

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



July 2025

No. 7



Rummage Sale Info

It's Rummage Sale time! Get those closets, drawers, cabinets, basements, and garages cleaned out! **Sale dates are Friday, August 1st from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 2nd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.**

Schedule

Saturday July 26 th	Set up	8 a.m. - Noon
Sunday July 27 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. - Noon
Monday July 28 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday July 29 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday July 30 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

NO DROP OFF ON THURSDAY! WE ARE CLOSED!

THIS IS NOT A SALE DAY!!

Friday August 1 st	Sale Day	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday August 2 nd	Sale Day	8 a.m. - Noon
Saturday August 2 nd	Tear Down	Noon - ??

Please help us have another successful year by donating items, volunteering during the week or on sale days. Yes, this is a lot of hard work, but it is also a great time of fellowship. Please be respectful of our workers when gathering your items for donations. Here are a few friendly reminders:

- Please make sure items brought in are clean.
- If you bring in linens, please mark the size (King, Queen, etc.)
- Please try to limit the weight of bags, boxes, or totes. Do not over-fill, these get heavy by the end of the day.
- If you bring items in totes and want the tote back, please make sure your name is on it.
- We **do not** take large electronics (small electronics may be accepted if they work) No computers, printers, large furniture, magazines, or encyclopedias. Also, we cannot accept baby cribs, highchairs, or car seats. If you are unsure if an item will be accepted, please contact:
 - Brad Parker (314-330-7094) or Jane Wilson (636-388-1090)

Serving Christ in July

Ushers:

July 6 & 13
Sue Leicht*, Lee Parks
July 20 & 22
Susan Merlino, Karen Tucker*

(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

July 6 - Bill & Fern Dewert
July 13 - Carl & Jane Ridder
July 20 - Verlyn Yarbrough
Sound System Tech: David Bean

Camera Techs:

July 13 - David Bean
July 20 - Karen Stafford

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

www.zionunion.org

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

- If you have items to donate that you need to have picked up, please call Brad or Jane ASAP so we can schedule a time to pick up.

If you are planning to work during the week or the day(s) of the sale (or are interested in helping), we will be having a meeting for all volunteers on **Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower commons.

We will meet in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend this meeting so we can make sure all areas are covered, and everyone is on the same page. Thank you for your continued support.

- Brad Parker & Jane Wilson



Round Table Discussions in July and August

Zion UCC received the \$1.6 million gift from the Hansen Trust to be used for “general charitable purposes.” To begin the process of determining how this gift would be used the Finance Committee and Church Council decided on having round table discussions to hear the congregation’s ideas. The discussions will be on **Sunday, July 20, 2025** and **Sunday, August 24, 2025** in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. Coffee and sweets will be provided.

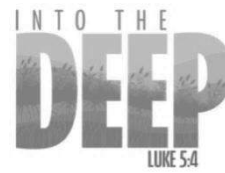
Zion Fellowship – July 2025

On Saturday, June 7th, twelve people attended the Dinner and Show Night at St. Paul’s UCC in Marthasville, MO. Dinner options were Steak or Chicken and included homemade desserts. The meal was delicious, and there were also several silent auction items to bid on. Everyone enjoyed the show which consisted of comedy, magic and hypnotism.

July and August - At this time, there are no events planned, but if you have an idea for any events/activities during this time, please contact one of the officers listed below.

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 35

The Kansas-Oklahoma and Missouri Mid-South Conferences of The United Church of Christ are thrilled to

announce that General Synod 35 will take place in the vibrant and welcoming city of Kansas City, Missouri, July 11 – July 15, 2025. For information on General Synod, go to generalsynod.org. Volunteers receive a discount, but must register at the volunteer hub before registering for Synod.

General Synod Volunteers Still Needed – Register Today!

The time is now 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! 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 go to www.gs35team.org to register to volunteer.

Welcome!

We welcomed these new members into our Zion Church family on Sunday, June 8th. Welcome Ruth and Candy!

Ruth Lord, 406 Hoover Ave., Union, MO 63084
Ruth joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is employed as a librarian at Scenic Regional Library in Union.

Candace (Candy) Ronsick, 124 Grand Central Dr. Union, MO 63084

Candy is retired. She joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Beloved Zion,

The bark of my sycamore is starting to shed. The solstice has come, and it is time for new growth. What has started with a few flakes here and there will soon become a mess that will convince you the tree is dying. But it's nothing to worry about. As the tree grows, it lets go of that which used to protect it in order to thrive. As we enter the heat of summer, when growth is abundant, we are at our best, when we give ourselves space to grow by letting go of the things that no longer serve us.

Letting go of the protective layer can seem risky. It seems vulnerable to shed its bark. Yet it would be riskier not to. A congregation, as a community, as a country, what do we need to let go of? What ideas, practices, or values do we need to shed to welcome a thriving life? When we talk about growth and change, it's easy to demean or condemn what has been. Some things serve us well for a particular season of our lives. But they were always meant to be temporary. Just because something is temporary doesn't mean they are not beautiful, loving, or useful. We need to let go of some ideas and practices, not because they weren't good for us, but because they are no longer needed. By the way, the rummage sale is coming up soon.

By letting go of that which no longer serves us, and letting go of any guilt or shame of what was, we are able to focus our time and attention on the tasks at hand. Of building up the Kingdom of Heaven, right here, right now. But these current times might unnerve us. They may get us thinking that we still need to cling to the former ways. When my anxiety gets the best of me, I am often reminded by a poem by a Kentucky Farmer.

Wendell Berry, in "The Peace of Wild Things," writes...

"When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free."

So as this season of growth arrives, go and rest in the grace of the world, and consider what you need to leave behind. I know it's getting hot, so find some shade, bring some water, wear your sun block, all those good things, and may you find the peace of wild things.

Blessings,
Rev Nicholas Knoblauch

Worship Opportunities In July

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, July 6
The 4th Sunday
after Pentecost
Sacrament of
Communion

Sunday, July 13
The 5th Sunday
after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20
The 6th Sunday
after Pentecost

Sunday, July 27
The 7th Sunday
after Pentecost

Mid all the traffic
of the way;
Turmoil without, within;
Make of my heart
a quiet place.
And come and dwell
therein.
- Author unknown

Pastor Drop In Hours:

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

Zion UCC Church Council Meeting – May 2025

Zion United Church of Christ met on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Those present were BJ Cooper, Norma Kern, Donna Bocklage, Barb Cox, Bruce Templer, Kathy Reed, Fern Dewert, Rev. Knoblauch and Connie Thompson. Brad Parker and Paul Brinker were unable to attend the meeting.

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

Consensus Agenda:

- Minutes of the April Church Council meeting were approved.
- Pastor's Report
 - Vacation dates are from June 16-22 (not May 16-22)
 - 'Viewing' dates for those who would like to participate virtually in the General Synod activities will be held at church and will be published in the Sunday announcements.
- Minister to Youth & Families report was approved.
- April financial reports were approved.
- Time/Date for next council meeting will be on June 16 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion Agenda:

Hansen Trust – Zion was notified by the Hansen Trust that the church will receive \$1.6 million by the end of May 2025. The will stipulates that this gift should be used for 'general charitable purposes'. Dates for 'Round Table' discussions will be held following the morning worship service on Sundays, July 20 and August 24, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall. The Finance Committee made a recommendation to the council that when this gift is received to deposit the gift in the Money Market account at Edward Jones until investments strategies are fully explored. Motion was made and approved to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee – Met with Tricia Seeley from Edward Jones about long-term investing.

Personnel Review Committee – The committee reviewed the employee handbook and has created a 'draft' copy for review by the committee.

Building & Property Committee – No update on the renovations to the fellowship hall. A workday was held with minor projects being done. A new sidewalk on the north end of the church will be done to replace the pavers that are currently there.

Safety Committee – Waiting for a bid for new security cameras for the church.

Building/Contents Inventory – They will be meeting on May 22nd to begin the inventory of the contents of the church.

Other Business:

Motion was made and approved to allow up to \$500 to purchase a sound board cover for the new sound system and a portable iPad to be able to adjust the sound board remotely.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary
(approved by the Zion UCC Church Council on June 16 2025.)

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!



INDEPENDENCE
Day

**Friday,
July 4th**

Church Offices will be closed.

FAITH STRETCHES FAR & WIDE

with volunteers like you

THANK YOU!

TRUE NORTH VBS was mountains of fun because of you!

VBS DIRECTOR

Alysha Petry

PRESCHOOL CREW LEADERS

Bronwen Voss
Pastor Nick Knoblauch
Gail Mefford
Ashley Frick

ELEMENTARY CREW LEADERS

Liz Short
Barrett Short
Danielle Cooper
Nora Brinker
Phyliss Fink
Elsie Saake
Caeli Manhart
Emma Griffin

MUSIC LEADERS

Karen Stafford
Gail Mefford

GAMES LEADERS

Lucas Frick
Addie Short
Billy Diestelkamp
Amelia Sahm

VBS DECORATORS

Lucas Frick
Mandy Frick
Alysha Petry
Kathy Reed

REGISTRATION

Kathy Reed
Colleen Simons

SNACK

Pam Griffin
Jane Ridder
Logan Cooper
Mandy Frick

STATION LEADERS

BIBLE STORY

Gil Bisjak
Logan Cooper

PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY

Alysha Petry

PRESCHOOL CRAFT & EXPLORATION STATIONS

Bronwen Voss

IMAGINATION STATION

Alysha Petry

STICKY SCRIPTURE

Mandy Frick

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Ashley Frick
Mandy Frick

The Warmth of God's Love Kids Helping Kids

A \$5 donation can provide up to \$70 in brand-new warm clothing and blankets. Thank you for helping families in North America feel the warmth of God's love through the generosity of others.

***We collected a
total of \$130!***

**THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO DONATED**



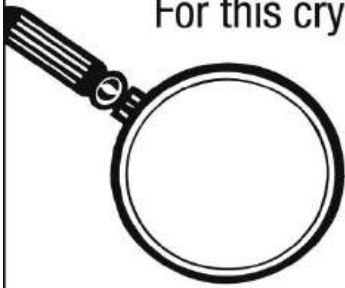
We had 32 kids join us in a great adventure through Alaska. We navigated our way through the teachings of Matthew, learning we can **TRUST JESUS!**

Thank you to everyone who showed a guiding light into making this year's VBS a success. From volunteering, donating snacks, donating supplies and monetary donations. We really appreciate everyone who helped in any way! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Alysha & Mandy

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.



CLUES:

Y = T, D = I



Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

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V Q K R F D Y J O V V

— — — — — — — — — — — — — —

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

— — — — — — — — — —, — — — —

R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

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C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

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Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on
your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV



Notes from the Music Director-July 2025

There is a quote by Martin Luther: "The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music."

Thank you to Jeanne Lischer for giving you this opportunity during the hymn sing. I would also like to thank our women's choir, along with Danny and Liz Pace, for singing such a joyous anthem a few weeks ago. By the time you read this, our congregation will also have been blessed with the talents of Molly Bauer at the piano. A former student of mine, Molly is the daughter of Jon and Barb Bauer and attends St. Peters in Washington. She just graduated from East Central and will be attending Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau to major in music education.

Finally, I'm happy to let you know that the Plank Road Brass Band from Farmington will be returning in July!

I'll finish this short note with a quote from Walter Savage: "Music is God's gift to man, the only art of Heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to Heaven."

Blessings,
Karen

Special Congregational Meeting – June 1 2025

A special congregational meeting of Zion UCC was held on Sunday June 1 2025 following the morning worship service in the sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting was to notify the congregation of the final settlement in the Hansen Trust.

Four years ago after the death of Robert E. Hansen, Zion UCC was notified that Zion was named in the Trust. The initial gift of \$100,000 was used for improvements to the back door of the church and for upgrades to the audio/visual system. At the final settlement of the Trust, Zion

would be one of 3 equal beneficiaries of the remaining funds.

At the beginning of May 2025, Zion received a letter from the trustees that informed us that distributions would be made to the beneficiaries to be completed by May 30. Zion's share would be \$1.6 million. After consultation with the Finance Committee, President Fern Dewert signed the Waiver, Reimbursement and Release of Trustees document on May 9 2025.

The trust stated that one equal share shall be paid to Zion UCC to be used for "general charitable purposes."

The IRS definition of "general charitable purposes" was shared.

The Finance Committee has met with representatives of 2 investment firms to explore investment strategies. On May 9th the Finance Committee was informed of the \$1.6 million gift and recommended it be placed temporarily in the Edward Jones Money Market account currently earning approximately 4% interest until final decisions are made regarding the use of these funds. This recommendation was approved by the Church Council on May 20 2025.

On Wednesday May 25 2025, Zion received a check for the \$1.6 million which was immediately deposited in the Money Market account.

To begin the process of determining how this gift would be used the Finance Committee and Church Council decided on having round table discussion to hear the congregation's ideas. The discussions will be on Sunday July 20 2025 and Sunday August 24 2025 in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service.

- Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary
(approved by the Zion UCC Church Council on June 16 2025.)



In you, O LORD,
do I take refuge;
let me never
be put to shame;
in your righteousness
deliver me!
PSALM 31:1, ESV

“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!

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!



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.

Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries Support (CUE)

The Mission of Chicago, United & Eden Seminaries is to:

- strengthen the relationship between our churches and our seminaries
- further the mission and work of these seminaries
- provide financial support for our seminaries.

We live in challenging times and we recognize the vital impact of our seminaries as they:

- prepare leaders for church and society
- increase theological thought and scholarship
- provide multiple resources to the local churches.

The CUE Regional Seminary Support Program brings together over 2,000 United Church of Christ churches in mid-America, local church ministries and the seminaries of Chicago, United, and Eden.

If you would like to give a monetary donation to CUE, please make your checks payable to Zion UCC and in the memo portion indicate “CUE”. Thank you!

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!

Mid-Summer Encouragement

Don’t drift away—stay anchored in faith! Join us for worship on Sundays and be refreshed by God’s Word and your church family!

Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge
Myrt Dunigan	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)
Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)	
Dave Hall (bypass surgery)	Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)
Jim Petero (at Veteran's Home in St. James)	
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)	
Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	
Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)	
Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
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)	
Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)	
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)	
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)	
Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)	
Laurie Becker	
Bob Boland (friend of Hettie Becker)	

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Lanett Gortney, Hettie Becker & families on the death of their husband & son-in-law Randy Gortney.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Linda Kroeter
Skip Buehrle	Susie Andell
Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)	
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)	
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)	
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	
Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)	
Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)	
Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)	



Notes to Zion

The family of Carol Bean wish to express our appreciation for the words of comfort and support during Carol's extended stay in the hospital and for the expressions of sympathy at her passing.

- Wayne Bean

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Zion Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the love and acceptance shown to our mom Beverly Elliott. Born raised and a Sunday school teacher coordinator for 15 years, she dedicated her life to our Lord's teachings, helping children less fortunate than her own. She loved to dance with George, our dad, to Lawrence Welk every Saturday. They are now together in eternal peace and love.

- Mike & Lynne Elliott

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I wish to express my gratitude to all who helped observe my 100th birthday with the Open House at Zion on Sunday, May 25. In spite of the Memorial weekend and rain, 150 signed the guest register.

We are grateful our son Paul could come to play the organ for the morning service. I am grateful that Norma and all the family were there to enjoy it all, and for all their work to plan, to carry it out, and to do the decorating. We are grateful for the hard work of Jane and Carl Ridder, Barbara Horter, Colleen Simons, Barbara Cox and Marilyn Freiermuth Stahlman for their masterful work with the reception.

While reports from Eden Seminary are not final yet, as of June 9, we know over 30 persons contributed to the Klemme Scholarship Fund. (cont. on pg. 10)

Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
 Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)
 Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
 Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)
 Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
 Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)
 Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)

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)



Help Thyself Meals

The gardens are planted and summer meals are being prepared for you from the Help Thyself group. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Be sure to mark the chart if you are taking meals or if you

are donating meals. This is very helpful to the committee. We are here for you. Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5911), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159) and Donna Bocklage (636-584-4888).

Autumn Branson Get-Away!

Plans have been made for an unforgettable blend of entertainment, relaxation, and scenic charm in Branson, Missouri, Tuesday, October 21st through Friday, October 25th. The group will be staying at the Best Western Music Capital Inn on Shepherd of the Hills Expressway.

We'll be seeing "The Haygoods" Show on Tuesday after dinner. This family group is one of the most sought-after tickets.

Wednesday will be the absolute highlight of seeing "David" at the Sight and Sound Theater. The show is live with actors, music, and animals!

Thursday's treat will be a delicious meal as we glide along Tablerock Lake aboard the Branson Belle. There will be entertainment and a live show for our midday escape.

Friday activities will be your own choice from the many, many things to do in Branson.

You can expect a mix of inspiration, laughter, and a touch of grandeur on our trip to Branson. Don't miss it! For more information contact Kathy Young, Fern Dewert or Suzanne Barreth.

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!

It has grown to over \$22,000. We are so grateful so many of you have contributed to the Scholarship for this occasion. We also are grateful that a student was awarded \$1044.00 this past year of 2024 for his studies at Eden. He is serving a church in Illinois. We thank you so much for these gifts and other gifts you gave for this Birthday. We are also grateful that you came, and for all the beautiful cards and for your good wishes. It was a beautiful time of many blessings. We are grateful for all that you did, and for your friendship.

-Armin F. Klemme & family

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Thank you for supporting our kids and the CASA mission with your recent donation. We will continue to advocate for each child until all kids in foster care find a safe-forever home!

-Glenda Vollmer,

CASA Director

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Zion UCC Members,

Thank you so much for your recent generous donations! We are truly grateful for your support of our missions and the families we care for.- Amanda Jones

Grace's Place Director

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Dear Zion Friends,

Your support is so appreciated. Thank you for another donation in the amount of \$282.50.

- Union Food Pantry

Good Samaritan Fund Update

We are pleased to announce that Marilyn Freiermuth has joined our team as another administrator. The team now consists of: Marilyn Freiermuth, Alan Klobasa, Susan Newman.

On a year-to-date basis, we have served approximately 20 families/individuals and spent about \$6,500, mostly for rent and utilities, but also for other essentials. This amounts to \$325 per transaction, being higher than in the past primarily due to the unprecedented high inflation occurring a few years ago. We appreciate your continued support through budget allocations and donations and bequests. Recipients obtain not only the monetary relief, but the knowledge of having persons listen to and care about them. It does make a difference. We will keep up the good work.

- Alan Klobasa, on behalf of the Good Samaritan Fund



A Note of Thanks and Appreciation from Missouri Mid-South Conference

Dear Friends at Zion UCC,

We are writing today to thank you for your continued support toward Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and to share an update on the vital role your support plays in the ministry of the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

In 2024, your congregation contributed \$12,412.68 toward OCWM Basic Support. Your gifts helped us accomplish so much: strengthening local churches, supporting outdoor ministries, offering pastoral search support, expanding justice initiatives, and preparing to host the 2025 General Synod.

As of April 2025, your congregation has contributed \$1,627.50 toward your 2025 OCWM commitment. Your support of our shared covenant is crucial for the wellbeing of the Conference as a whole. Thank you! We are deeply grateful for your support.

As a reminder, OCWM Basic Support fuels the heart of our shared ministry, providing the largest source of funding for the vital services and programs that empower our Conference across Missouri, Arkansas, and Memphis. As we head into an exciting summer – with MoVal's camp season kicking off and General Synod coming to Kansas City – the energy and spirit of our Conference are alive and growing! Every gift to OCWM makes a powerful impact, helping congregations receive critical support, outdoor ministries flourish, justice initiatives grow, and pastoral leadership is resourced in times of transition and change. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant Conference for today and for the future!

Thank you for all that you have already given to the Missouri Mid-South Conference so that, together, we can increase the impact of our ministry.

- Rev. Mary Nelson,
Transitional Conference Minister
- Lorin Cope, OCWM Committee Chair

Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Carol A. Bean** by:

Dorothy Mitana, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Dave & Linda Hall, John & Debra Sieve, Alan & Sharon TenEyck, Walter Murray, Jr., Duane & Elaine Bierwirth, Mark & Jane Buck, Kenneth & Marcia Wheeler, Kurt & Julie Bauche, Gerard & Susan Straatmann, UHS Class of 1960, Bernice Holtgreve, Carey & Terri Riley, Dennis & Nancy Kossmann, Jim & Cathy Teater, Freida Loher & family, June Schmidtke, Irma Vogt, Wanda Benton, Mel & Janice Landwehr, Carl & Jane Ridder, Gary & Karen Stafford, Mike & Lynn Haberberger, Dan Mossoney, William & Fern Dewert, Matthew & Brenda Herring, Hettie Becker, Lindell & Mary Beth Bean, Dr. & Mrs. John Crane, Alan Klobasa & Carla Kilgore, Ron & Pam Griffin, Rich & Bonnie Ennis, Cindy Groenke, Jim & Mary German, John & Linda Schneider, Vicki Hooper, Ross & Doris Malone, Gary & Deborah Schulte, Arlene Hogan, John & Debra Oliveras, Mary Rigg, Mike & Donna Parmentier, Keith & Theresa Oltmann, Danny &

Connie Thompson, Dave & Eva Jankowski, Skip & Pat Buehrle, Jim Hartzke & Delores Livengood Hill, Ruth Parker, Rudy & Darlene Ahmann, Tom & Nancy Schuenemeyer, Tom & Gayle Williams, Kathy Reed, Daryl & Ann Hartley, Suzanne Barreth, Armin & Norma Klemme, Phyllis McElhinney, Phil & Dorothy Clarkson, Mark & Tricia Seely, Linda Kroeter, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Sue Leicht, Sarah Gehlert, Jerry & Sharon Kreft, Bruce Templer, Richard & Kathy Young, Harvey & Gail Mefford, Sandy Stierberger, Otis & Jeanie Schulte, Bob & Judy Kult & family, The Crannick family, Tim & Brenda Lakebrink, Barb Cox, Melva Puls, Brenda Viehland, Marilyn Freiermuth (Good Sam Fund), Colleen Simons (Building & Property Fund), Dorothy Mitana, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Jim Doehring & family, Virginia Maune (Building & Property Fund), Daughters of Isabella, Bruce Templer, JOY Class, Gary & Susan Ganong

In loving memory of **Judy Doehring, Bob Barreth, & Carol Bean** by for Good Samaritan Fund by:
Da Bar Ben House

In loving memory of **Ray McClanahan & Frank Fazzari** by:
Jim Doehring

In loving memory of **Frank Fazzari** by:
Brenda Viehland, Bruce Templer, Armin & Norma Klemme, Mark & Tricia Seely, Susan Merlino (for Little Free Pantry)

Thank You to June Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Alysha Petry, Jeanne Lischer, Lee Parks, Sue Leicht

Special Music for Worship: Women's Chorus (Danny Pace, drums, Jeanne Lischer, maraca), John Phillips & Kirk Hancox

Ushers: Gale Claggett, Vicki Hooper, Donna Bocklage, Verlyn Yarbrough

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Carl Ridder, Connie Thompson

Greeters: Kevin Vorderbruegge, John Crane, Sandy Stierberger, Sharon & Alan TenEyck, Jane & Carl Ridder

Sound System Techs: John Crane & Alan TenEyck

Worship Service Recorders: Dan Mossoney, Gil Bisjak

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

Fresh Flowers From June

June 8 – The flowers were shared in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Gary & Karen Stafford.

Church Attendance from June

(4 out of 5 Sundays)

June 1 – 84

June 8 – 98

June 15 – 85

June 22 – 58



Financial Report for May 2025

	May 2025	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$29,857.00	\$157,428.00
Expenses	\$30,698.00	\$156,390.00

Our Church's Wider Mission (given YTD) - \$2,949.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) – \$747.00

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

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 12 pm Loops of Love	3 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	4  INDEPENDENCE Day Church Offices Closed 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	5
6 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion 	7	8	9 9:30 am Called to Care 12 pm Loops of Love	10 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 7 pm Lower Commons in Use	11 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	12
13 The 5th Sunday after Pentecost New Member Welcomed	14 6:30 pm Finance Committee	15 1:30 pm Book Club	16 12 Loops of Love	17 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	18 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	19 10 am-2 pm Lower Commons in Use
						
20 The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Round Table Discussions (fellowship hall) 10 am Cemetery Board (chapel)	21	22	23 10 am Aug. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 6:30 pm Rummage Sale Mtg. (lower commons)	24 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 7 pm Lower Commons in Use	25 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	26 8 am Rummage Sale Set up
27 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am-12 noon Rummage Sale Drop Off	28 8 am-6 pm Rummage Sale Drop Off	29 8 am-6 pm Rummage Sale Drop Off	30 8 am-6 pm Rummage Sale Drop Off	31 <i>Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord ...</i>		



July Birthdays

- 1 - Susan Pope
- 2 - Karen Tucker
Peggy Metcalf
Andrew Hawkins
- 3 - Jacob Hawkins
- 5 - Judy Petero
- 6 - Jeff Heeger
Skylar Traffas
Archer Camden
- 7 - Jeff Shelton
Owen Knoblauch
- 9 - Rudy Ahmann
Gary Young
- 10 - Nora Becker
- 14 - Bernice Holtgreve
- 15 - Phyllis Olson
- 16 - Bronwen Voss
- 17 - Jill Thompson
Lauren Arand
Tabitha Grimm Nolting
- 20 - Claire Heaton
Verlyn Yarbrough
Sue Knutson

- 21 - Brenda Roach
- 22 - Deborah Schulte
- 24 - Stephanie Pracht
Marilyn Freiermuth
Tommy
Schuttenberg
- 27 - Mario Oltmann
- 28 - Ryan Hall
- 29 - Jennifer Bright
Raeanne Pecka
Gerry Johanpeter
- 30 - Paul Schuenemeyer
Taylor Bauer
Drew Cooper
- 31 - Debbie Sieve
Mary German

August Birthdays

- 1 - Lily Koch
- 3 - Lori Helms
Linda Kinworthy
- 4 - Joshua Hawkins
- 5 - Krista Copeland
- 8 - Fern Dewert
- 9 - Emily Young
- 10 - Mark Walker