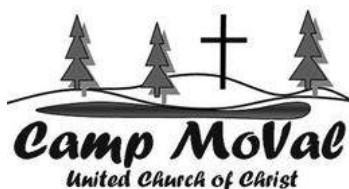
**July 11-15, 2025**

**Kansas City**

*For youth entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade to graduating 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://generalsynod.org).



# 2025 Camp MoVal Schedule

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Register at [www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval](http://www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval) or <https://tinyurl.com/nhzv7yc9>

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

<u>Camp Description</u>	<u>Camp Date</u>	<u>Price with</u>	
		<u>Camp Scholarship Discount</u>	<u>Full Price</u>
All Ages Camp1 # (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.*

## Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds



Help build our Lenten Labyrinth that feeds by bringing in Items for the Little Free Pantry and Union Food Pantry.

**Bring in canned goods and toiletries from March 9 to April 13.**



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring! **We collected \$983 and 88 items** that were donated to the Union Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

This past winter wasn't very kind to our Wednesday music events. Chancel Choir had to cancel rehearsal three times, but the members rallied by singing select hymns for our church offerings. As I'm watching the melting snow drip off the deck, I'm reminded about the spring just around the corner. Spring brings rebirth as well as contemplation with the beginning of Lent.

There is one piece Chancel Choir loves that we are determined to sing: an arrangement that includes *Down to the River to Pray*. It's a simple yet haunting melody. For me, it reaches the basic part of my soul that just longs to go off into nature and sit—sit and pray, sit and meditate—to try to make sense of this crazy world of ours.

According to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir website, *Down to the River* has been known as a spiritual, hymn, and Appalachian song. Some even believed it originated as a Native American Tribal song that later had Christian lyrics added. Like any folk song, origins are fuzzy.

However, according to the United Methodist Church discipleship website, this tune was found in the first collection of folk songs and was titled *The Good Old Way* and included the phrase "down to the valley to pray." This book, published in 1867, was considered a primary source for African American songs. The webpage segues to a section that describes how the "valley" was replaced by a place for baptism—a river. Some other historians speculate the song was a "signal" song to give code for slaves to escape. Of course, the song was made famous a couple of decades ago by Allison Kraus in **O Brother Where Art Thou**.

The choir and I look forward to sharing this beautiful melody with you soon.

Blessings,  
Karen



## From the Historical Team... Betty Zumwalt 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

A long-time member of Zion, Betty Zumwalt will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, March 26, 2025.

Betty was baptized November 3, 1946. After moving from St. Clair to Union, Betty joined Zion on February 20, 1966.

Betty's husband Gary, passed away April 1, 2011. She has three children, Mark, Debbie and Laura.

Please join me on showering Betty with cards to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her mailing address is: 148 East Denmark, Union, MO 63084.

- Linda Hall, on behalf of the Historical Team

## Zion UCC Church Council Meeting January 20, 2025

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, January 20, 2025. Those present were Bruce Templer, Kathy Reed, Rev. Nick, Brad Parker, BJ Cooper, Fern Dewert and Connie Thompson. Donna Bocklage, Paul Brinker and Barb Cox were unable to make the meeting. Connie opened the meeting with prayer and President Fern Dewert called the meeting to order.

A Covenant of Leadership was read together.

Standing Committee assignments for 2025 are as follows: Audit – Fern; ByLaw Revision – Kathy; Leadership Development – Brad; Personnel – Donna; Properties – Paul; Security/Safety – Bruce; Membership Review – BJ; Finance – Barb.

Fern received a letter from Susan Merlino who has resigned from the Church Council. We thank her for her time on the council. Names were suggested and will be given to Carl Rosenkoetter (Leadership Development Chair) to replace the 2 years left on Susan's term.

### Consensus Agenda

- Minutes of the December 2024 Church Council – approved
- Pastor's Report for December – approved
- Minister to Youth & Families Report for December – approved

- Zion Fellowship will host a brunch on February 9<sup>th</sup> during the Intergenerational Sunday School hour.
- Financial Reports for December – approved.
- At the December meeting the question was raised about the telephone/internet expenses. Connie explained that some months two bills may have been paid rather than one.
- In 2024, the Eastern Association expense of \$120 was not paid; therefore a total of \$240 will be paid to the Eastern Association in 2025 which will include the 2024 amount.
- Council expressed thanks to the members of the Finance Committee for their expertise in investing the finances of the church.
- Next council meeting will be on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion Agenda

With the resignation of Susan Merlino who was the Recording Secretary, Connie has volunteered to serve as the Recording Secretary of the Church Council.

The 'draft' of the Congregational Agenda for the February 2025 meeting was reviewed with additions being added under Old Business.

A proposal to have an 'AED Oversight Program' was reviewed by the council. This program will help us to keep in compliance with our AED – providing maintenance checks, receiving notifications from the company to check our AED when needed and much more. It was approved to purchase an AED Maintenance program for 1 year for \$125.

The Finance Committee presented a proposal to the council as follows: Place \$225,000 in a 2 year Edward Jones CD paying 4.10%. This will generate an additional \$9,250 (approximately) per year for 2 years and allow for diverse timing of maturing dates. We will have the flexibility to pay for any Fellowship Hall repair costs from other maturing CDs in 2025. Note: \$50,000 will be taken from the excess balance in the general fund checking account at United

Bank and \$175,000 will be taken from the Money Market checking account at Edward Jones.

Additional flower arrangements will be made for the fellowship hall tables. Approval was given to pay for the expenses from the undesignated Memorial Fund checking account.

Connie reported that St. Jordan UCC gave a monetary donation in December for the Good Samaritan Fund. A thank you note will be sent to the St. Jordan Congregation.

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

– Connie Thompson, Church Council  
Recording Secretary

(approved by the Church Council on February 17, 2025.)

**“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!

**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.

<b>Financial Report for January 2025</b>		
	January 2025	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$18,978.00	Expenses \$41,109.00
Our Church’s Wider Mission (given YTD) - \$565.00		
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) – \$25.00		
Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the church office. Thank you.		



## Prayers Requested

### Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari
Myrt Dunigan	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenzler	Kevin Vorderbruegge
Carol Bean	Sarah Berghorn

Hettie Becker (at Union Care Center)  
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)  
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)  
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)  
Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)  
Whitney Henle (granddaughter of Susan Merlino)  
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)  
Jake Phillips (father of John Phillips)



## *With Sympathy*

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

**Keith E. Stahlman**, 91, died on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service for Keith was held at Zion Church on February 17<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Knoblauch officiating. Burial was in Zion Cemetery.

## **Memorial Fund**

In loving memory of **Keith E. Stahlman** for Zion's Good Samaritan Fund by:

Jeff & Tammy Vemmer, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Bruce Templar, Jim & Bonnie Vemmer, Lee Parks, Vicki Hooper, Brad & Louise Parker, Daryl & Ann Hartley, Barbara Cox, Ruth Parker, Pam & Ron Griffin, Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann, Armin & Norma Klemme, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Gerard & Susan Straatmann, Harvey & Gail Mefford, Stephanie Pracht & family, Dan & Lanora Mossoney, Rudy & Darlene Ahmann, Sandy Stierberger, Carl & Jane Ridder, Donna Bocklage, Dennis & Maxine Harrison, Dave & Linda Hall, Alan & Sharon TenEyck, Dorothy Mitana, Bill & Lisa Ley, Karen Stafford, Bill & Fern Dewert, Mark & Tricia Seely, Alan Klobasa & Carla Kilgore, Tim & Brenda Lakebrink, Margaret Vedder, Al & Kathy Post, Jimmy & Connie Rinne, Gary Freiermuth & Sherlyn Maughs, Scott Ramirez & Mary Lemons, Wynn & Bootie Melton, Garrick Sitzes & family, Jerry & Cheryl Voss, Tom Brinker, Keith & Brenda Voss, Bob Voss, Bob & Kathy Arens, Jim Doehring & family (Zion Building Fund), Colleen Simons (Zion Building Fund)

### **Sympathy Is Extended to:**

Marilyn Freiermuth, Tim Stahlman & families on the death of Keith who died on February 13<sup>th</sup> and their brother-in-law and uncle, Leland Stahlman who died on February 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Norma Kern & family on the death of her mother, Madelaine Krupp who died on February 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Hettie Becker & family on the death of her sister, Norma Laubinger, who died on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:**

Brenda Viehland                  Skip Buehrle                  Susie Andell  
Jake McNiell (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)  
 Bob Peters (friend of Bill & Fern Dewert)  
 Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)  
 Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)  
 Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)  
 Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)

**Various Concerns:**

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

**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!

**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!

**Thank You to February Volunteers**

Zion Church acknowledges and appreciates the work done by the following volunteers for the month of February:  
Liturgists: Karen Tucker, Maxine Harrison, Jane Ridder, Alysha Petry  
Special Music for Worship: Chancel Choir, Kirk Hancox, Karen Stafford  
Ushers: Daryl Hartley, Harvey Mefford, Paul & Shanna Brinker  
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Alan & Sharon TenEyck  
Greeters: Kevin Vorderbruegge, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Faith Quest Kids, Gary & Kathy Reed  
Sound System Tech: Dan Mossoney  
Worship Service Recorders: David Bean, Gil Bisjak  
Newsletter Helpers: Carol Rohrbach, Ken Rohrbach, Donna Bocklage, Kirk Hancox  
Snow Removal: Ron Griffin, Alan TenEyck

**Church Attendance from February**




Feb. 2 – 102  
 Feb. 9 – 85  
 Feb. 16 – 80  
 Feb. 23 – 90

**Christian Education Attendance from February**

Feb. 2 – 5 (youth); 7 (adults)  
 Feb. 9 – 48 (Intergenerational Sunday School)  
 Feb. 16 – 9  
 Feb. 23 – 6 (youth); 8 (adults)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>Transfiguration Sunday/ Communion</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (fellowship hall)	<b>5</b> 12 pm Loops of Love <b>6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b> 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 9 am Help Thyself Comm. 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>7</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>1</b>          <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Lent/ Camp Sunday</b> 10 am Special Congregational Meeting (sanctuary) 10 am Interger. Sunday School (fellowship hall)	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Finance	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Called to Care 12 pm Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 7 pm Lower Commons in Use	<b>14</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>17</b> April newsletter articles due 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11 am Lenten Reflections 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise/Lenten Reflections 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>21</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>15</b>
<b>23</b> <b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>24</b> 7 pm Church Council	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 am April news. assembled 11 am Lenten Reflections 12 Loops of Love 6 pm Joyful Noise/Lenten Reflections 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> Church Offices will be closed 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>28</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>31</b>					



## 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
- 11 - Amy Pecka  
Bonnie Vemmer
- 12 - Shelby Puls
- 13 - Bob Williams  
Ian Crane  
Larry Ingle
- 16 - Danny Thompson  
Jessica Oltmann
- 17 - Will Bright  
Barrett Short
- 19 - Patsy Pope  
Gayle Williams

- 20 - Christopher Griffin
- 21 - Blake Dewert
- 22 - John Crane  
Hannah Dewert
- 23 - Vanessa Pehle
- 24 - Wanda Brooks  
Maria Blankenship
- 25 - Skip Buehrle  
Amelia Camden
- 26 - Joyce Brown  
Betty Zumwalt
- 27 - Norma Klemme  
Jeff Vemmer  
Luke Brinker
- 28 - Lindsay Traffas  
Rob Vemmer  
Ben Vemmer
- 30 - Chase Manhart
- 31 - Donna Bocklage

## April Birthdays

- 1 - Greg Toelke  
Caeli Manhart
- 2 - David Bean
- 3 - Abby Templer-Rodrigues  
Wayne Bean  
Matthew Seely
- 4 - Pam Griffin
- 6 - Linda Kroeter  
Bob Overschmidt  
Reed Petry
- 7 - Gracie Helms
- 8 - Sharon Rosenkoetter
- 9 - Bill Koch
- 10 - Harvey Mefford  
Andrew Koelling