

## Email June 15

The entire congregation is encouraged to join us in the **congregational servant event** **Thursday, June 23 at 5pm. Dinner** and then packing care kits for various organizations. Our goal is to pack 250 kits. Great time for fellowship while helping our community. Sign up on kiosk or call the church office.

**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! Sign up link is below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA3krJupX4cjIjgbEMxDGV8zYKvkA5IGETja7VbOtRZ3CYXA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA3krJupX4cjIjgbEMxDGV8zYKvkA5IGETja7VbOtRZ3CYXA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Playdates at Zion** start up next **Tuesday, June 28th from 9-11am!** If you or anyone you know want to get together with another caregiver of newborn - five year olds for some networking, discussion, and playtime, sign up

here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsL9U3RefLvnoiqtoQpm4EwXHaSKdPI\\_q7FnEzx1zu7M37xg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsL9U3RefLvnoiqtoQpm4EwXHaSKdPI_q7FnEzx1zu7M37xg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Grayson Nye will offer a special piano concert 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!

For anyone interested in local history, an interesting exhibit through **September 18 is at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum downtown.** It shares the history of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy that was a big part of the lives of one of our families, **Margo and Eddy Bridges.** Eddy was a boxer/trainer and helped found the academy whose purpose was to give young kids a reason to stay off the streets and out of trouble. His granddaughter created a documentary (which will eventually be aired on PBS) you can view there, or watch on

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5dnaNclZCk82wKJp0QqLwcY78t8Y1euw>

**Pastor Brelje** will do a weekly class on Revelation this summer on Sunday mornings. Class will meet from **9:00 to 9:45 in Gathering Space, beginning Sunday June 5.** This will be a short term class giving overview and highlights of the visions of John shared during a time of persecution in the early Church.

**Pastor Seeber** continues the weekly "Walk Through the Bible" study on Facebook and YouTube each Tuesday. This is intended to help better understand the books of the Bible for your own personal Bible study. If you have missed any, you can find them all on YouTube.

Take a look back at our year of Sunday School! <https://youtu.be/FhlhEvv2qL4>

### Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm  
382-2360 / [zion@zionkazoo.org](mailto:zion@zionkazoo.org)

**For pastoral assistance:**  
Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848  
Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

**IMPORTANT!** 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 request a form from the church office** to share his name, present congregation, and why he should be considered. Forms can be returned to the church office and will be forwarded to the call committee. Thanks!

**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 June is healthy snacks low in sodium and sugar.

**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>

**Prayers:** Lucy & Ted Maxson as Lucy recovers from surgery