



Zionite *newsletter*

SEPTEMBER 2020

Message from the Pastor

Church! The day is almost here! This Sunday, September 6th, we'll be back in the sanctuary! Of course those of you who prefer to stay home are more than welcome to continue to worship online—I just tested the live stream in the Sanctuary and it worked perfectly! There won't be a pre-set link, simply tune into our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionuccton at 10am and you can watch the live service. I will begin the live-stream 5-10 minutes early so people can tune in and be ready before the service actually begins.

It's going to be so wonderful to lead worship with actual people sitting in front of me! Yay!!!

Though even with all the excitement, we need to be very careful.

If you plan to attend, make sure to wear your mask properly—no pulling it down to talk or leaving your nose out—if we all wear masks properly and keep our distance from one another, we should all be safe. Our plan is to start with one service at 10am, and if we get too full, then we'll add a second service. But for now we're taking “baby steps.”

Through all of this, please remember how much God loves you. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but shall have eternal life.” God so LOVED the world. God loves you, and even though this world can be a scary place, remember that God loves you more than you will ever know.

God loves you, your Church loves you, and together we will safely make it through this trying time.

In Christ,

Pastor Elizabeth

To make a submission to the next zionite, email the church at ucczion@gmail.com

Updates from Members

During the pandemic, the Mittlefehldt's were all affected differently. Laurie has been working at Beechwood doing PT. Sadly, Covid ran through the facility causing 20-25% of all our resident's to pass away. It was heartbreaking. Isolation is continuing to adversely affecting our residents. Kurt was on furlough for 10 weeks and did so many home projects that there is no "honey do" list any longer! Karen was laid off from her job in Virginia and had to move home for 4 months. She moved to Denver on Aug 1st and has started a new job and is very excited about the change and looking forward to exploring the mountains. Derek and April moved from Cape Cod to Washington, DC area. Laurie was able to take care of James (4 yo grandson) here in Buffalo for 2 weeks while they moved. Thankfully, over the summer, we have a boat and that helps to make life almost normal for us when we are out on it. We look forward to seeing our church family in September!

-Laurie Mittlefehldt

Update on Kathleen Kenny

Kathleen is starting phase 2 of her treatment. She is going to Roswell for her first spinal chemo of this phase and then to Oishei for a 4 day admission. She will have a high dose of Methotrexate IV. This is to prepare her for the twice weekly CNS/Spinal regime every other week x28 weeks. She is our strong, brave girl!

-Ann Marie and Dan Kenny



Proverbs 22:17

"A merry heart does good like medicine"

Romans 13:10

"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

Message from the Health Ministry Team

This year we are unable to offer a Flu Clinic at Zion, however, the Health Ministry Team would like to remind you of the importance of getting a Flu Shot. They are available at independent pharmacies, pharmacies in grocery stores, and at a physician's office. Most medical insurances will cover the shot.

—Jean King

Church Member News

We celebrated Ian's 21st birthday August 16 and his graduation from Mary Cariola.

Kim is still struggling with chronic pain and fatigue. She is holding on to God's promise from Jeremiah 29:11, 13-- For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord... plans to give you hope and a future... You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Glen is a doll. He often makes dinner so Kim can rest. She doesn't sleep well at night.

Scott is cleaning Kim's car. Both Glen and Scott are providing transportation to medical appointments.

Glen Gordon was part of the team supplying critical components to field crews during the pandemic.

Other news:

Ian Gordon toured an adult dayhab facility called CDS Monarch. He engaged in the video game Wii and also did some artwork. Ian looks forward to going into this program, learning new skills and meeting new people.

-The Gordon Family



Hello Church Family,

During this crazy time our son Trevor graduated from Kenmore East High School and began his career in the Army. He left for Fort Benning Georgia 7/6 and will Graduate 12/18. We have loved his letters and phone calls. On Sunday's Trevor enjoys attending Church with his Army brothers. Covid is rapidly spreading around the Base. Please keep Trevor and his fellow soldiers in your prayers. We are all so proud of him.

Steve, Noah and I have enjoyed lots of swimming, nature walks, Netflix and ice cream. Stay Safe !
-Corrie Louth



Sunday School

Our Sunday School teachers are working to create a safe Sunday School program for kids who wish to attend Sunday School. While we will not resume nursery care or Sunday School for Pre-K or Kindergarten at this time, **if you have a child in Grade 1 or higher, please fill out this survey:** <https://forms.gle/ZkSQrK64ootUuPrH8>

The teachers will ensure a socially distant environment, and will utilize both Kuck Hall and classrooms to make sure that kids are spread out. Masks will be required for all children who attend Sunday School (adults are also required to wear masks).

- Sunday School will begin meeting at 10 AM, during the Church Service.
- Sunday School will be for 1st grade and up.
- Plans for Sunday School may change if cases and regulations rise in NYS.

We will also continue to email Sunday School materials for parents who do not feel safe sending children to Sunday School.

The start date for Sunday School is Sunday, September 13th.

“Back to Sunday School” bags

All kids can pick up a “Back to Sunday School” bag on September 13th. If your kids are in worship, they will receive on that day. If not, there will be bags available for pickup outside of the door after worship. We hope all of the kids can come get a bag as a reminder of God’s Love as they begin this school year!

Women’s Fellowship

The Women’s Fellowship is gathering donations and proceeds to benefit Cornerstone Women’s Shelter. They are using the proceeds from their Rada fundraiser and collecting monetary donations, along with encouraging everyone to help out by donating through the Amazon Wish List.

To help:

- Send in monetary donations to Zion’s Women’s Fellowship
- Send in Amazon Gift Cards for the Women’s Fellowship
- Donate directly through the Amazon Wish List.

**Cornerstone and Buffalo City Mission
Amazon Wish List:**

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/VKQLC3YPRNW9/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex