



THE JOURNEY

SEPTEMBER 2018



Dear Zion,

Two years ago, Jack and I drove through the night together to camp on the shore of the Cannonball River in North Dakota. I wanted to be with people who I believe are committed to a vision of the earth as sacred and worthy of our protection. We only stayed at Standing Rock for two days, but were invited one morning to be a part of a worship service on the banks of the river. We walked nearly a mile from camp through the mud and past several smaller camps that were being more closely surveilled by helicopters, spotlights, and all sorts of high tech equipment. We stopped and prayed with those camped at each spot along the way.

As we approached the river, our footing became more difficult because of the sticky mud. We were urged to continue further, and no one was allowed to walk ahead of the older members of the processional. The young worshippers were to walk with, carry, or support those who struggled the most in the muddy conditions.

At the river, we shared a drink of water from the Cannonball with everyone in our circle as well as eating some salt from the earth itself. The ritual was meant to connect us with the earth, to remind us that what we were there to protect is that which gives us all life. The ceremony recalled to my mind all of the times I've shared bread and wine with so many beloved communities in my life, and how we are reminded of our connection to the risen Christ.

In September, we will be making this same connection as a congregation. The liturgy we will use is described as "experiencing God's nurturing presence and acknowledging Earth as our teacher, source, and guide; and taking our place within Creation rather than over and above it." Hopefully there will be no mud, salt, or scary helicopters, just a good start to our year.

Love,

Erik

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We welcome all people on a lifelong journey of faith with a still-speaking God.
We are many minds in spiritual beliefs, but one body in loving service to our community.

ZION
United Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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September Lectionary

<p>September 2 Genesis 1:1-25 Psalms 33:1-9 Romans 1:18-23 John 1:1-14 <i>Earth Sunday</i></p>	<p>September 9 Genesis 1:26-28 Psalms 8 Philippians 2:1-8 Mark 10:41-45 <i>Humanity Sunday</i></p>	<p>September 16 Jeremiah 4:23-28 Psalms 19:1-6 Philippians 2:14-18 Mark 15:33-39 <i>Sky Sunday</i></p>
<p>September 23 Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalms 48:1-11 Romans 8:28-39 Mark 16:14-18 <i>Mountain Sunday</i></p>	<p>September 30 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalms 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50 <i>Courage for Community</i></p>	

*The Journey
 Prints
 September 28
 for
 October*

Attendance
 2018 YTD
 2314
 2017—2518

**Be sure to get your Zion car decal.
 They can be purchase each Sunday.
 \$3.00 for one or 2 for \$5.00**

Youth Sunday School

Sunday School for all youth will start Sunday Sept 9, 9:30 am. All youth are invited. We will once again follow the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum.

Kick Off Picnic

We will once again have a Sunday school kick off picnic Sept. 9 at 5:30 pm. Come join the fun. There will be good food and fun games for all ages. The church will supply the hotdogs. We ask that everyone bring a side dish or dessert for the picnic.

Ruth Schultz, mother of Judy Gardner, Mark (Gretchen) Schultz, and cousin of Leona Garrison, passed away on June 7th, at age 96. Her husband, Charles passed away on June 7th, exactly three years earlier. Ruth and Charles were long time members of Zion UCC until 1983, when they moved to Rockaway Beach, Missouri, where they became active members of Ozark Mountain Christian Church. The memorial service and celebration of life for Ruth was held on July 7th at Ozark Mountain Christian Church. Many of you might remember that Ruth and Fern Gfeller taught Sunday School together at Zion for many years. She was preceded in death by Charles, and a son, Dennis.

Thank you Zion family for all your prayers and support with the passing Luella Schmutz, Gary's mother.
 Gary and Jill Schmutz

Consistory Highlights

Consistory Minutes– July 11, 2018

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Wayne Gfeller at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Wayne Gfeller, Jill Schmutz, Tau Osa , Ray Kruse, Lyn Green, Deniece Carlson and Pastor Erik Graefe. Vern Steffens and Keith Henry were unable to attend.

Guest: Mike Malec

Erik opened the meeting with a prayer.

Memorial Fund:

The balance is \$17,294.08 as of June, 2018.

Secretary:

The minutes were approved as read by Wayne and seconded by Lyn.

Treasurer:

Total income for June \$8196.15. Expenses were \$7441.06. Average attendance for June was 64.

Pastor Report:

Weekly visitations Sunday mornings.

A big Thank you to Lyn for her great work on Sundown Salute.

Hospital visitation

Helped out with the local lunch program.

Financial Secretary:

approved as presented

Old business:

Denise Tabb has agreed to help out with monthly youth projects.

New Business:

Jim Murrison and Doug are changing the security lights outside to led.

Mike Malec shared information on security cameras for outside, since there have been people sleeping on the south side of the building.

We received 3 Thank you notes from Carly and Hannah, posted on the bulletin board.

The profile still has 3-4 questions to answer. Lyn and Jill will finish them up and get it submitted to Edith the end of the week.

Next meeting September 8, 2018

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Deniece Carlson

Secretary

Monthly Financial Reports

Financial Secretary

2018 Gen. Budget \$ 118,369.00
 Needed Weekly \$ 2,276.33
 Needed YTD
 Gen. Fund YTD
 Budget Balance/(shortfall)

Date	Att.	Giving
July information not available		
Online		
Total		

	July	Cum. YTD
Rent	-	660.00
BOB	-	-
Building	-	-
Total Specials		170.00
Dillons rebates	-	64.66



Treasurer's

July Bank Balance

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
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July 2018 Profit & Loss

Outreach Heifer Int. Income
 General Fund
 S.F.
 Online Deposits

Total Income			
EXPENSES			
Misc.			
Bank Service Charge			
Benevolence			
Insurance			
Payroll Exp.			
All Supplies			
Utilities			
Repairs & Maintenance			
Total Expenses			
NET INCOME			
PMM	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Interest			

<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
7/31/1818			

<u>Heifer Int.</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
7/31/18			



- 9/14 Jill & Gary Schmutz
- 9/21 Scott & Tammy Allwegg
- 9/29 Jed & Lexie Gunn



- 9/1 Sylvia Ehlers
- 9/7 Joyce Woodard
- 9/8 Kenny Gfeller
- 9/11 Doug Vogelsang
- 9/12 Anson Jacobsen
- 9/15 Susanne Altwegg
- 9/23 Roger Garrison
- 9/24 Norma Horner
- 9/27 Keith Henry

**If we have missed a birthday or anniversary we are sorry. The reason for that would be that we do not have that birthday or anniversary in our information. If you would like it included please give the information to the office.*

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 December 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!

*“Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
 Praise befits the upright.
 Praise the LORD with the lyre;
 make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
 Sing to him a new song;
 play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
 For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done
 in faithfulness.
 He loves righteousness and justice;
 the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their
 host by the breath of his mouth.
 He gathered the waters of the seas as in a bottle;
 he put the deeps in storehouses.
 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
 let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
 For he spoke, and it came to be;
 He commanded, and it stood firm.”*

Psalm 33:1-9

SEPTEMBER

2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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2 <i>Celebration of Holy Communion</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	3	4	5 Consistory 7:00 pm	6	7 Women's Fellowship 12:00 pm	8
9 <i>Call Sunday</i> <i>Heifer International Sunday</i> Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am Church picnic 6:00 pm	10	11	12 Choir 6:00 pm	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	17	18	19 Choir 6:00 pm	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	24	25 Pilot Club 5 pm	26 Choir 6:00 pm	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Potluck 11:30 am						

Serving Zion

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
Sept 2	Graefe Family	Richard Hobaugh & Ray Kruse Jr.	Open
Sept 9	Dave & Karla Butler	Nate Green & Jack Graefe	Lane Bitterlin
Sept 16	Time & Renee Jury	Kevin & Deb Heiman	Open
Sept 23	Lane & Harlan Bitterlin	Tau & TJ Osa	Open
Sept 30	Russ & Sally Altwegg	Ronnie & Linnie Gfeller	Sheri Graefe & Rudi Graefe



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