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Connecting People With God

Our Church Community:

Ministers	Every Member of the Congregation
Pastor	Bill Wildey
Music Director	Gail Bannister
Accompanist	Kyle Walterhouse
Office Manager	Nancy Philabaum
Bookkeeper	Jan Raymond
Custodian	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.

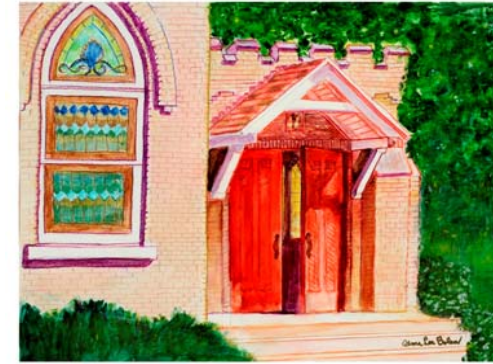
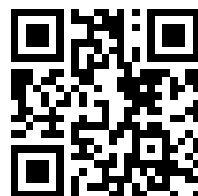
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THE VISITOR

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A Just Peace and Open & Affirming Church

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS: A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BILL WILDEY

*...for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Philip-
 pians 2:13*

Some people have asked how it is that Maureen and I found Zion UCC when we moved here from Massachusetts. It is actually a very simple story. I went and met with the Associate Conference Minister and told her about us and about our faith. She said that we would probably feel very at home at Zion. And, she was right!

We not only found a church to attend, we found a church home. It wasn't long before we realized the way the Holy Spirit was moving through the people of Zion. What we discovered is a congregation that is Christ-centered, caring, welcoming to all, and always seeking to carry God's love into the community and the world.

Little did we know when we first arrived, that I would one day become the interim pastor. On July 30th, I will end my tenure. We have journeyed together since I began in November of 2015 following Wendy's departure. During that time, you have truly blessed my life and I pray that, in some way, I have done the same for you.

We are now working our way through an "appreciative inquiry" process in which we are hearing people's stories of a time when they were deeply proud to be a member of Zion. Out of those stories, themes are emerging.

Some of the words and phrases that are already becoming apparent are: accepting – open to change – courageous – loving – heart of Christ – community – love in action – persevering – mission centered

Once we have identified common themes together, you will have a core from which you and your next pastor can determine future direction. One of my sorrows is that I will not be here to be part of that future. I know that it will be exciting, faith-filled and infused with the energy that comes from knowing and sharing God's love.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Bill

JULY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Deacons Sharon Kereszturi & Rick Meece

Liturgist 2 Hal Brueseke
9 Lynn DeCocker
16 Cathy Bair
23 Tami Stayton
30 Janell Stayton

Communion Hosts

2 Linda Lamar & Maureen Wildey

Audio Rick Muhlbeier

Visual Julie Niedbalski

Altar Paraments Donna Wagoner

Coffee Hosts

2
9
16
23 Rib Dinner for Pastor Bill
30



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

August's Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for articles for the July issue of *The Visitor* is Saturday, July 15th.

May's Worship Attendance

May 7 72
May 14 62
May 21 59
May 28 57

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Tess Wozniak
2 Gail Marti
3 Roger Hintz
3 Ed Dierlam
3 Emily Cullar
5 Carol Hedman
5 Margaret Forsythe
7 John Bair
14 Misty Grubbs
14 Mike Brueseke
15 Anneliese Lucido
16 Jacque Sargent
18 Tom DeCocker
19 Holly Ballard
20 Judith Koepke
22 Jeff Ballard
24 Fred Whipkey
25 Erin Niedbalski
26 Roy Raymond
27 Donna Wagoner
28 Brad Lang
28 Katerina Brown
29 Matt Brueseke
30 Kristen Lang



Church World Service Father's Day

Tool Donations 2017



Name

John & Cathy Bair

Roger & Karen Hintz

Gail Marti

Marcile Sellers

Susan & Fred Goldstein

Nancy Philabaum

Sue Hutchison Taylor

Marianna Weaver

Don Zutter-Husband
Children-Bruce, Beth & Andy

Name

Michelle, Meghan & Iaian Seals

Susan Kaufman Miller & Family

Nancy Philabaum

Jan Raymond

Sue Hutchison Taylor

In Memory of

Oscar Eisbrenner & John Bair, Sr

Kurt Eisbrenner

Clarence Bremer

Father, Father-in-Law and Husband

Richard Sweet

Irwin Bentzen

Jim Hutchison and Jim Taylor

Father

Caryol Zutter

In Honor of

Max Jena

Donald Kaufman

Rob, Rick & Randy Philabaum

Don Kaufman, Bruce Naylor and Pastor Bill

Dennis Doherty





**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

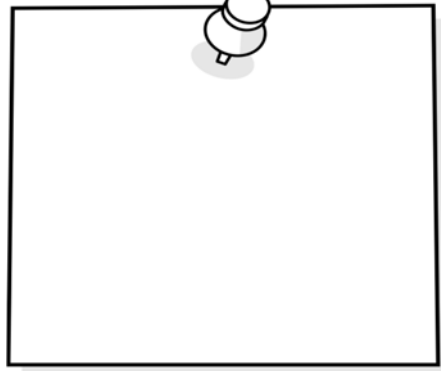
Mother's Day Blankets

Father's Day Tools

Chicago, United & Eden Seminaries

NOTES FROM THE ELDERS

Opportunity and Possibility



As a congregation we have just wrapped up the initial process of appreciative inquiry. What was your moment when you were most proud to be a member of Zion? During the reflection could you pick out common themes/values that were shared?

This process is an important step for us. As we are looking to call a new pastor to join our congregation we need to define who we are, what our values are and where we want to grow and go. It is important for a new pastor and the congregation to be aligned in what our common themes and vision are.

There are more pieces of this process to be pulled together. There will be at least one more gathering to vote on three themes/values that we feel define our life, mission and vision for Zion's future. We have an abundance of possibilities and opportunities. Please continue to be involved in this process for envisioning our future as a church and family.

Sue Goldstein

ZION SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Packets will be ready on Sunday, June 11 in the Church Office. Please sign them out with your name and date. They are due back in the Church Office on Monday, July 17.



Autumn Arndt,
Hilda Bare,
Alma Bolen,
Mary Ann Cox,
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,
and the families of W. James Besemer.
and Earl E. Troeger.



June 30-July 4, 2017 | Baltimore, MD

In June 2017, thousands from across the country (and abroad) will gather for General Synod 31 in Baltimore, Maryland. Linda Kowatch is a delegate for the Indiana/Kentucky Conference.

THE WHITLOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Zion is a member of The Michiana Benevolent Society, Inc. which supports The Whitlock, an Independent Living Community for persons 55 and older in Bremen, IN.



Pride Block Party

Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Michigan Street between Washington and Wayne,
Downtown South Bend

Celebrate Pride South Bend

Enjoy live entertainment, a non-profit fair, and family friendly fun. Free and all ages.

Poetry

COMMON GROUND

COFFEEHOUSE

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Sign up starts at 6:45 p.m.

Open Mic 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

MUSIC, POETRY, COMEDY & DANCE

ALL ARE INVITED & ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE !

Free admission, Fair Trade coffee & snacks

Come out and enjoy
our talented performers.



IS YOUR FRIDGE RUNNING?



Then you better go catch it!

As you all know I informed The Elders of my retirement from my Office Manager position at the end of the year. On Tuesday, I let The Elders know that I will be moving to Michigan for the summer to support Rob, Sheri, Elsie and Reid. I know this is the right thing for me to do but it does not make it easy. I love doing the work of the church and will miss you all.
Nancy



To Helen Goglio
for working tirelessly on the planting beds around all of our buildings.



RAINGARDEN WORKSHOP

The raingarden is in and being well watered by volunteers and our recent rains. Thank you, Helen Goglio, for heading up this fabulous project for our grounds. And thank you to everyone who prepared the bed and planted plants.

If you would like some of the compost currently in the parking lot, please bring a container and take it. In the next weeks, Helen will add the remaining compost to beds around our property.



Church World Service Donation Totals 2017

Father's Day Blankets: \$884.00

How fortunate we are to be able to share our gifts!



If you wish to borrow tables, chairs, wheel chairs, kitchen items or anything, please sign out on the sheet in the office.

Thank you.

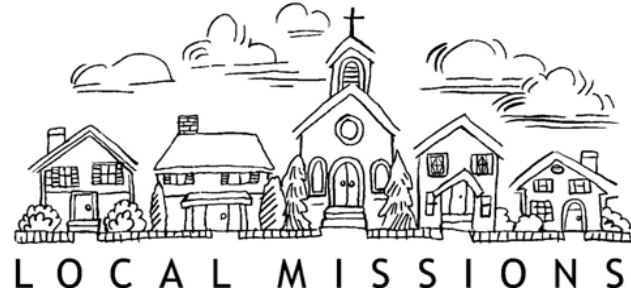
Property Ministry

Why Grandma gave One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked. Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning. The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.

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 Martin's Gift Cards

We help people from time to time by giving out 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 Martin's office "with restrictions" no alcohol or tobacco 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

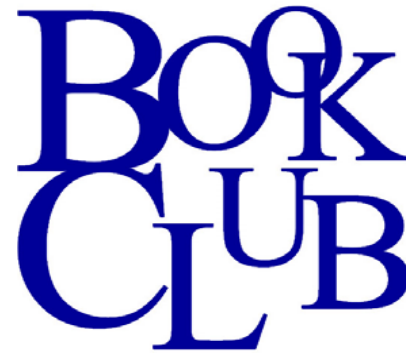
Our faith is 2000 years old. Our thinking is not. God is still speaking,

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



BOOK CLUB
Sunday, July 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Book club will meet at the home of Ann Markley to discuss the book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt. The novel for a future discussion is "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid.



WORSHIP MINISTRY MEETING

Monday, July 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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

EVANGELISM MINISTRY MEETING

Monday, July 10, 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.



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 and serve as the forum for study and conversation with regard to policy decisions.

AED TRAINING

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Please come and received training on how to use our new AED.

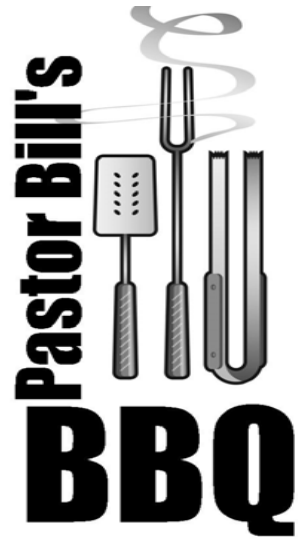


SISTERS OF FAITH IN 2017

Thursday July 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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





CELEBRATION OF PASTOR BILL

WITH ZION UCC
BBQ Dinner
following Worship
Sunday, July 23 ~

It's Casual Sunday.
We're having BBQ -
dress casually!

All You Can Eat BBQ Rib and Chicken
dinner with all the fixin's.

Chocolate fountain and
special cake in honor
of Pastor Bill Wildey.
Requesting reservations
\$10 per person.

Pastor Bill's last Sunday
leading worship at Zion is July 30.



PROPERTY MINISTRY MEETING

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Property Ministry is responsible for maintaining, repairing, and improving
all church properties.

THE VISITOR MAILING TEAM

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
The team readies "The Visitor" for mailing.

DISMAS HOUSE DINNER

Thursday, July 27, 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, July 29, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come out & help make our buildings and grounds
sparkle!



Pastor Bill's Farewell Sunday
July 30, 2017
Pastor Bill's last Sunday leading worship
at Zion is July 30.
Please come to worship.

LOOKING AHEAD to next month:



August

Sunday, August 6: 100 Center Luncheon

Saturday, August 12: Coffee House Fourth Anniversary

Sunday, August 13: Cook Out & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 20: Sisters of Faith

Sunday, August 27: CROP Hunger Walk Recruiter Meeting

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July 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
2 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am <i>General Synod Baltimore MD June 30-July 4</i>	3 <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5	6 <i>Women's AA 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>The Whitlock Mtg. 4:30 p.m.</i>	7	8 <i>Pride Block Party Downtown SB on Michigan Street 3:00-6:00pm Common Ground Coffeehouse 7:00 p.m.</i>
9 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am Book Club 4:00 p.m.	10 Worship Min. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Evangelism Min. Mtg. 5:30 p.m. <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	11 <i>Y&R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	12 AED Training 5:00 p.m.	13 <i>Women's AA 10:30a.m.</i>	14	15 Articles for AUGUST Newsletter DUE
16 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am	17 <i>CROP Planning 4:00pm HP/EB NA 6:00 p.m.</i> <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	18 The Elders 6:00 p.m. <i>Y&R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	19	20 <i>Women's AA 10:30 am</i> Sisters of Faith 6:00pm	21	22
23 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am Rib Dinner & Casual Sunday	24 <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>	25 Property Ministry Mtg. 5:30 p.m. <i>Y&R AA 7:00 p.m.</i>	26 <i>The Visitor Mailing Team 9:00 a.m.</i>	27 <i>Women's AA 10:30 am</i> Dismas House Dinner 6:00 p.m.	28	29 Work Day 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
30 Pastor Wildey's last Sunday leading worship at Zion Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am	31 <i>GLBT AA-7:00 p.m.</i>					