

Zionite Newsletter

A Christ-centered, inclusive, community of faith

ZION UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

July 2025



Pastor's Letter:

Hello Church!

What a June we had!

- We confirmed 11 remarkable young adults, and baptized 5 people.
- We had a joy-filled Children's Sunday combined with Father's Day and New Member Sunday!
- We welcomed 18 new members (counting adults and kids).
- We had a fabulous Strawberry Festival! Thank you to the PBJs and all the volunteers, guests, neighbors, and friends!
- And we're holding our first outdoor summer worship service of the year this Sunday, June 29!

Wow! What a month!

There are plenty of pictures in this copy of the Zionite (It's more of a photo edition this month).

I want to send a special thank you to Micah Weber Photography for doing such a beautiful job capturing the service of Confirmation.

Now it's time to look ahead to summer. We have some wonderful things planned for summer.

First we'll be outside as much as possible. I'll make sure to send out an email each week we hope to be outside.

When we are outside, please consider coming early to help set up chairs and tents. We appreciate any help!

In July:

A group of church members will go see the Bisons on July 3rd. If you didn't order tickets, let Gaye know in case she can squeeze you in!

The youth will go on their annual mission trip to Pastor Elizabeth's hometown. They're going to paint classrooms in the Elementary School (where Pastor's friends' husband is principal), weed gardens, help in a library, host a one-day VBS, and spend plenty of time in the outdoors.

We'll host Vacation Bible School the week of July 21-25. If you haven't signed up your kids/grandkids/neighbor-kids, do so here: www.zionuccton.com/VBS

It will be a wonderful July and we hope to see you and praise God together with you! No matter what happens, we always turn to God in praise!

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Elizabeth*
Thank you for reading!



Welcome to Zion!

Alex, Stacey, Jacoby, Gabriel, and Juliet Chambers,
Lindalee Gallmeyer, Teresa Arquette, Roy Decibus,
Tracy Rainey, Elizabeth Kovacs, Robert & Joanne Lundquist,
Molly, Dan, Abigail, and Cooper Christopher,
Dani Heinemann & Sherry Evans

Church Events

- Summer Worship ► 9:30am
- Summer Sunday School ► begins July 6
- Bible Study ► Tues. at 12pm Facebook Live
- Nursery ► Sundays during worship
- Food Pantry ► Every Tuesday 10am-12pm
- AA ► Sat. at 10am & 1pm, Thurs. at 5:30pm
- 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 9 ► Exercise with Dawn, 5:30pm
- July 19 ► Women's Fellowship
- July 21-25 ► Vacation Bible School
Register Today: www.zionuccton.com/VBS
- July 23 ► Exercise with Dawn, 5:30pm
- July 26 ► Drive Thru Community Dinner

Find more events at:

www.zionuccton.com/events

Welcome New Members!



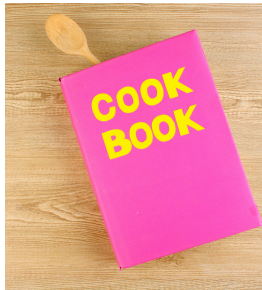
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COMMUNITY DINNER SIGN UP



Zion's New Cookbook!



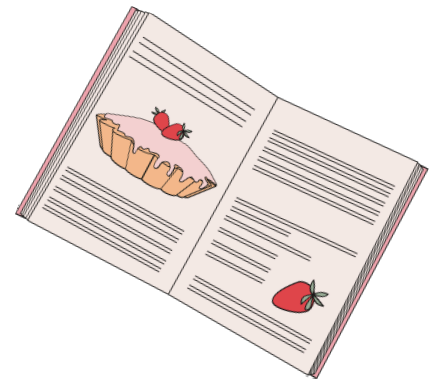
We need your help!!

The Zion UCC Health Ministry has decided to publish a cookbook.
We would really like at least one recipe from every family that attends Zion UCC.

Please type or clearly printed out 1-2 family recipes on one of the categories below
If typed, please send it to DW1416@aol.com by August 10, 2025.

You should list:

1. name of the recipe
2. Ingredients
3. directions
4. Your family name



Categories to put your recipe under are:

- Soups and Salads
- Breads and rolls
- Desserts
- Vegan
- Kids Favorites
- Main Dishes

There will be a box on the back shelf for the printed recipes. All the recipes will be put into the computer under categories by some of the designated Health Ministry Team. They will be submitted to the company for printing. We will be selling the cookbooks in the Fall. They will make great keepsakes, holiday and birthday gifts, and your family name will forever be documented in print. Please help us by taking a few minutes to put down your beloved family recipe to share with others. The money collected for this project will go back to the church.

Any questions, see Debby Williams, Lynn Alexander, Sally Budik, Pam and Bob Sedota, Dawn Mack, Tina Erickson or Mallory Felvus.

Health Ministry Classes

Date: Saturday, September 6

Time: 10am-12pm

Topic: Food Addiction 101

Speaker: Elizabeth Kovacs
(certified nutrition instructor)

Date: Saturday, October 25

Time: 11am-12pm

Topic: What survivors need to know:

Creating a Legacy Document

Speaker: James Bardot

Volunteer Opportunity

Grace UCC (Buffalo) is hosting a Free Community Day together with our Better Together Group.

There will be food & music!

We would love to send a team of Zion Volunteers! If you can make it, please contact Pastor Elizabeth.

Date: Saturday, July 26

Time: 11am-3pm

Rain Date: Saturday, August 2

Location: Grace Church, 875 E. Delevan Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14215

Donation Opportunity

**Zion is collecting
Diapers & wipes!**

If you would like to donate, bring in your donations of diapers and wipes and put them under the coat rack in the Narthex.

Let's help in any way we can!

Donations will be collected through the end of August.



Harvest House
Buffalo

3rd Annual Baby Shower



In 2024, Harvest House was helping 600 children per month. This year, that number has swelled to almost 800 children per month.

Federal poverty incomes will increase by just 5% in 2025. Basic baby supplies are expected to increase by 24% or more. This will force families to decide between paying rent, utility bills or caring for their children.



Scripture:
Acts 2:1-21
Pew Bibles Pg. 994
Large Pt NT 159

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Congrats Confirmands!

