

Newsletter of Zion United Church of Christ

Zionite Newsletter

Wow Church, Summer flew by!

I have no idea how it's now September. The kids are returning to school this week and next week, and we're getting ready for a wonderful kick off to Sunday School on September 11! (Check out the flyer below designed by Taylor and Skylar during VBS.)

First, let's do a quick recap of the summer: We started the summer by joining with our sister church, Grace UCC in Buffalo to help feed the community, and we welcomed our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer for one of our events. In July the teenagers went on their mission trip to Massachusetts. The Zion kids served as a great example for all of the youth. They worked hard, served others, increased their faith, and had fun. Also in July, we had 24 kids join us for a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School! Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, and the parents for bringing their kids to VBS, our kids were able to learn important Bible stories and faith lessons, and have fun! And 7 of our church kids spent time at camp at Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center this summer. They enjoyed themselves in a great Christian camp (UCC) and would love for more of their friends to join them next year! (If you haven't seen this video of the kids, watch it here: youtu.be/OVtj-LOFRxA)

We also buried 3 remarkable women of faith this summer, Wanda Burton, Lois Gregor, and Barb Johnson. The three of them will be truly missed, but we are confident in their presence in the Kingdom of Heaven.

And now Summer is coming to a close, but the fun isn't over. We hope and pray that all of our church families are ready to return to Sunday School starting September 11. We've missed a lot of our kiddos these past two years, and we're eager to see them all on Sunday mornings!

My 9 year old is quite good at listing off reasons why it's important for kids and adults to come to church on Sundays, but my favorite of his reasons is: "At church, we don't just worship God, but we also learn how to be good people."

See you soon!

In Christ, Pastor Elizabeth



Church Events

What's going on at Zion?

- Rally Day Worship & Picnic ► September 11, 10:30am
- Resuming 2 services ► September 18, 9 & 10:45am
- Bible Study ► Tuesdays at 1pm on Facebook Live
- Nursery ► Open and staffed on Sundays
- Food Pantry ► Open Every Monday 11am - 1pm
- AA ► Saturdays at 10am
- AA: Rigorously Honest ► Thursdays at 5:30pm
- Exercise With Dawn ► check announcements for times
- Youth Group ► Youth Group resumes on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 7-10pm starting on September, 16th! Make sure parents/youth join the Zion UCC Youth Group Facebook Group for updates on location (Zion UCC or Nativity UCC) and more!
- September 13th, 7pm ► Consistory
- September 17th ► Private home baptism of Quinn Deschamps
- September 17th, 11am ► Women's Fellowship
- September 19th, 6pm ► Trustees
- September 24th, 5pm ► Community Dinner, 5-6pm

Volunteer for the Community Dinner here:

<https://bit.ly/3CJSx2a>

- ◆ Save the Date: Crop Walk ► October 1, Kenilworth UCC Walk begins at 10am, gather at 9:30am
- ◆ Save the Date: Meat Raffle! ► October 1, 6pm.

www.zionuccton.com/meat

Sunday Worship Schedule:

Sunday, September 11

Rally Day

Worship &

Kick-Off to Sunday School

at 10:30am

Followed by a picnic and games

Sunday, September 18

Two Services Resume

9am: Sunday School & Contemporary Worship

10:45am: Traditional worship

Please note the change in worship times

For more visit: www.zionuccton.com/events

Openings at Church

Sunday School Teacher:

We are in need of a new Sunday School teacher for the Kindergarten Classroom (don't worry parents, in the meantime, we will have the class staffed). If you are interested in teaching our youngest Sunday Schoolers, please contact Sue Clark or Pastor Duffy.

Altar Guild:

We are looking for 1 or 2 new Altar Guild members for 2 months during the year. If you are interested, please contact Sue House.

Bell Choir:

The Bell Choir is resuming, but they need 3 new ringers and a new alternate. As Gail says, "If you can count, you can ring!" They will teach you how. Anyone over the age of 13, men or women, are welcome to join the bell choir. Please Contact Gail Sweeney at 832-9083 if you're interested so that our Bell Choir can resume!

Sunday School Forms:

Parents, please fill out this Sunday School Form for your child.

www.zionuccton.com/sunday-school/



2022 Ken Ton Area Crop Walk

Saturday, Oct. 1

Meet at Kenilworth UCC @9:30 AM

Walk Begins @ 10:00 AM

Did you know:

- ♦ 20% of funds raised stays local and benefits the Zion Food Pantry?
- ♦ Funds nationally benefit Church World Service, which sponsors refugee resettlement?

Zion's Goals for this year's walk:

10 walkers.

Raise \$500

To sign up as a walker, or make a contribution, visit the Ken Ton Cropwalk Page:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/teams?event=buffalony>

Scroll down to the Zion Team.

Or contact Debbie Grine 716 861-4374

Memorial Service for Patricia Pittler

Thomas Pittler recently returned to Buffalo, and is attending Zion UCC. His wife, who passed away in December of 2019, is originally from the Batavia area. Tom and Pastor Elizabeth are holding a memorial service for Patricia at Pembroke Community Church, 692 Main Rd. Corfu, NY on September 10 at 4pm.

After the service there will be a dinner. Anyone interested in coming to support Tom who is joining Zion UCC, is welcome to attend the service and dinner.

Welcome to the world, Willow Anne Faith Allen!

Alicia (Schmeichel) Allen welcomed her new baby girl on August 28th at home in Georgia!

Mom and baby are both healthy, and grandparents, Carl and Kat Schmeichel, are overjoyed!



Congratulations to Sienna Heary who made her Confirmation after church on Saturday, August 28th.

Congratulations and God Bless you, Sienna!

Did you know that we have an active food pantry at Zion UCC?

The Pantry is open Mondays from 11am to 1pm.

You can pick up items at the grocery store and drop them off at the pantry (located in Kuck Hall) on Sunday mornings?

There are post-it notes with items needed for the pantry on the inside of the pantry door, but here are some ideas for regularly needed items. Thank you!

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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 |

THE SIXTY-SIXTH CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS

Sunday, December 11, 2022 | 4 p.m.

Sponsored by and for the benefit of:

Valparaiso University Guild – Buffalo, NY Chapter
1700 Chapel Drive
Valparaiso, Indiana, 46383

Hosted by:

First Trinity Lutheran Church
1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Tonawanda, New York 14150

August 2022

In just a few weeks it will be time for the Vespers Choir to prepare again to celebrate the incarnation of Jesus Christ with the Western New York community. For each of the Vesper's past 65 years, there has been a hymn, anthem, or scripture that has inspired the theme and music selections for the service. Our 66th service, "*Light for the Nations*", is inspired by the Martin Luther's hymn:

Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

The light of Christ will shine through the church, sharing the light of Christ with those who do not yet know him. Through missions in other lands and through our own personal witness to friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors, we shine the light of Christ in places and pockets of darkness. This is what people need, and this is what we have to share. There is enough light to go around—for us, for people we know, and for all the nations of the world.

Please consider singing in the Vesper Choir and bring along a singing friend!

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE AT FIRST TRINITY

Monday	September 26	7 – 8 pm	Preview music and fellowship time
Monday	October 3	7 – 9 pm	Women's sectional
Monday	October 10	7 – 9 pm	Men's sectional
Monday	October 17	7 – 9 pm	All
Monday	October 24	7 – 9 pm	All
Monday	November 7	7 – 9 pm	Women's sectional
Monday	November 14	7 – 9 pm	Men's sectional
Monday	November 21	7 – 9 pm	All
Monday	November 28	7 – 9 pm	All
Monday	December 5	7 – 9 pm	All
Saturday	December 10	10–12 pm	All

You may also rehearse with the choir at First Trinity on Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

▪ **You will enjoy the experience of singing with a large choir and good fellowship as we rehearse and present the Gospel in music during the service!**

▪ **Questions? dwerth@firsttrinity.com (716) 276-8263**

LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS!

David Werth, Director

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>

BREEZE SOFTWARE

Have you used Breeze lately?

Download the *CHMS Breeze* app on your phone, or go to 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!

"Do Justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

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!

On Rally Day we'll kick off Sunday School AND celebrate Mrs. Corrie Louth as she retires from Teaching Sunday School!

Join us as we celebrate Mrs. Corrie!



SILENT FILM FEST | FREE EVENT |

On Sunday, September 25th at 4 pm at First Trinity Lutheran Church, organist Benjamin Kolodziej will accompany Buster Keaton's classic Civil War comedy, *The General*, in an authentic manner as would have been heard in picture palaces in the 1920s before the advent of the talkie. Now considered one of the greatest silent films of all time, and classified by the Library of Congress as being one of the most "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" films ever made, Keaton directed, produced, and acted in this humorous take on *The Great Locomotive Chase*, an actual historic event during the Civil War. Whether you are interested in trains, the Civil War, historic films or important actors, this movie will delight and entertain all ages.

Community Volunteers Needed

Kenmore Dementia Respite Care Program

Month-to-Month Basis – 4th 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 4th 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 14th, 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

Free Dementia Caregiving Training

Wednesday, September 14th

9:30am to noon

Kenmore United Methodist Church

32 Landers Road, Kenmore

As part of our Community Caring programs and in conjunction with the Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Kenmore UMC is offering a 2.5 hour course open to the public on Dementia Caregiving. This course is for anyone interested in learning how to better care for those suffering from dementia, especially a loved one. It is also a pre-requisite to volunteer in the Kenmore Dementia Respite Care program. The Dementia Caregiving course will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at Kenmore UMC from 9:30am to noon. To register for this free course, contact Pastor Becky at 716-875-5091 or at www.kenmoreumc.org

Contact Information:

Pastor Becky Naber

Kenmore UMC

716-875-5091

Kumcoffice32.org



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 or call 716-563-2450.





MEAT RAFFLE



Sat. Oct 1st

Doors Open at 6 PM | 1st Spin at 7 PM

Knights of Columbus | 755 Erie Ave. North Tonawanda

Beer & Pop included

Bring snacks, singles, & a cooler



Get tickets at: zionuccton.com/MEAT

\$10 presale | \$12 day-of

\$64 table of 8 | \$80 table of 10

www.zionuccton.com/MEAT

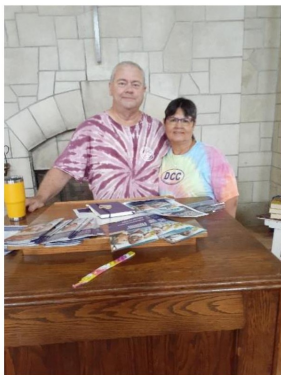


**Booze 'Barrow
Door Prize!**

**Faith UCC Williamsville
welcomes
the Alzheimer's Association**

**Saturday, September 17, 2022
10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

Refreshments provided



Dave Gonlag will share his personal experience with early onset Alzheimer's. Dave is on the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer's Association of WNY, a former member of the National Early Stage Advisory Group and Advocate of the Year in 2017 for NY State

Members of the Alzheimer's Association of WNY will talk about warning signs and help for caregivers.



**Don't miss out on being in our 2022
All Church Photo on Rally Day!**

**After 10:30am worship on Rally Day,
September 11th, join us out front for
our All Church Photo, picnic, and fun!**

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 8.09.2022

Consistory Call to Order at 7:04 pm by Troy Hengst

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Barbara Miller, Troy Hengst, Debby Williams, Peter Korte, Jeff Quinton, Robin Fowler, and W. George Darrall. Absent: Mark Burr, Sarah Hanley-Cousins, Elena Camp, Edie Bauer and Trustee: Ted Camp

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 Peter K. and seconded Robin F. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

As of 8/3/2022 there is a balance of \$39,148.03 in the operating account and \$19,482.69 in the restricted funds account.

The balance for the operating account does reflect the subtraction of the payroll to be paid on 8/12/22.

The revenue for July was \$12,237.78 and the net income was \$-3893.30.

The YTD revenue is \$99531.18, and the YTD net income is \$-6,004.01.

In comparison: The revenue for July 2021 was \$11,306.96. The net income was \$-5,321.31. YTD revenue for 2021 was \$97,074.32. YTD net income was \$3981.71.

The only notable P&L event in July was the fact that it was a three-payroll month. This fact was the difference maker that created the negative bottom line

Report was motioned for approval by Debby W. and seconded by Jeff Q. All attending members approved.

Trustee's Report: deferred

Pastor Duffy did say that security cameras are being installed this week. Every entrance will have a camera pointed at it.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

We had an extremely successful mission trip with the Western Area Youth to Billerica, MA, and the Boston area. Our teenagers were excellent workers with respectful behavior. We worked a lot, had some fun, and worshiped every evening (and on Sunday before coming home). These trips help encourage their faiths with our evening worships, foot washing of the seniors and the overall mission.

VBS was also a great success. We had 24 kids and 5 adult volunteers. The theme was "Food Truck Party", so we ended the week with an Ice Cream Truck. Thank you to Debbie Grine, Brianna Grine, Sue Finn, and Lynn Alexander for volunteering for VBS, and thank you to Sue Clark for setting everything up for us every evening.

After over 20 years of teaching Sunday School, Corrie Louth is retiring from the position as Kindergarten Teacher. She has done a remarkable job all these years and we will thank her and honor her during worship on Rally Day. Note: We need a new kindergarten teacher. Even every other week would work as there is another person who is willing to do every other week. Please let Pastor know ASAP if you are interested or have questions.

Rally Day is September 11 at 10:30am. Taylor and Skyler made a flyer during VBS that has already been sent out. We need to decide what to order to make the day extra special. Last year we did a jumbo bounce/slide and a cotton candy machine.

Outdoor worship has been well received lately. She did ask one member who watches virtually to text her during the service if the volume needs adjusting. This is easier than checking things on Facebook during worship.

Pastor Duffy has given a tutorial to several people regarding the soundboard, and she will train Nathan Hengst with even more details since he has more experience with sound boards. This way if she is away, we will have people to make sure everything is working properly. She has also put-up instructions to problem solve at the back table of the sound board.

All Consistory minutes can be found online at www.zionuccton.com/meeting-minutes/

Old Business:

Church clean- up review- the clean-up day was postponed due the high heat expected that day. Another day will be decided on shortly and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the front board.

New Business:

Discuss worship times and coffee hour time worship times was brought up by Barbara M. She mentioned we had changed the second service to 11 am so people in charge had time to disinfect during COVID. She asked if we could start having the second service at 10:45 am (15 minutes sooner)? This time will let the choir members worship, have fellowship in Kuch Hall and even be able to practice before the second service would begin. Pastor also mentioned that she will have more time to be able to speak to people. Coffee hour would remain open until after the second service. This time change would change after Rally Day and will be announced before, so people are aware of the change. 9 am service will remain the same time.

Floor cleaner machines and hiring the teenagers to do some of the work around the church. Discussion was started about the cleaning of the floors. Corr Distribution came and gave a demo of one of their floor machines. Material was passed around about the machines as well as cost. It would be cheaper to purchase a machine instead of having a company do the floors weekly. It was decided that floor stripping once a year will be done by an outside company (January). This company only uses environmentally sustainable products. It was also brought up about teaching a few of the teenage boys how to use the machine and pay them to clean and buff the floors. Barb M. made a motion to purchase this user-friendly floor cleaning machine out of Building Needs. All attending members approved the motion.

Zion's Cabin at Dunkirk Camp and Conference. For those that do not know, we have a cabin on-site. It was discovered that the porch has become "soft" and may break through which could injure a child or adult attending the camp. It is a liability issue and needs to be repaired. It was decided that Pastor will call and work with the other area churches who attend the camp to hire somebody to repair the steps, etc.

Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)- no report

PPRC- (Jeff) -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- no report

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- Women's fellowship would like to host the October Community Dinner Memorials-(Mark) - has \$1,408.40 presently in their budget. They had no donations this past month.

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

Health Ministry- (Debby)- no report

Environmental Ministry- the garden is producing nicely, and vegetables and herbs are being offered to our church families to take home. Barb recently attended Bidwell Farmers Market where environmental groups were set up with information on various topics. Erie County has started a new program- Climate Action. This program will send out speakers to groups to talk about various environmental issues. Barb wants these speakers to come to our church for our members and to open it up to the entire community. She will be contacting the person in charge for more information.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry- (Jeff and Mark)- was restocked today. Pantry became extremely low after a very busy Monday. Brianna Grine brought our Afghanistan refugee family to the food pantry where they enjoyed picking fresh vegetables and herbs from the garden.

Altar Guild- (Robin) – Lisa Laufer has resigned her position on Altar Guild so they need a person or two who would be interested in pairing up to help during the month of January and July. Will train!

New Member- (Mark)- no report.

Closing: At 8:47 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 13 at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams

Consistory Secretary