

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



June 2026

No. 6



Annual USO Drive

During the month of June Zion will again be collecting items for the USO at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis. A 'wish list' of items needed will be in the lower commons during June along with a box to place your donations. Please feel free to take the 'wish list' with you. The USO is asking that items are individually packaged (example: box of 50 count 1 ounce chips), so that they can be safely stored and distributed to the military. Thank you! Items needed include:

Granola Bars	Breakfast Bars
Protein Bars	Pop Tarts
Fig Bars	Fruit Bars or Fruit Snacks
Fruit Cups	Peanut Butter to Go
Nutella to Go	Individual Beef Sticks
Tuna Pouches	Individual Potato Chips
Individual Veggie Chips	Ground Coffee
#19 Rubber Bands	AAA/AA Batteries
Printer Paper	Paper Towels
Disposable Razors	Travel Size Deodorant
Travel Size Lotion	Travel Size Hand Sanitizer
Tabletop Board Games	



Zion Fellowship

There was no event in May.

Saturday, June 6 – Dinner and Show “Murder by Magic” at St. Paul’s UCC, Marthasville, MO. Steak \$50/ Chicken \$45. We have 2 tables reserved, and 16 people signed up to attend. If you have signed up to attend, and have not paid Fern D. by now, please do so ASAP.

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

Serving Christ In June

Ushers:

June 7 & 14

Gale Claggett*,
Vicki Hooper

June 21 & 28

Donna Bocklage*,
Verlyn Yarbrough

(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

June 21 – Carl & Jane Ridder

Sound System Tech: John Crane

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

Coming Soon!

Visit the Green Team Library Shelf to borrow “green” books and resources! Zion UCC Green Team will be donating eco-centric books and resources to build community knowledge and love of nature! Check out books such as Greta Thunberg’s “The Climate Book” to learn about climate change, various field manuals for local flora and fauna identification, “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer to understand our relationship with nature, and so much more! Please check out and return books promptly so all can grow and share in the wonder and care of God’s creation!

- Tabitha Grimm Nolting,
on behalf of the Green Team



Congratulations to High School and College Graduates!

We celebrate with the following that have earned their high school diploma or have completed their college education. Please keep them in your prayers. Congratulations to all!!

High School Graduate:

Camden Dewert is the son of Jason & Amy Dewert and the grandson of Bill & Fern Dewert. Camden graduated from Washington High School.

College Graduates:

Maddie Buehrle is the daughter of Scott & Annie Buehrle and the granddaughter of Pat Buehrle. Maddie graduated from State Tech College with her Ad Production degree.

Lindsey Titter is the daughter of Sharon & Jason Titter and the great-granddaughter of Bernice Holtgreve. Lindsey graduated in December 2025 from the University of Missouri with a Bachelors Degree in Biological Sciences and a minor in Chemistry. She is applying to the Physician Assistant graduate program and is hoping to attend in 2027.

Josh Hawkins is the son of Andrew & Jennifer Hawkins & grandson of Gary & Kathy Reed. He

graduated from East Central College with his Associates Degree.

Alysha Petry is the daughter of Gary & Kathy Reed. She received her Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Vacation Bible School Saturday, July 18

Everyone is invited to the ONE-Day VBS at Camp MoVal on Saturday, July 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information see page ??? of this newsletter to register your children/grandchildren.



Zion Annual Pool Party – Saturday, July 18

Mark your calendars for the Annual Pool Party at Camp MoVal on Saturday, July 18th from 3-5 p.m. For more information see page ??? of this newsletter.

Internal Audit Committee Report

We have audited the records and the financial reports of Zion United Church of Christ, Union, Missouri, contained in the 2025 Annual Report. While our audit was limited to testing the transactions and balances and would not necessarily disclose all errors, we found no evidence of significant errors or omissions. In our opinion, the financial reports are fairly stated.

We are recommending the closing of the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, an inactive account that has not been used for years.

We wish to commend the Administrative Assistant and the accounting firm of Strubberg & Associates for their fine work during the year. On behalf of the congregation, we thank them for their time and talent.

- Audit Committee
(Cindy Groenke, Sallie Hancox, Sue Leicht,
Kenneth Rohrbach, Barbara Cox, council
liaison)



Beloved Zion,

This season, Major League Baseball has added an Automatic Ball-Strike (ABS) Challenge system. Teams can challenge a pitch that they think the umpire got wrong. There are rules limiting who can challenge a pitch, when they can do so, and how many times they can challenge throughout the game. It is a pretty quick process, and it helps overturn close calls. I welcome the challenge system; it seems to be a good addition. And while some may like or dislike it, some are calling for a full integration of the system. Meaning, getting rid of the umpire behind home plate, and allowing the ABS to call all balls and strikes. Advocates claim there would be higher accuracy than human umpires, making the game fairer. Others argue that the ABS is flawed by turning a 3-dimensional strike zone into a 2-dimensional one. The arguments are strong on both sides, and time will tell which way this will go.

But I have a feeling that the umpire is here to stay. And I know many have insulted, cursed, and blamed umpires and referees over the years. But they remain, deeply, beautifully, imperfectly, human. At the end of the day, this is what sports are about. It has always been about the human element. That's what makes live performance so special. Things might go wrong. The actor might improvise during Shakespeare, the unexpected player might hit a home run, or your preacher might incorrectly shuffle their manuscript; the novelty, surprising achievements, and the little errors that remind you how connected we all are.

While technology has always played its part in sports, like waffle irons molding shoe soles, helmet headsets in football, and instant replay. But we watch because of the human story. No one wants to look at a scoreboard to learn whether it was a ball or a strike. After all, the umpire is really there, not to call balls and strikes, but to arbitrate between the players. After all, why couldn't the pitcher and batter just agree whether or not it is a strike, like you do on the playground? You need the person, flaws and all, working it out in real time.

As technology advances, as arguments around Artificial Intelligence increase, I am reminded that what makes things like the arts, worship, and yes, even sports so special, is the deep humanness of it all. We want real, authentic, messy, chaotically beautiful experiences that connect us. Theater, worship services, sports, live music, we all crave the human experience and are willing to pay the price of imperfection. Our perfectly imperfect humanness is what compels us, connects us, and helps us bond in ways surpassing understanding. So, the next time you find yourself mad at a ref, embarrassed that the actor forgot lines, or delighted when you connect with the preacher, remember they are human too. And it makes all the difference in the world.

Blessings,
Rev Nicholas Knoblauch

Worship Opportunities In June

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, June 7

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

Sunday, June 14

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Sunday, June 28

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Drop In Hours:

Monday & Wednesday mornings

from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday mornings

from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Email:

knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com

Appointments upon request:

Church Office (636) 583-2814

or sending an email.

*You care for the land
and water it;
you enrich it
abundantly.*

Psalm 65:9



From the Historical Team... Gerry Hoelscher - Happy 90th Birthday!

1936 was a special year. Swing dancing, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman were very popular. A 6 pack of Pepsi Cola cost 25 cents, the Oakland Bay Bridge opened, The Great Ziegfeld won the Academy Award for best picture, and President Roosevelt was reelected by a landslide. Famous people, actor Jack Nicholson and basketball player Wilt Chamberland were born. The most important event occurring in 1936 was the birth of Geraldine Carolina Wilhelmina Berghorn who was born on June 7, 1936. Gerry was born to Adolph H. and Selma E. Maune Berghorn at St. Francis Hospital in Washington. This is the same hospital where Gerry would spend 43 years in the nursing field.

Gerry was baptized by Rev. Schenk on September 20, 1936 at Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church in Union. This is the same church where on December 7, 1949 Gerry would be confirmed by Rev. Albert B. Gaebe. Growing up, Gerry played the piano, enjoyed playing with her cocker spaniel, Pudgy, was a cheerleader her junior/senior years, and was in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, a Masonic youth service organization. She also played Monopoly and many games of Chinese Checkers with her dad. During World War II she remembers sitting outside on their front porch during blackouts and being afraid they were going to be bombed.

Gerry attended elementary school in Union and graduated from Union High School in 1954. She obtained her Licensed Practical Nurse License May 1955 through St. Francis Hospital.

Gerry and her sweetie, Virgil Hoelscher, met in high school while attending a Union vs. Washington basketball game. They dated for two years before getting married September 10, 1955. They were married by Rev. Oberdick at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington. Following their marriage, Gerry joined the Lutheran church.

For 43 years, Gerry provided loving care to each of her patients, treating them the way she

would want to be treated. No doubt, that golden rule was instilled in her at a very early age. During those 43 years, Gerry worked on geriatric, medical and post-surgery floors. Gerry retired June 9, 1998.

Following retirement, Gerry and Virgil followed their love of travel. They loved camping in their RV at state parks and trout fishing. They spent six winters near Ft. Myers, where they enjoyed soaking up the warm Florida sun and meeting people from various locations and all walks of life. Unfortunately, Virgil died suddenly December 20, 2008.

Gerry rejoined Zion December 7, 1997, and since that time, she has been a very active member. Special memories include church outings at Barlage Springs, located off Hwy UU, Junior League, Kitchen Committee, Adult Fellowship, Church Women United and George Washington Birthday dinners. She is currently serving on the Historical Team and has been active in Loops of Love since 2010.

Gerry keeps her mind sharp by reading, knitting, crocheting, playing cards, puzzles, paint by number pictures and sewing. And..... keeping up with her Yorkie, Lily.

Gerry is a valued member of the Historical Team. We appreciate your dedication. All of Zion wishes you a happy 90th birthday with many more years of good health. Stop by the historical cabinet to see some great photos!

- Linda Hall, on behalf
of the Historical Team

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!



Kid & Youth

JUNE 2026

NEWS



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or LOGOS

June, July & August

Have a great Summer!

We hope to see you all at our
One-Day VBS at Camp with our
Annual Pool Party following VBS!



Mark your calendars for our
Annual Pool Party
at Camp MoVal

Saturday, July 18

3 PM to 5 PM

Hot Dogs and Snow Cones will be provided.
Bring a snack to share

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Get ready because we are going on a Journey with Jesus; all you need is...

“Your PASSPORT to CAMP”

Enjoy a day of camp activities in VBS style. Participate in archery, boating, games, music, bible story, and crafts. Lunch is included.

We hope you all can join us at our ONE-DAY VBS at Camp MoVal!



Saturday, July 18

9 AM to 3 PM

2659 Camp MoVal Rd. Union, MO 63084

After VBS, children and their families are invited to join us at our Annual POOL PARTY at Camp from 3 PM to 5 PM.
Hot Dogs and Snow Cones will be provided; bring a snack to share!

Register Here: <https://form.jotform.com/222334386499062>



2026 Camp MoVal Schedule


REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Register at 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 Camp Scholarship Discount</u>	<u>Full Price</u>
High School Camp (completed 8 th -12 th 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.



REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and the go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

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

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter	Susie Andell
Jake McNiell (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)	
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)	
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	
Don Frankenberg (uncle of Phyliss 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)	



Church World Service Blanket Donations

In memory of Jo Schuenemeyer & Sharon Birkman by Vicki Hooper.
In honor of Alysha Petry & our confirmands by Carl & Jane Ridder.
In memory of my parents by Sandy Bailey.
In memory of my moms Ruby TenEyck & Bea Leicht by Sue Leicht.
In memory of our mothers by Mr. & Mrs. Alan TenEyck.
In memory of Dolores Harrison & Betty Jo Staley by the Harrison family.
In memory of loved ones & in honor of Lauren, Abbie & Ellie by Kirk & Sallie Hancox.
In memory/honor of my children, my husband & my family by Ruth Parker.
In memory of my mother by Suzanne Barreth.
In honor of our mother Pat Buehrle & in memory of our father Skip Buehrle by the Blankenships.
In memory of Melva Puls by Connie Thompson.
In memory of loved ones & in honor of my family by Donna Bocklage.
In memory of my mother Elaine Borgmann & Erna Dewert by Fern Dewert.
In memory of Mom & Dad by Susan Merlino.
In memory of loved ones by Sandy Stierberger.
In memory of Skip Buehrle, my parents Norman & Henrietta Schuenemeyer & honor of my family by Pat Buehrle.
In honor of Abby Templer Rodrigues & Chapman Templer by Bruce Templer.
In honor of Joyce Maune Brown by Virginia Maune.
In memory of Sam Phillips by John Phillips.

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 3rd Class Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

Good Samaritan Fund

Below is a narrative of an unexpected meeting by one of us.

“About three weeks ago I was in Walmart shopping. I passed by a young lady in her early to mid-20’s. She looked vaguely familiar. She passed me and turned around saying “Are you one of those people from Zion?” I answered that I was and asked her why she wanted to know. At that point I realized we had helped her with a situation several weeks before and that, at that time, she was very emotionally distraught. Today she had a big smile on her face. She said “When I came in to talk to the three of you, my life was at a low point. We were facing eviction and had a new baby with serious health problems. You helped my family with compassion and financial aid. We will never forget your kindness.” I thanked her and told her to pay it forward someday. We parted.

Without your support, both in the budget and through individual contributions, this never would have happened. Thank you!!

- Marilyn Freiermuth, Alan Klobasa, Susan Newman

Thank You to May Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Karen Stafford, Gil Bisjak, Jeanne Lischer, Alysha Petry

Special Music for Worship: Chancel Choir

Ushers: Ron & Pam Griffin, Sue Leicht, Karen & Dennis Tucker

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Ken & Carol Rohrbach

Greeters: Marilyn Freiermuth, Alan & Sharon TenEyck, Daryl Hartley, Lee & Susan Newman, Vicki Hooper

Sound System Tech: Matt Herring

Camera Techs: David Bean, Dan Mossoney

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

Grass Mowers: Alan TenEyck, Brad Parker, Jim Vemmer, Bill Dewert, Kirk Hancox



CWS Blanket Donations **(cont.):**

In memory of Adolph & Selma Berghorn & Virgil Hoelscher by Geraldine Hoelscher.

In memory of our parents by Dan & Lanora Mossoney.

In honor of Virginia Maune & in memory of Margaret & James Evans by Danny & Joyce Brown.

In memory of Esther Williams by Harvey & Gail Mefford & family.

In honor of loved ones by Ken & Carol Rohrbach.

In memory of Frank & Inis Severe by David & Jeanette Long.

In memory/honor of our family today & in the past by Armin & Norma Klemme.

In memory of Elmer & Viola Sallman by Phyllis Berkel.

In honor of our children by Gary & Kathy Reed.

In memory/honor of loved ones by Arlene Hogan.

In memory/honor of family & friends by Barbara Cox.

In memory of loved ones by Hettie Becker.

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

In honor of our church family by Gary & Debby Schulte.

In memory of loved ones by Becky & Joe Gable.

In memory of loved ones by Colleen Simons.

In memory of Lillian Mantels by Joyce Mantels.

In memory of Rev. Robert Cantrell by Ruth Cantrell.



**Church Council Minutes –
Notes April 20, 2026**

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, April 20, 2026, with the following in attendance: Susan Newman, BJ Cooper, Jim Vemmer, Bruce Templer, Barb Cox, Colleen Simons, Fern Dewert, Pastor Nick, Paul Brinker, Alvera Heeger, and Connie Thompson.

Colleen Simons opened with prayer and President Dewert called the meeting to order. Fern thanked Vice President BJ Cooper for leading the March meeting.

Consensus Agenda:

- Minutes of March 2026 Church Council Meeting were approved as presented.
- Pastor's Report
 - Pastor Nick reported that the Eastern Association Spring Meeting went very well with approximately 50-60 people in attendance. The technical items needed to support the meeting went smoothly i.e. allowing those unable to attend in person to attend via Zoom.
 - The NGLI survey to complete on Pastor Nick was emailed to all council members and we were asked to complete this survey.
 - A letter for Alysha's ordination was shared with the council. Motion was made and approved that a letter be sent to the Eastern Association Committee on Ministry to interview Alysha for ordination.
- Minister to Youth & Families Report was approved as presented.
- March Financial (Draft) Reports
 - Final reports for March were unavailable for the meeting. When the final reports are ready they will be emailed to the council members.
- Time/Date for next Council meeting – May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion Agenda

Membership Review Committee – No report.

By-Laws Review Committee – No report.

Audit Committee -

- Internal Audit Committee report was submitted by the committee and reviewed by the Church Council. In the committee's opinion the financial reports for 2025 are fairly stated. The Internal Audit Committee recommended to the council to close out the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which has a balance of approximately \$60. Motion was made and approved to accept the recommendation from the Internal Audit Committee to close out the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and deposit the amount of approximately \$60 into the General Fund.

Personnel Committee

- Paid Holidays for staff - The Personnel Committee made a recommendation to the council to add Martin Luther King, Jr. and President's Day as paid holidays for Zion employees to the other paid holidays: (1/2 day) of New Year's Eve, Independence Day, New Year's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, (1/2 day) of Christmas Eve, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, and Memorial Day. Motion was made and approved to accept the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to be instituted in fiscal year 2027.
- Staff Recognitions – The Personnel Committee made a recommendation to the council for staff recognitions as follows: 5 years of service - \$25 gift certificate; 10-15 years of service - \$50 gift certificate; and 25+ years of service - \$100. Motion was made and approved to accept the recommendation from the Personnel Committee.

Leadership Development – Paul Brinker, Barb Cox and Colleen Simons first terms will conclude at the end of 2026. Paul & Barb do not wish to serve another term on the council.

Properties

- Fellowship Hall – Dennis Tucker and others will place a board in the space between the wall and the register.
- Digital Sign – Ziglin Signs have not submitted a quote as they had questions about the current sign.

Safety Committee – The Safety Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

- Gift Acceptance Policy – The Gift Acceptance Policy was reviewed and changes were made to remove the sentence under Restricted Giving: 'All unconditional Restricted Gifts of less than \$50,000 made to a ministry or team of Zion will be automatically accepted.' Motion was made and approved to accept the Gift Acceptance Policy and remove the sentence as stated.
- Renewal of 2 Certificates of Deposit – A recommendation from the Finance Committee was presented to the council: 1. Certificate of Deposit maturing on May 13, 2026 – renew for \$100,000 with a new maturity date of May 13, 2028, at approximately 3.95%; 2. Certificate of Deposit maturing on May 14, 2026 – renew for \$75,000 with a new maturity date of May 14, 2029, at approximately 3.95%. Motion was made and approved to accept the recommendation of the Finance

Committee.

Legacy Fund Committee – Pastor Nick shared the discussions that were held at the two meetings of the Legacy Fund Committee.

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

– Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary (approved by the Church Council on May 18, 2026.)

Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Melva M. Puls** by:
Union Kiwanis Club, Duane & Elaine Bierwirth,
Zion Building Fund: Jim Doehring & family

In loving memory of **Myrt Dunigan & Dale Schmuke** for Zion Building Fund by:
Jim Doehring & family

Honorary Gifts Given

In honor of **Alysha Petry** for the Little Free Pantry by:
Marilyn Freiermuth

Notes to Zion

Blessings to you all!

- The family of Gerry Bedwell
(Jim, Lora, Tom & Katie Funicane)

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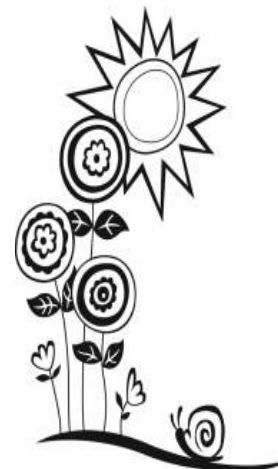
Thank you for all the ways you make this world a brighter one and for your usual donations.

- Union Food Pantry




Financial Report for March & April 2026

	March 2026	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$46,235.00	\$92,580.00
Expenses	\$37,559.00	\$104,888.00
	April 2026	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$16,209.00	\$108,790.00
Expenses	\$25,379.00	\$130,267.00

Our Church's Wider Mission (Jan-Apr 2026) - \$3,693.00
Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (Jan-Apr 2026) – \$812.00
Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the church office. Thank you.



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 12 Loops of Love	4 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	5 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	6
7 The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Communion 	8	9	10 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love July newsletter articles due	11 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	12 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	13
14 The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	15 7 pm Church Council	16	17 10 am July newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love	18 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 1 pm Historical Team	19 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	20 
21 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day	22 	23	24 12 Loops of Love 5 pm Legacy Fund Committee	25 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	26 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	27
28 The 5th Sunday after Pentecost	29	30				



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 Perrigues
Jeanne Lischer
- 10- Lester Gardner
Barbara Cox
- 11- Sutton Birke
- 14- Wayne Brinkmann
- 15- Cindy Groenke
Luke Herring
- 16- Alex Heeger
Camille Perrigues
Ashley Frick
- 17- Ross Groenke

- 19- Phillip Klemme
Joe Gable
Heidi Shelton
- 22- Jennifer Metcalf
- 23- Allison Bright
- 24- Jill Triplett
Mark Seely
- 25- Tricia Seely
- 26- Ron Griffin
- 27- Brooklyn Schmidt
Justin Perrigues
Kiara Merseal
- 30- Audra Arand

July Birthdays

- 1- Susan Pope
- 2- Karen Tucker
Peggy Metcalf
Andrew Hawkins
- 3- Lori Helms
Jacob Hawkins
- 5- Judy Petero
- 6- Jeff Heeger
Skylar Traffas
Archer Camden
- 7- Jeff Shelton
Owen Knoblauch
- 8- Allie Blankenship
- 9- Rudy Ahmann
Gary Young
- 10- Nora Becker