

# The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ  
Union, Missouri



May 2026

No. 5



## Confirmation Sunday – May 17<sup>th</sup>

We will celebrate with 5 confirmands who will promise to be faithful to Christ and his ministry through the fellowship of Zion United Church of Christ. Please pray that they may be filled with every good gift that will come to those who are faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Nora Marie Brinker**  
daughter of Paul & Shanna Brinker

**Logan Paul Cooper**  
son of BJ & Danielle Cooper

**Caeli Sue Manhart**  
daughter of Tiffany Griffin & Chris Manhart

**Elsie Mae Saake**  
daughter of Melinda & Steven Gerstner  
and Austin Saake

**Barrett Allen Short**  
son of Elizabeth & Ryan Short

## Serving Christ In May

### Ushers:

May 3 & 10  
Ron & Pam Griffin\*

May 17, 24 & 31  
Mary German,  
Karen Tucker\*

(\*designates Head Usher)

### Greeters:

May 24 – Lee & Susan  
Newman

Sound System Tech: Matt  
Herring

### Camera Tech:

May 3 & 10 – David Bean

Zion United Church of Christ  
115 S. Washington Ave.  
Union, MO 63084  
636-583-2814  
[www.zionunion.org](http://www.zionunion.org)  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
(No Childcare)  
Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch,  
Pastor  
([knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com))  
Fern Dewert,  
Church Council President  
Connie Thompson,  
Adm. Assistant  
([cthompson@zionunion.org](mailto:cthompson@zionunion.org))  
Alysha Petry, Minister to  
Youth & Families  
([apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org))  
Mandy Frick, Coordinator of  
Elementary Youth  
Karen Stafford, Music Director  
([kstafford1985@gmail.com](mailto:kstafford1985@gmail.com))  
Brenda Herring,  
Church Organist  
Joy Bradley, Church Custodian

## **BREAD** 2026 Bread for the World FOR THE WORLD **Offering of Letters**

Since their founding in 1974, Bread for the World Offering of Letters has achieved many victories. Through nonpartisan political engagement, they've helped strengthen national nutrition programs, drastically reducing hunger in the U.S. They have also advocated to strengthen and improve U.S. international assistance, thus supporting the dramatic progress against hunger that many countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America have achieved. This progress shows that it is possible to end hunger in our lifetime, in the U.S. and abroad. The policies and programs Bread fights for have impacted 320 million Americans and more than 7 billion people around the world.

Stop by the table in the lower commons on Sundays, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> to sign a letter to send to our representatives in congress.

- Zion's Outreach Team



## Recognition of High School Graduates

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our high school graduates during the morning worship service.

Contact Alysha Petry by May 8<sup>th</sup> if

your graduate would like to be recognized by the church. We also want to hear about college graduates, technical school graduates, military graduates – anyone who has graduated this past year or will be graduating and their future plans. Please send the information about your graduate to [cthompson@zionunion.org](mailto:cthompson@zionunion.org) or dropping the information off to the church office so we can put a short bio in our June newsletter.

## Graduation Invite for Alysha Petry!

Thank you, Zion family, for all of your support in my seminary journey! After completing 5 years and 83 credit hours at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma, I will graduate with my Master of Divinity (MDiv) on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The commencement ceremony is at 11:00 AM at Harvard Ave Christian Church in Tulsa, and is live-streamed on Phillips' YouTube channel. I am also excited to share that I have been invited by the Dean to be one of the student commencement speakers. Here is the link to the livestream for anyone who would like to view the ceremony. This link will be visible beginning on May 16<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.youtube.com/@PhillipsSeminary/streams->  
- Alysha

## Shannondale Grand Opening Event

Over the past year, Shannondale's Craft House has been moved to a new building. The original Craft House was disintegrating, and mice were a constant problem. Thanks to many volunteers, the Welcome Center next door is now both the Craft House and Welcome Center. All the beautiful pieces created by Ozark artisans will now be much safer in a climate-controlled building!

The Grand Opening for the new Craft House will be held on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Artists will be demonstrating their crafts throughout the day. Lunch will be available for purchase, and tours will be offered (at approximately 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.)

The Green Team and Zion Fellowship is planning a field trip to Shannondale for the Grand Opening. We'll leave Zion at 9 a.m. Please sign up at church by May 17 if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have enough drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Lischer.



## Church World Service Blanket Sundays – May 10 & 17 2026

We will again have our annual Church World Service Blanket Sundays on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Each blanket is \$10 each and can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Stop by the table in the lower commons to make your generous donation.

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. When you support the **CWS Blankets Program**, you offer more than just warmth—you provide hope and love to those facing challenging times.

- Zion's Outreach Team



## May 25, 2026

Remember those who have served our country

(Church Offices will be closed.)

# Kid & Youth

MAY 2026

NEWS

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds.

We collected over 600 items for the Union Food Pantry and Zion's Little Free Pantry.



## High School

# GRADUATION

## *Recognition*

May 17<sup>th</sup>, during the 9:00 AM Worship

Contact Alysha by May 8<sup>th</sup> if your graduate would like to be recognized by the church.



## Faith Quest

Meet in Bible Max Theatre

Ages 3 to 1<sup>st</sup> grade

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **BIBLE BUCK STORE**

will be OPEN May 10 & 17

## Middle/High School

Meet in the Senior High/Middle School Room

7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth

(For Youth Confirmed and Not Confirmed)

## NO Intergenerational Sunday School in MAY

LAST DAY of SUNDAY SCHOOL for the program year will be MAY 17

## SAVE *the* DATE

Fall Conference Youth Event

*for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth*

at Camp MoVal October 23-25.

# VBS &



## Join us for a **ONE-DAY VBS & POOL PARTY**

*at Camp MoVal*

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>



# 2026 Camp MoVal Schedule

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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

*The grades listed are the grades the camper completed in May 2026*

<u>Camp Description</u>	<u>Camp Date</u>	<u>Price with</u>	
		<u>Camp Scholarship Discount</u>	<u>Full Price</u>
High School Camp (completed 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	June 21-26	\$ 270.00	\$682.00
Family Camp (All Ages)	June 29-July 3	\$ 190.00	\$318.00 (pp)
All Ages Camp #1 (grades 3-9)	July 5-10	\$ 270.00	\$682.00
All Ages Camp #2 (grades 3-9)	July 12-17	\$ 270.00	\$682.00
Adventures in Community (ages 18+)	July 19-23	\$ 270.00	\$682.00

**Contact the church office for your Zion camp scholarship discount code.**

### A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

*Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.*

**VOWELS: 1 = a   2 = e   3 = i   4 = o   5 = u**

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2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."



## Notes from the Music Director

Easter is over, and thoughts turn to summer. First, I want to thank the Chancel Choir members who have been so faithful throughout our church's activity year. Our rehearsals of fellowship, laughter, and sometimes frustration (but always with love and faith!) are one of the highlights of my week. I have gone home with my heart uplifted, my mood brightened, and a smile on my face.

Speaking of which... One of our choir faithful gave me a clipping she wanted me to read to the group a few weeks ago. It was about the benefits of singing. (I do not currently have the original source.) The benefits include the following:

1. Forging close bonds
2. Priming our body to fight off disease and possibly pain
3. Helping people with lung diseases
4. Improving heart rate and blood pressure
5. Boosting the immune functions when participating in groups

One study even suggested that singing is equivalent to a moderate treadmill session. (Well, that might be wishful thinking, but still...)

I did a simple search to learn how often "singing" is mentioned in the Bible. According to Google, there are over 400 references to singing in the Bible, with roughly 50 verses providing direct commands to sing. The people who scribed the books of the Bible must have been onto something.

I will say that Pastor Nick selects wonderful hymns, most of which have probably been close to your heart at one time or another. So, the next time you are in church, don't worry about the sound of your voice. Sing the feeling of the words. Let it sink into your soul. Let it merge with the voices of the rest of the congregation into one beautiful prayer.

Note: Summer is coming, and that means the choir is on vacation. As always, I am seeking special anthems for the services. And by this, I mean special ARTS presentations. In years past

our church has been blessed with wonderful, dramatic readings and interpretive dance, as well as our talented musical offerings. Please contact me if you know of someone who would like to share their gifts at one of our services.

Blessings, Karen

## From the Historical Team... Alysha Petry

It's that time of year, graduation, a time when we celebrate the completion of an educational program. Educational programs span from kindergarten, to high school, and to colleges and universities. Kindergarten to high school are required in today's world, but sometimes people want more, they want to give of themselves and serve others. Such is the case of Alysha Linette Reed Petry. Alysha was born May 7, 1976 to Gary and Kathy Soetebier Reed. Jennifer Hawkins and Mandy Frick complete the Reed family. Alysha grew up in Zion, being baptized May 19, 1991 and confirmed on that same date.

Following graduation from Washington High School, Alysha graduated from East Central College with an AA in Biology. Wanting to broaden her horizon, she enrolled in the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating with a B.S. in Parks, Recreation and Tourism with an emphasis in State Park Management. May 16, 2026 Alysha will be graduating from Phillips Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree. Phillips is located in Tulsa, OK

During high school and college, Alysha worked at Six Flags. This is where she met her husband, Jeff Petry. They were married May 19, 2001 at Zion. Jeff and Alysha have two children, Reed and Julia. Following her work with the Missouri State Park system, Katy Trail, and Graham Cave State Park, Alysha became a stay-at-home mom from 2000-2009. June of 2009, Alysha became Zion's Coordinator of Christian Education.

Alysha had a desire to grown spiritually, and with the encouragement of Vickie Johanpeter, Jerry Amiri, Gil Bisjak, Rev. Knoblauch and most of all, her family, she enrolled in Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. Phillips, a five hour drive from Union, requires a third of their classes

in person, the remainder are online. That takes a lot of determination and dedication!! At a time when many seminaries are declining, Phillips is growing. Their 110 students are very diverse with many different denominations making up the student population.

Growing up at Zion, Alysha has many wonderful memories:

She loved having her mom as one of her Sunday School teachers. She enjoyed worshipping with her Grandpa Soetebier, mom and her siblings. For Christmas programs, her grandma made identical dresses for Alysha and her cousin, Missy. This led many people to think they were twins instead of cousins! She has great memories of leading youth groups, Sunday School classes and VBS. She still laughs when she thinks about the time she accidentally got stuck in the giant fish she was creating for VBS; Vickie Johanpeter had to help her out!

Alysha loved all national, regional, and conference youth events where she has taken Zion's youth. Walking goats in over 100 degree temperatures at the Heifer Ranch in Arkansas was very memorable! Another memorable trip was taking her son, Reed, and nephew, Jacob, to the National Youth Event at Disney World in 2016. The event had amazing youth speakers that encouraged the youth to "Believe" in so many things. One of the speakers inspired Alysha, and other youth leaders, to theme their conference youth events to his message on the treatment of others. Our event was themed "Don't be a Goat", from the parable of the sheep and the goats.

Should Alysha find any spare time, she enjoys reading, playing with her labradors, and martial arts with her husband. She holds a 5<sup>th</sup> degree Black belt Hapkido, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt Taekwondo, and 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black belt Judo.

Alysha will continue as Minister to Youth and Families here at Zion, and will also serve as Camp Site Director at Camp MoVal. Congratulations on being awarded your Master of Divinity Degree! For all you have done and will continue to do in the future, we are GRATEFUL!

-Linda Hall, on behalf of the Historical Team



## Arbor Day

Fifty years ago (1976) Arbor Day Foundation launched the Tree City USA Program. Why was this necessary? Think of the millions of trees in the USA that have been cut down over the 250 years of our national history – to build cabins, houses, business buildings, schools, churches, barns, etc. Have we replaced any trees that have died or have been cut down? Several years ago, our youth and the Green Team planted trees at the city park and at Central Elementary and Union High School. Sad to say, some of those trees were cut down (for various reasons or died). One of them is still living in the city park near the lake. We celebrated that tree several years ago.

In a recent Arbor Day Foundation newsletter, it tells of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania launching their own Tree City USA Program Day fifty years ago. That city funded, staffed and care for its streets and parks by planting many trees in residential and park areas. The result has been that the summer time temperatures have been reduced from 10 to 20 degrees cooler. Paid and volunteer help have made this possible.

Let us think about this. Have WE done anything to replace trees? Have we concentrated in trying to replace lost trees for the benefit of those who are living after we are gone? Ways to do that beyond what we do here and now are to give gifts of money to the Arbor Day Foundation. We can give this gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of our children and grandchildren. The gift can be sent to: Arbor Day Foundation, 211 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508. Thank you.

- Armin Klemme, on behalf of  
Zion's Green Team



## Prayers Requested

### Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzer
Kevin Vorderbruegge	Gerry Hoelscher
Hettie Becker	Sarah Berghorn

Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)  
Barb Harvey (at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Wentzville)  
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)  
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)  
Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)  
Hallie Sammett (friend of Brenda Viehland)  
Sophia Muller (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Denise Muller)



## *With Sympathy*

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

**Melva M. Puls**, 90, died on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service for Melva was on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Zion Church with Rev. Knoblauch officiating. Burial was in Zion Cemetery.

**Geraldine S. Bedwell**, 96, died in April 12<sup>th</sup>. A celebration of life for Gerry will be held at Zion Church with Rev. Knoblauch officiating on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery.

## **Notes to Zion**

Dear Zion Friends,

Thank you to all who sent us words and cards of comfort, greeted us at the visitation and helped us celebrate our mom's life at her funeral service. Thank you to Pastor Nick for his beautiful and comforting words at her service.

Words can't describe the gratitude we feel to you all! She has left a huge void in our lives and is missed but we will hold our memories of her in our hearts forever.

- Connie Thompson, Kevin & Ken Puls & families

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The Union Food Pantry volunteers thank you for the very generous donation collected during Lent. These donations will help to assist many in our community. Thank you for your support.

- Union Food Pantry

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

Ron Griffin & family on the death of his sister Sharon Birke who died on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Connie Thompson, Kevin & Ken Puls, Rudy Ahmann & Karen Strode on the death of their mother and sister, Melva, who died on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The family of Gerry Bedwell. Gerry died on April 12<sup>th</sup>. A celebration of life will be held at Zion Church on Friday morning, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

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

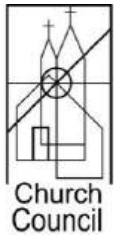
Linda Kroeter	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Susie Andell	Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)

Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)  
Don Frankenberg (uncle of Phyllis Fink)  
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)  
 Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)  
 Jenny Brittingham (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)  
 Matthew (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)  
 Monty McGavock (brother of Kathy Young)  
 Julie Borgmann (niece of Fern Dewert)

**Various Concerns:**

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



**Zion UCC Church Council Minutes – March 16, 2026**

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, March 16, 2026, with the following in attendance: Susan Newman, Barb Cox, Pastor Nick,

Connie Thompson, BJ Cooper, Paul Brinker, Colleen Simons, and Alvera Heeger. Fern Dewert, Bruce Templer and Jim Vemmer were not in attendance.

Alvera Heeger opened the meeting with prayer. Vice President Cooper called the meeting to order.

**Consensus Agenda:**

- Minutes of the February 2026 Congregational Meeting – approved as presented.
- Minutes of the February 2026 Church Council Meeting – Silent Auction dates have been changed to April 19-27 and pick up changed to April 29-30.
- Pastor's Report – approved as presented.
- Minister to Youth & Families Report – approved as presented.

- February Financial Reports (Drafts) – Final February financial reports have not been completed. When the final financial reports are done they will be mailed to the council members.
- Time/Date for next Council meeting – April 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**Discussion Agenda:**

Membership Review Committee – no report.  
 By-laws Review Committee – The updated By-laws that were approved at the February Congregational Meeting were handed out to the council members.  
 Audit Committee – The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to finalize 2025 financial books.

Personnel Review Committee – All reviews of staff members have been completed.

Leadership Development Committee – no report.

Properties Committee – Motion was made, seconded and approved to allow the committee to spend up to \$5,000 before council approval. The digital sign is still a work in progress. Companies have been contacted regarding the sign but the committee has not received any responses. The Quilting Room needs blinds on the windows to match the blinds throughout the rest of the building. The committee will be contacted to help with this project.

Safety Committee – no report.

Finance Committee – The committee will be working on conflict of interest and gift acceptance policies. They will also be researching how to invest some of the Zion monies in other areas in addition to certificates of deposits.

Legacy Fund Committee – The first meeting of the committee will be on March 18, 2026.

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

- Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary (approved by the Church Council on April 20, 2026)



## Zion Fellowship – May 2026

There was no event in April.

No event has been planned for May. Watch the weekly bulletins and the bulletin board in the lower commons for activity announcements. Contact Fern Dewert or Jane Ridder if you have any suggestions.

**Saturday, June 6** – Dinner and Show “Murder by Magic” at St. Paul’s UCC, Marthasville, MO. Steak \$50/ Chicken \$45.. RSVP date unknown at this time. Watch for more details in church Bulletin later.

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

## memorials & gifts **Memorial Gifts Given**

In loving memory of **Skip Buehrle** by:  
Joe & Sally Creutzburg

In loving memory of **Barbara Gardner** for Zion Cemetery by:  
Mike & Judy Water, Harvey & Gail Mefford, Armin & Norma Klemme, Susan Herbst, Sharon Kesselring, Jenn Meyer, Colleen Simons

In loving memory of **Frieda Conway** (sister of Virginia Maune) for Zion Building & Property Fund by:  
Danny & Joyce Brown, Virginia Maune

In loving memory of **Bootsie Eckelkamp** for Zion Building & Property Fund by:  
Jim Doehring

In loving memory of **Melva M. Puls** by:  
Tom & Gayle Williams, Gary & Sandy Toelke, Daryl & Ann Hartley, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Pat Buehrle, Vicki Hooper, Maxine Fink, Bernice Holtgreve, Mark & Tricia Seely, Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann, William & Fern Dewert, Lorraine

Griffin, Gary & Karen Stafford, Jack & Verlyn Yarbrough, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Armin & Norma Klemme, Ruth Parker, Jim & Bonnie Vemmer, Sandy Stierberger, Alan & Sharon TenEyck, Brad & Louise Parker, Crane Family, Dan Mossoney, Cindy & Dale Groenke, Maxine Harrison, Ronnie & Pam Griffin, Matt & Brenda Herring, Sue Leicht, Bruce Templer, Kathy & Gary Reed, Richard & Kathy Young, Colleen Simons, Sandy Bailey, Wayne Bean, Dorothy Mitana, Gerard & Sue Straatmann, Danny & Joyce Brown, Virginia Maune, Dave & Linda Hall, Brenda Viehland, Dennis & Nancy Kossmann, James & Cathy Teater, Jerry & Sharon Borgmann, Hershell & Gwenn Eads, Donna & John Robart, Gary & Linda Strubberg, Mike Murray, Mark & Amy Schupp, Delores Sawicki, Mary Mohesky, Joanne & Dane Brockmiller, Dennis & Gina Peters, Terry & Beverly Alferman, Joyce Nieder, Randy & Christy Feldmann, Scott & Sarah Sullentrup, Duck & Marilyn Krimmel, Doris & Ross Malone, Paula Reagan, Educators for a Better Tomorrow, Pat Gabbert, Marvin & Kathy Hertlein, Karen Krimmel, Larry & Sue Brown, Kathy Skrivan, Patsy Prugh, Frank & Linda Foeller, Carey & Karen Porter, Mike & Lynn Haberberger, David & Valerie Jankowski, Carrie Maune, Arlene Hogan, Good Samaritan Fund: Barbara Cox, Alan Klobasa & Carla Kilgore, Marilyn Freiermuth, Alan & Sharon TenEyck, Little Free Pantry: Sharon Martindill, Scenic Regional Library: Zion UCC Chancel Choir, Zion UCC Cemetery: Rudy & Darlene Ahmann, Zion Youth: Carl & Jane Ridder

## Thank You to April Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Colleen Simons, Maxine Harrison, Alysha Petry, Richard Young, Carla Kilgore  
Special Music for Worship: Kirk Hancox, Chancel Choir, Brass Trio: Caeligh Knoblauch, Gail Mefford, Dean Sommerville

Ushers: Sandy Stierberger, Jim Vemmer, Karen Tucker, Brad Parker, Alan TenEyck, Connie Thompson

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Nora Brinker, Logan Cooper, Caeli Manhart  
Greeters: Sallie Hancox, Pam Klenke, Marilyn Freiermuth, Kevin Vorderbruegge  
Sound System Tech: David Bean  
Camera Techs: Dan Mossoney, David Bean  
Newsletter Helpers: Ken Rohrbach, Carol Rohrbach, Kirk Hancox, Donna Bocklage, Candy Ronsick, Maxine Harrison

## **2026 Easter Contributions**

*The following donated gifts for an Easter lily or as a benevolent donation to the Little Free Pantry and the Union Food Pantry.*

### **Easter Lilies given:**

In memory of John Leicht by Sue Leicht.  
In memory of James Ronsick by Candy Ronsick.  
In memory of our parents by Gary & Karen Stafford.  
In memory of loved ones by Kirk & Sallie Hancox.  
In memory of Skip Buehrle, Norman & Henrietta Schuenemeyer by Pat Buehrle & family.  
In memory of Aunt Patty by Susan Merlino.  
In honor of our grandchildren – Abigail, Blake, Camden, Hannah & Natalie by Grandpa Bill & Grandma Fern.  
In memory of Adolf & Lillian Mantels by Lewis Mantels.  
In honor of our children & grandchildren by Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann.  
In honor of our mother, Pat Buehrle by Scott, Annie, Paul, Shanna, Jerod & Sammi.  
In memory of our father, Skip Buehrle by Scott, Annie, Paul, Shanna, Jerod & Sammi.  
In memory of Hugo & Lucille Viehland by Brenda Viehland.

### **Little Free Pantry and Union Food Pantry donations:**






In memory & honor of our family past & present by Armin & Norma Klemme.  
In memory of Dennis Harrison by Maxine, Matthew & Erin Harrison.  
In memory of our parents and in honor of our children & grandchildren by Dave & Linda Hall.  
In honor of our children by Gary & Karen Stafford.  
In honor of friends by Kirk & Sallie Hancox.

In honor of my children & grandchildren by Pat Buehrle.  
In memory of Aunt Patty by Susan Merlino.  
In memory and honor of our families by Brad & Louise Parker.  
In memory of our parents & sister by William & Fern Dewert.  
In memory of loved ones by Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann.  
In memory of Donald & Evelyn Baker and Burnace & Amanda Hagedorn by Norm & Cheryl Hagedorn.  
In memory of E.A. Stierberger by Sandy Stierberger.  
In honor of all of God's blessings by Ronnie & Pam Griffin.  
In honor of our family by Alan & Sharon TenEyck.  
In memory of Keith & Arline Stahlman & Alan Freiermuth by Marilyn Freiermuth.  
In memory of Steve Hooper and Clifton & Jo Schuenemeyer by Vicki Hooper.  
In memory of loved ones by Dan & Lanora Mossoney.  
In memory of David & Michael Kinworthy by Linda Kinworthy.  
In honor of Pastor Nick, Caeligh & family by Carl & Jane Ridder.  
In memory of Keith & Arline Stahlman by Tim, Annette, Travis & Nick Stahlman.  
In memory of loved ones by Linda Kroeter & family.  
In memory of Judy Doehring, Paula Forck & Devin Lause by Jim Doehring, Krista Lause & families.  
In memory of Carol Bean by Wayne & David Bean & Valerie Jankowski.

## **Called to Care Team Request**

The Called to Care Team is asking that if you or someone you know would like a visit from the team or our pastor, please contact the church office. If you or members you know are in nursing homes, homebound, or staying close to home please contact the church office. Our mission is to minister to and care for the entire community of Zion Church, whether able to be present in worship or not. Thank you!

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Communion</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>1</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use  <b>8</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>2</b>  <b>9</b> 10 am Fellowship Hall in Use
<b>10</b> <b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Mother's Day Blanket Sunday/ Offering of Letters	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Finance	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir June newsletter articles due	<b>14</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>15</b> 11 am Celebration of Life for Gerry Bedwell 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> <b>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Confirmation Sunday Graduation Recognition Blanket Sunday/ Offering of Letters 10 am Green Team	<b>18</b> 7 pm Church Council	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 10 am June newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>22</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Offices closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12 Loops of Love 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	<b>29</b> 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>						



## May Birthdays

- 1 - Ann Hartley  
Jane Ridder
- 2 - Maxine Fink
- 3 - Gary Reed  
Marie Kuenzel
- 4 - John Metcalf  
Jaydalyn Holman
- 6 - Macey Hargrove  
Baylor Adams
- 7 - Jon Ridder  
Tyson Jones  
Alysha Petry  
Elsie Saake  
Oliver Cooper  
Nora Knoblauch
- 8 - Heather Koch
- 9 - Logan Cooper
- 10 - George Gerstner  
Tracy Ingle  
Dawn Toelke
- 12 - Sarah Buscher  
Collin Maune  
Alan Klobasa
- 14 - Evelyn Klenke  
Kevin Koelling  
Dennis Soetebier
- 15 - Sally Lischer

- 19 - Sharon Martindill
- 20 - Mary Smith  
Ellie Johnston  
Hunter Narup
- 21 - Armin Klemme
- 22 - Thelma Stephens  
Aaron Branscum
- 23 - Krista Knott
- 24 - Nancy Brand
- 27 - Clayton Muller
- 29 - Lauryn Overschmidt
- 31 - Darlene Ahmann  
Maelee Mossoney  
Alex Puls

## June Birthdays

- 1 - Megan Isgriggs
- 2 - Krista Lause  
Olivia Penton  
Ella Oltmann
- 3 - McKenna Gerstner
- 4 - Karen Livengood
- 6 - Carl Ridder
- 7 - Geraldine Hoelscher
- 8 - Allen Heeger  
Sarah Penton
- 9 - Taylor Seely  
Penny Perriguy  
Jeanne Lischer
- 10 - Lester Gardner  
Barbara Cox