

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



January 2026

No. 1

January LOGOS Adult Education Forum: Caring for Missouri's Watersheds

Missouri is a state whose geography has been shaped for centuries by water – rivers, streams, creeks. Come and learn more about Missouri's vast watersheds at the Green Team's LOGOS Adult Education Forum on Wednesday, January 7, at 5 p.m. with Cheri Becker from the Missouri Department of Conservation. She will share information about Missouri's watersheds and offer ways we can get involved with the Missouri Stream Team program.

After the presentation, dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Please RSVP for dinner by emailing Alysha at apetry@zionunion.org or by calling the church office. A freewill offering will be received.

The Green Team invites everyone to attend this forum and learn how small actions can make a big difference in protecting Missouri's waterways.

- Jeanne Lischer, on behalf of Zion's Green Team

Volunteers Needed - Christmas Decorations Taken Down

Volunteers are needed to help take down Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 11th following the morning worship service. It usually takes about an hour to de-decorate the church. Thank you!

Zion Cemetery Association Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 18th

The Zion Cemetery Association Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026 in the sanctuary. The agenda will include: election of new Zion Cemetery Board members and a review of the financial statement of the Zion Cemetery from 2025.

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



Serving Christ In January

Ushers:

Jan. 4 & 11

Maxine Harrison,
Connie Thompson*

Jan. 18 & 25

Wayne Bean,
Bruce Templer*

(*designates Head Usher)

Sound System Tech: Ken
Rohrbach

Camera Tech:

Jan. 4 & 11 – David Bean

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

Annual Reports Due

In order to get the Annual Reports ready for the February 22nd Congregational Meeting, we are requesting that chairpersons of ministry teams, boards, and fellowship groups have their 2025 written reports in to the church office **no later than Wednesday, January 21st**. You may also email your reports to cthompson@zionunion.org.



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



A Change in 2026 Offering Designations

For those of you who use offering envelopes you will notice that for 2026 we have eliminated the 'green' Building & Property Fund envelope.

However, you will notice that the designations on the offering envelopes have "Current Expense" (which is our operating/general fund), "Our Church's Wider Mission" and "Building & Property Fund" (which was previously Property Improvement Fund). If you give an amount on any of these designations, please know that they will be given **directly** to those incomes. Likewise, if you use the online VANCO platform the same will apply. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

2025 Giving Statements

Giving Statements for 2025 will be mailed in January. Please watch for them in the mail.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 15th

Our congregation will gather for our Congregational Meeting and the celebration of our ministry together on Sunday, February 15th following the worship service in the sanctuary.

The Church Council is asking that if any member(s) of the congregation have any concerns that they would like considered at the annual meeting they should submit a written request to the church office by Monday, January 19th. Thank you.



Zion Fellowship – January 2026

On Sunday, November 23, several people helped decorate the church for Advent. After most of the decorating was done, we furnished a pizza lunch for everyone who helped decorate. Thank you to those who provided the cookies, and thank you to the Ridders for furnishing the pizza.

There was no event planned for December.

January 18 - We will have a Family Game Night and Soup Supper. Bring any game you would like to share with others at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Then, around 5:30 we will have a soup supper. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to bring soup, crackers, appetizers, or dessert. Since we did not meet in December, we will need to discuss what charities we want to give a donation to.

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

Blessed



Beloved Zion,

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer. Blessings to you and your families in the year of our Lord 2026. As we begin this new year, I hope you will embrace the lull. After the frenetic rush of the holiday season, the clock strikes midnight on the first of the year. There is a pause. An inhale and an exhale. Regardless of the celebration of the new year, there is a lull. And, sure, there will be work, school, life to live, and bills to pay, but January doesn't ask for much. I know there are plenty of meetings and conversations I will be circling back to this time of year. And I love getting a good jump on a project as much as the next guy. We all have responsibilities, and many are making resolutions and want to start the new year off on the right foot. But let us not forget to accept the lull.

January offers us a different kind of present. It provides us with the gift of presence. It is in the lull, after the holidays, as we slowly find our bearings, that we are allowed to linger. To linger in our thoughts, to linger in our feelings, to linger with friends and family, or no one at all. The winter winds arrive, and the rush of holiday gatherings is over; now it is time to slow down. So, this January, I invite you to take it slow. To linger. To embrace the lull. To welcome the presence of God and notice what rises to the surface. What are you feeling this time of year? What needs tending to? What conversations do you need to begin? What dreams of the season still linger? How is it with your spirit?

So, after the rush and before we return to business as usual, may the spirit of gentleness find you, may the restlessness fade away, and may the lull of the season be a blessing for you.

Blessings,
Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch

Thank You and Welcome!

We wish to thank Kathy Reed, Donna Bocklage and Brad Parker who served so faithfully as members of our Church Council. Thank you!

The following were elected to serve on the council for the next three years: Alvera Heeger (1st term), Susan Newman (1st term), and Jim Vemmer (1st term). We look forward to their gifts and insights in the coming year as they join current council members: Fern Dewert, Barbara Cox, Paul Brinker, Brad Parker Bruce Templer, and Colleen Simons. Please keep the council in your prayers in the coming year.

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

Worship Opportunities In January

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, January 4 *The 2nd Sunday after Christmas*

Sacrament of Communion

Sunday, January 11 *Baptism of Christ*

Intergenerational Sunday School (10:00 a.m.)

Sunday, January 18 *The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

Zion Cemetery Association

Congregational Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

Sunday, January 25 *The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

Salvation Army Bell Ringers – Thank You!

Thank you to the following who helped with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Friday, December 12th at the Schnuck's location in Union. Huge shout out to the following: Gary Stafford, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Donna Bocklage & Maxine Harrison, Susan Merlino, Sandy Bailey & Gayle Williams, Alan TenEyck, & Brad Parker

- Brenda Viehland, on behalf of the Outreach Team

Zion UCC Church Council Meeting November 2025

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, November 17, 2025, with the following in attendance: Fern Dewert, Rev. Knoblauch, Barb Cox, Donna Bocklage, Kathy Reed, BJ Cooper, Bruce Templer, Colleen Simons, Brad Parker, and Connie Thompson. Paul Brinker was not in attendance.

Bruce Templer opened the meeting with prayer. President Fern Dewert called the meeting to order.

Consensus Agenda

- Minutes of October Church Council meeting – approved as presented.
- Minutes of November Congregational meeting – approved as presented.
- Pastor's Report – approved as presented.
- Minister to Youth & Families Report – approved as presented.
- October Financial Reports – Connie passed out the final copies of the financial reports for October. It was noted that Chancel Choir has spent more than what has been budgeted. The deficit will be taken from their designated monies.
- Time/Date for next Council meeting – Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to share. The 3 new council members will be invited to join the meeting.

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review Committee – no report.

Bylaws Review Committee – The committee of Ann Hartley, Sandy Stierberger, Carol Rohrbach, Fern Dewert & Pastor Nick will be meeting on Wednesday, November 19th.

Audit Committee – The Audit Committee has begun their work on the 2025 financial books.

Personnel Review Committee – no report.

Leadership Development Committee – Colleen Simons was welcomed to the church council. She will finish the remaining one-year term of Norma Kern.

Properties Committee – There are bats in the church. Removal of the bats needs to be done professionally. A bid has been secured from Rottler Pest Solutions for a portion of the church but not the whole building. Motion was made and approved to spend up to \$5000 to obtain more information/bids. Also, the pews in the balcony will be bolted to the floor during the greening of the church.

Safety Committee – Old Arlo Cameras will be available after the first of the year for silent bids to the congregation and proceeds given to the properties designated funds.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee presented possible Legacy Fund Guidelines and a Legacy Fund Committee to the church council. After much discussion, it was decided that Pastor Nick will draft a job description for the Legacy Fund Committee for the council to review at their next meeting. Motion was made, seconded and approved to invite Edward Jones, United Church Funds, and United Bank of Union to come and give a presentation to the church council and Finance Committee on how these financial institutions would invest up to \$1.5 million.

Building/Contents Inventory – Fern and Pastor Nick met with our insurance agents. Insurance costs are increasing.

Open Discussion/Announcements – The paper products that were located in the fellowship hall restroom area were removed and placed in the room adjacent to the restroom. Along with the old security cameras, the big coffee pots that have not been used will be placed on the silent auction. The old roasters will be recycled if possible and other items in the church kitchen will be reviewed by the four chairpersons of the funeral kitchen committees to see if they are needed.

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

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



Kid & Youth

January 2026

NEWS

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



January 7 & 14

When we wonder, we
can trust Jesus.

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.

Everyone is invited!

SAVE *the* **DATE**

The Annual Conference Youth Event

The winter Conference Youth Event (CYE) will be at

St. John UCC in St. Charles, MO,

February 13-15

The event begins Friday evening and ends after
Worship on Sunday. The youth will participate in a
mission project, many fun activities, and games.

More details and registration will be shared by
Alysha in early January.



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

(For youth who are 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
an Intergenerational lesson.



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

All the gifts were happily received!

40 winter warming packs and 55 meal kits were
prepared during the Intergenerational
Sunday School Class and will be shared
throughout our community.

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



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

February 1 & 8.

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



TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages.
 "Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E=△	L=□	R=✦
A=■	G=●	M=↗	S=■
B=X	H=◀	N=†	SH=☀
D=◀◀	I=▲	O=☼	T=♪
	K=	P=□	TH=♥

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Proverbs 3:13

Answer: Happy is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding.



Notes from the Music Director

As I write this, we have not yet had our Christmas Eve service.

The excitement and anticipation is still there. But the calm of January is just ahead.

But in music, I'm already planning for Lent. The church calendar keeps moving on, and so do the music plans.

As always, we welcome new members to Chancel Choir, which rehearses on Wednesdays starting at 7:30. Our choir is a family. We not only sing and rehearse, we share laughter, prayers, concerns, and fellowship.

LOGOS activities include a music portion. We will be starting on drums and exploring other instruments as they apply to various Bible stories. This is on the first two Wednesdays of the month. As always, there's a good supper! Contact Alysha Petry for more details.

Meditative drum circle for January will be on the 21st only, starting at 6:15 in the chapel.

We are always open to people sharing their musical gifts, whether they be members or future friends of the congregation. Contact me if you or someone you know might like to offer a special music (or reading, or liturgical dance) opportunity for a future service.

Special thanks to all of those who provided music for Christmas Eve. Those names will be listed in the Annual Report, since we are still at the planning stage of that evening.

Blessings,
Karen

Legacy Fund Committee

The Church Council is looking to select five members to form the Legacy Fund Committee. They are looking for volunteers who will:

- Discern the use of the fund.
- Establish a handbook/guideline for the committee.
- Develop an investment strategy and a spending policy for the fund.
- Communicate regularly with the council and congregation.

In due course, the committee will establish term limits for the membership and determine the function of the committee going forward.

Please contact the church office if you are interested in being a part of the Legacy Fund Committee.

From the Historical Committee... The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ

Previous articles have been written on four streams that make up the history of the United Church of Christ: Congregational, Reformed, Christian and Evangelical. Recently it was discovered there is a fifth stream, Afro-Christian.

Black Americans in the Southern part of the United States from 1619 were to a large extent, slaves from Africa. Congregationalism was strong and schools were established for Blacks, many became Congregationalists. Some servants were not taken in the South with their owners. After the Civil War, many independent Blacks who could not read or write moved from "Nigger" balconies of the former white master's churches. They held to an African style of worship, preaching by shouting, different singing, long messages-Afro style. This was especially so in North Carolina and Virginia. Many also practiced baptisms by immersion. Over the years, these Africans abandoned sectarian names. Christ was the only head of the church. Christian was their only name and the Bible their only rule in faith and practice. Yvonne Delk born and raised in the African style of worship, became a leader in the Congregational Christian Church. Records over the years in North Carolina and Virginia showed the Afro-Christians stream became more a part of the main Congregational Christian stream.

The American Missionary Association was organized as a non-sectarian anti-slavery society in 1846 by Black and white abolitionists, as a result of the Amistad Event of 1839. This involved Blacks from Africa, who rebelled and took over the ship taking them as slaves to America. Americans and courts helped them return to

Africa. Many records have been found over the years showing Afro-Christians how whites helped them change their outlook more like the Northern Blacks and Congregational Christians.

Yvonne Delk and others have shown how in time the 150 or so Afro-Christians became a part of the United Church of Christ by 2023 in North Carolina and Virginia. The old dormitories at Franklin Center, Bricks, North Carolina, are now lodging for retreat guests.

On September 13, 2022, the Historical Council of the United Church of Christ voted in unanimous support for the following statement:

“The United Church of Christ Historical Council acknowledges and affirms the Afro-Christian Convention as the Fifth Stream of the UCC Historical legacy. The Historical Council will celebrate the concept of the Fifth Stream and engage fully in the dissemination and promotion of the new text. The Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream of the United church of Christ through all possible means.”

- Armin Klemme on behalf of the Zion Historical Team

Source: “Afro-Christian Convention (The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ)” edited by Yvonne V. Delk



Save the Date Camp MoVal Trivia Night Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for the Camp MoVal Trivia Night Fundraiser presented by the Grape Cluster of UCC Churches:

- Friday, March 6th, 2026 at St. Peter’s UCC, 20 E 5th St., Washington, MO
- Doors open at 6:00 PM, and the first question is at 7:00 PM
- \$25 per person/table of 8

Theme: *Get Your Kicks on Route 66* (Centennial Celebration of Route 66 1926-2026)

Sign up to be on a Zion team at the lower commons bulletin board.

Silent Auction Items are Needed! Contact Alysha apetry@zionunion.org to donate items

Financial Report for November 2025

	Nov. 2025	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$25,561.00	\$330,912.00
Expenses	\$24,532.00	\$338,818.00

Our Church’s Wider Mission (given YTD) - \$9,877.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (given YTD) – \$1,946.00
Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the church office. Thank you.

Souper Bowl of Caring in February

The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Collection days will be **February 1 & 8**. Youth will be collecting money and canned good items for the Little Free Food Pantry and the Union Food Pantry.

Thank You to November/December Volunteers

Zion Church acknowledges and appreciates the work done by the following volunteers for the months of November & December.

Liturgists: Sallie Hancox, Carla Kilgore, Fern Dewert, Colleen Simons, Maxine Harrison, Alysha Petry, Sue Leicht, Carl Ridder

Special Music for Worship: John Phillips & Kirk Hancox; Chancel Choir; Kirk Hancox

Ushers: Ken & Carol Rohrbach; Connor Muller; Karen Tucker; Alan & Sharon TenEyck; Dan Mossoney; Jane Wilson; Susa Merlino; Karen Tucker; Paul & Shanna Brinker; Scott & Annie Buehrle; Sammi Blankenship
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert; Ron & Pam Griffin; Alan & Sharon TenEyck

Advent Candlelighters: BJ, Danielle, Logan, Drew & Oliver Cooper; Phyliss Fink & Elsie Saake; Jerod, Sammi, Allie & Raegan Blankenship; Josh, Bronwen, Sutton, Nate & Nalee Birke; Paul, Shanna, Nora & Luke Brinker

Greeters: Gale Claggett; Lee & Susan Newman; Carl & Jane Ridder; Bill & Fern Dewert; Linda Kinworthy; Kevin Vorderbruegge; Colleen Simons; Maxine Harrison; Daryl Hartley; Sandy Bailey

Sound System Tech: David Bean; Dan Mossoney; Jason Dewert

Camera Techs: Alysha Petry; Blake & Camden Dewert

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

Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland Kim Yenzen
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)
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)
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)
Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)
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)
Marilyn Fish (aunt of Carla Kilgore)

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter Jake McNiell (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Susie Andell 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)
Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)
Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)



With Sympathy

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

Skip Buehrle, 74, died on November 26th. Funeral service for Skip was held at Zion Church by Rev. Knoblauch on December 1st. Burial was in the Zion Cemetery.

Notes to Zion

We would like to thank our Zion UCC family upon the passing of Devin Lause, Krista's husband & Jim Doehring's son-in-law for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, texts, and donations in his memory. Also for your attendance at his visitation, IC Church service, and luncheon celebrating his life.

- Jim Doehring,
Krista & families

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Thank you for all the cards, letters and donations in honor of my 90th Birthday. For those who attended the Open House it was so good to see you all and thank you for coming. Zion holds a special place in my heart...not only as a life-long member but for the many years we served as custodians. Again, thank you all so much and bless you all! - Melva Puls

Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Devin Lause** for Zion Building & Property Fund by:

Jim Doehring & Krista & families

Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)
Sharon Birke (sister of Ron Griffin)

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Pat & Scott Buehrle, Shanna Brinker, Sammi Blankenship & families on the death of their husband and father Skip who died on Wednesday, November 26th.

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)

Christmas Gifts Given

Poinsettia Gifts Given:

In memory of Elmer Holtgreve & in honor of Katelyn Meyer & Brandon & Lindsey Titter by Bernice Holtgreve.

In memory of loved ones by Kirk & Sallie Hancox.

In memory of Hugo & Lucille Viehland by Brenda Viehland.

In memory of dad and papa by Scott Buehrle & family, Shanna Brinker & family, and Sammi Blankenship & family.

Peace & prayers for the homeless by Susan Merlino.
In honor of our grandchildren Abigail, Blake, Camden, Hanna & Natalie by Bill & Fern Dewert.

In memory of Skip Buehrle & Norman & Henrietta Schuenemeyer by Pat Buehrle.

In memory of loved ones by Colleen Simons & family.

In memory of Clarence & Amelia Peters by Pauline (Peters) King.

In memory of Greg Stevens & Josh Camden by Jeannine Stevens & family.

Benevolent Gifts Given:

In memory of Elmer Holtgreve & in honor of Katelyn Meyer & Brandon & Lindsey Titter by Bernice Holtgreve.

In memory of loved ones by Kirk & Sallie Hancox.

In memory of my grandparents by Brenda Viehland.

In memory of Alan Freiermuth and Keith & Arline Stahlman by Marilyn Freiermuth.

In honor of our family by Alan & Sharon TenEyck

In memory of our parents and in honor of our children & grandchildren by Dave & Linda Hall.

In memory of Judy Doehring, Paula Forck & Devin Lause by Jim Doehring, Krista Lause & families.

In memory of loved ones by Linda Kroeter & family.

In memory of Arline & Keith Stahlman by Tim, Annette, Travis & Nick Stahlman.

Peace & prayers for the homeless by Susan Merlino.

In honor of our children & in memory of our parents by Gary & Karen Stafford.

In memory of John Leicht by Sue Leicht.

In memory of my parents, Louis Jr. & Elaine Borgmann & my sister Sandra Borgmann by Fern Dewert.

In memory of my parents Clifford & Erna Dewert by Bill Dewert.

In honor of my children & grandchildren by Pat Buehrle.

In memory of Donald & Evelyn Baker & Burnace & Amanda Hagedorn by Norm & Cheryl Hagedorn.

In memory of Fletcher Simons by Colleen Simons & family.

In memory of Mary Ann Klenke by Melodie Klenke.

In memory of loved ones by Dorothy Mitana.

In memory of Skip Buehrle & Norman & Henrietta Schuenemeyer by Pat Buehrle.

In memory of Pauline Altholz by Pauline (Peters) King.

In memory/honor of our parents by Brad & Louise Parker.

In memory of Greg Stevens & Josh Camden by Jeannine Stevens & family.

In memory of E.A. Stierberger by Sandy Stierberger.

In honor of loved ones by Ronnie & Pam Griffin.

Honorary Gifts Given

In honor of the 90th Birthday of **Melva Puls** by:

Carl & Jane Ridder (Good Samaritan Fund), Bill & Fern Dewert (Union Food Pantry)



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day Church Offices Closed	2 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	3
4 The 2nd Sunday after Christmas/ Communion 	5 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	6 Epiphany 	7 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	8 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	9 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	10 The star... came to rest over the place where the child was. <small>Matthew 2:11, ESV</small> 
11 Baptism of Christ 10 am Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall)	12 6:30 pm Finance	13 1:30 pm Book Club	14 12 Loops of Love 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	15 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	16 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	17 10 am Lower Commons Classroom in Use
18 The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10 am Zion Cemetery Assoc. Cong. Mtg. 4 pm Zion Fellowship Game Night	19 7 pm Church Council	20	21 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Meditative Drum Circle (chapel)	22 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	23 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	24 3-9 pm Fellowship Hall in Use
25 The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	26 	27	28 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir	29 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	30 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	31



January Birthdays

- 2 - Charlee Robinson
- 3 - Lanora Mossoney
Sue Straatmann
- 6 - Alexis Musket
- 7 - Joyce Altholz
- 8 - Danielle Cooper
Dana Post
- 9 - Jeff Petry
- 10 - Gerry Bedwell
- 11 - Andrew Rosenkoetter
- 13 - Braden Pracht
- 14 - Dawn Robinson
- 15 - Nora Brinker
- 16 - Jeff Muller
- 17 - Marcia Van Leer
Clara Koch
- 18 - Sharon TenEyck
Tim Sexton
Ken A. Puls

- 22 - Jane Gulledge
Bill Walker
- 23 - Daryl Hartley
Lee Newman
Ruth Lord
- 24 - Colleen Simons
- 25 - Blake Babbs
- 26 - Debbie Koelling
Teddy Orf
- 27 - Timothy Bauer
Sarah Shi
- 29 - Robert Elliott
- 30 - Austin Helms

February Birthdays

- 1 - Rod Starling
Kim Lutz
- 3 - Andrea Ingle
Jackten Copeland
- 4 - Anne Parker
Richard Young
- 5 - Shawn Robinson
- 6 - Adelaide Narup
- 9 - Megan Soetebier