



Zionite newsletter

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
JUNE 2019

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

It's that time of the year again! Our annual Strawberry Festival will be on June 22nd, 2019. Volunteer help is needed, so be sure to sign up to help if you can!

Zion UCC's
Strawberry Festival

June 22nd, 2019
11am—7pm
15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda

BBQ, strawberry shortcake, strawberries,
desserts, bake sale, craft sale, kids' zone,
bounce house, and old cars!

Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Donate cookies for the Kairos Prison ministry program!
Donations will be collected in Kuck Hall. All packages of cookies must be sealed (and cannot be resealable). Thank you for your donations! Please bring cookies by June 9th!

Church Events

- **May 31 - Evelyn Erbes Memorial, 7pm, Lester Wedekindts**
- **June 7 - Youth Group**
- **June 9 - 10:30am Children's Promotional Sunday**
- **June 13 - Annual Appreciation Dinner**
- **June 16 - Father's Day**
- **June 22 - Strawberry Festival**
- **June 29 - Community Dinner**
- **June 30 - Veteran's Voices Concert**
- **July 2 - Start of Summer Worship 9:30**

Network of Religious Communities Annual Appreciation Dinner

On June 13th, Zion UCC is honoring Diane Cinelle, Susan Hose, and Amanda Bauer for their dedication and service to the church.

Join us for the celebration by signing up in the office (by June 2nd). Tickets are \$45 per person, and the dinner will be held at 6pm at Samuel's Grand Manor.

Thank you, Diane, Sue, and Amanda for your service!

Passing of Evelyn Erbes

At the age of 98, our beloved sister-in-Christ, Evelyn Erbes, has returned home to the Lord. Evelyn spent the last few years of her life in the care of Orchard Heights so that her niece could visit her frequently. Please hold her niece, Sue, and her nephews in your prayers.

The Calling Hours will be held at Lester Wedekindt Funeral Home, located at 3290 Delaware Ave in Kenmore, on Friday, May 31st from 5-7pm. The Funeral will be held at the conclusion of the Calling Hours at 7pm.

Mission Possible 5k Run/Walk

Sign up and spread the word for the Youth Group's last fundraiser of the "year"!

The Mission Possible Run/Walk will be on July 14th before worship. If you're not running/walking, please come early to help cheer!

Weather permitting, we will hold worship outdoors after the run!

Sign up online at zionuccton.com

Proverbs 22:17

*"A merry heart does
good like medicine"*

History Corner:

Do you know what
anniversary is coming
up for the church?

175 Years!!!

Keep your eye out for
the history questions
in the bulletin - there
might be prizes in the
future for those who
know the answers!

Father's Day Breakfast

Join us for Father's Day!

**Breakfast will be served in
Kuck Hall from 8:30am to
10:30am. Enjoy breakfast
before worship!**

**Help us give thanks to Fathers
on Sunday, June 16th!**

Pastor's Pen

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

When Jesus commanded his disciples (and us) to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12), he was well aware of the hatred that exists in this world.

People hate other people because of the way they look. People hate other people because of the way they worship. People hate other people because of their status, or lack of status. People are so easily swayed to hate.

Then Jesus comes into the picture and says, 'the world is going to hate you, but I tell you to love.' The disciples asked questions like, 'well what do we do if they're mean to us?' And Jesus told them to respond with love. 'What do we do if they try to destroy us?' Answer: love. 'What do we do if we can't see eye to eye?' Answer: love.

The prophet Micah tackled this too 700 years earlier. God doesn't require pomp and circumstance from us; God doesn't require sacrifices, God requires us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

And yet here we are, another 2,000 years later, with hatred permeating communities and even churches. Which makes me think that there is no better time than now to be beacons of love and light.

But we can't be beacons of love unless we commit ourselves to practicing love and kindness. This means when that person cuts us off, we can't show them a specific finger or shout unkind words. This means when someone seeks our forgiveness, we can't act like what they did is unforgivable. We can't gossip or lose our temper at the flip of a switch. Love and kindness takes practice.

The Apostle Paul said, "When I was a child I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child, but when I became an adult, I put an end to my childish ways." (1 Cor 13:11) Yet this world is full of people who have not put an end to their childish ways. There is still too much competition and jealousy and hatred in this world. But as Christians, we're called to love.

Who should we love? Everyone.

What about the people we don't trust? Love them.

What about the people we don't like? Love them.

And let's be an example for the world to see. Let our lights shine church! Shine for the love of Christ!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Elizabeth

Veteran's Voices Concert at Zion UCC! June 30th 2-4pm

Purchase tickets in
advance from Bill Roberts,
Glen Gordon, Gaye
Mehltretter, and Sue House
\$10 per ticket

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR VETERANS VOICES OF WNY

Sunday, June 30, 2019 • 2-4 pm

Zion UCC Church

15 Koenig Circle • Tonawanda, NY



CREEKBEND

Bluegrass, Gospel,
Americana, Fiddle, Banjo,
Guitar, Mandolin, Bass,
Harmonica, Accordion,
4 Part Gospel Harmony

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Featuring the
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JONI RUSS and
Susan Clark &
Bill Roberts



JONI RUSS

Tickets: \$10.00
For info: 818-4119

Presented by Veterans Voices of Western New York
100 Free Tickets Available for Veterans



Children's Promotional Sunday, June 9th

Join us for **ONE SERVICE** on Sunday, June 9th, at 10:30am.

The Children will make us smile, laugh, and praise God as they lead us in worship!

Summer Worship Begins July 2nd

Summer worship at 9:30am begins on July 2nd. We'll all worship together as one service during the summer months. We hope to see you all there!

Vacation Bible School

Information will be coming soon! We're considering an all day VBS in August if we can get enough volunteers.

If you're able to volunteer during the day, please talk to the Pastor!