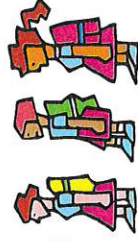
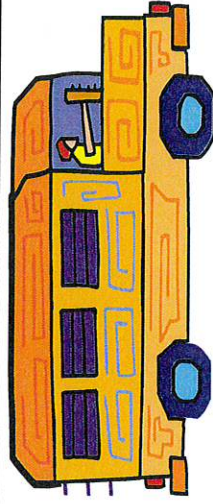




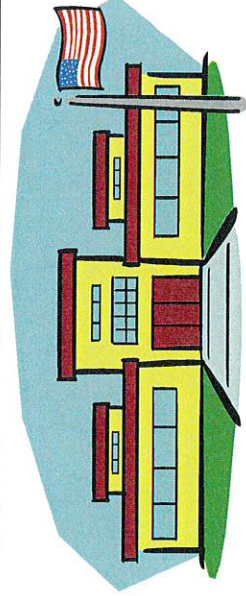
August 2025



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Door Greeters: Terra & Tony Roop
Janet Smith
Ushers: Kacie Shaffer
Terra Roop



From the Pastor

I have been reminded how fragile life is this week when I saw my daughter in the emergency room with a neck brace and intubation tube down her throat, not really responding to anything around her. She is doing better with a long way to go. I have appreciated the prayers from all of you and the outpouring of support. Thank you all. With that in mind, I have been visiting folks that are receiving care, with some in hospital, nursing care, and home bound. Please keep Brenda and Roger Osterman, Carol and Jack Macklin, Gerry and Karen Hilty, Carol Schwartz, Neil Keller and any others in your prayers.

As we move into the end of summer I will be preaching four sermons from the book of Hebrews, 11:1-16, 11:29-12:2, 12:18-29, 13:1-16. The end of the book of Hebrews works to summarize the most important aspects, not only of the book itself, but of a life of faith. These exhortations, warnings, and guidelines are a helpful overview of the traits of a faithful Christian, and they also serve as an opportunity for self-reflection.

I am excited to see the church helping the Migrant workers that pick the tomatoes for Red Gold in Geneva. For many years the Texas Migrant Council had a Head Start program in the church I pastored in Marion, IN. From the Fourth of July through the end of September the church building was transformed into classrooms for the children of the migrant workers to come each day to learn while their parents were in the fields for Red Gold. Helping these workers will be a great outreach for this congregation.

I received an email from Heather Kimmel, General Council for the UCC National Ministries. This email addressed an update from the IRS on endorsing political candidates from the pulpit. As you may or may not know, in the past our 501C3 status could be revoked through the Johnson Amendment if any political candidate was addressed from the pulpit or in any official communication from the church. It has been affirmed that this amendment

violated the constitutional rights of the church as well as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

While the church could legally endorse political candidates from the pulpit and in other publications, it is my feeling this would only bring division and partisanship into our places of worship. The church has one commitment, the first line of our Statement of Faith: We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify.... I pray this congregation will affirm that the only endorsement we can make is to Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord...

Thank you again for the prayers for my daughter and all the support you have given to me and Shannon.

Peace & Love

Allen R. Kahler, Pastor



August

Ushers:

East door: Kacie Shaffer

West door: Terra Roop

Liturgist:

Aug. 3: Randi Stevens

Aug 10: Vicki Nussbaum

Aug. 17: Jeanne Reidenbach

Aug 24: Scott Heller

Aug. 31: Janet Smith

Greeters:

East-West: Tony & Terra Roop

NE Front: Janet Smith

Fellowship Hour:

Cathee Graves

Ruth Ann Moser

Sue Keller

Terra Roop

Count Offering:

Russ Augsburger

Mowing Schedule:

Aug 3-9: Eric Smith

Aug 10-16: Bill Carpenter

Aug 17-23: Dave Gaunt

Aug 24-30: Aithen Shaffer

Aug 31-Sept 6: Aithen Shaffer

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for submitting items for the September newsletter is August 21st.

Please email to office@zionuccdeatur.org.

or call the church office at 724-3502.

Operation Help:

Our Operation Help for August will be

canned fruit and vegetables. Operation

Help is able to get canned green beans and

corn, but other vegetables are needed.

Please place your donations in the tubs in the dining room and West vestibule.

Lunch Bunch:

The Lunch Bunch will gather for lunch at Arcos on Winchester Road in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, August 20th at 11:30 a.m.

Please see Karen Heller or Russ Augsburger if you plan to attend. Everyone is invited for a time of good food and fellowship.



Golf Outing & Picnic:

Another successful golf outing was held July 20th at Wabash Valley Golf Course. In spite of the drizzle, a good time was had by all.

We also had 10 people for a cookout.

Thanks to Tim Bolinger for setting this up.

Bible Study Continues:

Bible Study will not meet the first two Thursdays of August due to Pastor Allen's vacation. The series will resume on August 21st and conclude the 28th. Everyone is invited to join in.

Clothe-A-Kid:

Thank you to all who donated to the United Way "Clothe A Child" project. We were able to help 20 children with clothing and shoes for the upcoming school year. Thanks to Jan Miller and Kacie Shaffer for their shopping efforts.

Wonderful News!!:

Hello everyone,

We want to share some very exciting news about Justin's journey. He has been given great news after his latest PET scan and MRI. The 3rd generation medication, Lobrena, which he is taking has helped his lungs acquire a complete response, meaning his ALK positive cancer is currently in remission. While there is currently no cure, he will continue to take the medication to maintain remission. Thank you for your thoughts, encouraging words, cards, and continued prayers. This has been a very difficult journey, and we are grateful to you all.

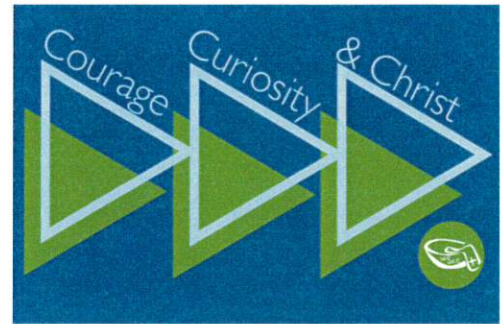
Sincerely,

The Lee family

Nelson's Chicken:

Thank you to all who supported the Men's Fellowship Chicken and Rib Sale from Nelson's Chicken on Saturday, June 21. Proceeds of \$2000 were realized and will be used for their mission projects.

IKC Annual Gathering 2025



August 22-23
Plymouth Congregational UCC
Ft. Wayne, IN

IKC Annual Gathering:

The Annual Gathering of Indiana-Kentucky Conference will be held at Plymouth Congregational UCC in Ft. Wayne on August 22nd-23rd. This year's theme is "Curiosity, Courage, and Christ". There will be a celebration of our Open and Affirming covenant, a vendor fair, an update on our discernment process with the Heartland Conference, 10 workshops of varying topics, and opportunities to build connections and fellowship with sibling congregations across the Indiana Kentucky Conference. Our delegates are Bruce and Jeanne Reidenbach. Others are invited to attend if you would like to see our leadership in action.

New website:

We are working with a web designer to develop a new website for the church. We hope to make it easier for both the office and the congregation to use and will have some new features that were not available when the website was originally developed. We will let everyone know when it is complete. Thank you to Armanda Turney for her help.

Renovation Update:

The tuckpointing and sealing of the bricks on the exterior of the church has been completed. A number of bricks had to be replaced, and significant mortar work done. The landscaping will be done in the Fall when the weather gets cooler.

Boxes of Blessings

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We have been presented with a mission opportunity to help feed the migrant workers coming in from Texas to work the tomato harvest at the Red Gold plant in Geneva. They will arrive the middle of August and will have no income the first week they are here. Adams County churches are collecting food to help get them through this time. Food was previously provided by the Geneva Food bank until it closed in 2022. There are 100 apartments of various sizes at the Geneva location. We have committed to providing boxes for the two 6-person apartments. Donations should be brought to the dining room no later than August 3rd. Cash donations may also be given to Maggie Bolinger. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the items needed. Thank you for your help.

Pastor's Vacation:

Pastor Allen and Shannon will be on vacation from August 6th until the 13th.

Adams County VBS Report:

This year's county wide VBS was held June 2-5 at the Adams County Fairgrounds and included 157 kids (pre-K to 5th grade) and 70 volunteers. The volunteer leadership represented seven different congregations and denominations in Adams County. The children that attended were a mix of kids who have a home church and those who do not. This year's theme was "True North", and the children learned Bible stories about people finding God in creation and knowing Christ personally. Each day included 5 learning stations where kids heard the Bible story, learned scripture, created crafts, played Bible themed games, learned about missions, and participated in mission projects. Allen and I have represented Zion at the event the last two summers as leaders of the Bible memorization station. The kids learned the Beatitudes, the 23rd Psalm, the 66 books of the Bible, Psalm 100:1-3, John 3:16, and the Ten Commandments. Each one of these came with a memorable song that gets stuck in your head forever! I have been asked to share with the congregation the need for leadership for this event. Assistant volunteers are great, but they are having a difficult time finding leaders who can be the main teacher for each station. This would be a great way for some of you to connect with the kids in our community. Another item I would like to share is that there is a need for Bibles that can be given to kids who do not have one or who only have a "comic book" version of the Bible. I think Zion easily could fill this void by purchasing some inexpensive Bibles in bulk to be distributed in the future. Thanks for supporting our time at this event!

Shannon Kahler

Boxes of Blessings

Please bring to dining room by

August 3rd

Food

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| canned refried beans/ | pinto beans |
| canned chicken/tuna | mac & cheese |
| bagged rice | chicken & rice soup |
| tortillas | Spam |
| creamed corn | fruit |
| corn | applesauce |
| peas | peanut butter |
| green beans | grape jelly |

Personal Items

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| liquid dish soap | deoderant |
| hand soap | shampoo |
| toothpaste | 4-pack toilet paper |

