



# Zionite Newsletter

Newsletter of Zion United Church of Christ

Dear Church,

The parking lot Construction at Zion has begun! We are very fortunate that it is beginning soon, however, it will unfortunately take longer than expected (they're saying 8 weeks total).

We hope and pray that everyone will still **join us for worship during the construction period**. Thankfully, we have ample parking available near the church to help make this possible.

**Below are some of helpful tips for parking during the construction period:**

- We will have cones reserving parking for handicap accessibility in front of the Sanctuary. Please only use these designated spots for handicap parking.
- We will also have an area marked for "drop off only" so those who would like to drop someone off in front of the sanctuary and park elsewhere.
- We encourage street parking on Koenig, Woodstock Ave., Lynbrook Ave., and Fries Rd.. Please safely cross the street as you walk to church.
- We will send out an email every Friday with updates on the parking lot so that you can anticipate where to park that Sunday.
- All of the doors to the church will be opened during worship. This means you might prefer to enter through the Narthex or Kuck Hall instead of the parking lot entrance.
- No activities or worship services will be cancelled during this time. So make sure to join us!
- We anticipate people will be late to worship as we navigate this temporary parking, so please do not worry about walking into church late. We would rather have you here late than not with us each week!

We know that this is going to be a tricky period, but we hope and pray that everyone will try their hardest to worship with us in person or online during construction. We also ask that everyone **continue to give as they're able**, since we know attendance might decline during construction.

Please click here if you would like to give online. <https://zionucc.breezechms.com/give/online>

Lastly, thank you to our Trustees for all of their time dedicated to this important project. Planning for this parking lot has taken a lot of time and energy and we appreciate all of their hard work!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth & The Consistory ·

# Church Events

## Church Events

- **Worship** ▶ Sundays at 9am & 10:45am
- **Sunday School** ▶ 9am
- **Bible Study** ▶ Tues. at 12pm Facebook Live
- **Nursery** ▶ Staffed on Sundays, 9-10am
- **Youth Group** ▶ 1st Friday at Zion, 3rd Friday at Nativity, *New Time: 6-9pm*
- **Food Pantry** ▶ Every Tuesday 10am-12pm
- **AA** ▶ Sat. at 10am & 1pm, Thurs. at 5:30pm
- **Girl Scouts** ▶ Thursdays at 6:30pm
- ♦ **Bell Choir Practice** ▶ Wed @6:30pm
- ♦ **Chancel Choir Practice** ▶ Wed @7:30pm
- ♦ **May 1** ▶ Registration Deadline for WAY Mission Trip
- ♦ **May 3** ▶ Youth Group, Zion, 6-9pm
- ♦ **May 4** ▶ WNYACIC Area workshops & Ecclesiastical Council for Hope Schwartz, 9am to 3pm at Church of the Nativity
- ♦ **May 8** ▶ Exercise with Dawn, 5:30pm
- ♦ **May 11** ▶ Jr. WAY Day, 9:30-11:30am at Amherst Community Church sign up at [www.zionuccton.com/jrway](http://www.zionuccton.com/jrway)
- ♦ **May 14** ▶ Consistory, 7pm
- ♦ **May 17** ▶ Youth Group, Nativity, 6-9pm
- ♦ **May 18** ▶ Men's Fellowship, Family Tree Restaurant 9am
- ♦ **May 20** ▶ Trustee's at 6pm
- ♦ **May 22** ▶ Exercise with Dawn, 5:30pm
- ♦ **May 25** ▶ Jane Turner Memorial @PDR
- ♦ **May 26** ▶ Charlotte Glaspy Baptism, 9am
- ♦ **May 31** ▶ Sign up deadline for new church T-shirts!

For more events:

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

## Order your new Church T-Shirt!

Sign up and Payment Envelope are in the office. The Shirts are \$20 each. Sign up by May 31 to get your Church T-Shirt! *Shirts are a dry-fit material and run large.*

### FRONT:



### BACK:





# Western Area Youth Mission Trip

July 8-14



**Locations:**

**May 3, June 7:**

**Zion UCC, 15 Koenig Cir. Tonawanda, NY**

**May 17, June 21:**

**Nativity UCC, 1530 Colvin Blvd. Tonawanda, NY**

**WESTERN AREA YOUTH (WAY)**

For teenagers entering Grade 8+

Join us for our **summer mission trip** to Detroit, NY! (Staying in Livonia)

Register by May 1st at

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

**JR. WAY**

For kids Grades K-6, sign up for our second Jr.

**WAY Day!**

Register online at

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



## Jr. WAY Creation Day

May 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:30am

Grades K-6

@Amherst Community Church

RSVP to [zionuccton.com/JRWAY](http://zionuccton.com/JRWAY)



# DUNKIRK SUMMER CAMP

*starts for kids entering 1st grade!*



Make new friends, discover nature, and grow closer to God through exciting activities, inspiring worship, and tons of fun!



**Our church will completely cover the cost of your FIRST YEAR!**

**Returning campers get \$100 off!**

**Need based scholarships are also available to returning campers!**

*\*For Pilgrim, Pioneer, Jr and Sr High Camps Only*

**Ready to go?!**

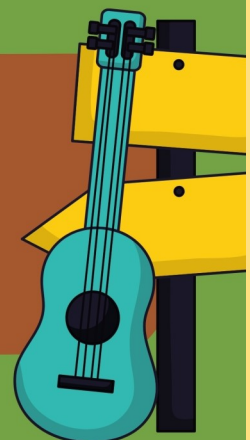
Register for camp at [dunkirkcc.com](http://dunkirkcc.com)

Then forward your registration confirmation to:

**[dunkirk@zionuccton.com](mailto:dunkirk@zionuccton.com)** for the church to send in the camp payment. We hope to send a lot of kids to camp!

**Questions?**

Reach out to Pastor Elizabeth or Jacob Korte



# Memorials



## Celebrating the Life of Jane Turner

Jane Turner was a long-time member of Zion United Church of Christ. She was also a retired math teacher and a promoter of Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center. After the death of her husband, she decided to go to Family Camp at Dunkirk, and her daughters decided to join her. Little did they know, Dunkirk would become a huge part of all of their lives!

Jane lived at The Amberleigh for many of her senior years. She loved her apartment and the community at The Amberleigh, and when she gave up driving, Barb Johnson (who also now lives in the Kingdom of God) would pick her up for church and Bible Study. During Covid, as Jane's memory and health declined, her family moved her to Brothers of Mercy, where she was cared for until the end of her life. Jane lived a good, long life, and now she rests in the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Celebrating the Life of Donna Maunz

Donna Maunz was a faithful member of Zion UCC for many years. Until December, she lived alone at her apartment in the Presbyterian Village at North



Church, and she attended worship when she was able to get a ride. Donna was a sweet, cheerful person, and she loved talking to people and getting to know them. She lived a healthy life for 98 years, and then after a fall in December, her family decided to move her to an assisted living facility near them in California. Donna passed away peacefully and is now rejoicing in the Kingdom of Heaven.

# Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship is regrouping! Join them on Saturday, May 18 at 9am at the Family Tree Restaurant on Bailey Ave. Questions? Reach out to Dave Dombrowski



# Zion UCC's Exercise Buddies

Location: Kuck Hall

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Men & Women Welcome!

Free  
Exercise  
Classes!

Taught by  
Dawn, a  
certified  
trainer

Easy yoga  
and chair  
exercises

Exercise  
can be fun!

Dates:

May 14

May 28



**Pastoral Care is every first Wednesday of the month.  
See Kalee if you are interested in joining.**

**A date for the Summer Retreat is coming soon  
at Bond Lake in Lewiston, New York.**



## Buffalo Bisons Night!

**The Bisons 4th of July Celebration is July 3 at 6:05. The BPO will play and fireworks after the game. The tickets are \$25.00/person. We need a minimum of 10 people.**

**A sign up is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Payment is due June 9. Please make check payable to Gaye Mehlretter. It is a fun evening, hope you can join us!**

**Zion United Church of Christ  
15 Koenig Cir. Tonawanda, NY**

**ZION UCC'S  
STRAWBERRY  
FESTIVAL**

*Returns!*

**Lunch, desserts, strawberries,  
fun, games, and music!**

**Saturday, June 29, 2024**

**11 AM to 3 PM**

**Zion United Church of Christ**

# Western Area News



Connecting UCC & Disciples Congregations of Western New York

We need you to help us create a great summer issue!

Here's how...

1. Submit any upcoming events, good news, informative pieces, in memoriams, creative pieces, photographs, etc., to [inthevineyardeditor@gmail.com](mailto:inthevineyardeditor@gmail.com) by May 14.

2. Share with others in your congregation the question:

**"What brought you to your church in the first place?"**

Please expand on your answers when you respond. We would like to hear more of your thoughts! We'd love to hear from everyone and anyone. Send all responses to [inthevineyardeditor@gmail.com](mailto:inthevineyardeditor@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance!



## TODDLERS' CLOSET

Gently Used & New Children's  
Clothing from Newborn to 6X



Every 1st Saturday of the month  
9am-1pm

3rd floor at Amherst Community Church  
77 Washington Highway, Snyder, NY 14226

Cash only, with low suggested donation of \$5 for new w/ tags & outerwear, \$3 Sweaters, Sweatshirts, & Dresses, \$2 PJs, Swimwear, Robes, Sleepsacks, & Shoes, and \$1 for everything else.

**Saturday, May 11, 2024 11:00  
a.m**

*New Covenant United Church of  
Christ*

**459 Clinton St. Buffalo, NY  
14204**

**Tickets \$25 which includes door  
prize entry**

**\*\*Donations for Heaven's Boutique and/ or  
purchase from "Heaven's Boutique" Ama-  
zon Registry, receive an entry for a Mother's  
Day Basket**

*For tickets or additional information contact  
NCUCC church office at (716) 856-3392*

**\*Hosted by The Beautification Ministry**



Dunkirk Camp & Conference Center

# 2024 SUMMER KICKOFF!

**WORK WEEKEND**

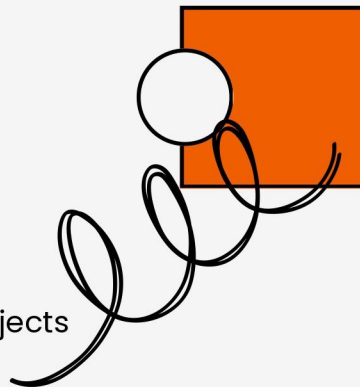
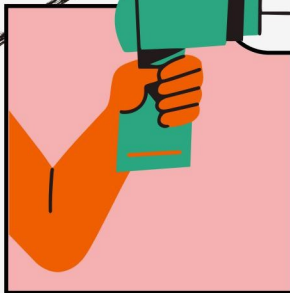
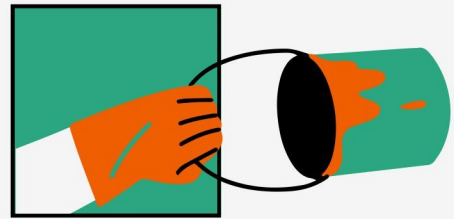
**MAY 17-19**

Attend for the Whole Weekend or for Saturday! All Skill Levels Welcome!



**Friday:**

- Arrive Anytime After 2pm
- Dinner @ 5:30
- Beach Clean-up
- Beach Vespers and Bonfire



**Saturday:**

- Earl Morning Energizers!
- 9am Start - Work on Projects
- "Drive-in" Movie:  
A Quiet Place 2
- Campfire and Snacks
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be Served.

**Sunday:**

- Breakfast
- Finish Any Projects
- See you in June!



**JOIN US!**

Please RSVP to Anne  
exec.director@dunkirkcc.com  
(716) 366-1900

## Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 04.10.2024

Consistory Call to Order at 7:06 pm by Edie Bauer

Consistory Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Dave Dombrowski, Elena Camp, Debby Williams, Edie Bauer, Robin Fowler, Kalee Mielke, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie

Consistory Members Absent: W. George Darrall, Bob Sedota, John Pauling

Trustees Present: James Cousins, Ted Camp, Brianna Grine, Laurie Mittlefehldt, Ed Miller, Dave Dubbert, Jacob Korte, Jill Fowler

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

Joint Meeting with Trustees

- There was a joint brainstorming meeting with the Trustees tonight with the primary discussion being about growth and vision for our church moving forward. Note: More discussion about ideas will be done during our regular meeting next month.

### Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 4/1/2024 there is a balance of \$44,373.65 in the operating account and \$18,800.55 in the restricted funds account. The operating account balance takes into consideration the payroll for 4/5/24.
- The revenue for March was \$17,655.18. The net income was \$-2984.00. In comparison: The revenue for March 2023 was \$22,177.14. The net income for March 2023 was \$6,003.29. YTD revenue for 2024 is \$55,200.65. YTD net income for 2024 is \$1,953.78. In comparison the YTD revenue for 2023 was \$55,210.54 and the net income was \$6,556.36.

The notable P&L events in March were:

51710 Pastor's FICA \$351.86

51720 Pastor's Pension \$1350.94

52410 Music Worship \$\$280.00 (annual copyright lic.)

52000 Worship Exp. Other \$342.00 (annual streaming & song select lic.)

54700 Property Insurance \$3,677.75

60001 OWCM \$1,300.00 (1st qtr. Payment)

60002 Western Area \$904.00 (1st qtr. Payment)

60008 NY Conference Per Capita \$282.50 (1st qtr. Payment)

There is a significant difference between the 2023 & 2024 YTD figures. Please remember that this year the Consistory agreed to take on half of the property insurance payments. We have now met that obligation with the payment we made this month.

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID) No report

### Pastor's Report

- Thank you for honoring my vacation and giving me the week off. It was good to simply rest and spend time with family.
- Jane Turner passed away on Monday, funeral to be determined. Note: Jane's memorial will be at Perna Dengler and Roberts Funeral Home in Williamsville on May 25 in the afternoon.
- Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for arranging baskets and making Easter Basket and Flower deliveries on Good Friday. I know how much our people appreciated it!

- Please consider signing up for the Listening Workshop and/or the Better Together worship/fellowship event. Signups are on the bulletin board. Note: The Listening Workshop has been postponed till a later date.
- We're holding a special youth group this month at Nativity together with the youth group program organized by the Buffalo Peacemakers on April 19th.

### Committee Reports

- Christian Education & Missions (Edie)- no report
- Cemetery (Debby)- no report
- Health Ministry (Debby)- The Zion UCC Tonawanda Health Ministry is hosting a representative who specializes in Elder Law on Saturday April 27 from 10 am- noon at church. ***It is free for everyone.*** An Elder Law attorneys will be addressing long-term care and estate planning needs of everyone based on his or her unique situation.

They can answer tax questions, and plan strategies for obtaining disability, Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare payments. Their services are useful for health and long-term care planning, as well as end-of-life planning decisions and instances of elder abuse. Thank you to Lynn Alexander for organizing this. Please plan on attending. Park out in the street if the parking lot reconstruction project has been started.

Thank you to the congregation for turning in their Dash receipts to help with the Health Ministry needs and support for their programs. We just deposited \$225.00 because of your wonderful support!

- Altar Guild (Robin)- Laurie Mittlefeldt will be co-chairing with Sue House
- Memorials (George)- Edie stated there is \$5,913.40 in account.
- PPRC/Admin (George)- no report
- Community Assistance Ministry (Dave)- no report
- New Member (Dave)- no report
- Environmental Ministry (Pierre)- no report
- Network of Religious Communities (Pierre)- no report
- Community Dinners (Bob)- April's dinner is hosted by women's Fellowship. Sign up online to help.
- Food Pantry (John)-no report
- Coffee Hour (Ted)- no report
- Fundraising Stewardship, Outreach, and Fundraising (John)- total made for basket raffle fundraiser was \$5,725.00

### Anything Else?

1. We purchased the domain: [www.zionucc.com](http://www.zionucc.com). We will begin the transitioning to the new domain. We will keep the old domain for a while (redirecting to the new one) after the transition is made. Thank you to the Men's Fellowship for purchasing the new domain.
2. Ken Voght (retired IRS agent and church member) has begun the church audit.
3. New T-shirts will be created for purchase. Pastor will be talking to Cyle Pollutro about the design.
4. Dave mentioned that Men's Fellowship has been restarted and is being added to the Breeze calendar.

The motion to close the meeting was made by Dave, seconded by Elena and all attending members agreed.

Closing prayer: In the Church, for the people, with one another. Amen.

Next Meeting: May 14 at 7 pm Closing: 9:24 pm Respectfully Submitted, Debby Williams, Consistory Secretary