

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



September 2026

No. 9

Strengthen the Church Offering “Sent Forth In Love”

How can we follow the Spirit to bless emerging ministries in the United Church of Christ? Through the Strengthen the Church Offering you support the formation of new congregations and the renewal of existing ones, fund new programs for youth and young adults and sponsor leadership development for the whole church. Thank you for your gifts!

An envelope is included in this newsletter for your gifts to the Strengthen the Church Offering which will be received through the month of September.



**Strengthen
the Church**



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!



LOGOS Begins!

The first two Wednesdays of each month from 5-7:30 p.m. are LOGOS Nights! There will be fun activities for children from kindergarten through 12th grade. See page 5 for more information.

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

LOGOS Adult Education: Shannondale Wednesday, September 9th

Shannondale was created in 1929 as a church and community center. The ministry has several components, including a 4000 acre tree farm, the Wobus Craft House, and retreat center for mission or canoe trips. Shannondale also houses a food pantry, laundry, bathroom facilities, and an annual clothing sale

Serving Christ In September

Ushers:

Sept. 6 & 13

Dennis & Karen Tucker*

Sept. 20 & 27

Bill & Fern Dewert*

(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Sept. 6 – Armin & Norma
Klemme

Sept. 13 – Maxine Harrison

Sound System Tech: Alan

TenEyck

Video Tech:

Sept. 6 – Dan Mossoney

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

for the community. Join us on Wednesday, September 9, at 5 p.m. to learn more about the many ministries happening at Shannondale. Myron and Kathy Ury will be our guest speakers. Dinner follows at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Alysha Petry (apetry@zionunion.org) or call the church office if you plan to attend.

Join Us for Rally Day!

Preschool through high school students are invited to join us for 'Rally Day' on September 13th. See page 5 for more details.



Festival of Sharing

As a response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond, the hope of Festival of Sharing is to support projects and programs that help our neighbors in Missouri and beyond experience healthy and full lives. This year we will be receiving monetary donations through the month of September to send to Festival of Sharing. Offering envelopes will be available by the offering plate for your monetary donations. Please make your checks payable to: Zion UCC and in the memo portion 'FOS donation'. If you would like more information about Festival of Sharing, please visit their website at www.festivalofsharing.org.

- Outreach Team



Undie Sunday!

Back Bay Mission has been serving those facing poverty in Biloxi, Mississippi, for over 100 years. Ministries include emergency assistance, support and education, and housing rehabilitation. Jeanne and Sally Lischer will be going to Back Bay Mission with a group from St. Peter's UCC in Washington in October. The group will be working at various Back Bay ministries for a week.

A big need at the Micah Day Center (for homeless residents) is underwear, so we'll be collecting new underwear on 'UNDIE SUNDAY',

October 4th. We need new underwear for both men and women – adult M, L, and XL. NO WHITE UNDERWEAR please!

There will be a box in the Lower Commons for your donations. Thank you!

Zion Fellowship – September 2026

On Sunday, June 28, we had 11 people meet at Miller's Grill in Washington for dinner at 5:15 p.m. After dinner we went to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington for the Combined Christian Choir's summer concert at 7:00 p.m. Everyone enjoyed their meal and the Patriotic concert.

On Sunday, August 23rd, we will attend the 3 p.m. piano concert of Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, daughter-in-law of Marilyn Freiermuth-Stahlman, at the St. Clair United Methodist Church in St. Clair, MO. After the concert we will go to dinner at Gibbey's Restaurant, 9 A Paul Parks Dr. in St. Clair. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

No event planned for September 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



Attention Women of Zion!

The women of St. Peter's UCC in Washington have invited all women of Zion to attend their Women's Fellowship meetings on the 2nd Thursdays of each month. They meet at 10 a.m. with discussions and a lunch follows.

For their September 10th meeting the discussion will be 'Women of the Bible.' Since there is a lunch following and they would like to know how many will be attending, a sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board.



Beloved Zion,

Grace and Peace to you from God, our Creator; Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer. This Year a new high holy day has been added to the liturgical calendar. The Feast of Creation in Christ has been approved by the Consolation of Common Texts who publish the Revised Common Lectionary. This feast day has been celebrated for some time among Orthodox Christian; and now the whole Christian church is called to join in.

Since the 7th century, the Byzantine tradition has celebrated September as “the beginning” of the liturgical year. In a similar way to the start the Jewish Calendar with Rosh Hashanah which also takes place in September, the faithful of different traditions around the world for generations have recognized fall and harvest season a time to be grateful and celebrate the gift of God’s creation.

The Gospel text assigned to this new feast day will always include the prologue to John’s gospel. “¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.” It has been long recognized that the first incarnation was creation. That long before Jesus was born of Mary and the incarnate Immanuel, The Christ, the Word of God, was what was spoken in the Beginning. That all things came into being through the Word, the Christ. Theologically, it means that Creation itself is woven with Christ and therefore Holy as Christ is Holy. How then we relate to creation reflects how we relate to Christ.

Wendell Berry, Farmer and Poet puts it this way. “To live, we must daily break the body and shed the blood of Creation. When we do this knowingly, lovingly, skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament. When we do it ignorantly, greedily, clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration. In such desecration we condemn ourselves to spiritual and moral loneliness, and others to want.”

— Wendell Berry, The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays

As the seasons begin to turn, may we all make holy that way in which we live.

Blessings,
Rev Nicholas Knoblauch

Pastor Drop In Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
mornings

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

Email: knoblauchnicholas@gmail.com

Appointments upon request:

Church Office (636) 583-2814
or sending an email.

Worship Opportunities In September

9:00 a.m. Worship

***Sunday,
September 6
The 15th Sunday
after Pentecost***

Sacrament of Communion

***Sunday,
September 13
The 16th Sunday
after Pentecost***

2nd & 3rd Grade Bible
Presentation
Rally Day!

***Sunday,
September 20
The 17th Sunday
after Pentecost***

***Sunday,
September 27
The 18th Sunday
after Pentecost***

Up to Date Info?

Does the church have your **updated contact and household information** (change of address, college students moving out, etc.)? If you are not sure, give the church office a call at 636-583-2814 or email cthompson@zionunion.org. Thanks for keeping us up to date!



Zion Church Council Minutes – June 2026

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, June 15, 2026, with the following in attendance: Jim

Vemmer, Susan Newman, Pastor Nick, Fern Dewert, Connie Thompson, Colleen Simons, Barb Cox, Bruce Templer, Paul Brinker, BJ Cooper, and Alvera Heeger. Paul opened the meeting with prayer and Fern called the meeting to order.

Consensus Agenda:

- Minutes of May 2026 Church Council Meeting – approved.
- Pastor's Report
Our newest member, Julie Wadley, is an ordained UCC pastor who is a hospice chaplain with Three Oaks Hospice. Approval was granted to allow Julie a 4-way covenant (person, local church [Zion], conference [Missouri], and employer [Three Oaks Hospice])
- Minister to Youth & Families Report – approved as presented.
- May Financial Reports – The final reports for May were handed out at the meeting. A question was asked about the 'Donation Transaction Fee'. This is the VANCO that is charged to the church if the donor does not cover that cost.
- There will be no council meeting in July.

Discussion Agenda

Membership Review Committee – no report.

By-Laws Review Committee – no report.

Audit Committee – no report.

Personnel Committee – The committee met in June to begin the discussion of a Call Agreement for Alysha Petry. A lengthy discussion was held regarding salary and job responsibilities. Council proposed a salary range which will be shared with the Finance Committee at their July meeting.

Leadership Development Committee – no report.

Properties Committee

- Digital Sign – still a work in progress.
- Fellowship Hall – The furnace registers, pipes and trim still need to be painted.

- Blinds in the Quilting Room – Four blinds will be installed in the quilting room at a cost of \$1,508.15. Cost of the blinds will be paid for from the monies from the sale of the lot to the Union School District. There are several blinds throughout the building that need to be repaired and/or replaced and the person installing the blinds will be contacted to also look at those as well.

Safety Committee – The committee met and will be having a fire drill in the fall. Discussion was held to get a second AED for the lower level of the church and to have training on the use of the AEDs. With the improved security cameras, the insurance company will be contacted to see if the costs for coverage would be lower. The next meeting will be on August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Legacy Fund Committee – Mike Elliott is the chairperson of the committee. They will be working on a handbook. Alan Klobasa and Marilyn Freiermuth have begun the process of meeting with representatives of United Bank of Union, Edward Jones, and United Church Funds to invest the monies.

Union Time Capsule Opening – Alvera Heeger, who is also part of the committee to unearth the capsule, reported that it will be unearthed on July 11th. Zion has 3 envelopes in the capsule and those groups will be contacted to see if a representative could be available to take those envelopes. The 'public' ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. that day.

Blood Drive – Zion was contacted by ImpactLife Blood Services, a non-profit organization, to see if we would be interested in hosting a blood drive in our fellowship hall. The organization would provide snacks and beverages for all donors. The dates of August 30 or September 6 were chosen and Pastor Nick and Connie will check the dates on the calendar and contact ImpactLife Blood Services.

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

- Connie Thompson, Zion UCC Church
Council Recording Secretary
(approved by the Church Council on August 17, 2026.)



September
2026



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 1 Day VBS & Pool Party at MoVal. We had 26 adults, youth and children participate in VBS and over 40 individuals at the pool party. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and worked to help make this a big success!

MoVal Staff: Amy Dewert, Abbie Dewert, Camden Dewert, and Ashley Frick

Preschool Leaders: Phyliss Fink, Nick Knoblauch, and Bronwen Voss

Elementary Leaders: Danielle Cooper, Mandy Frick, and Alysha Petry

Youth Crew Leaders: Nora Brinker, Drew Cooper, and Logan Cooper

Pool Party Leaders: Laurel Camden and Jean Stevens

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 & Dinner.



5 PM to 7:30 PM

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

ADULT EDUCATION at 5 PM Kathy & Myron Ury will share updates on the happenings at Shannondale.

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!

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



For 2nd & 3rd Grade Students

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

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

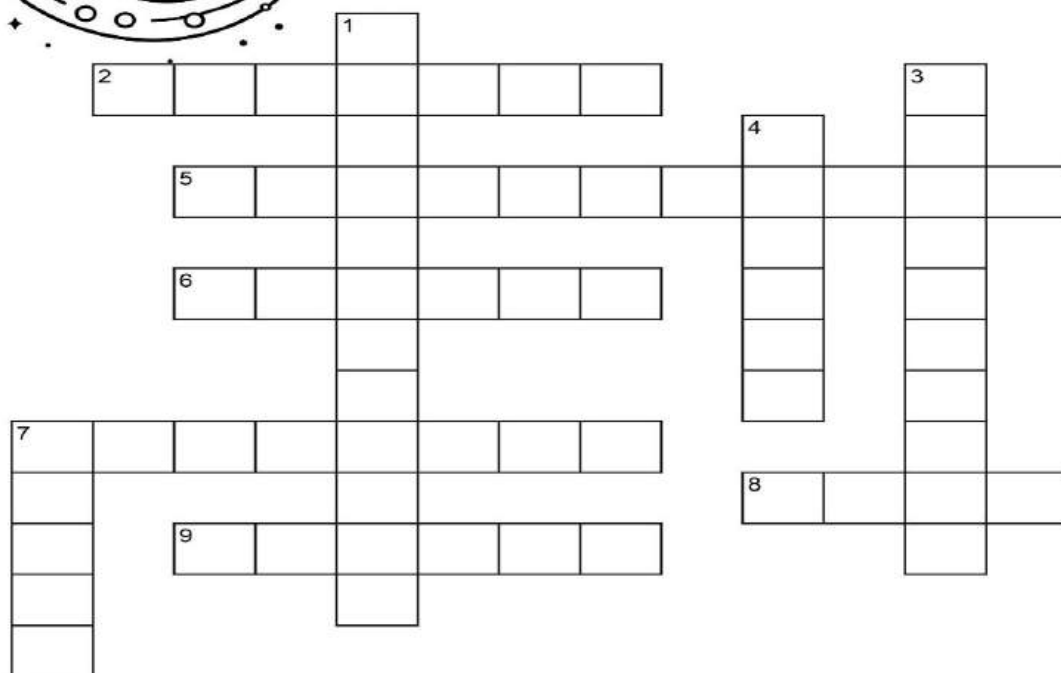
A waiver to play at the Alley needs to be signed before attending. Alysha will email the waiver link after she receives your RSVP.

Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pure in heart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poor in spirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn



A Note from the Music Director

This past July, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the UCC Musicians Association's biannual conference in Columbus, Ohio. It was the first time I've attended, and I am so glad I did. Not only did I learn new things about music in worship from highly capable presenters, but I also made new friends and shared my love of music with them through a group bell choir. (We even got a set of hand chimes for free, courtesy of two Indiana congregations who are merging! You will see them soon.)

The attendees could choose between a bell choir and a vocal choir. Every day we met in the sanctuary of the First Community Church for a brief service. I would highly recommend it to any church musician. Luckily, the conference will be in Webster Groves in two years, and I cannot wait.

Back home... ..

Regarding choir, one Chancel Choir member told me her impressions about what choir means to her:

The choir contributes to the spirituality of the service.

Choir is a place to serve others by providing another venue for spiritual expression and growth.

Choir is a great place to talk to others.

So many of the choir members are talented and enjoy sharing their knowledge with others.

Music participation brings so much to those who participate with a joyful heart. I cannot name how many times some of us would stay after rehearsal to just talk, share joys and sorrows, or pray. Great friendships develop. Music rehearsals are a "safe place" (like I would phrase it when I taught).

Maybe you need that. Maybe you know someone who needs that. Our music ministry is a judgment-free zone. Ask someone who participates in our music ministry (vocal choir, bells, solos) what it means to them to be involved. For me, music has always been my safe place. I come out of rehearsal with a lighter heart, not necessarily because of how well the music

went, but because there are people there who are kind, compassionate, funny, and wonderful human beings. Music ensembles have been a family. (Those of you who have been band, choir, or orchestra parents can attest to that!)

People do not need to be members to be involved. Let them know. They can reach out to me or anyone involved in our music ministry. If they have a need and music can meet it, they are welcome.

Rehearsals begin on September 2 at 7:30 in the chapel, with a small snack and visit gathering afterward.

Blessings,
Karen



CROP Rock-A-Thon/Walk October

This is the 35th year for the CROP Walk in the Union Community. There will be two opportunities to help those dealing with hunger.

Saturday, October 3 – CROP Rock-a-Thon at Fink's Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A sign up sheet will be posted on the lower commons bulletin board to sign up for an hour (or more!)

Sunday, October 11 – 35th Annual CROP Walk beginning at 1 p.m. from Zion. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. A sign up sheet will be posted on the lower commons bulletin board if you are interested in walking.

Unless someone steps up to chair the Walk, this will be the 35th and last CROP Walk in the Union Community. Therefore we want to make this a BIG WALK to celebrate our 35 years of caring about hungry people, supporting the Union Food Pantry and Second Blessings as well as Church World Service (CROP).

We only walk one mile in spirit with those who have to sometimes walk miles to get a jar of water and food.

For those participating in the Walk we would like to request that each walker please bring a few food items to be divided between the Union Food Pantry and Second Blessings Pantry. Last year we divided 100 items with the same pantries.

Rummage Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items for this year's Rummage Sale. Without all the donations, the Rummage Sale would not be possible. A huge THANK YOU to those of you who helped during the week, from set-up to tear-down and everything in between. To all who worked during the week, your efforts are deeply appreciated. Even with a lot of small items, we earned \$6,828.65. The money raised was distributed to: Union School District for their food program, Franklin County Foster Closet and Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for all the items donated to the bake sale as well. The bake sale made \$431.00. Great job everyone and thank you again for helping make this another successful sale.

- Jane Wilson & Brad Parker,
Co-Chairmans



Notes to Zion

Dear Zion family,

Thank you for the outpouring of love that you have shown to our family over these difficult

days, months, and even years. Having a community of faith around us has been a consistent reminder of God's love and His presence with us as we grieve. You have helped to lift some of the burden of end of life planning and the distractions that those can bring in a very trying time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

- The Crane family

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Dear Rummage Sale Committee,

You led another successful sale this year. Congratulations! We want to thank you for the generous donation to the Good Samaritan Fund. Our success in serving each person in need will be greatly helped by this gift and strengthening our community. With the many choices of need in our area, we appreciate your support to serve on behalf of Zion.

- Alan Klobasa, Marilyn Freiermuth
and Susan Newman

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USO Donations –

On July 7, 2026, I delivered our June donations to the United Service Organization at the St. Louis Airport. We have to remember that this organization relies primarily on private contributions, corporate partnerships, individual donations (where we at Zion UCC come in and might I say, full fledged), and fundraising. I was pleasantly greeted, asking for a military ID, but informed them I was there to deliver a donation. One of the gentlemen who helped me said they were fairly busy over the 4th with parents, but the number of soldiers (Army and Marine personnel) was picking up. So, once again, thank you members of Zion who sent so many useful items to a great cause.

- Sandy Stierberger

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Zion United Church of Christ,

We sincerely appreciate your recent donation of \$50 (from recycling) that you made to our organization in June. This allows us to continue to send supplemental weekend Foodpacks to approximately 200 children in need each weekend. We thank you for your support of the children in the Union R-XI school district.

- Cristine Metts, secretary
Wildcat Foodpack Organization

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Zion United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your faithful support of the CWS Blanket Program! We are so grateful to have you as a partner in this important ministry. Your \$600 gift will help to provide warmth and hope to 60 people. Thank you!

- Tiffany DeTienne
Church World Service



Monday, September 7th

Church Offices will be closed.

Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

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

Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann Carla Kilgore
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)
John Carter (friend of Sandy Stierberger)



Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter	Susie Andell	Keith Wadley
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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 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)

With Sympathy

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

Judith A. Petero, 81, died on August 13th. Funeral service for Judy was on August 19th by Rev. Knoblauch with burial in Jefferson Barracks Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorial Gifts Given

In loving memory of **Paula Forck, Devin Lause, Dottie Ackmann, Jerry Parmentier & Bonnie Soetebier** for Zion Building & Property Fund by:
Jim Doehring & Krista Lause & families

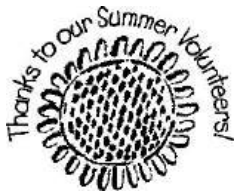
In loving memory of **Bruce Crane** for Zion Good Samaritan Fund by:

Alan & Sharon TenEyck,
Sharon Martindill, Kim Colter & Elaine Menke, Richard & Kathy Young, Cheryl York, Carl & Jane Ridder, Bob & Paulette Monzyk, Sue Leicht, Judy Kliethermes, Matt & Brenda Herring, Daryl & Ann Hartley, Maxine Harrison, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Marilyn Freiermuth, William & Nancy Dennager, Lakepoint Condominiums, Rhonda Stockglausner & Carl Clover, Colleen Simons, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Mary Pogue, Bruce Parmentier, Betty & Larry Clark, Sally Bocklage, Armin & Norma Klemme, Sandy Stierberger, Dorothy Mitana, Brenda Viehland, Dan Mossoney, Bruce Templer

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)
Ken Laboube (friend of Hettie Becker)

Various Concerns:

Prayer for our country and those actively serving:
2nd Class Petty Officer Aviation Structural Mechanic E-5 Hunter Grafrath
(son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)



Thank You to July/August Volunteers

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

Liturgists: Sallie Hancox, Alysha Petry, Karen Stafford, Mandy Frick, Jane Ridder, Sue Leicht, Matt Herring

Special Music for Worship: Kirk Hancox, Paul Klemme, Plank Road Brass Quintet, Dan Mossoney, Karen Stafford, Molly Bauer, Liz & Danny Pace & Karen Stafford, Liz Pace & Gary Stafford

Ushers: Donna Bocklage, Verlyn Yarbrough, Maxine Harrison, Lee Parks, Susan Merlino, Karen & Dennis Tucker, Rudy & Darlene Ahmann

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Alan & Sharon TenEyck

Greeters: Colleen Simons, Linda Kinworthy, Denise & Jeff Muller, Sandy Stierberger, Kevin Vorderbruegge, Bill & Fern Dewert, Jane Pinnell, Sandy Bailey

Sound System Techs: David Bean, Harvey Mefford

Camera Techs: David Bean, Dan Mossoney

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

Office Volunteers (while Connie was on vacation: Jane Ridder, Norma Klemme, Mandy Frick

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!

Honorary Gifts Given

In honor of the 90th
Birthday of **Gerry Hoelscher**
for the Zion Good
Samaritan Fund by:
Carl & Jane Ridder

In honor of the 90th
Birthday of **Gerald
Borgmann** (uncle of Fern
Dewert) for Zion Good
Samaritan Fund by:
Bill & Fern Dewert

New Address/ Phone Number

Bernice Holtgreve's new
phone number is 636-584-
3934

Fresh Flowers From July & August

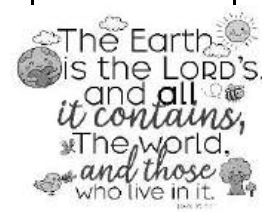
July 5 - Flowers in the
vases were shared by Rev.
Armin & Norma Klemme in
honor of their children; in
honor of the 30th Wedding
Anniversary of Paul
Klemme & Sue Hale (June
15); the birthday of Phillip
Klemme (June 19); the
birthdays of Esther Schmidt
& Elizabeth Klemme (July
5); and their 71st Wedding
Anniversary.

August 5 – Altar flowers
were shared in loving
memory of Bob Hansen by
friends.

August 9 – A vase of
flowers were shared in
loving memory of Dennis
Harrison by his family
Maxine, Matthew & Erin
Harrison.

August 16 - In honor of
the 55th Wedding
Anniversary of Ken & Carol
Rohrbach a vase of flowers
was shared by Audra, Travis
& Lauren Arand.

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 12 Loops of Love 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	3 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	4 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	5
6 <i>The 15th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion</i> 	7	8	9 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7:30 Chancel Choir	10 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	11 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	12 10 am Fellowship Hall in Use
13 <i>The 16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> RALLY DAY 2 nd /3 rd Grade Bible Presentation 10 am Green Team 1-3 pm Youth to Alley in Washington	14 6:30 pm Finance Committee	15 1:30 pm Book Club	16 12 Loops of Love October Newsletter articles due	17 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 1 pm Historical Team	18 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	19
20 <i>The 17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	21 7 pm Church Council	22	23 12 Loops of Love 10 am Oct. newsletter assembled	24 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle pm Wedding Rehearsal	25 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	26 3 pm Wedding
27 <i>The 18th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	28	29	30		 	



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
- 12 - Cindy Krause
Michael Vemmer
- 13 - Carolyn Bocklage
Ellen Brinkmann
William Hulsey
- 14 - Jacob Saake
Susie Andell
- 15 - Kathy Young
Nicole Branscum
- 16 - Jane Wilson
Todd Yenser
Stacy Adams
- 17 - Sandy Toelke
Denise Muller
Debbie Kolb
Candy Ronsick

- 18 - Lily Leung
- 19 - Linda Miller
- 20 - Daniel Vemmer
- 21 - Scott Straatmann
- 22 - Valerie Grammer
- 23 - Brad Parker
Kate Shelton
- 24 - Taylor Nolkemper
Lucas Frick
- 26 - Bruce Templer
- 27 - Emma Koelling
- 29 - Cyndi Overschmidt
Clara Williams
Nalee Birke

October Birthdays

- 1 - Cherie Vollmer
- 2 - Mindy Johnson
Megan Orf
- 3 - Tara Babbs
- 4 - Jeff Hulsey
Jacob Evrard
- 5 - William Toelke, Jr.
Adam Stevens
- 6 - Alicia Ley
- 8 - Connie Thompson
Elliott Avalos
- 9 - Vicki Hooper
Don Bocklage
- 10 - Erin Harrison