



THE JOURNEY

NOVEMBER 2016



Have you heard? Have you seen?

Zion has a new website! With the help of Rev. Bet Hannon of the Affordable Church Websites program, our site was recently launched. We still need more content and photographs, but we have a start. As Bet says, "If you wait until it's perfect, it's too late!"

Check it out online now at <http://www.zionuccjc.org>.

Do you have ideas for additional content or photos to share? Send them to Rev. Nikki at zionuccjc@gmail.com.

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The screenshot shows the website for Zion United Church of Christ. At the top left is the church's logo with the text "Zion UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST" and the tagline "A faith journey for all." To the right is a Facebook icon. Below the logo is a navigation menu with buttons for HOME, WHO WE ARE, WORSHIP, MINISTRIES, NEWS AND EVENTS, GIVE, and CONTACT US. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a "WELCOME!" heading followed by a paragraph about the church's mission and a photograph of a group of youth and adult sponsors. The right column has a "Join the Journey" heading with a list of Sunday activities (9:30 am, 10:30 am, and 11:30 am) and a "News & Events" section with bullet points. At the bottom of the right column is a red button labeled "Prayer Requests". The footer contains the church's address, phone number, and copyright information.

ZION
United Church of Christ

1811 McFarland Rd
Junction City, KS 66441

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
zionuccjc@yahoo.com

*Grace and peace on the journey,
Rev. Nikki Woolsey*

November Lectionary

November 1

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalms 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 6

Haggai 1:15-2:9
Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21
Job 19:23-27
Psalms 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Hold onto Faith

November 13

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
Malachi 4:1-2
Psalms 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Infinite Possibilities

November 20

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Psalms 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Together in Christ

November 24

Thanksgiving
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalms 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

November 27

1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalms 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
Called to Gift



Attendance YTD
44 Weeks
2016 - 3,039
2015 - 3,162
2014 - 2,415

*The Journey
prints
NOV. 23 for
December*

Consistory Highlights

Sept. 14, 2016

Treasurers and Financial secretary's reports page 7

Memorial fund: no report

Pastors report: youth lock in huge success, k-o conference attendees registration and hotel fees

Pastor Parrish will meet every other month

Building team paint parking lot strips, carpet cleaning in narthex and fellowship hall

Outreach team no report

Communication team working on website, prayer slips being used each week

Growth team: no meeting

Old business: new entrance floor mat

Women's Fellowship

Zions Women's Fellowship meet Oct. 7 for lunch at Zion.

The next meeting is November 4 at 12:00 pm, we will discuss the upcoming "Eat with Edith" potluck on Nov. 13 and Decorating the Church for the upcoming Advent season on Nov. 20.

"Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful."

Psalms 149:1

Outreach



Heifer International

The second Sunday of July we collected quarters for Heifer International. The Children of Zion collected \$51.58 in Sept. and \$92.99 in Oct for the Heifer Haiti Disaster YTD \$657.88

THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT.

HEIFER USA

POVERTY IS CLOSER TO HOME THAN YOU THINK

Heifer's work in the United States is centered on building and reviving local food systems so that farmers and families in Arkansas, one of the poorest regions in the USA, are making a difference in their own lives and the lives of their neighbors.

One in four people in Arkansas suffer from food insecurity, and unemployment rates are higher than that of the nation. The power of Heifer USA lies in the belief that small-scale farmers can feed the world and revive their local economies using the impact of locally produced food. We are empowering food entrepreneurs and building food enterprises to address every link in the food value chain—from farm to table.

Fill the Hunger Cart

On the first Sunday of Sept the Hunger Grocery cart was filled with **50 lbs.** of food for the Food Pantry. **YTD 444 lbs of food**



I'd like to challenge Zion to bring an average of 100 pounds of food each month of 2016.

The shelves are getting bare at the Food Pantry, they really need our help!

Do you think we can do it? We only can with your help! Please add a few items to your weekly shopping list.

Helper Sunday

We collected boxes and cans of Chicken and/or Tuna Helper to support Wheels of Hope on Oct. 16 Our next date for Helper Sunday collection will be Sunday, November 20 so please remember to bring a box of Chicken and/or Tuna Helper with a can of chicken or tuna.



Zion News

Wheels of HOPE Fundraiser: November 15

Join your Zion family and the larger Junction City community for a fundraiser dinner on Tuesday, November 15. The spaghetti dinner will be at the Episcopal Church of the Covenant from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER
FUNDRAISER**

Tuesday, November 15, 5 to 7 P.M.
Episcopal Church of the Covenant
4th & Adams Junction City, Kansas

Children under 10 \$3.00
Age 10 through Adult \$5.00

All proceeds benefit Wheels of H.O.P.E. (Helping other people eat)
Meal includes Spaghetti with sauce, bread and drink

For more information call 238-2897 M-W-F 9 to 12
Or email tandskite@cox.net

Pastoral Visitation

If you would like to request a home visit from Rev. Nikki Woolsey, please contact the church office to schedule a date. Also, please contact the church if you have an upcoming scheduled hospitalization. You can also reach Nikki on her cell phone at 913-221-7700.

Thank You to Zion United Church of Christ

Gary and I wish to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards. We also want to thank those on the casserole caravan,. You never know when you'll need your church family, so it was a huge blessing not having to worry. It was greatly appreciated all that everyone did. Thank you again.

Gary & Jill Schmutz

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to check your clocks the weekend of November 5 and 6. Daylight Savings Time will be coming to an end. If you forget, our Sunday School classes will gladly welcome you at the earlier time.





Zion News

Madge: Women's Fellowship for 2016-2017

Madge is a women's fellowship group for members and friends of Zion. We meet once per month at a members to home to chat. If you are interested in hosting the group, a sign-up sheet is available at the church for the months of November through May. The group traditionally meets the 4th Sunday of the month at a time to be determined by the hostess.

Thank You to Zion Delegates and Choir for the KO Annual Meeting

Last month the minister and delegates of the churches of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ gathered for the annual meeting in Wichita. Through plenary sessions, workshops, shared meals, and worship the group gathered as the people of God. Zion was represented by delegates Cleo Jones and Selesa Valoaga. Rev. Nikki Woolsey attended as the ministerial delegate from Zion and served as the moderator of the event through her role as president of the conference. The Zion Choir joined on Saturday morning to provide special music for the closing worship service. Zion was well repre-

News from K-O Conference

CONFESSIONS OF A CONFERENCE MINISTER ABOUT ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING

Written by Edith Guffey

It always happened when I was planning General Synod and it happened again with Annual Meeting planning. At some point in the planning and pulling all of the details together, I get too pragmatic. I confess that I worry; will people come? Will our numbers be down? Will we break even? So in the weeks leading up to the meeting I can be a bit testy- just ask my husband! I try not to let it show and I certainly don't want volunteers who are working really hard to know it but honestly, I get a bit... weary along the way. But because my parents taught me to always do my best (after all I'm representing every Black person in the world) I, as do others, just keep working putting the details in place.

And then it happens! There comes a point in the meeting, that I say, yep, this is why we do it! Or I look back amazed at how some things came together despite my doubts and I am humbled; and yes reminded that the Spirt moves most often in spite of us! Too often I want more control than is good for me; or for others. And sometimes I forget about the genuine good spirit of KO folks. If confession is truly good for the soul, here are a few and the list is illustrative, not exhaustive:

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News from K-O Conference

The worship planning team says very excitedly: “We want to do dinner church and we’re going to ask people to bring chalices and patens and bake bread and have the meal served family style!”

(I’m thinking: no way are people going to bake bread and bring it and how many chalices do you need? Family style... the hotel is going to love this one. How will the choir from Zion fit into this idea? Because I really want to have that choir sing during worship! Really? Isn’t there an easier way to do all this, who’s idea was it to have “innovative” worship anyway; what happened to just “regular worship”?)

KO President, Nikki Woolsey, responds to my email: “No, I don’t need a script, I work best extemporaneously.”

(I’m thinking: I’ve worked with Nikki for a while now, she’s good, she’s going to be fine; but I’m still nervous, a script would give ME comfort. After the first plenary: Well, she knocked that one outta the park; nope, no script needed!)

Events Commission: We think we need to have a speaker of some kind on Friday night; lots of ideas; and plans to follow through. A week before the meeting; we haven’t heard back from the person who said yes.

(Okay, we can do dinner Friday night without a speaker, we’ll just have dinner, do our presentations, do our recognitions and be done; it will save us time)

Me: Details, details, how will I find time to do the really important things, like get my HAIR done?)

(Hair done, check; speaker found at the beauty shop... really?)

Me: Well, at least I don’t have to worry about the Keynote speaker; Robin’s a pro, he’s done this hundreds of times, people like him, he’ll be great.

(After the first keynote: Well at least I got that one right!)

Nancy Eggen: “I think we need to do two workshops on white privilege, one as an introduction for people for whom this is new and one that introduces the curriculum.”

(Okay, I agree, but are KO folks getting sick and tired of talking about race? Just when are they going to start “rolling their eyes” and saying “here we go again”?)

Reality: First workshop... packed! Got a text NANCY ROCKED. Second workshop: moved to plenary, VERY well attended!

Worship Team: “About the preacher for Saturday, so who should we ask?”

(How to pick a KO preacher among many? In recent years, we’ve gone with new people to KO... hum... I heard from the Minnesota Conference that Kayla Bonewell was called a “preachernator” and she’s a new voice to KO; would she work maybe?)

Me: OCWM is down; the first time in 3 years... wow, is that about me, are churches and people unhappy with my leadership and/or the direction of the Conference? Maybe they won’t support the new governance model. Maybe there will be a budget fight on the floor, maybe we will get messed up in parliamentary procedure... maybe... maybe... maybe!

Reality: Vision Statement, new model of governance and budget soundly affirmed. Eleanor McCormick gives a powerful witness and 25 people stand with her making personal pledges to OCWM BEYOND their giving to their local congregations.

It is easy to question all of the work, time and money it takes to pull off an annual meeting. People take time off work, they travel, churches or some individuals pay registration fees and hotel costs and on and on and on. Is it really that important to gather? I can’t answer that for everyone, but I think something important happens when we come together as the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference and remind ourselves of who we are called to be out here on the plains or “the Buckle of the Bible Belt” as Kayla Bonewell said. It’s possible that through our witness some will come to know the extravagant welcome of the Living God. Maybe, someone will be challenged to join us as we work for justice; maybe someone will find hope and just maybe someone who wondered will be reminded anew of God’s amazing grace extended to us all.

So we come together in this way, just once a year to be encouraged, supported, challenged and reminded to be resisters; because there is work to be done! For the Sake of the Gospel.

That my friends, is why we gather; thank you for joining us.

Poinsettias For Christmas

If you would like to give a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one or as a gift to the church to display in our Sanctuary this holiday season, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

The cost for each poinsettia is to be determined yet.
(Checks may be payable to: Zion United Church of Christ)

Deadline for ordering poinsettias is Dec. 1st

() In honor of () In memory of

If not specified above, we'll list it as "To the Glory of God" from you.

Given by _____

Number of poinsettias ordered _____

Poinsettias will be delivered to Zion



happy birthday

- 2-Nov David Butler
- 5-Nov Lacey Fielder
- 6-Nov Nikki Woolsey
- 8-Nov Avery Jacobsen
- 12-Nov Kaitlyn Butler
- 17-Nov Ray Kruse Jr.
- 21-Nov Debby Gfeller
- 21-Nov Wayne Gfeller
- 21-Nov Judy Heintz
- 23-Nov Sina Osa



- 6-Nov Deb & Kevin Heiman
- 7-Nov Aaron & Deb Jacobsen
- 20-Nov Steve & Angie Roesler
- 24-Nov Marvin & Janice Hornbostel

Online Giving at Zion UCC

Members of the congregation have the ability to donate online through a secure portal. Donating online eliminates the need to write a check to the church. Online giving is an easy process to establish, and gifts November be changed as desired. Online giving can be accomplished in single payments or as repeat scheduled payments. Below is the link

<https://smartpay.profitstars.com/express/zionuccpp>

If you have any questions or need the additional instructions, please contact the church office at 785-238-5732. Thank you for your ongoing support of Zion United Church of Christ!

B.O.B. 2016 Challenge

Birthday Offering Bonus:

Sept. YTD \$ 938.00

Comparison Sept. 2016 \$1,467.00

As of now we are behind in the BOB for the year and may not reach the goal.

Can we do better?

Harold and Venice Facklam are challenging all Zion members to give to B.O.B. This year the challenge is to meet \$2000. Also they will donate an additional 16% of the dollar amount over the \$2000.

“For I am about create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;”

Isaiah 65:17-18



November



2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 All Saints Day	2 Clergy of Practice, Council Grove Choir 6:00 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	3	4 KO Council Meeting, Wichita	5 KO Council Meeting, Wichita Wedding reception, 12:00- 4:00 pm
6 <i>Celebration of Holy Communion</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am #God Squad 4:00 pm	7	8 <i>Election Day</i>	9 Choir 6:00 pm Rev. Nikki speaks at First Congregational, McPherson, 6:00 pm	10 Wheels of HOPE Board meeting, 12:00 pm	11 Veterans Day Wedding rehearsal, 5:00 pm	12 Wedding 11:00- 6:00 pm
13 <i>Heifer International Sunday</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Pot-Luck Lunch 11:30 am	14	15 <i>Pilot Club,</i> <i>5:00 pm</i> <i>Wheels of</i> <i>HOPE</i> <i>Fundraiser at</i> <i>Church of the</i> <i>Covenant</i>	16 Choir 6:00 pm Wheels of HOPE Volunteers	17 Wheels of HOPE Volunteers	18	19
20 "Helper" Sunday for Wheels of HOPE Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Decorate for Advent and Christmas Fellowship 11:30 am #God Squad 4:00 pm	21 Pastor Relations Team 5:30 pm Formation Team 6:15 pm Outreach Team 7:00 pm	22	23	24 	25 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	26
27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	28	29	30 Choir 6:00 pm			

Serving Zion

** Note the change in the layout**

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
Nov. 6	Jack & Judy Heintz	Denise & Payton Tabb	Jill Schmutz
Nov. 13	Kevin & Deb Heiman	Don & Leona Garrison	POTLUCK
Nov. 20	Wayne & Ruth Gfeller	Jill & Gary Schmutz	Camille & Myah
Nov. 27	Ray Kruse Jr. & Dave Woolsey	Kenny & Debby Gfeller	Tim Jury

Deacon for November: Jill Schmutz



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