

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



October 2025

No. 10



World Communion Sunday—October 5th

World Communion Sunday offers us a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of

October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On this day, we will remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Join us on October 5th as we share in this World Communion Sunday

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

A Special Congregational Meeting is called by the Zion Church Council on October 5, 2025, to discuss and approve the recommendation of the Council to install a new network and Wi-Fi system that will be needed for the new security cameras and provide internet throughout the church. AQM (in Union) presented an estimate of \$6,976.90 for the project. The family of Rob Soetebier donated \$1,000 in his memory be used for upgrades to the internet. The Council proposes the remainder be paid from the Building & Properties Restricted Funds.



Neighbors In Need Offering

Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

Offering envelopes are included in this edition of the newsletter and additional envelopes will be available by the offering plate on Sundays. The NIN Offering will be received through the month of October.

Serving Christ in October

Ushers:

Oct. 5 & 12

Matt Herring*,
Kevin Vorderbruegge

Oct. 19 & 26

Ken & Carol Rohrbach*
(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Oct. 5 – Marilyn Freiermuth

Sound Tech: David Bean

Camera Techs:

Oct. 5 – Dan Mossoney

Oct. 12 & 19 – David Bean

Oct. 26 – Karen Stafford

Zion United Church of Christ
115 S. Washington Ave.
Union, MO 63084
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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)

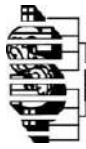
Alysha Petry, Minister to
Youth & Families

(apetry@zionunion.org)

Mandy Frick, Coordinator of
Elementary Youth

Karen Stafford, Music Director
(kstafford1985@gmail.com)

Brenda Herring, Church Organist
Joy Bradley, Church Custodian



Informational Budget Meeting

Informational Budget Meetings – October 5 & October 19

The Church Council has scheduled informational Budget Meetings on Sundays, October 5th and October 19th following the 9 a.m. worship service in the fellowship hall. This will be a time for members to review the proposed 2026 budget and ask questions. A copy of the proposed 2026 budget is now available on Sunday mornings on the table in the narthex next to the bulletins. We will still meet on November 2nd for our congregational meeting.

CROP Walk – October 12th

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.! A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons.

If you are planning on joining the CROP Walk, please bring a non-perishable item for the local pantry. Donate as much as you want to – the need is great!



- Norma Klemme

Intergenerational Sunday School

The second Sunday of each month all of our Zion families and friends are invited to an Intergenerational Sunday School lesson in the fellowship hall. This is a great way to interact with our youth and share in learning our faith together!

At the gathering on October 12th we will share in a brunch sponsored by the Zion Fellowship. Please sign up on the lower commons bulletin board if you will be attending.

Kurt Warner 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



Zion Fellowship – October 2025

On Sunday, September 21, we had several people attend the 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, were furnished, and a few other sweets were brought in to add to the ice cream. We then had a short meeting to discuss the end of the year events.

Sunday, October 12 – We will host a Brunch for the Intergenerational Sunday School immediately following the worship service. A signup sheet will be posted on the lower commons bulletin board.

Sunday, November 23 – The Greening of the Church will be held immediately after church, where all are welcome to help decorate the church for Advent. After most of the decorating is finished, we will furnish a pizza and drinks lunch for those who helped decorate.

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

Join Us for LOGOS!

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 as well as adult discussions.

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



Beloved Zion,

As I write, the buildings across the street are finally being demolished. After years of planning, and meetings, the city is moving forward. While there are still plans in the works to develop the lot for new businesses, for now the eyesore will be gone, and the city will finally be able to move forward. No one knows what the lot will look like in 10 years, it is exciting to finally see some change on a crumbling building which has been slated for demolition for years. What is most exciting about this, is the potential. Not just because of what could be placed in its spot, but the way in which all people can start to imagine and dream about what might be possible in our city. My hope, is we can dream beyond parking.

Since living in Union, I have never struggled to find parking downtown. But I have heard there is never any parking downtown. And sure, there might not be a spot available 10 feet in front of the place you want to go. But in a 1-3 block radius there is certainly a spot available. And that 1-3 block spot is not much further of a distance that parking at Wal-Mart and walking all over the store. But I hear again and again, the line “there is no place to park”, online, in city planning meetings, and in everyday conversations. Yet magically, twice a year, you can suddenly find parking on Memorial Day and the Christmas Parade. Downtown is never as full as it is then, and yet we are able to make it work.

Sometimes we get so used to the story we have told about the way things are that we cannot see the truth that is right in front of us. As we make our way into the fall, as a congregation as a community, and even as a country, we do ourselves a service when we examine the stories we tell ourselves about ourselves. What was true, might no longer be. What over people have said, and what other people have come to believe might not be the same for you. What do we need to clear out, to open up our imaginations to what is possible? What stories are true, but ones we need to change.

As the church program year has begun, I am encouraged by all the events happening in the church. Not just for our youth, but all of our events from LOGOS, to Ice Cream socials, to the upcoming CROP walk and even the hosting of our Eastern Association, for a gathering welcoming the Rev Mary Schaller Blaufuss to discuss her new book. We have life at this church. And plenty of parking. I wonder what new stories are waiting to be told?

Blessings,
Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch

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

Worship Opportunities In October

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, October 5 *The 17th Sunday* *after Pentecost*

Sacrament of Communion
Sacrament of Baptisms
Special Congregational
Meeting (10 a.m.)

Sunday, October 12 *The 18th Sunday* *after Pentecost*

Intergenerational Sunday
School (10 a.m.)

Sunday, October 19 *The 19th Sunday* *after Pentecost*

Sunday, October 26 *The 20th Sunday* *after Pentecost*

Called to Care Team Request

The Called to Care Team 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!



Zion UCC Church Council Meeting – August 2025

Zion UCC Church Council
met on Monday, August 25,

2025, with the following in attendance: Paul Brinker, Brad Parker, Bruce Templer, Kathy Reed, BJ Cooper, Norma Kern, Donna Bocklage, Barb Cox, Pastor Nick, Fern Dewert and Connie Thompson. President Dewert opened with prayer and called the meeting to order.

Guests Susan Newman and Marilyn Freiermuth were present representing the Good Samaritan Fund and the need for more donations to keep this program continuing through the end of the year. They are asking for donations from the congregation of at least \$6,000; \$3,000 has already been donated. Motion was made and approved to submit an article for the September newsletter informing the congregation of the need.

Guests Dan Mossoney and Eric Lammert (from Trycon Security) were present to share detailed information of proposed updated security cameras. The quote that was given included 13 cameras, 24" monitor, all equipment/wiring, battery backup, 30 day storage and 3 year warranty. The cost will be \$9,177.68 with the funds to cover the cost from the Building & Property Designated Funds. Motion was made, seconded and approved to have a special congregational meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2025, following the morning worship service to vote on the costs of the new security cameras/equipment.

Consensus Agenda Items were approved as printed

- June Church Council Minutes
- Special August 10 Church Council Minutes
- Pastor's Report
- Minister to Youth & Families
- June/July Financial Reports
- Time/Date for next Council Meeting – September 15, 2025

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review Committee – Met and updated the wording for this committee for the bylaws.

By-laws Review Committee – no meeting

Audit Committee – There was no meeting but the committee will be contacted to begin the internal audit of 2025 books.

Personnel Review Committee – The final copy of the updated Employee Handbook is now finished. The committee also sent their recommendations to Finance Committee for 2026 salaries for all employees.

Leadership Development Committee – The committee secured 3 candidates for the Church Council. They are Jim Vemmer, Susan Newman and Alvera Heeger.

Properties Committee – Hearing devices: 4 of the 6 hearing devices are not working. There may be an issue with software updates and this will be investigated further by Pastor Nick. Old sound system equipment: It was suggested to contact someone to see if the old sound system equipment could be used in the fellowship hall. Pastor Nick will contact the company that installed the new sound system in the sanctuary to see if this is possible. Fellowship Hall Update: The repairs to the fellowship hall will be done in the fall/early winter.

Finance Committee – The committee met in August and will develop the 2026 Proposed Budget at the meeting in September. The committee also discussed the Legacy Fund. A committee will need to be formed to review the ideas and suggestions from the two round table discussions; create guidelines. The council will discuss this more at the September meeting.

Building/Contents Inventory – Work continues.

Dates have been set for the following:

- Totenfest – November 9
- Greening of the Church – November 23
- Advent Event – November 30

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

- Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary
(approved by the Church Council on September 15, 2025.)



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sunday, October 12th

Registration is 12:30 PM at Zion - Walk begins at 1 PM

THANK YOU

to all of our Volunteers!

Sunday School:

Bronwen Voss, Phyliss Fink, Connie Thompson

LOGOS:

Jean Stevens, Laurel Camden, Connie Thompson,
Maxine Harrison, Amy Dewert, Abbie Dewert, Fern
Dewert, Caeligh Knoblauch, Rudy Ahmann, Darlene
Ahmann, Susan Merlino, Wayne Bean, and Lee Parks



Faith Quest

Meet in Bible Max Theatre

Ages 3 to 1st grade

2nd grade – 6th Grade

MOVIE, CRAFT, GAME & PHOTO DRAMA

Middle/High School

Meet in the Senior High/Middle School Room

7th – 12th grade Youth

(For Confirmed and Not Confirmed Youth)

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

An intergenerational lesson

**The October lesson includes a
brunch sponsored by Zion Fellowship.**

SAVE *the* DATES

ADVENT WORKSHOP

November 30th

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 14th

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



October 1 & 8

We will see that
Jesus teaches us about
God's love for us!
It's an evening full of Games,
Bible Stories, Music and Dinner.
5 PM to 7:30 PM

**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.

CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT

STANDING STRONG

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

November 14-16, 2025

begins at 7:30 PM on Friday evening and ends after
worship on Sunday morning.

Chaperones are needed!

Please contact Alysha for a
discount code to register
participants and chaperones.





JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY
BETHLEHEM

BETHSAIDA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI
CANA
CAPERNAUM
DECAPOLIS
EGYPT

EPHRAIM
GALILEE
JERICHO
JERUSALEM
JORDAN RIVER
JUDEA
MAGDALA

MOUNT OF OLIVES
NAZARETH
PEREA
SAMARIA
SIDON
TYRE
WILDERNESS

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S
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S	E	G	E	I	T	S	S	S	G	Y	O	L	D	I	N
A	A	C	J	A	C	O	N	I	Y	R	P	E	A	R	R
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Notes from the Music Director

What a musically enjoyable September! Chancel Choir is going full steam ahead, and the LOGOS kids are testing out

Boom whackers. Thank you to Kirk Hancox for providing special music for us in September as well, and to Ann Hartley for adding flute to our anthem on September 21.

In October, LOGOS kids will be putting together their Boom whacker piece. Chancel choir will continue on (and new members are always welcome!). AND....

Spiritual drum circles will be returning. Communicating with rhythm transcends talking. Drums are mentioned several times in the Bible. You don't need to read music; listen and add to the "conversation" when you are comfortable. Drum circles are common in several different cultures because we live with an inner beat and an inner rhythm. Drumming is forgiving.

Please join us on the third and fourth Wednesdays of the month, starting on October 15. We will meet at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Do you have your own world music drum? Feel free to bring it along! (This does not include drum sets. Different kind of drumming!)

Blessings,
Karen

Important Notes/Events From the Zion Green Team Let's Reduce Plastic Use In Missouri!

Earth's Classroom Presentation

Earth's Classroom in Rosebud will held a **Show-Me Less Plastic Community Workshop** on Saturday, November 1st from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This hands-on workshop is designed to give you the knowledge and skills to reduce plastic use and pollution in Missouri. Lunch is included and registration is free. To register, go to www.earthclassroom.org and click on 'Show-Me



Less Plastic" event or contact Jeanne Lischer or Norma Klemme. The Green Team will be carpooling to this event; sign up on the lower commons bulletin board. We will meet at church at 10 a.m. that morning.

"The Issue with Tissue"

Have you ever heard of the 'tree-to-toilet pipeline'? Much of the toilet paper we use daily comes directly from the boreal forests of Canada. Cutting down ancient trees and literally flushing them down the toilet does not make sense, and just increases the urgency of the climate crisis. But as consumers, how do we know where our paper products come from, or how to find better brands that do less harm?

The Natural Resources Defense Council, a widely respected nonprofit organization, publishes an annual report that's very helpful. Check out the 6th edition at www.mrdc.org/resource/issue-tissue.

The report includes scorecards (rated A through F) for various brands of toilet paper, paper towels and facial tissue, and tells what stores sell them. In general, brands that emphasize softness are the most detrimental to the environment. Sustainable brands may cost a little more, but they can help us reduce our (very) personal impact on God's creation. Sustainable purchasing choices include toilet paper made from recycled paper, and toilet paper made from bamboo.

(article submitted from 'The Communicator' – September 2025 – Columbia UCC, Columbia, MO)

"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!



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.

Thank You to September Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Lee Parks, Alysha Petry, Matthew Herring, Maxine Harrison

Special Music for Worship: Chancel Choir (with Ann Hartley on flute); Kirk Hancox

Ushers: Dennis & Karen Tucker, Bill & Fern Dewert

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Kirk & Sallie Hancox

Greeters: Ruth Parker, Maxine Harrison, Pam Klenke, Cindy Groenke

Sound System Tech: Alan TenEyck

Camera Techs: Dan Mossoney, David Bean

Newsletter Helpers: Candy Ronsick, Maxine Harrison, Karen Tucker, Donna Bocklage, Carol Rohrbach, Ken Rohrbach, Kirk Hancox

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!

Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew

2. "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you."

Peter, James, John, Paul

3. "What is truth?"

Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius

4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"

Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua

5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul

6. "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"

Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas

7. "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go."

Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab

8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas

Answers: 1. Cain (Genesis 4:9); 2. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 3. Pilate (Acts 3:6); 4. Joshua (Joshua 24:15); 5. Peter (Acts 4:13); 6. Herod Agrippa (Acts 26:28); 7. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 8. Paul (2 Timothy 4:7)

Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzer
Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan
Hettie Becker	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)
Anne Parker (at Aspen Valley Fox Crest in Washington)	
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, P, D, H & R (Karen Stafford's CASA kids)	
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)	



Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter	Skip Buehrle	Susie Andell
Jake McNiel (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)		
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)		
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)		
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)		
Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)		
Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)		
Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)		
Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)		
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)		
Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)		
Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)		

Memorial Gifts Given

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

Mike Smith, Kathy Reed, Jack & Verlyn Yarbrough, Richard & Kathy Young, Mike & Karen Livengood, Mr. & Mrs. Alan TenEyck, Tom & Karen Ladage, Joe & Cathie Gildehaus, Sandy Bailey (for Franklin County Humane Society), Connie Thompson (Good Samaritan Fund)

In loving memory of **Carla Woofter & Elmer Flee Sr.** for Zion Building & Property Fund by:

Jim Doehring & family

Notes to Zion

Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your kind wishes, notes, and tokens of friendship. The 'Happy Birthday to You' song was a real joy and a surprise for sure. You are all so special to me, individually and collectively. I am so blessed to know you and call you 'my friends'. Turning 90 years old has been a fun experience.

- Dorothy Mitana

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Thank you to all who sent cards, messages, food, and get well wishes during my recovery from knee surgery.

- Sharon TenEyck

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Dear Zion Friends & Rummage Sale Team,

Thanks for the wonderful donation of \$1,000. We truly appreciate your help.

- Union Food Pantry

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Dear Zion Family,

Thank you so much for recognizing me on my 45 years serving as the Administrative Assistant. I can truly say that it is a joy and a privilege to work with and for you ALL! Your kindness to me and my family over the years is invaluable and most appreciated. Again, thank you and may God continue to bless us always!

- Connie Thompson

Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of
Marilyn Stahlman)
Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)
Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)
Sharon Birke (sister of Ron Griffin)

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)

Special Congregational Meeting – September 7 2025

President Fern Dewert called the Special
Congregational Meeting to order on September 7
2025.

The purpose of the Special Congregational
Meeting was to discuss and vote on the
recommendation from the Properties Committee
to install a clear tempered glass railing in the
balcony to meet current safety standards. The
Properties Committee obtained a bid for this
installation from Franklin County Glass for
\$13,190.69.

The Church Council met in a special session on
August 10 and voted unanimously to present this
bid to the congregation on September 7, 2025.
The council also recommended this project be
paid for using funds from the Building & Property
Temporarily Restricted Funds which currently has
a balance of \$47,600.

Bruce Templer from the Properties Committee
explained the project and the bid.

Motion was made and approved the July
24, 2025, bid from Franklin County Glass for
\$13,190.69 to install a permanent tempered
glass safety rail in the balcony to be paid from
the Building and Property Temporarily
Restricted Funds. Motion passed.

- Fern Dewert, Zion UCC
Church Council President

(approved by the Church Council on
September 15, 2025.)

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2025

President Fern Dewert called the meeting to
order on September 14, 2025.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and
vote on the recommendation from the Safety
Committee and the approval from the Church
Council to install security cameras and equipment
at a cost of \$9,177.68. The company that will
install the equipment is Lammert Electrical &
Wiring Solutions, LLC in Union, Missouri. The
council proposed the funds to pay for the project
be taken from the Building & Property Restricted
Funds.

There being no questions, motion was made
and approved that the bid be accepted.

Meeting adjourned.

- Connie Thompson, Church Council
Recording Secretary

(approved by the Church Council on September
15, 2025.)

Church Attendance from September

(3 out of 4 Sundays)

Sept. 7 – 113

Sept. 14 – 103

Sept. 21 – 94

Faith Quest/Adult Education Attendance from September

(3 out of 4 Sundays)

Sept. 7 – 17 (youth); 9 (adults)

Sept. 14 – 25 (Intergenerational Sunday School)

Sept. 21 – 15 (youth); 8 (adults)

Financial Report for August 2025

	August 2025	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$24,887.00	\$246,602.00
Expenses	\$41,108.00	\$259,061

Our Church's Wider Mission (given YTD) - \$4,867.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) – \$1,172.00
Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the
church office. Thank you.

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	2 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 11 am-2 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 2 pm Outreach 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	3 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	4
 5 <i>The 17th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion/ Baptisms</i> 10 am Special Congregational Mtg. 10 am Informational 2026 Budget Mtg.	6	7	8 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	9 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	10 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	11
12 <i>The 18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10 am Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall) 1 pm CROP Walk	13 6:30 pm Finance November newsletter articles due	14 8:30 am-2:30 pm Lower Commons in Use	15 12 Loops of Love 6:15 pm Meditative Drum Circle 7:30 Chancel Choir	16 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 	17 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	18
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Informational Budget Mtg. (fellowship hall)	20 7:00 pm Church Council	21 1:30 pm Book Club	22 10 am Nov. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 6:15 pm Meditative Drum Circle 7:30 Chancel Choir	23 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	24 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	25 9 am- 4 pm Fellowship Hall in Use
26 <i>The 20th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	27	28	29 12 Loops of Love 6:15 pm Meditative Drum Circle 7:30 Chancel Choir	30 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	31 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	





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
- 12 - Betty Clark
Augustus Orf
- 13 - Scott Buehrle
Briley Pecka
- 15 - Addison Short
- 16 - Amy Eads
Larry Clark
- 17 - Carol Crane
Jacob McNiel
- 18 - Virginia Maune
Shelly Truel
Sharon Titter
- 19 - Hettie Becker
Dennis Tucker
Tammy Vemmer

- 20 - Elaine Bierwirth
Hailey Hansen
- 21 - Bill Dewert
Taylor Ingle
Damon Blankenship
- 22 - Allie Pracht
- 24 - Andrew Klemme
Matthew Schulte
- 25 - Lauren Moller
Nancy McKenzie
Fallyn Blankenship
Sue Leicht
- 26 - Janet Brune
- 27 - Joyce Pope
Matt Osterwald
- 29 - Brenda Herring
Samantha Knott
Liz Short
- 31 - Carol Wilson

November Birthdays

- 2 - Karen Stafford
Alan TenEyck
Amy Dewert
- 3 - Patrick Branscum
Brenda Bishop
- 4 - Claude Perrigues
Jeremy Rosenkoetter
- 6 - Trinity Penton
- 8 - Nicole Evrard
Steve Helms
Taylor Lutz
- 9 - David Hall
Prudence Johnson
- 10 - Renee Gerding
Chris Robinson
Tylor Mueller