

The Spirit of Zion

Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri



October 2026

No. 10



World Communion Sunday October 4th

World Communion Sunday offers us a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On this day, we will remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Join us on October 4th as we share in this World Communion Sunday.

Special Congregational Meeting - October 11th

In August, Alysha Petry was approved for ordination pending call by our Eastern Association Committee on Ministry. In coordination with our Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, and Church Council, Alysha has reached a call agreement to serve this church in a new role as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. Alysha now needs Congregational Approval to accept this call agreement. On October 11, 2026, Alysha will lead our Sunday service, and following the service, the congregation will vote to approve her call. With congregational approval, Alysha will set a service of Ordination later in the year.



Neighbors In Need Offering

Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

Offering envelopes are included in this edition of the newsletter and additional envelopes will be available by the offering plate on Sundays. The NIN Offering will be received through the month of October.

Serving Christ In October

Ushers:

Oct. 4 & 11

Matthew Herring*, Kevin
Vorderbruegge

Oct. 18 & 25

Ken & Carol Rohrbach*
(*designates Head Usher)

Greeters:

Oct. 4 – Sandy Stierberger

Oct. 18 – Carl & Jane Ridder

Oct. 25 – Linda Kinworthy

Sound System Tech: David
Bean

Video Techs:

Oct. 4 – 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](mailto:kstafford@zionunion.org), Music Director
(kstafford@zionunion.org)
Brenda Herring, Church Organist
Joy Bradley, Church Custodian



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 is 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 is posted on the lower commons bulletin board if you are interested in walking.

Here are just a few recent examples of CWS impact from Heather Wilson, Community Engagement Specialist from Church World Service:

When disaster strikes, families can get essential supplies faster because CWS placed 40,320 hygiene kits at Feeding America food banks and helped communities prepare through hands-on training.

Hundreds of people displaced along the Thailand-Myanmar border received shelter, case management, and protection services.

After recent earthquakes in Venezuela, CWS began forming new partnerships to reach affected communities in a country where it had not worked with program partners before.

Advocacy efforts helped secure expanded medical coverage for 27,000 immigrants in North Carolina who were at risk of losing access to healthcare.

Other ways to continue to make an impact in the community:

Raise funds through the CROP Walk to support CWS programs that address hunger, displacement, disaster response, and poverty.

Provide life-changing Kits and Buckets deliver essential supplies to families recovering from disasters and other crises.

Together, these actions help ensure that CWS can respond when emergencies strike, equip families with critical resources, and advocate for a more just and compassionate world.



Informational Budget Meetings – October 4 & October 18

The Church Council has scheduled informational Budget Meetings on Sundays, October 4th and October 18th following the 9 a.m. worship service in the fellowship hall. This will be a time for members to review the proposed 2027 budget and ask questions. A copy of the proposed 2027 budget will be available on Sunday mornings on the table in the narthex next to the bulletins. We will still meet on November 2nd for our congregational meeting.

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 October 20th is *"The Things We Cannot Say"* by Kelly Rimmer.

All are invited to join the Book Club!

LOGOS Adult Education on October 7th

LOGOS is continuing its adult educational offerings on October 7 at 5:00 p.m. with some hopeful news for the planet! We often seem to hear from people spreading gloom and hopelessness about what is happening to our beautiful Earth. While it's concerning that the average temperature each year has been higher, and severe weather events are becoming increasingly frequent, this is not the time to despair. ENCOURAGING ADVANCES ARE BEING MADE WORLDWIDE to meet climate change in many countries. We are seeing more and more interest in restoring and maintaining our natural environment, as people as awareness rises and solutions are found. The Green Team will host a short video presentation and a discussion on this hopeful news followed by our LOGOS community meal. Please notify Alysha if you plan to join us. Everyone is invited!

- Lee Parks, on behalf of the Zion Green Team



Beloved Zion,

Can you feel it? The change in the air? As fall arrives, we find ourselves settling in. For me, I have found a rhythm. School is in full swing for my family. Football games keep track of the days of the week. As the leaves begin to fall, I am starting to notice all the work I want to do before it gets too cold. Like transplanting trees, replacing a storm door, and fixing a chimney cap. But I also know whatever I don't get done will be waiting for me in the spring.

Every season contains multitudes. We never just live in one time. We always carry our past and our future with us. On the surface, we know this is true. The vegetables we planted in spring, we harvest in summer, can in the fall, and eat through the winter. Firewood is felled, seasoned, split, stacked, and burned throughout many seasons, if not years. But it is also true that we carry multiple seasons of our lives within us as well. We carry with us past experiences. Sometimes we carry past seasons with guilt and future ones with worry. Other times we carry them with joy and hope.

As the seasons change, it's a good time to check in. And just as you might check the battery levels on our smoke detectors, or clear out expired cans, it's helpful to take inventory of what you are carrying with you. What are you carrying that no longer serves you? It's ok to put some old hopes and griefs in storage. They will still be there when you need them. It's ok to let a few dreams go. It gives you room for new ones. It's ok if you didn't get around to everything on your list this year and you just want to settle in for a while. It's ok if you want to start something new. Even if it's not the "right" time, it might just be the season to try.

So, whatever you are dusting off or putting away, may this season offer you a chance to check in, take stock of what you have, make room for what you need, get rid of what you don't, and find a rhythm that will carry you through to the end.

Blessings,
Rev Nicholas Knoblauch

Intergenerational Sunday School

Everyone is invited to the Intergenerational Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall following morning worship. It is a wonderful time to interact with the youth of Faith Quest and share in the lesson for the morning! Please join us!

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 October

9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, October 4
The 19th Sunday
after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

Sunday, October 11
The 20th Sunday
after Pentecost

10 am Intergenerational
Sunday School

Sunday, October 18
The 21st Sunday
after Pentecost

Sunday, October 25
The 22nd Sunday
after Pentecost

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!

From the Historical Team... Hettie Becker

Once again Zion has a landmark birthday to celebrate. On October 19, 2026 Hettie Matilda Carroll Becker will celebrate her 90th birthday! Hettie was born October 19, 1936 in New Haven, MO to Allen and Mabel Smith Carroll. She had five sisters; Janice, Mildred, Marian, Evelyn and Norma Lee. She also has a brother, Armel, who resides in Union. Hettie attended first grade in Hermann. Her family moved to Union in 1943, where Hettie completed second through twelfth grades.

Hettie was baptized at home on November 3, 1940. December 7, 1949, Hettie was confirmed by Rev. Albert B. Gaebe at Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church in Union. One of her memories of Zion is Rev. Gaebe giving them Bible verses to look up at Junior League.

With all of her high school activities, Hettie's leadership and involvement are obvious. She served as freshman class president, Student Council treasurer, was a cheerleader and played volleyball. She participated in drama, mixed chorus and Glee Club all four years. Following high school, Hettie attended Barnes/Jewish School of Nursing. She received her cap, but decided to get married before completing the program.

Hettie & Howard Arthur Becker were married December 11, 1954 in Bellville, IL. Three daughters were born to this marriage. Louise Elaine resides in Washington, Laurie Maureen (deceased 10-26-25), and Lanett Yvonne resides in Union. She is blessed with four grandchildren, Yvette, Yvonne, Emily and Caleb, and seven great grandchildren, ranging in ages 18 to four months.

Adventure was in store for Hettie and her young family. They moved to Pasco, WA in 1962. Pasco is located at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers. This is a huge farming area. Fresh fruit was abundant in Hettie's backyard. They returned to Union in 1965. Upon their return, Hettie rejoined Zion and has been a very active member since that time, lending her vocal talent to the choir for many, many years.

She has served on many committees throughout the years. Since 2011, she has been bake sale chair during our annual rummage sale. Hettie has not only been active in her church, but the community as well. She served as secretary for the Union Senior Center Board of Directors from 2006-2016.

Hettie's hobbies through the years include bowling, cross stitch and reading. She gained notoriety with her bowling skills. During league play on September 25, 1989, she rolled a 724 series at Town 'N Country Lanes. Hettie rolled games of 256-268-200. At that time, it was the highest three-game series ever rolled. She bowled for over thirty years, and traveled to various locations to participate in tournaments. She served as president, secretary and treasurer of the bowling league.

Hettie's spunky personality shines through in many ways. She loves to collect cute little jokes that she organizes in stacks so they are easily accessible. She also enjoys poetry. She has been playing in the Kitchen Band since 2003. They spread cheer by playing at nursing homes and senior centers. Hettie not only sings, but also plays a "mean" washboard. She also manages to keep everyone laughing by sharing some of her jokes! Prior to COVID, they made 13 appearances per month.

She remembers church members' birthdays by calling to wish them a happy birthday, and sometimes even shares a spirited rendition of "Happy Birthday"! Her church family is very special.

Hettie has experienced various health challenges, but her positive attitude prevails. Upward, onward..... She has a can do spirit that brings a smile to the face of everyone who knows her!

Happy 90th Hettie!!

- Linda Hall, on behalf of the Historical Team

Thank You to September Volunteers

Zion Church acknowledges and appreciates the work done by the following volunteers for the month of September:

Liturgists: Maxine Harrison, Sallie Hancox

Special Music for Worship: Chancel Choir, Kirk Hancox

Ushers: Dennis & Karen Tucker, Bill & Fern Dewert

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Carl & Jane Ridder

Greeters: Armin & Norma Klemme, Maxine Harrison, Lee & Susan Newman, Bill & Fern Dewert

Sound System Tech: Alan TenEyck

Camera Techs: David Bean, Dan Mossoney

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





to all of our Volunteers!

Sunday School:

Bronwen Voss, Phyliss Fink, Connie Thompson

LOGOS:

Jean Stevens, Laurel Camden, Maxine Harrison,
Amy Dewert, Abbie Dewert, Fern Dewert, Caeligh
Knoblauch, Rudy Ahmann, Darlene Ahmann

SAVE the DATES

ADVENT WORKSHOP

November 29th

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 13th

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



October 7 & 14

God's Blue Earth

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

5 PM to 7:30 PM

ADULT EDUCATION at 5:00 PM

Topic: Good Climate News

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**

10 AM to 11 AM

Faith Quest

God's Blue Earth – Noah's Ark

Meet in Bible Max Theatre

Ages 3 to 1st Grade, 2nd grade – 7th Grade

Middle/High School

Meet in the Adult Sunday School Room

(Lower Commons)

8th – 12th grade Youth

Intergenerational Sunday School

2nd Sunday of each month - October 11th

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sunday, October 11th

Registration at 12:30 PM at Zion - Walk begins at 1 PM

CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT

Lean On Me

for 6th- 12th grade youth at *Camp McVal*

October 23-25, 2026

Check in on Friday at 6 PM. Event begins at 7:00 PM

The event ends after worship on Sunday morning.

Chaperones are needed!

Please contact Alysha for a discount code to register
participants and chaperones.

The registration deadline is October 16.

Youth Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ph8dssey>

Chaperone Registration:

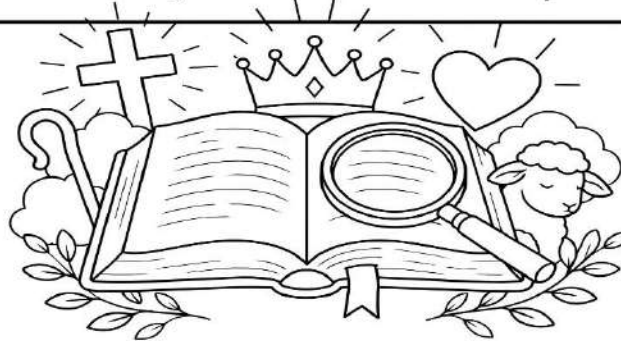
<https://tinyurl.com/ype6svc5>



Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A ____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High
God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One



Notes from the Music Director

As you read this, our activities calendar is starting to be filled with LOGOS, choir, book studies, and more. Starting in September feels natural for me because I feel like I still operate on a school calendar rather than a normal one. And at the start of a new activities' year comes new opportunity to share in fellowship.

Church also brings us blessed people, new friends and not-so-new, who go out of their way to provide us with blessings. When Jeanne Lischer and Sally made their Labor Day trip to Michigan, they took a detour to South Bend, Indiana, to meet a man named Alin Cass. I met Alin at the UCC Musicians' Conference. In discovering I had been wishing for hand chimes for our music worship, he offered a three-octave set for free. He worked with two churches that were merging and he didn't need one set. Because of these wonderful people of God, the LOGOS kids got to try out hand chimes for their music activity on the first day! They will be used interchangeably with our handbells for small groups and to enhance choral music. I will have them available on November 1st after service for a "petting zoo", after our hand chimes quartet plays. The Lord provides in mysterious ways!

Blessings,
Karen



Zion Fellowship – October 2026

On Sunday, August 23rd, several people attended the wonderful 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 enjoyed dinner at Gibbey's Restaurant in St. Clair.

No event planned for October at this time.

Sunday, November 15 – Everyone is invited to a brunch after the church service. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who will be attending,

and what food item you plan to bring. After the brunch, we will have a short meeting to discuss future events/ideas. Help with cleanup is appreciated.

Sunday, November 22 – After the church service, the Greening of the Church will take place, and many hands will be needed to help with decorating for the Advent season. We will then furnish lunch for those who helped.

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

Notes to Zion

Dear Friends of Zion,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. Your contribution provides warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disaster occur and support is needed.

- Rick Santos, President/CEO
Church World Service

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By donating to the Lunch Boosters Club, you are helping to make a difference in students' lives and helping them to succeed in school. Thank you for supporting the students in our community.

- Union R-XI School District
Food Service Dept. & Staff

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Thank you for your recent donation from your Rummage Sale and thank you for your continued support!

- Amber & Crew

Franklin County Foster Closet

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the recent gift of \$50. Your gift will directly benefit our organization and provides much needed funding. We look forward to continuing to build for the future in partnership with you.

- Billie Kramme,
Executive Director, Bethel Hills



Zion UCC Church Council Meeting – August 2026

Zion UCC Church Council met on Monday, August 17, 2026, with the following in attendance: Bruce

Templer, Jim Vemmer, Susan Newman, Barb Cox, Pastor Nick, Fern Dewert, Colleen Simons, BJ Cooper, Alvera Heeger and Connie Thompson. Paul Brinker was not in attendance.

Fern Dewert opened the meeting with prayer and then called the meeting to order.

Mike Elliott from the Legacy Fund Committee was in attendance at the meeting. He handed out draft copies of the Legacy Committee Procedures and Operating Guidelines and also a draft copy of the Zion UCC Legacy Fund Grant Application Form. Council will review these draft copies and meet to discuss them at a special church council meeting following worship on Sunday, August 23rd.

Consensus Agenda:

- Minutes of the June 2026 Church Council Meeting were approved as printed.
- Pastor's Report was approved as printed.
- Minister to Youth & Families Report was approved as printed.
- June & July Financial Draft Reports were accepted as printed. Final reports for June & July will be sent to the council when they are complete.
- Time/Date for next Council meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Discussion Agenda:

Membership Review Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

By-Laws Review Committee – no report.

Audit Committee – no report.

Personnel Committee – A draft of Alysha Petry's Call Agreement was handed out and will be reviewed at the September 2026 council meeting.

Leadership Development Committee – Three candidates have been secured for the 2027 Church Council. They are David Bean, Tabitha Grimm-Nolting, and Lynne Elliott.

Properties Committee

- Digital Sign -tabled till the September council meeting.
- Fellowship Hall Update – The registers and pipes in the fellowship hall and quilting room will be painted this fall/winter.
- Blinds in the Quilting Room – The blinds in the quilting room have been installed. Since one of the blinds in Creation Station window are broken badly a motion was made and approved to replace the two blinds in Creation Station so that they will match. The other blinds that needed possible repair are broken and cannot be repaired. They will not be replaced as they do not get used that often.

Safety Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Finance Committee

- Discussed the Legacy Fund investments at their meeting on August 10th.
- Approved the transfer of \$10,000 from the Edward Jones Money Market account to the General Fund checking account at United Bank of Union.
- At their meeting in July they discussed and approved a salary increase for Alysha Petry.

Conference Annual Gathering Delegates – Jeanne & Sally Lischer are interested in being Conference Annual Gathering delegates. Motion was made and approved for them to be our delegates to CAG and their expenses will be covered with the Conference/Association Meeting amount in the 2026 budget.

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

- Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary
(approved by the Zion UCC Church Council on September 21, 2026.)



Prayers Requested

Health and Healing:

Jim Doebling	Phyllis Olson
Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenser
Hettie Becker	Sarah Berghorn
Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann	Carla Kilgore
Barb Harvey (at home)	Susie Andell
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)	
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doebling)	
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Keith (friend of Jim Doebling)	
Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doebling)	
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 Doebling)	
Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	
Hallie Sammett (friend of Brenda Viehland)	
Sophia Muller (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Denise Muller)	
John Carter (friend of Sandy Stierberger)	
Shelly Ware (friend of Hettie Becker)	

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Evelyn Klenke & family on the death of her husband, Mark.
Joy Bradley (our custodian) & family on the death of her husband, Bob.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter 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 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)



Kevin Vorderbruegge
Gerry Hoelscher

With Sympathy

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

Mark C. Klenke, 77, died on August 14, 2026. Funeral service for Mark was on August 29th at Zion Church with Rev. Knoblauch officiating.

Memorial Gifts Given

In memory of **Judy Petero** for Zion Good Samaritan Fund by:
Alan & Sharon TenEyck

In memory of **Mark Klenke** for Zion Good Samaritan Fund by:
Vicki Hooper, Joe & Becky Gable, Ken & Carol Rohrbach, Armin & Norma Klemme, Sandy Stierberger, Bill & Fern Dewert, Alan & Sharon TenEyck, Paul Schuenemeyer, Pat Buehrle, Ron & Pam Griffin

In memory of **Kathy Olszowka** for Zion Building Fund by:
Jim Doebling & Krista Lause & families

Honorary Gifts Given

In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Rudy & Darlene Ahmann** for Building & Property Fund by:
Connie & Danny Thompson

Celebrations in the Church Family

Baptisms

Steven Andrew Toland
son of Rickey & Tracey Hill

Tracey Jean Toland
daughter of Steven Toland
& Laurel Camden

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)
 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)
 Rich (friend of Jim Doehring)

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)

Zion UCC Special Church Council Meeting - August 23, 2026

A special meeting of the Zion UCC Church Council was held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, following the morning worship service. Those present were Alvera Heeger, Paul Brinker, Jim Vemmer, Susan Newman, Barb Cox, BJ Cooper, Fern Dewert, Colleen Simons, and Connie Thompson.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Legacy Committee Procedures and Operating Guidelines policy.

Recommendations to the Legacy Committee to the guidelines include:

- Under 'Governance' letter 'B' – change from '... submit reports to the Council annually' to 'submit reports to the Council *quarterly*.'
- Under 'Governance' letter 'C' – change from '... will be made up of six members...' to '... will be made up of *five* members.' Terms of committee members need to be added to the policy.

Council recommends reconsidering 6 year terms.

- Under 'Governance' letter 'D' – if committee members change from six to five then the quorum needs to change from four to three.
 - Under 'Spending' letter 'B' – add the words 'ministry teams' to the Grant Application Form so that it would read '... Zion Church committee/ministry team...'
- Connie Thompson, Recording Secretary
 (approved by the Zion UCC Church Council on September 21, 2026.)

Notes to Zion (continued)

Hello Zion Friends,

We thought it would be good to share some news about the Klemme Scholarship Fund that was set up by our children in 2023 at Eden Seminary. The first scholarship from the Fund was given in the 2024-25 academic year and then again in 2025-26 to the same young man who has graduated from Eden and is serving St. Paul's UCC in Illinois. Each scholarship was over \$1000. He recently said "I am thrilled the church renewed my contract. They treat me well, and I love St. Paul's congregation." We hope that you feel good that you helped him, and know that your gift will continue to help others. Thank you very much for helping with your gifts. God bless you!

- Armin and Norma Klemme

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Financial Report for August 2026

	August 2026	Year to Date (YTD)
Income	\$26,975.00*	\$208,565.00
Expenses	\$26,600.00	\$253,575.00

(*includes July 19 & 26 & August 2, 2026)

Our Church's Wider Mission (YTD 2026) - \$7,196.00
 Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries (YTD 2026) – \$1,575.00
 Detailed financial reports are available by contacting the church office. Thank you.

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	2 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	3
 4 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost/ World Communion Sunday 'Undie Sunday' 10 am 2027 Proposed Budget Discussion	5	6	7 9 am Grape Cluster Mtg. 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7 pm Chancel Choir	8 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	9 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	10
11 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Special Congregational Mtg./ Intergenerational Sunday School 1 pm CROP Walk	12 6:30 pm Finance Committee	13	14 Nov. newsletter articles due 9:30 am Called to Care 12 Loops of Love 5 pm LOGOS 7 pm Chancel Choir	15 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	16 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 	17 10 am Fellowship Hall in Use
18 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost 10 am 2027 Proposed Budget Discussion	19 7 pm Church Council	20 1:30 pm Book Club	21 10 am Nov. newsletter assembled 12 Loops of Love 7 pm Chancel Choir	22 8 am-12 noon Quilting Circle	23 7 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	24
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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
- 11 - Matthew Herring
- 12 - Betty Clark
Augustus Orf
- 13 - Scott Buehrle
Briley Pecka
- 15 - Addison Short
- 16 - Amy Eads
Larry Clark
- 17 - Carol Crane
Jacob McNiel
- 18 - Virginia Maune
Shelly Truel
Sharon Titter

- 19 - Hettie Becker
Dennis Tucker
Tammy Vemmer
- 20 - Elaine Bierwirth
Hailey Hansen
- 21 - Bill Dewert
Taylor Ingle
Damon Blankenship
- 22 - Allie Pracht
- 24 - Andrew Klemme
Matthew Schulte
- 25 - Lauren Moller
Nancy McKenzie
Fallyn Blankenship
Sue Leicht
- 26 - Janet Brune
- 27 - Matt Osterwald
- 29 - Brenda Herring
Samantha Knott
Liz Short
- 31 - Carol Wilson

November Birthdays

- 2 - Karen Stafford
Alan TenEyck
Amy Dewert
- 3 - Patrick Branscum
Brenda Bishop
Matthew C. Wilson
- 4 - Claude Perriguet
Jeremy Rosenkoetter
- 5 - Skyler Hardin-Grimm
- 6 - Trinity Penton
- 8 - Steve Helms
Taylor Lutz
- 9 - David Hall
Prudence Johnson
- 10 - Renee Gerding
Chris Robinson
Tylor Mueller