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*Connecting People With God*

**Our Church Community:**

<b>Ministers</b>	Every Member of the Congregation
<b>Pastor</b>	
<b>Music Director</b>	Gail Bannister
<b>Accompanist</b>	Kyle Walterhouse
<b>Office Manager</b>	Nancy Philabaum
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Jan Raymond
<b>Custodian</b>	Michelle Cain

**Board of Elders**

Tom Whipkey-President	Susan Goldstein
Beth Sargent-Vice President	Rick Meece
Linda Kowatch-Secretary	Matt Reese
Beth Green-Treasurer	Nancy Philabaum
	Rich Schroeder
	Judy Taelman
	Sandy Weides
	Abbie Wozniak

Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
 Fellowship Time 10:30 am  
 Sunday School 10:45 am

Church Office Hours  
 Monday-Friday  
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

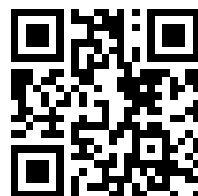
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# THE VISITOR

Zion United Church of Christ

*\*A Just Peace and Open & Affirming Church\**

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### UCC Purpose, Vision and Mission

At General Synod 2017 Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC General Minister & President laid out the vision, mission and purposed statement of the United Church of Christ that was previously approved by the Board of Directors.

"I can't even begin to express how proud I am of our beloved United Church of Christ for articulating not just a purpose, vision and mission — but this purpose, vision and mission," said the Rev. John Dorhauer.

Here are the recently adopted UCC purpose, mission and vision statements:

- \* We will love the Lord our God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and our neighbor as ourselves. (Purpose)
- \* United by the Holy Spirit and inspired by God's grace we love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all. (Mission)
- \* A just world for all. (Vision)

As Zion UCC moves into a new era of ministry, how will we live out this purpose, vision and mission?

For more information, go to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).



## AUGUST MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Deacons** Janell & Tami Stayton

**Liturgist**

6 Lila Kennedy  
13 Tom Whipkey  
20 Rachel Wozniak  
27 Jan Raymond

**Communion Hosts**

6 Cathy & John Bair  
**Audio** Rick Muhlbeier

**Visual** Julie Niedbalski

**Altar Paraments** Jan Raymond

**Coffee Hosts**

6  
13 Phyllis & Bob Nielsen  
20 Seals /Jena Family-Max's birthday  
27

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 Susan Miller  
5 Alma Bolen  
5 Aiden Lucido  
10 Mariah Guillaume  
12 Virginia Richardson  
15 Cherie Nellis  
18 Linda Roher  
18 Caleb Oneese  
20 Max Jena  
21 Fred Goldstein  
22 Mildred Lind  
26 Keri Niedbalski  
27 Lowell Markley  
27 Zach Schroeder  
28 Anna King  
30 Bob Richardson

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**



If you are unable to host a coffee hour, with your donations, Fellowship Ministry will sponsor a Coffee Hour for you.

Contact Cherie: 254-0316, Michelle: 329-5599, or Sandy: 220-0195

### September's Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for articles for the Sept. issue of *The Visitor* is Wednesday, August 15th.

### June's Worship Attendance

June 4	62
June 11	60
June 18	66
June 25	52

## POWER of PRAYER

Autumn Arndt,  
Hilda Bare,  
Alma Bolen,  
Mary Ann Cox,  
Fred Goldstein,  
Betty Green,  
Rene Hernandez,  
Roger Hintz,  
Paul Koepke,  
Cathy Lenoir's Mother,  
Jan Schallioli,  
Pat Sloan,  
Rob, Susie & Abbie,  
Ron Stout,  
Geneva Sweet,  
Alice Trubey.



**A CHURCH ON A  
MISSION**

Helping Hands Cart

Transpo Bus Passes

Dismas House Dinners

Unity Gardens

Martins/Aldis Gift Cards

CROP Hunger Walk

100 Center Luncheons

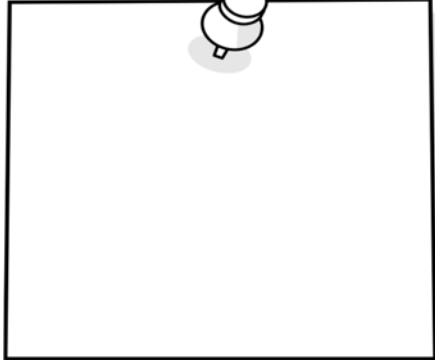
The LGBTQ Center

Mother's Day Blankets

Father's Day Tools

Chicago, United & Eden Seminaries

**NOTES FROM THE ELDERS**



It has been said that when one chapter ends another begins.  
We have come to that point in our story.

Bill and Maureen have filled our chapter with their caring presence.  
The stories, jokes and laughter will stay with us always.

We send Pastor Bill on his way with prayers and good thoughts for  
his next endeavor. We get to keep Maureen for a little while longer.

Bill would be the first to say that the pastor is not the church, its members are. While that is true,  
we still need to acknowledge that he has helped us become a better, stronger congregation.

Our new chapter begins now.

The Sundays in October and September will be something to look forward to. So-keep an eye on  
the calendar to see what the Elders have in store for you.

Judy Taelman

**ZION SCHOLARSHIPS**



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Fred Goldstein,  
Betty Green,  
Rene Hernandez,  
Roger Hintz,  
Paul Koepke,  
Cathy Lenoir's Mother,  
Bruce Naylor  
Jan Schalliol,  
Pat Sloan,  
Rob, Susie & Abbie, Ron Stout,  
Geneva Sweet,  
Alice Trubey.



### MISSIONS MINISTRY MEETING

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

The Missions Ministry seeks to involve the Congregation in local programs of mission and outreach.

### THE WHITLOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Zion is a member of The Michiana Benevolent Society, Inc. which supports The Whitlock.

### 100 CENTER LUNCHEON

Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Come out with the Missions Ministry and join the 100 Center residents as we host lunch.



### WORSHIP MINISTRY MEETING

Monday, August 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Come and help with the Worship Ministry to plan for worship.

### THE ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Elders has the power and responsibility to monitor the activities and actions of all Ministry Areas and Committees.



## YOU ARE INVITED!

### Common Ground Coffee House

### Third Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 7:00pm

Please bring your talent of singing, playing an instrument, sharing poetry, reading and essay you wrote, dancing, telling a joke, and more...

**Open mic sign-up begins at 6:45pm.**

If you don't have a talent to share this week, please come & join us for the celebration.

**Bring a friend!  
There will be cake!**



*Poetry*



### BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 13, 2017 during Worship



It's back-to-school time! On August 13 there will be a special blessing of all school-aged children as part of our regular worship service.

Children in grades K-8 should bring along their school backpack for a special Backpack Blessing.



**You are invited!  
FREE  
COOKOUT / ICE CREAM  
SOCIAL**

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

**11:00am**

Please join us after church on Sunday, August 13, 2017 for a Cookout and Ice Cream Sundae Social hosted by the Evangelism Committee.

If the weather is nice, we will sit out in the north yard. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, we will be in the fellowship hall.

#### Menu:

- Hot Dogs
- Potato Salad
- Potato Chips
- Lemonade
- Vanilla Ice Cream with Sundae Toppings



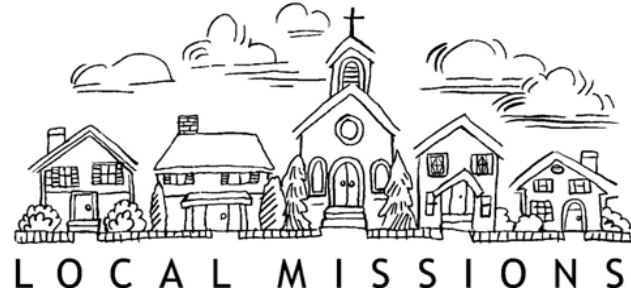
**Invite a Friend!! We will have plenty of food.**



### Request for Transpo Day Passes

Broadway Christian Parish has a need for Transpo Day Passes for their guests.

The passes are \$3.00 for a day's pass.



The money will be collected in two ways:

- a collection box in “The Connection”
- or
- in the offering.

The Missions Ministry thanks you for your support of this important work.

### Request for Aldi’s or Martin’s Gift Cards

We help people from time to time by giving out Aldi’s or Martin’s Gift Cards for food.

If you would like to buy a card or donate money to help with this mission it would be greatly appreciated.

The cards we give out are \$25.00 and if you ask for the card at the Aldi’s or Martin’s office “with restrictions” no alcohol, tobacco or lottery products can be purchased with it.

Thank you so much.



### UNITY GARDENS

Farmers Market Booth

Visit us at our South Bend Farmers Market Booth.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

We have Honey From The Hood (some of this has been from Zion’s hives), fresh leafy greens, all year, seasonal produce, beeswax candles, hand balms, honey based soaps. and plants in season.

### UCC Core Values

#### Continuing Testament

Our faith is 2000 years old. Our thinking is not. God is still speaking,

#### Extravagant Welcome

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

#### Changing Lives

Never place a period where God has placed a comma



Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers as it continues to seek a candidate to fill our Pastoral vacancy.



**EVANGELISM MINISTRY MEETING**

Monday, August 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Evangelism Ministry develops ways to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the congregation and within the community, nation and world.



*Sisters of Faith*

**SISTERS OF FAITH IN 2017**

Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.

**BOOK CLUB** ~ Mark your calendar and start reading.

Sunday, August 20, AT 4:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Hintz.

The book to be discussed will be "Exit West" (fiction) by Mohsin Hamid.

The book for future discussion will be "The Girls of the Atomic City" (nonfiction) by Denise Kieran.



**CROP HUNGER WALK PLANNING TEAM**

Monday, August 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

**DISMAS HOUSE DINNER**

Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Missions Ministry welcomes everyone to come and share in the meal and conversation at Dismas House.

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY**

Saturday, August 26, 2017

from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come out & help make our buildings and grounds glisten!



**2017 CROP WALK RECRUITER'S MEETING**

Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.



**PROPERTY MINISTRY MEETING**

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Property Ministry is responsible for maintaining, repairing, and improving all church properties.

**THE VISITOR MAILING TEAM**

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The team readies "The Visitor" for mailing.

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# August 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>PEPSA 3:00 p.m.</i>  Missions Ministry Mtg. 4:00 p.m.  <i>Y&amp;R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	2	3 <i>Women's AA 10:30 a.m.</i>  <i>The Whitlock Mtg.</i> 4:30 p.m.	4	5
6 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am 100 Center Luncheon 1:00 p.m.	7 Worship Min. Mtg. 4:00 p.m.  <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	8  The Elders 6:00 p.m.  <i>Y&amp;R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	9	10 <i>Women's AA 10:30a.m.</i>	11	12 Common Ground Coffeehouse 7:00 p.m.
13 Worship 9:30 am Backpack Blessing Fellowship 10:30am Cook Out & Ice Cream Social	14 Evangelism Min. Mtg. 5:30 p.m. <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	15  Articles for SEPT. Newsletter DUE <i>Y&amp;R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	16	17 <i>Women's AA 10:30 am</i>	18	19
20 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am Sisters of Faith 12:30 pm Book Club 4:00 pm	21 <i>CROP Planning 4:00pm</i> <i>HP/EB NA 6:00 p.m.</i>  <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	22  <i>Y&amp;R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	23	24 <i>Women's AA 10:30 am</i>  Dismas House Dinner 6:00 p.m.	25	26  Work Day 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
27 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am <i>CROP Recruiter</i> <i>Meeting 3:00 p.m.</i>	28  <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	29  Property Ministry Mtg. 5:30 p.m.  <i>Y&amp;R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	30  <i>The Visitor Mailing</i> Team 9:00 a.m.	31 <i>Women's AA 10:30 am</i>		