



THE JOURNEY

November 2019



Dear Zion,

When Carly left for college at the end of this summer, the whole family rode together in Sheri's father's truck, towing a large trailer full of furniture, etc. for her new apartment. Loading heavy couches, dressers, and beds while maneuvering through narrow hallways and up and down stairs did not concern me in the least. What kept me awake the night before was the fact that I had only pulled a trailer once in my lifetime, and the experience was not a good one. I surmised that in addition to driving on I-70, which turned out to be a non-issue largely due to Sheri's dad's preparation, I would have to back the trailer either in to a spot at Carly's apartment complex or somewhere in Lawrence. So, I did what modern humans do, I sought answers from youtube. There are countless videos offering instruction for backing a double-axle trailer properly. I sat, digesting all these videos, in front of a window looking down on to the street where the trailer and truck waited ominously for the drive to Lawrence. I must have watched nearly an hour of the instructional videos when for some reason my attention was called from the computer to the street below. It occurred to me how foolish it was to watch videos about backing a trailer, when I could be actually *backing* a trailer. So, I ran down to the vehicle and spent the next hour driving around my block, backing in and out of our driveway, and attempting to practice every conceivable scenario of which I could dream with respect to driving a truck while pulling a good sized, double-axle trailer through Lawrence, Kansas.

The trip didn't go too badly. I only had to back up one time, and the person waiting for me turned out to be patient and kind. I relate the story not to celebrate my new skills as a driver, but to remind us of the opportunities right in front of us everyday to not simply read about, learn about, even confess aloud about, but to actually *be* the eyes, hands, feet, and body of the risen Christ. We have had all the instruction we need. We know how to love our neighbor, we know how to stand with the poor in spirit, we know how to love our enemies. We don't need more youtube videos to inspire us. All that is left is to *do* it. We will have trouble, we will have missteps, but what matters is our heart's intention. Love God with all our heart, and love others as ourselves. That's all we need to know. *We* really are His body. Amen.

Love, Erik



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.

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ZION
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November Lectionary

<p>November 3 <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary time</i> Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalms 119:137-144 2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10 <i>Changing Perspectives</i></p>	<p>November 10 <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Haggai 1:15-2:9 Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38 <i>Basking in God</i></p>	<p>November 17 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 2 Thess 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19 <i>A Vision of Promise</i></p>	<p>November 24 <i>34th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43 <i>Reign of Christ</i></p>
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<p>November 28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalms 100 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35</p>
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Women's Fellowship

October 4, 2019

Women's Guild met at noon on October 4 with a delicious luncheon served by Judy G. The tables were festively decorated with a Halloween theme and Judy made Halloween cloth bags filled with candy for each lady present.

The Secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Lane, treasure, reported a balance of \$2,044.76.

There were no communications.

Committee Reports: Judy G. reported that she would send Halloween cards to our adopted children at Every Child's Hope.

Old Business: Guest night was discussed with a possible date.

There was no New Business.

The highlight of the day was when the front door of the church opened and in walked Venice, Karen, Linda, and Michelle! They had dessert with us and we all enjoyed visiting. The family was pleased to see the new chairs in Fellowship Hall which were given in memory of Harold.

Announcements: There will be a potluck on October 13 in honor of all our children for White Sunday. The next meeting will be held on November 1 at the home of Janette.

The meeting closed by repeating The Lord's Prayer.



<p>Attendance 2019 YTD 2582</p> <p>2018—2935</p>
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“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to with stand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Luke 21:13-19

Consistory Highlights

September 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Vern Steffens at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Vern Steffens, Keith Henry, Lyn Green, Erik Graefe, Deniece Carlson, Richard Hobaugh, Tao Osa, Ray Kruse
Erik opened the meeting with a prayer.

Deniece made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Richard seconded. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports were examined for August 2019. \$8187.14 should be the income for the month of August. Net income should be \$136.31. Vern will pass the corrected numbers on to Jill. We will table the approval the financial reports until October.

Pastor's Report:

Camp White was so fun last weekend. Seven churches were represented, with a good turn out of at least 30 Zion members.

Chairs have been purchased and set up from the Facklams. Pastor passed out a community resource sheet from Riley County. The open door, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches are working together.

Continuing Education classes are going well.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays Pastor Erik will be at the church.

Zoom meetings at the Kansas Interfaith Alliance meetings are meeting monthly.

Annual meeting in Tulsa is coming up and registrations need to be finalized soon. Keith Henry and Pastor Erik will be going. Vern will look into his schedule to attend.

Old Business:

Ice machine – countertop versions (New Air) prices range from \$232-\$272.

Concerns with full a model – no running icemaker or construction

Erik will talk to Lane and the Women's Guild before purchasing through the memorial fund

Water cooler – Culligan rental \$35/month buy water at Lindyspring for \$5/month

We could purchase the unit for about \$300 with multiple sources to purchase the water in the area.

Keith will look into purchasing one for less than \$350 with money from the memorial fund.

Committee Reports:

Formation Meeting

September 8 – Sunday School kickoff

October 13 – White Sunday with potluck

November 24 – Decorate

December 13 – Caroling

January 5 – Un-decorate the church

February 9 – Guild Dinner

No other committee reports were submitted

New Business:

The Consistory is invited to 4 Gentleman at the CL Hoover Opera House on September 28. We need to let Keith know ASAP

Would we like to sing a song after The Lord's Prayer each Sunday? The song is not in the bulletin so it would need to be printed each week or put in the pews. We agreed to add this every Sunday.

Deniece has ordered more thank you cards.

Vern is in charge of communion in October.

Next meeting is October 2, 2019

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Lyn Green

Zion Choir

The Zion Choir has started, now is a great time to join. We practice Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Starting in Sept we will be singing the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you haven't sung with the choir in the past but are interested come join us.



Monthly Financial Reports

Financial Secretary

2019 Gen. Budget

Needed Weekly

Needed YTD

Gen. Fund YTD

Budget Balance/(shortfall) _____

Date	Att.	Giving
Sept 1	54	
Sept 8	73	
Sept 15	664	
Sept 22	74	
Sept 29	58	
Online		
Total	323	

	Sept	Cum. YTD
Rent		
BOB		
Building		
Total Specials	-	
Dillons rebates	-	

<u>PMM</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Interest	9/9/19		

<u>Heifer Int.</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
9/30/19			

Treasurer's

Sept Bank Balance

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
8/31/19		9/30/19

Sept 2019 Profit & Loss

YTD

Outreach/Heifer Int. Income

General Fund

Online Deposits

Building Fund

Rent

Special Funds

Total Income

EXPENSES

Bank Service Charge

Benevolence

Groups & Orgs

Insurance

Misc.

Pastoral Exp

Payroll Exp.

Reimbursable items

Repairs & Maint.

Supplies (all)

Utilities

Total Expenses

NET INCOME

	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
8/31/19				
9/30/19				

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!



- 11/6 Deb & Kevin Heiman
- 11/7 Aaron & Deb Jacobsen
- 11/20 Steve & Angie Roesler
- 11/20 Drew & Hillery Martin
- 11/21 Jim & Renee Jury
- 11/24 Marvin & Janice Hornbostel



- 11/1 Jack Graefe
- 11/2 David Butler
- 11/5 Lacey Fielder
- 11/8 Avery Jacobsen
- 11/12 Kaitlyn Butler
- 11/17 Ray Kruse Jr.
- 11/21 Debby Gfeller
- 11/21 Wayne Gfeller
- 11/21 Judy Heintz
- 11/22 Sheri Graefe
- 11/23 Sina Osa
- 11/28 Olivia Beasley

"When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty,"

John 6:25-35

**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.*



November



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Women's Guild 12:00 pm	2
3 Holy Communion Sunday Food Pantry Collection Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am 	4	5 	6 Choir 6:00 pm  Consistory 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10 Heifer International Sunday Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30am	11 	12	13 Choir 6:00 pm 	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	18	19	20 Choir 6:00 pm 	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Decorate the Church for Advent 11:30 am	25	26	27 Choir 6:00 pm 	28 	29 	30

Serving Zion

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
Nov. 3	Caleb & Lindsey Snider	Keith Henry & Wayne Gfeller	open
Nov. 10	Doug & Janette Vogelsang	Gary & Jill Schmutz	open
Nov. 17	Wayne & Ruth Gfeller	Rod Gfeller & Kevin Heiman	open
Nov. 24	Selesia & Panisia Valoaga	Harlan Bitterlin & Ronnie Gfeller	open



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