

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



July-August 2026

No. 7 & 8

One-Day Vacation Bible School! Saturday, July 18th

This year our Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event at Camp Mo-Val! For more information and to register your children/grandchildren/great-grandchildren, see page 5.

Zion Annual Pool Party – Saturday, July 18th

Everyone is invited to the Zion Annual Pool Party on **Saturday, July 18th** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Camp MoVal (2659 Camp MoVal Road in Union.) Hot dogs and drinks will be provided – please bring a snack to share. Fun for everyone!!



Rummage Sale Info!

It's Rummage Sale time! Get those closets, drawers, cabinets, basements, and garages cleaned out! Sale dates are Friday, July 31st from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 1st from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Schedule

Saturday, July 25 th	Set up	8 a.m. - Noon
Sunday, July 26 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. – Noon
Monday, July 27 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, July 28 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29 th	Drop off/prep	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

NO DROP OFF ON THURSDAY! WE ARE CLOSED!

THIS IS NOT A SALE DAY!!

Friday, July 31 st t	Sale Day	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday August 1 st	Sale Day	8 a.m. – Noon
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Serving Christ In July

Ushers:

July 5 & 12

Maxine Harrison*,
Lee Parks

July 19 & 26

Karen Tucker*,
Susan Merlino

(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

July 5 – Colleen Simons

July 12 – Linda Kinworthy

July 19 – Denise & Jeff
Muller

July 26 – Colleen Simons

Sound System Tech: David
Bean

Serving Christ In August

Ushers:

August 2 & 9

David & Linda Hall*

August 16, 23 & 30

Rudy & Darlene Ahmann*

(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

August 2 – Sandy

Stierberger

August 9 – Kevin

Vorderbruegge

Sound System Tech:

Harvey Mefford

Camera Techs:

August 2 & 9 – David Bean

Please help us have another successful year by donating items, volunteering during the week or on sale days. Yes, this is a lot of hard work, but it is also a great time of fellowship. Please be respectful of our workers when gathering your items for donations.

Here are a few friendly reminders:

- Please make sure items brought in are clean.
- If you bring in linens, please mark the size (King, Queen, etc.)
- Please try to limit the weight of bags, boxes, or totes. Do not over-fill, these get heavy by the end of the day.
- If you bring items in totes and want the tote back, please make sure your name is on it.
- We **do not** take large electronics (small electronics may be accepted if they work) No computers, printers, large furniture, magazines, or encyclopedias. Also, we cannot accept baby cribs, highchairs, or car seats. If you are unsure if an item will be accepted, please contact:
 - Brad Parker (314-330-7094) or Jane Wilson (636-388-1090)
- If you have items to donate that you need to have picked up, please call Brad or Jane ASAP so we can schedule a time to pick up.

If you are planning to work during the week or the day(s) of the sale (or are interested in helping), we will be having a meeting for all volunteers sometime in July. We will announce the date and time later. Please plan to attend this meeting so we can make sure all areas are covered, and everyone is on the same page. Thank you for your continued support.

- Brad Paker and Jane Wilson



Green Team Bake Sale for Earth's Classroom

The Green Team will be participating in the Bake Sale during Zion's Rummage Sale on Friday, July 31. We are raising funds for the Field Science Career Experience (FSCE) certification program at Earth's Classroom. Throughout the school year,

FSCE participants (high school juniors and seniors) attend monthly experiential, hands-on courses led by Earth's Classroom instructors and guest professionals. Scholarships are \$350 per student. Many of the students who receive these scholarships come away with a new understanding of possible careers in science, conservation, and environmental stewardship.

We'd appreciate your donations – cookies, brownies, pies, breads, jams, produce, home canned goods, as well as cash. Items can be brought to church on July 30 or early on July 31. Please price the items you donate.

- Jeanne Lischer, on behalf of the Zion Green Team

Zion Fellowship – July and August 2026

On Saturday, June 6, we had 16 people attend the Dinner and Show “Murder by Magic” at St. Paul’s UCC, in Marthasville, MO. We had a delicious meal of either steak or chicken, and then we enjoyed a fun magic show. There were also several silent auction items to bid on. Thank you to Fern Dewert for arranging this fun evening.

Sunday, June 28 – Meet at the back lot of Zion at 4:45 p.m. if you want to carpool to Miller’s Grill in Washington for dinner (5:15 p.m.) After dinner we will go to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 214 W. 5th St., Washington for the Combined Christian Choir’s summer concert at 7:00 p.m. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board downstairs. We will need to know how many will be going to dinner, and how many will need a ride.

July and August – Nothing planned at this time.

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



Beloved Zion,

This World Cup has brought the “Tartan Army” of Scotland to Fenway, the Algerian National Team to Lawrence, Kansas, and Norwegians pretending to row Viking ships everywhere, from random escalators to Times Square. So many great stories have emerged. For the past few weeks, my heart has been warmed by all the stories of hospitality and cultural exchange. When so many international headlines are dominated by warfare, diplomacy, and scandal, it is so refreshing to hear stories of real people from around the world coming together and enjoying life. Sure, the World Cup does a lot of heavy lifting in gathering people and giving them something to do. But at the end of the day, it really feels like a people’s United Nations. Ordinary people, coming together, breaking bread, and doing their best to be a good sport to other teams. It feels so refreshing to watch everyday Americans experience the world traveling to them. And it is equally refreshing to hear from visitors who experience America firsthand. Watching them discover how beautiful, kind, and pleasant most of our country is on the ground level. Most of the world knows the US from headlines, our partisan politics, our economy, or anything that typically makes the news these days. So, watching this has been a delight.

Of all the stories that I have watched, one sticks out. A lot of Japanese visitors have been spending time in Texas eating BBQ and generally enjoying themselves. But there has been one little hiccup. The Japanese keep getting full on chips and salsa. They arrived at a Mexican restaurant, and before they ordered, the chips and salsa were already on the table. One stopped the waiter and said, “We have not earned these.” Others say they have been defeated by the free chips because they have received them as a gift. And since it was a gift, it would be rude not to eat the chips. So, they would finish the basket, and another gift would arrive. You can see the problem.

This is communion at its best. A gift, free and abundant, without conditions. Arriving as you make your way in. There is nothing you need to do to earn it. It is just there, readily available for all to enjoy. The grace that the World Cup has demonstrated has been wonderful. Countries coming together, communities welcoming guests, have all been beautiful. The challenge we are faced with is extending that grace beyond the game. Can we learn to celebrate others without it being a competition? Can we both celebrate the beauty of our country and the beauty of all the others, in all of our world’s splendid diversity? The challenge reminds me of the hymn, “This is My Song,” written by Lloyd Stone.

Worship Opportunities In July & August

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, July 5
*The 6th Sunday
after Pentecost*
Sacrament of
Communion

Sunday, July 12
*The 7th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday, July 19
*The 8th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday, July 26
*The 9th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 2
*The 10th Sunday
after Pentecost*
Sacrament of
Communion

Sunday, August 9
*The 11th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 16
*The 12th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 23
*The 13th Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 30
*The 14th Sunday
after Pentecost*

I will end with the second verse, which reads...

“My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.”

Pastor Drop In Hours:

Monday, Wednesday &
Thursday mornings
from 8:30-12:00 noon

Email: knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com

Appointments upon request:
Church Office (636) 583-2814
or sending an email.

Blessings,
Rev Nicholas Knoblauch



Welcome!

We welcomed these new members into our Zion Church family on Sunday,

May 24, 2026. Welcome Keith, Julie & Robert!

Keith & Julie Wadley, 39 Villa Ct., Villa Ridge, MO 63089

Keith joined by Confession of Faith and Julie joined by Letter of Transfer. Keith is a Maintenance Supervisor at Gambrell Gardens Chapel. Julie is a Hospice Chaplain for Three Oaks Hospice.

Robert Hawker, 542 Watson Rd., Sullivan, MO 63080

Robert joined by Letter of Transfer.



Zion Book Club

Just a reminder that Zion's Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons.

The book the group will be reading and discussing for July is “*The Lost Bookshop*” by Evie Woods.

The book the group will be reading and discussing for August is “*Theo of Golden*” by Allen Levi.

All are invited to join the Book Club!

Bourbeuse River Operation Clean Stream – Saturday, August 22

For over 40 years, the Bourbeuse River Clean Stream #3 has sponsored an annual cleanup of the Bourbeuse River in August. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 22. Volunteer

teams cover 5-10 mile stretches of the river, removing trash, tires, trees, and other debris.

The Green Team is looking for volunteers to participate in this long-running event to care for the Bourbeuse River and its surroundings. We will be picking up trash at the Union access near Dickey Bub. Watch for further details in the bulletin. Contact Jeanne Lischer or Tabi Nolting for more information.

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



Zion UCC Blood Drive

Zion Church will be hosting a Blood Drive

on Sunday, September 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. [Click here](#) to schedule your appointment today or scan the QR code. If you have trouble



accessing the sign up please contact the church officer and we will be able to sign up for you! Invite your friends and neighbors who may be interested in donating. There are 24 slots available for sign up. Thank you!

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
Fern Dewert, Church Council President
Connie Thompson, Administrative Assistant
Alysha Petry, Minister to Youth & Families
Mandy Frick, Coordinator of Elementary Youth
Karen Stafford, Music Director
Brenda Herring, Church Organist
Joy Bradley, Church Custodian



Join us for a
ONE-DAY
VBS
July 18, 2026
 at Camp MoVal
 2659 Camp MoVal Rd. – Union, MO

Preschool Schedule

(Ages 3 - Incoming Kindergartners)

All Children must be potty trained to attend

9 AM - CHECK IN at the Welcome Center

9:30 AM to 10 AM

OPENING CEREMONY with Camp Songs & Bible Story

1st Rotation - 10 AM to 11 AM GAMES & MUSIC

2nd Rotation - 11 AM TO 12 PM CRAFT & PLAY

12 PM to 1 PM - LUNCH

3rd Rotation - 1 PM to 2 PM

REST TIME/QUIET TIME/COLOR etc.

4th Rotation - 2 PM to 3 PM

BUBBLES & WATER PLAY

3 PM Pick Up at the welcome center to take your children to the Pool Party

Elementary Schedule

(Incoming 1st - 6th Grade)

7th Grade on up may sign up to be a volunteer

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Elementary Rotations: ARCHERY/SLING SHOT, CRAFT, LAKE/WATER PLAY, GAMES

3 PM join us at the camp pool for the Pool Party

Each rotation we will focus on one of the following scriptures
 Exodus 3:1-6, Psalm 29:3, Matthew 3:16 and Acts 2:2

Sign up today for a fun day of bible stories and activities!

Register here at: <https://form.jotform.com/222334386499062>

For any questions about VBS email Alysha at apetry@zionunion.org

Children and their families are invited to stay for **Zion's Annual POOL PARTY**

at the Camp MoVal Pool from 3 PM to 5 PM.

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a snack to share!



Sunday SCHOOL



All Classes Resume

September 13th

REGISTER ONLINE at
www.zionunion.org



10 AM to 11 AM

Faith Quest

Meet in Bible Max Theatre

Ages 3 to 1st Grade

2nd grade – 6th Grade

Middle/High School

Meet in the Senior High/Middle School Room

7th – 12th grade Youth

Intergenerational Sunday School

2nd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

starting in OCTOBER

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

Intergenerational lesson and a fellowship brunch.

FUN LESSONS FOR ALL!

Children's **BIBLE**



Presentation

For 3rd Grade Students

Sunday, September 13th

During the 9 AM Worship Service

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

Have you ever been to LOGOS?

Join us **SEPTEMBER 9th** for our **KICK OFF EVENT**



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

5 PM to 7:30 PM

LOGOS will be the **FIRST TWO WEDNESDAYS** of EACH MONTH starting in **OCTOBER**

REGISTER ONLINE at zionunion.org

Everyone is invited to join us for a **FAMILY STYLE DINNER at 6 PM**

A minimum of \$5 donation suggested to help support Zion's LOGOS dinners.

Everyone is invited!

RALLY DAY

Youth Event

at THE ALLEY in Washington, Missouri

Sunday, September 13th

1 PM to 3 PM

Laser Tag, Arcade Games, Pizza & Soda

RSVP to Alysha at apetry@zionunion.org

A waiver to play at the Alley will have to be signed. A link for the waiver will be emailed to you to fill out for every person attending.



A Note from the Music Director

When I was a teacher, one of my favorite activities was attending music educator conferences. It was a wonderful way to meet fellow teachers and learn new ideas to use in the classroom. I always had a renewed sense of enthusiasm afterward (and my students didn't often know what hit them!). Getting together with like-minded people was reassuring. Even learning from "unlike" minds was a bonus. It forced me to think outside the box and utilize new teaching strategies. If they didn't work, my students learned that it is OK to make mistakes. Sometimes, though, I was pleasantly surprised that the new, "revolutionary" methods actually worked.

As a music director, I have not had an opportunity for professional development, aside from belonging to a few church musician Facebook groups. I often wonder: What new or revamped music worship approaches would be good for our congregation? What are other churches doing in their music worship? How are bell and vocal choirs growing or sustaining post-COVID? Is there something for a Midwest, German-based congregation, as opposed to an urban or East Coast congregation, as far as music goes? Is there a music program where something revolutionary has been introduced?

This summer, I will have the opportunity to attend a UCC-musician-based conference. The United Church of Christ Musicians Association will hold its annual conference in Columbus, Ohio, from July 8-11. I was attracted to this conference for the first time not only because it was being held in the Midwest rather than the East Coast, but also because the organization is offering sessions of particular interest to Zion UCC: choir growth, small bell choir potential, contemporary text with older melodies, and working with older voices. I also had a choice between a vocal and a bell choir, so I chose the bell choir! (Honestly, I miss playing bells.) The keynote speaker will be Dr. Cheryl Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology of the UCC.

I look forward to sharing my experiences in the September newsletter. Have a wonderful summer, everyone!

Blessings,
Karen

From the Historical Team... Lorraine Griffin's 90th Birthday!

The world became a better place on August 26, 1936, for that was the day Lorraine (nee Masnic) Griffin was born at Christian Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She was the youngest of three children born to John & Elsie Elizabeth (nee Schuessler) Masnic. Her sister, Estelle, was seven years older and her brother, Johnny, was five years older. The family home was west of Union on Highway EE just south of the railroad tracks.

Lorraine was baptized as a baby at St Jordan's Church in Jeffriesburg. She was also confirmed at St. Jordan's when she was in the 8th grade. She remained a member of St. Jordan's until she was married when she then joined Casco, now St. John's Church. She remembers having Rev. deKallos to their home for

Notes to Zion

Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for your love and support as we celebrated the life of my dear mom Gerry Bedwell. The day was truly beautiful and our family is deeply grateful to each of you for your kindness and sympathy as we honored her.

We wanted to be sure everyone knows how much we appreciate you. Mom loved each of you and cherished the fellowship and sense of community she found at Zion.

With heartfelt thanks,
- The family Gerry Bedwell
Lora, Jim,
Tom & Katie

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Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for your generous donation from our Lent offering to Exceptional Equestrians of the Missouri Valley, Inc. The funds will be used to help us support our horses, staff, and facility. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we will be able to continue serving our amazing clients and providing excellent care to our equines.

-Lindsay Mohr,
Executive Director
Exceptional Equestrians

LOVE
YOUR neighbor
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31

meals several times and enjoyed his ‘down to earth’ company. It was years later that she decided to join Zion.

She attended school at Union and was classmates with Hettie Becker, Gerry Hoelscher, and Delores Musket. Ruth Parker being a year under them.

On January 11, 1952, she was married to William (Billie) Griffin. The wedding took place in the living room of the home of Rev. Gaebe. Their entire marriage was spent in the Union-Beaufort area. They were blessed with one daughter, Sheilda Seaton, who has also always living in the Union-Beaufort area. Lorraine has two granddaughters, Leslie Nieder and Toni Rich, who along with their children, have always been a very big part of her life.

Lorraine worked outside of her home for sixty years of her life. The first sixteen years were at Brown Shoe Company. She then went to Spartan where she spent the next thirty years. The last fourteen years she was a Home Health provider. In her off time, she enjoyed tending to a vegetable garden, fishing, camping, and of course spending time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lorraine has always felt at home at Zion since she grew up with Hettie, Gerri, Delores & Ruth. She and Delores were confirmation classmates at St. Jordan’s. She has also been in company with the Schuenemeyers and Herberholzs most of her life.

Having God’s presence in her life is something she is very grateful for. He has always been there in both good times and the difficult ones. She can’t image where she would be without Him and feels very blessed.

We wish you a very Happy 90th Birthday Lorraine filled with many blessings!

- Pam Griffin, on behalf of the Historical Team

Looking Ahead...

Mark These Days on Your Calendar!

Wednesday, September 9th – LOGOS Kick Off Event! Everyone is invited!

Sunday, September 13 – Children’s Bible Presentation for all 3rd grade students and Rally Day! Youth Event at the Alley!

For more information on the above dates, please see page 6 in this newsletter.

Saturday, October 3 – CROP Rock-a-Thon at Fink’s Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 11 – 35th Annual CROP Walk beginning at 1 p.m. from Zion.

Financial Report for May 2026

	May 2026	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$29,338.00	\$138,128.00
Expenses	\$32,524.00	\$162,792.00

Our Church’s Wider Mission (Jan-May 2026) - \$4,638.00
 Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (Jan-May 2026) – \$1,060.00
 Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the church office. Thank you.

Thank You to June Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Richard Young, Alan Klobasa, Karen Tucker, Shanna Brinker

Special Music for Worship: Kirk Hancox, Women’s Chorus, Jeanne Lischer

Ushers: Sue Leicht, Karen Tucker

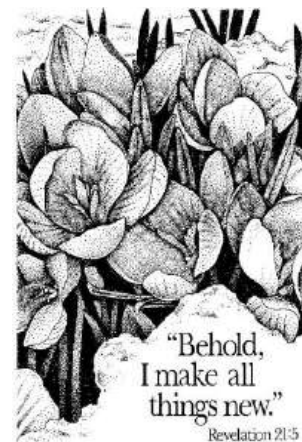
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Maxine Harrison, Connie Thompson

Greeters: Pam Klenke, Armin & Norma Klemme, Carl & Jane Ridder, Cindy Groenke

Sound System Techs: David Bean, John Crane

Camera Techs: David Bean, Dan Mossoney

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



Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland Kim Yenzler
Kevin Vorderbruegge Hettie Becker
Sarah Berghorn Gerry Hoelscher
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)
Ada Price (daughter of Mindy Gerstner's friend)

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Carol & John Crane on the death of their husband & father, Bruce, who died on May 28.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter Susie Andell Keith Wadley
Jake McNiel (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)



With Sympathy

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

Bruce Crane, 86, died on May 28th. A celebration of life for Bruce was held at Zion Church by Rev. Knoblauch on June 28th.

Memorial Gifts Given

In memory of **Gerry Bedwell** by:

Deborah Weber & Dr. Chapman, Jim Doehring (for Zion Building & Property Fund), Kirk & Sallie Hancox (Zion Good Samaritan Fund), Dorothy Mitana (Zion Good Samaritan Fund), Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Armin & Norma Klemme, Brenda Viehland, Sandy Stierberger, Teresa, Richard & Matthew Lynn, Greg & Lisa Smart, Bryan & Barbara Garcia, Kimberly & Rickmond Payne, Rhonda & David Grannemann, Allen & Beverly Whitworth, Julie Perry

In memory of **Judy Doehring, Bob Barreth & Carol Bean** for the Zion Building & Property Fund by: Jim Doehring & family

Celebrations in the Church Family

Baptism
Elijah Matthew Herring
June 14th
son of Luke & Drenda Herring

Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
 Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)
 Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
 Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Freiermuth)
 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)
 Ken Laboube (friend of Hettie Becker)

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)



Zion Church Council Meeting Minutes - May 2026

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, May 18, 2026, with the following in attendance: Barb Cox, Paul Brinker, Jim Vemmer, Bruce Templer, Susan Newman, Alvera Heeger, BJ Cooper, Pastor Nick, Fern Dewert, Colleen Simons & Connie Thompson.

Susan Newman opened the meeting with prayer and President Dewert called the meeting to order.

Consensus Agenda:

- Minutes of the April 2026 Church Council Meeting – approved.
- Pastor's Report
 - The process to present a Call Agreement for Alysha Petry will begin soon.
- Minister to Youth & Families Report – approved.
- April Financial Reports – approved.
- Time/Date for next Council meeting – June 15, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review Committee – no report.

ByLaws Review Committee – no report.
 Audit Committee – The Internal Audit Committee Report that was presented to the council at their April meeting will be published in the June newsletter.
 Personnel Committee – no report.
 Leadership Development Committee – Three council members will need to be secured. Colleen Simons has chosen not to serve another term.

Properties Committee

- Digital Sign – tabled until the June meeting.
- Fellowship Hall Update – Trim work is being installed and the registers will be painted the same color as the trim.

Safety Committee – will meet in late June.

Finance Committee – The committee agreed with the slight change to the Gift Acceptance Policy that was approved by the council at the April meeting. Alan Klobasa is no longer on the Legacy Fund Committee. He will help Marilyn Freiermuth and meet with the three entities: United Bank of Union, Edward Jones & United Church Funds about investing some of the money.

Legacy Fund Committee – Mike Elliott is the chairperson of the committee. Jim Vemmer will serve as the council liaison. The Legacy Fund Committee will meet on June 24 at 5 p.m.

East Central College will hold their Christmas Choral Concert at Zion on Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

Announcement – A concern was shared that the sanctuary a/c was too cold on Sunday, May 17. It is programmed to run at 76 degrees and was temporarily set at a little lower temperature due to concerns that the sanctuary was warm. Discussion was held and decided to let the a/c be set at 76 degrees.

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



– Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary (approved by the Zion Church Council on June 15, 2026.)

July 2026

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			1 12 Loops of Love	2 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	3 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	4 
5 The 6th Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Communion 	6	7	8 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love July newsletter articles due	9 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	10 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	11 10 am Fellowship Hall in Use
12 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost	13	14 	15 12 Loops of Love	16 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	17 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	18 VBS & POOL PARTY AT CAMP MOVAL!
19 The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Green Team	20	21 1:30 pm Book Club	22 12 Loops of Love	23 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 10 am Lower Commons in Use	24 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	25 8 am-12 noon Rummage Sale Set Up
26 The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am-12 noon Rummage Sale drop off	27 8 am-6 pm Rummage Sale drop off	28 8 am-6 pm Rummage Sale drop off	29 8 am-6 pm Rummage Sale drop off	30	31 8 am-5 pm Rummage Sale/Bake Sale	



August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Communion 	3	4	5 12 Loops of Love	6 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	7 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	1 8 am-12 noon Rummage Sale 12 noon Clean Up from Sale <hr/> 8
9 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost	10 6:30 pm Finance	11	12 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love September Newsletter articles due	13 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	14 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 	15
16 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost	17 7 pm Church Council	18 1:30 pm Book Club	19 12 Loops of Love 10 am September Newsletter Assembled	20 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	21 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	22
23 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost	24	25	26 12 Loops of Love	27 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	28 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	29
30 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 1 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	31					



July Birthdays



- 1 - Susan Pope
- 2 - Karen Tucker
Peggy Metcalf
Andrew Hawkins
- 3 - Jacob Hawkins
- 5 - Judy Petero
- 6 - Jeff Heeger
Skylar Traffas
Archer Camden
- 7 - Jeff Shelton
Owen Knoblauch
- 9 - Rudy Ahmann
Gary Young
Keith Wadley
- 10 - Nora Becker
- 14 - Bernice Holtgreve
- 15 - Phyllis Olson
- 16 - Bronwen Voss
- 17 - Jill Thompson
Lauren Arand
Tabitha Grimm Nolting
- 20 - Claire Heaton
Verlyn Yarbrough
Sue Knutson
- 21 - Brenda Roach
- 22 - Deborah Schulte
- 24 - Stephanie Pracht
Marilyn Freiermuth
Tommy
Schuttenberg
- 27 - Mario Oltmann
- 28 - Ryan Hall

- 29 - Jennifer Bright
Raeanne Pecka
Gerry Johanpeter
- 30 - Paul Schuenemeyer
Taylor Bauer
Drew Cooper
- 31 - Debbie Sieve
Mary German

August Birthdays

- 1 - Lily Koch
- 3 - Lori Helms
Linda Kinworthy
- 4 - Joshua Hawkins
- 5 - Krista Copeland
- 8 - Fern Dewert
- 9 - Emily Young
- 10 - Mark Walker
- 11 - Brandon Titter
Dominic Knott
- 12 - Ken Berghorn
Mike Fink
Ryder Kuenzel
Elijah Herring
- 14 - Ken Puls
Ken Rohrbach
Jackson Hall
- 15 - Gary Yenzer
Joshua Narup
Louis Meyer
- 17 - Carolyn Dattilo
- 18 - Dennis Koelling
Tim Bauer
Erika Johnson

- 19 - Julia Petry
Maddie Buehrle
- 20 - Paige Hereford
Marlene Young
- 21 - Jim Vemmer
Stacy Mertz
- 22 - Kevin Vorderbruegge
Emily Shelton
- 23 - Pam Klenke
Sean Haberberger
Ryan Moore
- 24 - Alvera Heeger
Vanita Evans
Gavin Pracht
- 26 - Lynne Elliott
Lorraine Griffin
- 27 - Aaron Thompson
Shawn Pehle
- 28 - Dorothy Mitana
- 30 - Gil Bisjak
- 31 - Nancy Kossmann
Molly Mertz

September Birthdays

- 1 - Becky Gable
Paul Brinker
- 3 - Arlene Hogan
- 5 - Beau Metcalf
- 6 - Jason Dewert
Natalie Dewert
- 9 - Jerod Koelling
Kirk Hancox
Raegan Blankenship
- 10 - Sandy Berkel