

# Newsletter of Zion United Church of Christ



## Zionite *Newsletter*

Hello Church!

It has been wonderful having more of you back in the Sanctuary lately. And those of you who worship online, it's wonderful to see your comments and your interaction when I check after the services. I find it beautiful that we have learned how to worship in different ways, connecting from many areas and many places, all joining our hearts and minds together to worship our God!

If you read the Consistory minutes, you already know this, but I will be heading to Israel in a couple weeks. This is a trip that has been delayed for two years! Three years ago, before Covid, my mom began planning her Sabbatical, and part of her Sabbatical included my brother (Steven, who has since passed) and myself joining her for an educational/spiritual trip to Israel. Then Covid hit, and the Sabbatical was delayed. Then my brother passed away, but my little brother, James, said he would like to go with us on this trip. And now, here we are, only a couple weeks away from a long awaited trip!

I'm in the process of mapping out our itinerary; we will spend a few days in Jerusalem, visiting the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Stations of the Cross, the location of the Upper Room, the Tomb of King David, the Western Wall, and more. Then we'll head over to Nazareth and Mount Precipice and the Sea of Galilee, and Cana (the location of Jesus' first recorded miracle). There are a few other places we hope to see as well, but that all depends on our schedule. I hope to be able to share some of this trip with you by recording a few educational videos so we can share this experience with you and my mother's congregation after we return home.

While I'm away, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrié will be on call, 716-998-0905, and our student minister, Kalee, will be preaching and leading a spiritual retreat. So while I'm away for a spiritual pilgrimage, you will be in good hands!

We also have some amazing events and opportunities coming up this month and next, so be sure to "stay in the know" with the church via the Zionite and updates via email and Facebook!

Be blessed and remember to be a blessing to others!

In Christ,

Pastor Elizabeth

# Church Events

## What's going on at Zion?

- Rally Day Worship & Picnic ► Sep 11, 10:30am
- Resuming 2 services ► Sep 18, 9 & 10:45am
- Bible Study ► Tues. at 1pm on Facebook Live
- Nursery ► Open and staffed on Sundays
- Food Pantry ► Open Every Mon 10am-12pm
- AA ► Saturdays at 10am
- AA: Rigorously Honest ► Thurs. at 5:30pm
- Youth Group ► 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 7-10pm.

*1st Friday: Zion UCC, 3rd Friday: Nativity*

- ♦ Oct 2, 9am ► Baptism of Winnie Rentschler
- ♦ Oct 7, 7-10pm ► Youth Group @Zion
- ♦ Oct 11, 6pm ► Exercise with Dawn
- ♦ Oct 11, 7pm ► Consistory
- ♦ Oct 15, 11am ► Women's Fellowship
- ♦ Oct 17, 6pm ► Trustees
- ♦ Oct 17-25 ► Pastor Elizabeth in Israel

*Call Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie for emergencies,  
716-998-0905*

- ♦ Oct 21, 7-10pm ► Youth Group @Nativity
- ♦ Oct 23, 10am ► One worship service
- ♦ Oct 23 ► Spiritual Retreat, 12:30-4pm
- ♦ Oct 25, 6pm ► Exercise with Dawn
- ♦ Oct 29 5-6pm ► Drive Thru Community Din.
- ♦ Oct 29, 6-7:30pm ► Trunk or Treat
- ♦ Save the Date ► Hosting Kenyan Hakuna Matata Children's Choir, Nov 28-Dec 5

[www.zionuccton.com/Host](http://www.zionuccton.com/Host)

For more, check out [www.zionuccton.com](http://www.zionuccton.com)

## Church Bios

Would you like to submit a church bio to be included in the Zionite?

If so, email it to Pastor Elizabeth.

It's a great way to learn more about our members!

### Sunday School Forms

Parents, take a moment to fill out this Sunday School form if you haven't already.

[www.zionuccton.com/sunday-school/](http://www.zionuccton.com/sunday-school/)

### Wedding Forms

Have an upcoming wedding to schedule?

[www.zionuccton.com/weddings/](http://www.zionuccton.com/weddings/)

### Rental Forms

Need to rent Kuck Hall or a classroom?

The Rental form is now online:

[www.zionuccton.com/rental-agreement/](http://www.zionuccton.com/rental-agreement/)

### Funeral Planning Forms

Have you taken time to fill out your Funeral Planning form? You can do so at any time on our website.

[www.zionuccton.com/funeral-plans/](http://www.zionuccton.com/funeral-plans/)







# *Hakuna Matata Children's Choir*

**Children from Kenya, ages 11-15 are visiting Zion UCC  
November 28-Dec 5!**

**Sign up to Host or Help: [www.zionuccton.com/Host](http://www.zionuccton.com/Host)**



**Can you host children or adults  
from Kenya for a week?  
If so, sign up to tell us your hosting ability at  
[www.zionuccton.com/host](http://www.zionuccton.com/host)**

**New Food Pantry Times!  
The Pantry is now open Mondays from 10am-12pm.**

**If you would like to purchase any items, below is a list of regularly needed items.**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| ♦ Toilet paper              | ♦ Tuna fish (canned) | ♦ Canned fruits and veggies     |
| ♦ Feminine hygiene products | ♦ Canned cat food    | ♦ Applesauce                    |
| ♦ Personal care products    | ♦ Juice (shelf safe) | ♦ Single serving fruits         |
| ♦ Pasta                     | ♦ Peanut butter      | ♦ Canned beans & legumes        |
| ♦ Pasta sauce               | ♦ Jelly              | ♦ Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup |
| ♦ Mac and cheese (box)      | ♦ Detergent          | ♦ Children snacks/foods         |



**Sunday, October 23rd, Student Minister, Kalee, will lead ONE  
worship service at 10am.**

**Kalee will also be leading a Spiritual Retreat that day at Our  
Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston/Youngstown. Sign up for the  
retreat at [www.zionuccton.com/retreat](http://www.zionuccton.com/retreat)**



# retreat

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR ZION UCC**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2022, 12-4:30PM**  
LOCATED AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE  
1023 SWANN RD, YOUNGSTOWN, NY 14174

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OCTOBER 23  
12-12:30 LUNCH  
12:30-4:30 RETREAT

**A SPIRITUAL RETREAT**  
organized by Student Minister, Kalee Mielke

REGISTER:  
[WWW.ZIONUCCTON.COM/RETREAT](http://WWW.ZIONUCCTON.COM/RETREAT)

October 29th

Mark your calendars for our Trunk or Treat!

Bring your kids to this fun event!

And if you would like to host a “trunk” sign up online at

[www.zionuccton.com/TOT](http://www.zionuccton.com/TOT)





Starting in July of 2022 dial

# #988

## NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE



**CENTER FOR  
RACIAL JUSTICE**  
Educate Connect Organize

52 BURGETT DRIVE  
HOMER, NY 13077  
center4racialjustice@icloud.com  
607-423-6456

**PRESENTS**

## ***Racism: Our Past and Future***

### **PART I**

#### ***History of Racism***

**Monday, September 26, 2022, 7 - 9 p.m.**

This online session will explore the real history of racism including Protestant Christianity's role in shaping white supremacist thinking in America. We will also explore the impact of Anglo-Saxonism on race, the Middle Passage and slavery, the removal of Indigenous Peoples from their lands, and the oppression of the Mexican and Asian peoples.

### **PART II**

#### ***Redlining and Its Impact on Our Neighborhoods***

**Monday, October 10, 2022, 7 – 9 p.m.**

This online session will explore the history of redlining in America including its present-day impacts on the health of residents, crime and policing, income and wealth, environmental quality, and economic opportunity.

### **PART III**

#### ***Reparations 101***

**Monday, November 14, 2022, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

This online session will offer an overview of Reparations including spiritual perspectives. We will also explore personal and family histories with enslavement, and learn about current examples of U.S. Reparations efforts.

***SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MULTIPLE SESSIONS!***

***TO REGISTER:***

**<https://form.jotform.com/222404771571150>**



#### Our Mission

To assist congregational members and our community in times of need for temporary financial assistance.

#### Instructions

Complete the following request form for consideration by our committee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Internal Purposes Only

Source:

\_\_\_\_\_ Missions Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Discretionary Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Consistory Approval

Funds Needed by \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Request Received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Response Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Funded: Y/N Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Check No \_\_\_\_\_

Disclaimer: Any monies allocated will be at the discretion of the C.A.M. Committee, based on committee and church guidelines.

### Did you know we have this new(er) ministry. Check it out!

For those who would like to donate specifically to Community Assistance Ministry (CAM), you are welcome to give to "missions" online or in an envelope. All submissions are confidential within the small CAM ministry team and the pastor.

## Zion UCC Tonawanda Health Ministry Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Zion has medical equipment available to loan.  
For information, please contact Debby Williams at  
[DW1416@aol.com](mailto:DW1416@aol.com) or call 716-563-2450.





## BREEZE SOFTWARE

Have you used Breeze lately?

Download the *CHMS Breeze* app on your phone, or go to [www.breezechms.com](http://www.breezechms.com)

To login, type in ZionUCC to access our church's Breeze site. Then you can login with your information. If you can't remember your login, or need help with your login, contact Pastor Elizabeth.

Check to make sure your information is up-to-date. You can also search for any other church member in the directory. You'll find their latest contact information.

And you can set up online giving with Breeze.

Thank you for using Breeze!

### Community Volunteers Needed

#### Kenmore Dementia Respite Care Program

**Month-to-Month Basis – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Each Month**

**Free Dementia Training by Alzheimer's Association Available**

**Kenmore United Methodist Church**

**32 Landers Rd, Kenmore**

**Want to Make a Difference in a Caregiver's Life? Volunteer on a month-to-month basis for the Kenmore Dementia Respite Care Program.** Volunteers are needed to give dementia caregivers a break. The Kenmore Respite Care Program seeks compassionate persons within our community to volunteer for our free Respite Care Program on a month-to-month basis (no obligation beyond signing up for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of a given month). While our program is a social model, prior professional training/experience **or** participation in our free Alzheimer's Caregiving Training offered by the Alzheimer's Association is required. Free Dementia Training is available on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am to noon at Kenmore UMC. Join our volunteer list and help those who need a short, 4 hour break from their caregiving. Respite Care is a Kenmore Community program – friends of Kenmore UMC and all those living in the area are invited to volunteer and attend the free Dementia Caregiving Training course. Please register for training by contacting Pastor Becky at 716-875-5091 or at [www.kenmoreumc.org](http://www.kenmoreumc.org)

## **Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 9.13.2022**

Consistory Call to Order at 7:07 pm by Troy Hengst

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Barbara Miller, Troy Hengst, Debby Williams, Robin Fowler, Mark Burr, Sarah Hanley-Cousins, Elena Camp, and Trustee, Ted Camp.

Absent: W. George Darrall, Peter Korte, Jeff Quinton, and Edie Bauer

Devotion and Lord's Prayer: Pastor Elizabeth led us in the devotion and the Lord's Prayer.

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Barb M. and seconded by Mark B. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

As of 9/5/2022 there is a balance of \$35,468.88 in the operating account and \$19,025.17 in the restricted funds account. The balance for the operating account does reflect the subtraction of the payroll to be paid on 9/9/22.

The revenue for August was \$9,229.03\* and the net income was \$-1669.37.

The YTD revenue is \$108,760.21 and the YTD net income is \$-7,673.38. In comparison:

The revenue for August 2021 was \$12,423.18. The net income was \$1,669.64. YTD revenue for 2021 was \$109,497.50. YTD net income was \$5,651.35.

The only notable P&L event in August was the fact that the August revenue reflects the subtraction of \$3,300 given to the Meat Raffle Committee to set-up a dollar change bank on the night of the raffle. This was once again the difference maker that created the negative bottom line for August.

October will bring the Meat Raffle income.

Report was motioned for approval by Debby W. and seconded by Barb M. All attending members approved.

Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

They did not meet in August but are meeting this Monday 9/19

Working on plans for parking lot enlargement -surveys/where boundaries are. This will all have to be approved by the entire Congregation. The timeline-realistically maybe 2024 due to scoping, permits, etc.

Trustees have a 10-year plan of things that need to be accomplished. Congregation will decide priorities.

Security cameras- discussion on who will get alerted when we are notified of disturbances. Need to get motion notifications. Specific people who will have the phone app will have to practice confidentially.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Duffy

Pastor Duffy thought we had a great turn out for worship this summer. She wanted to thank those who helped set up when we were outside for summer worship! Rally Day attendance was not as great as she had hoped, but better than most Sundays since Covid began.

We had 27 Sunday School kids from Preschool-Confirmation. (Ideally, we would be in the 40s.)

Kim Bellavia, who lives across the street from the church, came to Pastor Duffy's office on Monday and asked if she could help put on a Trunk or Treat. They began planning and would like it to be Saturday, October 29, from 6-7:30pm. The Community dinner is that night as well (Women's fellowship putting the dinner on), but they would have cars arrive between 5:30-5:45 to set up their "trunks" so there shouldn't be much overlap. We can have people sign up to have a trunk and put cones up that separate parking from the Trunk or Treat event. (Note: Trunk or Treat is when a bunch of cars line up together and open their trunk which they can decorate and have lots of candy to pass out to young kids for Halloween. It's a good community involvement project. The congregation is invited to participate or attend the event.

We have an opportunity to host the Hakuna Matata Children's Choir from Kenya. You can check them out online with a quick google search. The children are all orphans and will travel with 4 adults and they will be in the area from Nov 28 (5pm)-Dec 5 (9am). There will be 15 kids ages 11-15 who would need to be hosted by 6-8 families (preferably with kids). During the day the kids and adults would be at church for their school day (they would need transportation), and in the evenings they would be with their host families. We would also need to host the 4 adults. The Duffys would be happy to host 2 of the kids (up to 4 if necessary), but we would need to find additional host families for the week. (continue on next page...)



The choir would also sing in church on Sunday before leaving. They are collecting donations to build a new dormitory for the school/orphanage in Kenya. We will announce in church and have a sign-up sheet for families that can host the kids or adults, be able to help with transportation to church in the morning for their schooling and to bring to their host families after school and practice. More information will be forthcoming.

Pastor Duffy will be in Israel from October 18-25 (leaving the evening of the 17th to spend the night in NYC before her flight the next morning and returning to Buffalo during the late morning of Oct 25). Kalee will be preaching on October 23rd. She would also like to offer a retreat (off site at Lady of Fatima in Lewiston after church) that same day, so we think it would be best to have one service at 10am that day. Pastor Duffy will be visiting as many of the sites where Jesus walked as possible that week, and she will also be recording educational videos that she will put together and share with us after she returns home.

#### Old Business

Floor cleaner will be purchased when our contact person at CORR returns from vacation and the teens will be paid to clean the floors. We will get on a rotation for cleaning and sign up the teenagers who would like to get involved

Discussion about Trustees being aware of this project as Trustees would be responsible for purchasing the property and the Consistory would be responsible for the monthly cost and supplies for the machine.

Barb M. made a motion to ask the Trustees if we could purchase this property for the church. Ted was given the brochures and all paperwork on the machine to bring to the Trustees next meeting. Elena seconded the motion.

Dunkirk Camp cabin repair: Pastor Elizabeth called. Dunkirk would like to make the repairs that are needed at the Zion Cabin themselves. Pastor is the point person for them if something is needed.

#### New Business: none

#### Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)- working on childcare staffing for the second service

PPRC -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- no report

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- no report

Memorials-(Mark) - has \$1,408.40 presently in their budget.

Community Assistance Ministry- (Jeff)- no requests were made this month.

Health Ministry- (Debby)- Dawn has a schedule for exercise classes posted on the front board. Note the day change. A desire for a Red Cross Babysitting course has been made so we are looking into doing this in early November. More information will be made available when we have better details.

Environmental Ministry (Barb)- the garden did great although the beans did not grow- our refugee family took a lot, and some was used for the community dinners as well as vegetables that were shared with the congregation after services. Next year, they may concentrate more on peppers and tomatoes. Barb had a flyer on Climate Action. This proactive group is proposing climate control legislation.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry- (Mark)- doing well. Have about 10-12 people every week. Have changed the time the pantry is open to 10am-noon.

Altar Guild- (Robin) –Altar Guild still needs a person or two who would be interested in pairing up to help during the month of January and July. Will train!

New Member- (Pastor)- Three people have expressed interest in joining our church, so Pastor is hoping to plan the class for some time in November.

Closing: At 8:54 pm, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 11 at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debby Williams, Consistory Secretary

All meeting minutes can be found online here:  
[www.zionuccton.com/meeting-minutes/](http://www.zionuccton.com/meeting-minutes/)