

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



September 2025

No. 9



“Great and Wide” Strengthen the Church Offering

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.

Offering envelopes are available in this edition of the newsletter and will also be available during the month of September by the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your support!

LOGOS Begins!

The first two Wednesdays of each month from 5-7:30 p.m. are LOGOS Nights! There will be fun activities for children from kindergarten through 12th grade. See page 5 for more information.

A Family Style Dinner for everyone is served beginning at 6 p.m. with a minimum \$5 donation to help support the LOGOS dinners.

LOGOS Adult Education Wednesday, September 3rd

The Green Team begins a new year of LOGOS with an adult education opportunity. Mike Saxton from Shaw Nature Reserve will be speaking about habitat restoration at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3. Dinner follows at 6 p.m. If you are planning to stay for dinner, please RSVP to Alysha at apetry@zionunion.org or call the church office.

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 7 – 10 a.m. in sanctuary

The purpose of the Special Congregational Meeting called by the Zion Church Council will be to approve the recommendation of the Properties Committee to install one continuous railing and clear tempered glass to the balcony for safety. The quote is \$13,190.69. The council proposed the funds to pay for the project be taken from the Building & Property Restricted Funds.

Serving Christ in September

Ushers:

Sept. 7 & 14 –

Dennis & Karen Tucker*

Sept. 21 & 28 –

Bill & Fern Dewert*

(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Sept. 21 – Pam Klenke

Sept. 28 – Cindy Groenke

Sound System Tech: Alan

TenEyck

Camera Techs:

Sept. 7 – Dan Mossoney

Sept. 14 & 21 – David Bean



SEPTEMBER

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

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 14 – 10 a.m. in sanctuary

The purpose of the Special Congregational Meeting called by the Zion Church Council on Sunday, September 14th will be to approve the recommendation of the Safety Committee to install security cameras and equipment at a cost of \$9,177.68. The council proposed the funds to pay for the project be taken from the Building & Property Restricted Funds.

Festival of Sharing

As a cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond, the hope of Festival of Sharing is to support projects and programs that help our neighbors in Missouri and beyond experience healthy and full lives. This year we will be receiving monetary donations through the month of September to send to Festival of Sharing. Offering envelopes will be available by the offering plate for your monetary donations. Please make your checks payable to: Zion UCC and in the memo portion 'FOS donation'. If you would like more information about Festival of Sharing, please visit their website at www.festivalofsharing.org.



- Outreach Team

Zion Fellowship – September 2025

There was no event in August.

Sunday, September 21 – Plan to attend our ALL Congregation, Ice Cream Social at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Ice cream and soda for root beer floats, along with toppings, will be furnished. If you want to bring other goodies to go along with a float, feel free to do so, but it is not necessary.

October – Zion Fellowship will host a brunch for the Intergenerational Sunday School on October 12th immediately following the worship service. A sign up sheet will be posted on the lower commons 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 in Need

One of the many gems of Zion is the Good Samaritan Fund. This charity, which has been faithfully serving our community for many years, is run solely by our congregation. And we have had an extremely busy year so far. When we walk by someone in a store, at the gas station or even in churches, we don't really know what struggles people are dealing with. Unexpected injuries or surgery. Job loss. Rebuilding lives after years of addiction or serving prison time. Families dealing with cancer treatments. Keeping electricity on, a roof over their head, or heating and cooling needs are a few examples how we make an immediate impact. All of them live in the Union School District.

We provide help to everyone who comes to The Good Samaritan. As a committee we understand we cannot fully fix some situations. We are then able to help ease a portion of their needs and direct them to other available resources in our community. For a small town there truly is a lot of need here.

Our congregation created this signature resource to strengthen our community, and we ask for your help in continuing this fine service. Zion gave us a generous increase in our annual budget this year and we've been very careful to stretch it as far as possible to help as many as possible. We're grateful when memorials come in that allow us to continue this work. At this time our funds for this year are depleted. We are asking individual members of this congregation to please consider giving an additional \$6,000 so we can keep the Good Samaritan Fund open till the end of the year. If you are able to give, please drop your gift at the church office, the Offering Plate during service or by mail. Thank you for your kind support of this fund.

- Marilyn Freiermuth, Alan Klobasa
and Susan Newman



Beloved Zion,

This summer, we received a bequest from the Robert Hansen trust for \$1,600,000. This gift is given for general charitable purposes. Over the past few years, thanks to the congregation's generous donations, we have not only paid off debt but also ended each year with a surplus. This surplus helps earn income from investments. With the fabulous work of our Finance Team, the Church Council, the Audit Committee, the input from all the committees when preparing the annual budget, congregational oversight of the budget, and most importantly, the generous donations from all of you, we are in a wonderful financial position. The position gives us the ability to dream and discern when it comes to the bequest from Bob Hansen. What new ministry might we seek to accomplish in our church or in our community? Which brings us to the round table discussions we have had.

At this, most of you have learned about the trust and the round table discussions. At the end of July and the end of August, I facilitated a conversation with all who showed up. My goal for the time we spent together was not to decide what to do with the money. Instead, I wanted us to start thinking about our mission and our mission field. With a bunch of Post-it notes, a giant sheet of paper, and a Venn diagram, we started by answering the question, "Who are we?" There were many answers about family, community, servants, generosity, and children of God. Then we moved to the Venn diagram. The three big circles of the Venn diagram were Proximity, Impact, and Involvement. Because we are a church that feels like family, that is generous and community-oriented, how might we best understand where we serve, how we serve, and who we serve?

With Proximity, I wanted us to consider where we believe our focus and our boundaries are. Almost everyone focused on Franklin County, or more specifically, Union. While this is our focus, there is also a contingency for disaster relief, wherever it might show up. Impact, I wanted to know what kind of outcome we wanted with our mission. What is success for us? Is it helping as many people as possible? Is it helping solve one problem in our community entirely? It is trying to bring new people into our church family. There is a lot of good that can be done in this world and in our community, so what kind of impact do we want to have? Reading through the notes, most settled on 1-3 projects, whether that means a new ministry or supporting ongoing projects in our community. While some did say to try and help as many different organizations as possible. Lastly, we discussed involvement. How involved do we want to be in the process? What kind of funding, volunteers, staff, relationships, additional grants, or partnerships are we willing to explore? Do we want to do everything in-house? Do our demographics support what we want to accomplish? While there are concerns about an aging congregation and our ability to rally a new volunteer core, there seems to be a desire to be involved in the process going forward. Whatever we do, we want to build relationships with the community and be

**Worship
Opportunities
In September**
9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 7
The 13th Sunday
after Pentecost
Sacrament of
Communion/Bible
Presentation
Rally Day! (10 a.m.)
Special Congregational
Meeting (10 a.m.)

Sunday, September 14
The 14th Sunday after
Pentecost
Special Congregational
Meeting (10 a.m.)
Intergenerational Sunday
School (10 a.m.)

Sunday, September 21
The 15th Sunday after
Pentecost

Sunday, September 28
The 16th Sunday
after Pentecost



CROP Walk

Put the CROP WALK on your calendar, and PLAN to WALK! The Walk will be on Sunday, October 12 and begins at Zion with registration at 12:30 p.m. and the Walk beginning at 1 p.m.! - Norma Klemme

pretty involved with whatever plan we make. We ended each session with a list of organizations and ideas for new ministry or supporting ministry we already do here at Zion.

I am writing this just a day after the second round table discussion. While I will need more time to fully synthesize the information, I do believe we can start to move forward with some guiding ideas and parameters, as we establish a committee, to continue this work. It is an exciting place to be as a congregation, considering a new minister here at Zion is a blessing not only for us but for our wider community. I am excited for this new chapter in our story here at Zion.

Blessings,
Rev Nicholas Knoblauch

Join Us for Rally Day!

Preschool through high school students are invited to join us for 'Rally Day' on September 7th. See page 5 for more details.

Intergenerational Sunday School Experience

The entire congregation is invited to join this All-Ages experience, which will take place on the *second Sunday of each month*. This monthly opportunity will engage participants in learning together, forming relationships, and sharing faith stories while affirming everyone's value to the community. Join the fun in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00 AM worship.

Thank You to August Volunteers

Zion Church acknowledges and appreciates the work done by the following volunteers for the month of August.

Liturgists: Sallie Hancox, Karen Tucker, Sue Leicht, Ken Rohrbach, Jane Ridder

Special Music for Worship: Liz Pace & John Phillips, Karen Stafford, Kirk Hancox

Ushers: Dave & Linda Hall, Rudy & Darlene Ahmann

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Ron & Pam Griffin

Greeters: Armin & Norma Klemme, Linda Kinworthy, Jane Pinnell, Colleen Simons, Susan & Lee Newman, Tabitha Grimm Nolting

Sound System Tech: Harvey Mefford

Camera Techs: Gil Bisjak, David Bean, Dan Mossoney

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

Pastor Drop In Hours:

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

Fresh Flowers From August

August 3 – Flowers were given in memory of bob Hansen by friends.

August 17 – A rose on the altar was given in honor of the birth of Elijah Matthew Herring, son of Luke & Drenda Herring and grandson of Matthew & Brenda Herring and Michelle Hess and David Hess. Elijah was born on August 12th.

August 24 – Flowers were given in honor of the 90th Birthday of Dorothy Mitana given by her children Sue & Gerard Straatmann, Linda & Will Fischer, Tom & Victoria Mitana and her grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Church Attendance from July

(4 out of 5 Sundays)

Aug. 3 – 95

Aug. 10 – 81

Aug. 17 – 89

Aug. 24 – 88

New Address/ Phone Numbers

Pat Hohl, 177 Prairie Loop Dr., Union, MO 63084



Monday, September 1st
Church Offices will be closed



All Sunday School
Classes Resume
Sunday, September 7th
10 AM to 11 AM

REGISTER ONLINE at www.zionunion.org
Parent Safe Church Meeting 10 AM



RALLY DAY

Kick Off Event



At Piccadilly Palace

September 7 - 12 pm to 2:30 pm
PIZZA, DRINKS, GAMES & SKATING

For ALL Children & Youth of Zion

Children 4th grade and younger must have a
parent/guardian with them to attend.

Please RSVP to Alysha at
apetry@zionunion.org

BIBLE Presentation

For 3rd & 4th Grade Students

Sunday, September 7th

During the 9 AM Worship Service

Please let Alysha know if you would like your child to receive
a bible by emailing her at apetry@zionunion.org



Classes begin September 7th, 10 AM to 11 AM

Faith Quest

Meet in Bible Max Theatre

Ages 3 to 1st grade
2nd grade – 6th Grade

Middle/High School

Meet in the Senior High/Middle School Room

7th – 12th grade Youth
(Confirmed and Not Confirmed)

Intergenerational Sunday School

2nd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

*Faith Quest, Middle School/High School and all our Zion
families and friends meet in the fellowship hall for a
Intergenerational lesson and a fellowship brunch.*

FUN LESSONS FOR ALL!

Join us the **FIRST TWO WEDNESDAYS**
of **EACH MONTH** starting



SEPTEMBER 3rd

as we learn how to
Trust Jesus in a
Wild World!

It's an evening full of Games,
Bible Stories, Music and Dinner.

5 PM to 7:30 PM

REGISTER ONLINE at zionunion.org

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.

SAVE the DATE

November 14-16, 2025

CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT

STANDING STRONG

for 6th-12th grade youth at *Shannodale*

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:

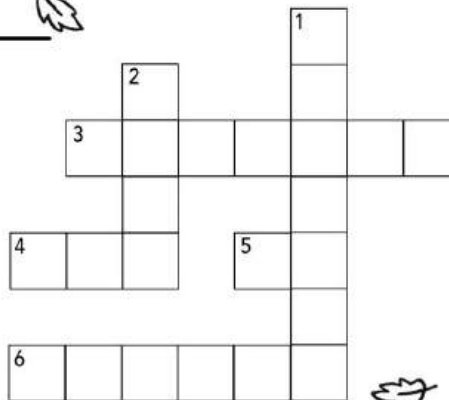
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____

its _____;

our God, _____.

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



Notes from the Music Director

September signals the start of activities for Zion UCC. Chancel Choir has already begun rehearsals, and is ready for the first Sunday in September, which is Rally Day, September 7th.

We also have some great music activities planned For the LOGOS crew on the first two Wednesdays of the month. From about 5:30 to 6, the kids will be exploring our drums, hand bells, Boom whackers, and probably some of our favorite songs from Vacation Bible School. So now, we will have LOGOS Joyful Noise!

We will also resume meditative drumming on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, beginning in October. This will run from 6:00 to 7:15. There will be more information as we get closer to October.

I am looking forward to resuming all our wonderful music activities. As always, our activities are open to those interested. And of course, we always welcome opportunities for special music. Our music ministry is a place for people to meet and make friends with others who experience life and music in similar or different ways and is a safe opportunity to make a joyful noise.

Blessings,
Karen

Zion UCC Church Council Meeting – June 2025

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday June 16 2025 with the following in attendance: Fern Dewert, Connie Thompson, Paul Brinker, Brad Parker, Kathy Reed, BJ Cooper, Norma Kern, Donna Bocklage, Bruce Templer, and Barb Cox.

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

Consensus Agenda:

- Minutes of the May Church Council meeting were approved as printed.
- Special Congregational Meeting Minutes were approved as printed.
- Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

- Minister to Youth & Family Ministries Report was approved as printed.
- Final Financial Reports for May were approved as presented.
- The council will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 25th which will be after both round table discussions.

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review Committee – will be meeting soon

ByLaws Review Committee – will be meeting soon

Audit Committee – no meeting

Personnel Review Committee – The committee is reviewing the draft of the Employee Handbook and will meet soon to discuss changes to the handbook.

Leadership Development Committee – The committee is working on securing people to serve on the church council.

Properties Committee – There was no report on the improvements/repairs to the fellowship hall

Safety Committee – One bid has been received for new security cameras. The committee is waiting on a second bid. Council had questions which will be taken back to the safety committee.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met and made the following recommendations to the church council concerning the Hansen Trust:

- Open a separate Money Market account at Edward Jones. Motion made and approved.
- Have the fund be called 'Legacy Fund'. Motion made and approved.
- The principle (\$1.6 million) will not be touched for the next three years. The council changed the wording to: “The principle (\$1.6 million) be preserved for three years.” Motion made and approved.

Building/Contents Inventory – Fern, Donna and Pastor Nick have almost completed the process. They just have a few more areas to complete.

Upgrades to Administrative Assistant Computer and Sound Booth Computer – The Administrative Assistant's computer is dated and

will no longer be able to update in October. Motion was made and approved to upgrade the computer up to \$1,000. The computer that is used to record the Sunday services and other special services is also dated and will no longer be able to update in October. Motion was made and approved to spend up to \$1,500 from the Hansen Memorial Fund to update the computer as this is part of the sight and sound upgrades. After the upgrade to the sight and sound computer, the balance (approximately \$150) from the Hansen Memorial Fund will be used for other small improvements to the sight and sound system.

Bruce reported that he, Alan TenEyck and Pastor Nick were able to improve viewing of the big screen television by allowing it to be raised much higher. Thank you!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.
- Connie Thompson
Church Council Recording Secretary
(approved by the Zion Church Council on August 25, 2025.)

Special Church Council Meeting – August 10 2025

A Special Church Council meeting was held on Sunday August 10 2025. Those present were Fern Dewert, Donna Bocklage, Norma Kern, Bruce Templer, Paul Brinker, Kathy Reed, Barb Cox, BJ Cooper, Brad Parker and Connie Thompson.


President Fern Dewert called the meeting to order.
The purpose of the meeting was to review a recommendation from the Properties Committee concerning a quote/bid from Franklin County Glass to install one continuous railing and clear tempered glass to the balcony for safety. The quote is \$13,190.69. Motion was made and approved to present this bid to the congregation for their approval on Sunday, September 7, 2025, following the worship service. The council approved using funds from the Building and Property Restricted Funds for capital improvements.

President Dewert also informed the council that per state regulations, Zion is now required to

have a quarterly oil and grease elevator maintenance program on our elevator. This will be at a cost of \$380 per quarter.
There being no further discussions, the meeting adjourned.
- Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary
(approved by the Zion Church Council on August 25, 2025.)

CASA Seeking Volunteers

CASA of Mideast Missouri advocates for children in foster care in Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage Counties who have experienced abuse or neglect. Trained Volunteer Advocates spend one-on-one time with these children, understanding their needs and concerns to advocate for them in court, ensuring their journey in foster care is safe and supported. The next CASA volunteer training session will begin in October with an application deadline of September 19th. To apply, donate, or learn more about CASA please visit www.casamideastmo.org or call 636-583-4422.



Kurt Warner Coat Drive

COAT DRIVE

We will again participate in the Kurt Warner Coat Drive this year. Donations will be received from October 21st through November 2nd. A box will be available in the lower commons. All donations stay in this area. They go to our food pantry, some in Washington and other local organizations. So, if you have leftovers, please bring them in. Thank you!

- Brenda Viehland, on behalf of the Outreach Team

Financial Report for July 2025

	July 2025	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$24,504.00	\$221,715.00
Expenses	\$24,516.00	\$217,953.00
Our Church's Wider Mission (given YTD) - \$4,188		
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) – \$1,013		
Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the church office. Thank you.		

Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenser
Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan
Hettie Becker	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)

Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)
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)
Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)
Laurie Becker Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)
Kay Sterling (friend of Verlyn Yarbrough)

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Maxine, Matthew & Erin Harrison on the death of their husband & father, Dennis, who died on August 2nd.

A New Life in the Family:

Elijah Matthew Herring, son of Luke & Drenda Herring, was born on Tuesday, August 12th. Grandparents are Matthew & Brenda Herring and Michelle Hess and David Hess.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter	Skip Buehrle	Susie Andell
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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)



With Sympathy

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

Dennis Harrison, 76, died on August 2nd. A memorial service for Dennis was held on August 16th at Zion Church by Rev. Knoblauch with internment in the Zion Cemetery Columbarium.

Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Dennis Harrison** by:

Tom & Gayle Williams,
Colleen Simons, Dorothy Mitana, Vicki Hooper, Armin & Norma Klemme, Harvey & Gail Mefford, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Sandy Stierberger, Carl & Jane Ridder, Bruce Templar, Ruth Parker, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Barbara Cox, Steve & Mary Coble, Grace & Keith Burnett, Larry & Joanne Smith, Mike & Shelley Marquart, Terry & Beverly Alferman, Lonny & Marilyn Duckworth, David & Mary Wade, Rev. Mark & Jane Buck, Mike & Lynn Haberberger, Phillip & Dorothy Clarkson, Sue Leicht (for Camp Scholarship Fund), Phyllis & David Berkel (for Humane Society), Jim Doehring & family (for Building & Property Fund)

In loving memory of **Ann Schroeder & Christina Elbert** for Zion Building & Property Fund by:

Jim Doehring & family

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)
 Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)
 Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
 Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)
 Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)
 Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)

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)

Notes to Zion

Thanks to everyone for your cards, prayers, and encouraging words during my recent bypass surgery. It's nice that so many of you took the time to send a note (and spend the postage!) In four months, I should be as good as new!

- Dave Hall

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Thank you Zion for USO donations,

Once again I was greeted with smiles and enthusiasm. I happened to notice a number of young soldiers eating breakfast and lunch donations of cereal and 'cup of noodles'. A veteran named John loaded up a cart full of supplies from Zion, who just couldn't thank us enough. They are so appreciative. Zion members who supported this cause, thank you for the food and supplies you shared. If anyone wishes to contact the USEO at Lambert, the address is Yvette Summy, Senior Operations Specialist, 10701 Lambert International Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63145, 314-944-3792 (ext. 222) or ysummy@USO.org

- Sandy Stierberger

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Thanks from Rummage Sale Team: Thank you to everyone who donated items for this year's Rummage Sale. Without all the donations, the Rummage Sale would not be possible. A huge

THANK YOU to those of you who helped during the week, from set-up to tear-down and everything in between. To all who worked during the week, your efforts were deeply appreciated. Even with a lot of small items we earned \$6,632. The money raised was distributed to: Union School District for their food program, Second Blessings, Union Food Pantry and to the Little Free Pantry. Thank you again for helping make this another successful sale!

- Jane Wilson & Brad Parker,
 Rummage Sale Co-Chairmen

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Thank you from the Rummage Sale Kitchen Crew:

To all who participated in the Zion Church Rummage Sale in any way, on behalf of the kitchen committee thank you for your generous donations. The food and fellowship were highlights during this busy but successful week. Congratulations and blessings!

- Sharon Martindill & Sandy Stierberger

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The Good Samaritan Fund would like to thank the ladies of the plant and make sale for their generous donation. They were quite successful this year in selling baked good, homemade jams and relishes along with lots of plants. The money will be spent for those in need right in our own community.

- Marilyn Freiermuth, Alan Klobasa, Susan Newman (Good Samaritan Team)

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Zion Church,

Second Blessings thanks you for your very generous donation to our pantry. Donations like yours helps to keep our mission alive. Helping the less fortunate within our community is what we strive for. God bless! -

-Terri Crouch, Volunteer/Treasurer,
 Second Blessings Food Pantry

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By donating to the Lunch Boosters club, you are helping to make a difference in students' lives and helping them to succeed in school.

Thank you for supporting the students in our community!

- Union R-XI School District
 Food Service Department & Staff



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Church Offices Closed	2	3 12 Loops of Love 1 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	4 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	5 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	6
7 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion RALLY DAY! 10 am Special Congregational Mtg. 12-2:30 pm Youth Event at Piccadilly Palace	8 6:30 pm Finance Committee	9 8:30 am-2 pm Lower Commons in Use	10 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	11 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 7 pm Lower Commons in Use	12 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	13 10 am Lower Commons Classroom in Use
14 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall) 10 am Special Congregational Mtg.	15 7 pm Church Council	16 1:30 pm Book Club	17 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir October Newsletter articles due	18 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	19 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	20
21 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost 6 pm All Church Ice Cream Social (fellowship hall)	22	23 	24 10 am Oct. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love	25 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 7 pm Lower Commons in Use	26 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	27
28 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost	29	30				



September Birthdays

- 1 - Becky Gable
Paul Brinker
- 3 - Arlene Hogan
- 5 - Beau Metcalf
- 6 - Jason Dewert
Natalie Dewert
- 9 - Jerod Koelling
Kirk Hancox
- 10 - Sandy Berkel
- 12 - Mark Klenke
Cindy Krause
Michael Vemmer
- 13 - Carolyn Bocklage
Ellen Brinkmann
William Hulsey
- 14 - Jacob Saake
Susie Andell
- 15 - Kathy Young
Nicole Branscum
- 16 - Jane Wilson
Todd Yenser
Stacy Adams
- 17 - Sandy Toelke
Denise Muller
Debbie Kolb

- 18 - Lily Leung
- 19 - Linda Miller
- 20 - Daniel Vemmer
- 21 - Scott Straatmann
- 22 - Valerie Grammer
- 23 - Brad Parker
Kate Shelton
- 24 - Taylor Nolkemper
Lucas Frick
- 26 - Bruce Templer
- 27 - Emma Koelling
- 29 - Cyndi Overschmidt
Clara Williams
Nalee Birke

October Birthdays

- 1 - Cherie Vollmer
- 2 - Mindy Johnson
Megan Orf
- 3 - Tara Babbs
- 4 - Jeff Hulsey
Jacob Evrard
- 5 - William Toelke, Jr.
Adam Stevens
- 6 - Alicia Ley
- 8 - Connie Thompson
Elliott Avalos
- 9 - Vicki Hooper
Don Bocklage
- 10 - Erin Harrison