



# Summer Newsletter

## Pastor's Letter:

Hello Church,

Lately, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is on my mind. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the still waters, he restores my soul..."

I love the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. I recite it when people are in the hospital, I recite it as people prepare to go home to the Lord, and sometimes I recite it in the car, as a sort of meditation.

I have noticed that reciting the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm can slow down a person's anxious breathing. And I feel my own anxiety decrease as I recite it. Those words, written by King David 3,000 years ago, are powerful.

And those words come to mind as summer approaches: the green pastures, the still waters, our souls restored.

We have a lot going on this summer, and there's always hustle and bustle, but will you also take some time to breathe, to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and to feel God's presence?

If you haven't already, maybe memorize the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. And as you find yourself outside in nature, recite those words. And as you find yourself anxious or upset, recite those words again. Feel peace enter into your soul as you recite this poetic psalm.

Let's begin reciting them today:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside the still waters,  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.  
You are with me.  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil.  
My cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.

*In Christ's love,  
Pastor Elizabeth*

*Thank you for reading!*

# Important Dates

The Worship Schedule is changing for summer! Please check worship times:

June 1 is our last Sunday with 2 services!  
Worship at 9 & 10:45

June 8 is Confirmation:  
One service at 10am

June 15 is Children's Sunday:  
One service at 10am

June 22 is the beginning of summer worship. We'll worship at 9:30am on Sundays until Labor Day.

*(Hopefully we'll have some outdoor services this summer if the rain lets up!)*

*See you on Sunday!*

**NEW  
MEMBER  
DINNER**

Interested in joining the church? Join us for dinner on Monday, June 2, at 6pm!  
All are welcome!

## Church Events

- Sunday Services ► 9am & 10:45
  - Sunday School ► Sundays at 9am
  - Bible Study ► Tues. at 12pm Facebook Live
  - Nursery ► Sundays during the 1st service
  - Youth Group ► 1st & 3rd Fridays 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 31 ► Drive Thru Community Dinner
  - June 1 ► Blood Pressure Checks, 10:30am
  - June 2 ► New Member Dinner, 6pm
  - June 6 ► Final Youth Group of the school year! @ Zion, 6-9pm
  - June 8 ► One Service at 10am, Confirmation and Pentecost!
  - June 10 ► 7pm Consistory
  - June 15 ► One Service at 10am, Children's Program, Father's Day, New Member Sunday!
  - June 16 ► 7pm Trustees
  - June 20 ► Strawberry Festival Prep, 5pm
  - June 21 ► Strawberry Festival!!! 11am-3pm
  - June 22 ► Summer Worship Begins! 9:30am
  - June 26 ► Exercise with dawn, 5:30pm
  - June 28 ► 9am Men's Fellowship, Family Tree
  - June 28 ► Drive Thru Community Dinner
  - July 3 ► Zion goes to the Bisons Game! (sign up on the bulletin board)
  - July 6 ► Blood Pressure Checks
  - July 7-13 ► WAY Mission Trip
  - July 8 ► Consistory, 7pm
  - July 9 ► Exercise with Dawn, 5:30pm
- [www.zionuccton.com/events](http://www.zionuccton.com/events)

LECTOR SIGN UP



DINNER VOLUNTEER SIGN UP





## Remembering Richard "Dick" Apfel

Our brother-in-Christ, Dick Apfel, returned home to the Lord on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dick was a faithful member of the church (worshipping with us the Sunday before he died). He was a long-time member of the House and Grounds committee, and he served the church faithfully for many years.

Please hold Dick's wife, Olga, in your prayers during this time, and make sure to give her a hug when you see her in church on Sunday.



**SIGN UP FOR  
CAMP TODAY!**

## Womens Weekend

JUNE 6-8, 2025

"Knock, Knock.  
It's me, God."

Join us for a meaningful weekend of reflection, connection, and renewal as we explore the many ways God knocks on the doors of our hearts—through Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and calls to serve others. Through inspiring talks, small group discussions, quiet reflection, and joyful fellowship, we'll deepen our awareness of God's presence in our daily lives. Come rest, recharge, and open the door to His love!

Directed by Mary Pfeiffer



**JOIN US!**  
Register at [www.Dunkirkcc.com](http://www.Dunkirkcc.com)

Dunkirk Camp & Conference Center  
3602 Lakeshore Dr. Dunkirk, NY 14048  
[exec.director@dunkirkcc.com](mailto:exec.director@dunkirkcc.com)  
(716) 366-1900

## Celebrating Evan Korte

Evan Korte is graduating from Sweet Home High School.

He was a captain of the Varsity soccer and Varsity lacrosse teams. He is planning on attending the University at Buffalo in the fall to major in Environmental Science and hopes to play club soccer and/or club lacrosse there.



**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!  
WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU ON JUNE 15!  
EMAIL YOUR GRADUATION INFO TO PASTOR  
ELIZABETH AT [UCCZION@GMAIL.COM](mailto:UCCZION@GMAIL.COM) AND  
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 10AM THAT  
SUNDAY!**

## LAST CHANCE TO SEND YOUR KIDS TO CAMP FOR FREE!

Send your kid to any one of the 4 camps in the red squares (divided by age groups), **and if it's their first time camping, the church will pay the full tuition! If it's the second+ time, the church will pay \$100 towards the tuition.** (There are also scholarships available for kids going on their 2+ year that need additional funding.) After you register for camp, forward the email confirmation to us at [dunkirk@zionucccton.com](mailto:dunkirk@zionucccton.com)

### June 29-July 5 Senior High Camp

Directors: Greg & Krista Furgala

We invite you to join us for an exceptional week of Christian-centered activities that blend enjoyment and learning. Escape the daily grind and immerse yourself in a supportive community of teens and counselors, where you can engage in meaningful discussions and forge enduring friendships.

**COST: \$520** (Entering Grades 10 - 12)

### June 29-July 2 Pilgrim Mini Camp

Director: Kathy Aldrow & Amanda Aldrow

This camp is for young or first-time campers that want to begin summer with lots of fun activities with other campers. We will splash in the creek in search of crayfish, explore the beach for sea glass souvenirs, swim in our pool to cool off, sing silly songs, play goofy games and MUCH, MUCH MORE! We create an atmosphere to make new friends in a Christian environment. Join us for the whole week or just for the 3 day "mini" camp.

**COST: \$350** (Entering Grades 1 - 5)

### June 29-July 5 Pilgrim Full Week Camp

**COST: \$520**

### July 27-Aug 2 Pioneer Camp

Directors: The Aures Family (Bob, Kathy, Carlton & Mari)

Join us for an amazing week of fun, fellowship, and adventure! Spend time with old friends and new ones as we explore God's wonderful creation of DCC. Our days are packed with fun activities from the time you wake up until you go to bed. Some of our activities include swimming, archery, hiking, team challenges and campfires with lots of singing!

**COST: \$520** (Entering Grades 3-7)

### August 10-16 Junior High Camp

Directors: Kathleen Shrader & Jackson Cummins

Junior high is a camp that is designed to help young teens discover themselves through faith and guidance. During our week together we will encourage the campers to step away from the outside world and to just be themselves. The campers will have an opportunity to engage in open discussions, meditations, outdoor activities, sports, and free time with friends. This is a chance to build yourself and friendships that will last a lifetime.

**COST: \$520** (Entering Grades 7-10)



# Help our Scouts!

Hi! My name is Olivia Deschamps. My family and I are members of Zion church. I am a Girl Scout and am completing my Bronze Award this year. My project is to have 100 items donated to the Zion food pantry for members in our community experiencing food insecurity by June 8. Please help by donating items and label your donation 'for Olivia's project'. Thank you!



A poster for Olivia's Bronze Award Project. It features a photo of Olivia, a Girl Scout, smiling. To her right is a green circular logo with a white silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. Below that is a circular logo with a red border and the text 'FOOD PANTRY DRIVE' in red. To the left of Olivia is a circular logo with a red border and the text 'GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD' in red. Below the photo is a circular logo with a red border and the text 'GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD' in red. The text 'Olivia's Bronze Award Project' is written in a cursive font. Below this are two boxes: 'WHO I AM' and 'WHAT I'M DOING'. To the right of these boxes is a box titled 'ITEMS NEEDED' with a list of items. At the bottom right is a box with the text 'Please help me reach my goal of 100 items!'.

**WHO I AM**

My name is Olivia. I am a Girl Scout and a member of Zion.

**WHAT I'M DOING**

I am completing my Bronze Award. My project is to have 100 items donated to the Zion food pantry by June 8.

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- \* canned goods
- \* boxed goods
- \* canned meats
- \* baby food and formula
- \* paper towels
- \* toilet paper
- \* laundry soap
- \* shampoo and body wash

Please help me reach my goal of 100 items!



716-517-8601  
Janice

City of Tonawanda Fire Department  
Eagle Scout Project

## Chicken BBQ

Fundraiser

**Date:** Friday, June 13, 2025.

**Time:** 3:30 to 6:00 PM

**Location:** Salem United Church of Christ  
(114 Morgan Street – City of Tonawanda)

**Cost:** \$15\* for ½ Chicken BBQ w/macaroni salad,  
battered spud potatoes, dinner roll w/butter. We will  
also have drinks and desserts available for purchase.

\*\$14 pre-order. Cost goes up \$1 day of event (\$15).

**Dine-in or Drive-Up Take-Out on Morgan Street side of the church.**

**Eagle Scout Project – to replace the flag, flagpole, and flower bed, add a bench at Fireman's Park on Two-Mile Creek Rd.**

E-mail: [williams67111@twc.com](mailto:williams67111@twc.com)

Our Sunday School packed and delivered 22 Church World Service School kits for their mission project!  
Thank you kids and teachers!



## Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Jr. WAY: Ages 4 to Grade 6

WAY: Grades 7-12

Sr. WAY: Ages 18-35

If you know someone in one of these age groups, help them get connected today!



Join Zion UCC for our annual

# STRAWBERRY festival

Delicious strawberry treats. Fresh berries.  
Grilled food. Kids games. Classic car show.

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Saturday, June 21, 2025 | 11am-3pm

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Zion UCC  
15 Koenig Circle  
Tonawanda, NY 14150

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

Strawberry Festival  
Volunteers!  
Scan the QR Code to Sign up!

Volunteer positions include:

6/20 Bring Coolers, (1) Bring Grill to borrow, and Food Prep at 5pm  
6/21 Event Set up, Grill Tent, Dessert Tent, Runners, Event Clean-up



STRAWBERRY

# To Donate:

[www.zionuccton.com/Memorial-Park](http://www.zionuccton.com/Memorial-Park)

## ZION MEMORIAL PARK

### Donation Levels

**DONATIONS DUE  
BY JUNE 8TH!**

#### Labyrinth Level Donor

For a donation of **\$100**, you can be a Labyrinth Level Donor. This means your name, or the name of the person you are giving in memory of, will be on our donation plaque for the Labyrinth.



#### Walking Path Level Donor

For a donation of **\$200**, you can be a Walking Path Level Donor.

This means your name, or the name of the person you are giving in memory of, will be on our donation plaque for the Walking Path.



#### Bench Level Donor

For a donation of **\$300**, you can be a Bench Level Donor. This means your name, or the name of the person you are giving in memory of, will be on our donation plaque for the Benches.



#### Tree Level Donor

For a donation of **\$500**, you can be a Tree Level Donor. This means your name, or the name of the person you are giving in memory of, will be on our donation plaque for the Memorial Park Trees.



#### Park Level Donor

For a donation of **\$1,000** or more, you can be a Park Level Donor. This means your name, or the name of the person you are giving in memory of, will be on our donation plaque for the Memorial Park.



**DONATE**