

Email May 25

Summer worship schedule begins THIS SUNDAY May 29!!! Saturday worship is the same time all year (5:30pm) but our **Sunday worship changes to 8am and 10am**. Our 10am worship will be in the parking lot (bring lawn chairs and sunshade) unless it is stormy or too hot at which times we will move inside. This has become a favorite change of pace. (Sunday classes resume the week after Labor Day.)

Benje Daneman's jazz orchestra will offer a free concert this Thursday at 7pm here at Zion. Benje has played often in worship since his time as a student at WMU. He and his wife, Ashley, operate the Kalamazoo Music School on Rose Street downtown. Come and bring along a neighbor or friend!

Last Sunday at our ANNUAL MEETING we adopted a budget and elected four new members to the Board of Directors. Budget will be included in Harbinger and can be found on our website. Newly elected are Joe Zerbel (President Elect), Ron Masek (VP Property), Sue Bickel and Rita Leinenkugel (Directors at large.) Thanks to all who agreed to serve but were not elected!

Family VBS (families with kids age 0-11) and The Week of Service (Middle and High School families) is June 20-23rd in the evenings! Save the date and join us!

Grayson Nye will offer a special piano concert on Wednesday, June 29 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. He would also like to allow this to be a fundraiser for a favorite local ministry called OPEN DOORS KALAMAZOO, which is building a community of people who are overcoming homelessness through relationships, housing, employment, education, and sobriety in response to God's love for all. They are privately funded by people who want to make a difference. Grayson will be moving to Chicago later this summer to further his performance and teaching career in music. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a special time with Grayson. He has enriched our worship for over six years!

Sunday School students and Youth Groups made blessing bags, thanks to an endowment grant. We still have a few of these bags left to hand out to people on the street or those who are less fortunate. Each bag contains simple health items, socks, a water bottle, and a snack. Please bless others by taking one or more to hand out!

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm
382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848
Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

CALL COMMITTEE: We will be receiving a new list of prospective Senior Pastors for Zion from the District office. If you know of a pastor whom you think might fit in well here at Zion, please share his name and current parish to the church office so we can give it to the call committee. Thanks!

CHAIRS for Sale: With outdoor events upon us, perhaps you may want to have extra chairs. We still have a few Brunswick chairs for sale. Contact the Office for more information if you're interested.

Let us know of other email addresses in your household who would like to receive our emails (in case they don't all look at your email address.) We don't want to miss anyone with our information!!!

RELIEF FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE! Anyone wishing to donate supporting relief efforts for the people of Ukraine should consider Lutheran World Relief which has a great track record and low administrative costs <https://donate.lwr.org>

Another reliable agency is the International Red Cross: <https://www.icrc.org/en/donate/ukraine>

County Health has changed masking policy to optional. Those who wish to mask should continue to feel comfortable doing so. We will continue to have communion assistants masked to ease any concerns. We understand how delicate an issue this is for all.

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, please call the church office and let us know!

LOAVES AND FISHES. We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Zion has supported this ministry for more than thirty years and we are gradually getting more food each week. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need in May is canned low-sodium vegetables. June is healthy snacks low in sodium and sugar.

Prayers: Larry Harding Family on the death of son, Richard

Finance Update for 5-22-2022	
Offerings received:	\$6,557
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$9,460
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$723,668
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$706,000
Actual Income Fiscal year-to-date:	\$752,987
Budgeted Income Fiscal year-to-date:	\$747,438
Actual Expenses Fiscal year-to-date:	\$715,645
Budgeted Expenses Fiscal year-to-date:	\$764,688

Thank you for your financial support. Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

Symbol in the Window

Peter reminds the group of believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) about the wickedness of Judas. On the New Testament side at the very top you will see Judas Leaving the table with the hangman's noose over his head.