

8/13/2024 email to congregation

**It is Summer Time and that means travel!** If you find yourself having to miss a Sunday you can find services recorded on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@zionkazoo/streams>

**The start of the school year will be here soon and Friends of Jesus Preschool has limited availability remaining in the 3's, 4's, and Young 5's classes.** Before and after-care is available. Please spread the words to friends, family, and neighbors about enrolling at FOJ!

**Friends of Jesus Preschool snack drive is underway and will run through the month of August.** Most needed items include crackers, granola bars, canned fruit/fruit cups, pretzels, and applesauce. We also have a high need for paper towels currently. Donation bins are located outside the church and preschool offices. Thank you for your donation!

**The interns want your furniture!** As we work to make Solid Grounds a place for students to come and hang out during the school year, we want to create a laid-back living space that they can enjoy. We are looking for comfy chairs, couches and similar seating that has held up well and can give more years of use. Pickup would be by appointment between Aug 1<sup>st</sup> to Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. If you know anyone who may be able to help, please let us know! Jack: (765)432-5731 Savannah: (319)505-0930

**August 14th is our last and biggest Servant event of the summer!** ALL of the congregation is invited! We have 100 blankets to make so we need as many hands as possible! Dinner is at 5pm and will be starting a blanket tying project around 5:45pm. This project is unique in that it gets blankets in the hands of sick kids and then gives them an opportunity to give thanks back directly via technology. Reach out to Aaron via email [dcegrube21@gmail.com](mailto:dcegrube21@gmail.com) to participate.

**Reminder - Prayer Shawl is this Saturday!** We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 2pm – 4pm at 5 Lakes on West Main St Kalamazoo.

**Youth entering 5th-13th grades are invited to meet up this summer!** To get on the text chain contact Aaron 269-271-2848.

**August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm is the next date for Backyards, Bourbon, and Bibles.** This is a change from the usual time we have held before, so please note! If you are a fan of lawncare, bourbon, and God's Word we invite you to join us at this new Men's Group. If you are interested in coming, contact Aaron Grube at [dcegrube21@gmail.com](mailto:dcegrube21@gmail.com) for location information.

**August 27<sup>th</sup> is our last Let's Hike (or Visit) with Mike!** Pastor Mike's 1.5 mile hike of the Kleinstuck Preserve is on the Fourth Tuesday in August at 7:30pm. **If you are not able to hike you are still welcome to come visit at the parsonage,** where we gather initially as well. Be sure to join for the fellowship and enjoy refreshments after the hike.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am – SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Church Picnic & Ministry Fair!** There will be worship, fellowship, food and fun.

**Thanks to all who purchased the Summer Grab & Go gifts!** Our final tally was **\$820.00!!** What a great start for our Bazaar earnings this year!

**The Helping Others Ministry is collecting school supplies for Friends of Jesus Preschool and Community In Schools Kalamazoo.** Please see the display in the hallway and pick up a list of needed items. Thank you for all your faithful support of this ministry.

**To help out our faithful canners,** the bazaar is in need of pint and quart canning jars (regular and wide mouth). If you or people you know have any you/they can spare we would love to have them. You may put them in the workroom. If you have any questions, please call Jayne Mayer...375-8342

**Calling all Canners and Jam-mers!! We have canning jars to share with you.** Please use the displayed jars in the hallway to share your canning/jam projects with us! **All sizes of jars available.** If you have any questions call Jayne Mayer 375-8342.

**FOJ thanks everyone for their continued support!** As always, if you are interested in making a donation, cash or check can be placed in the locked dropbox outside the preschool office or by making an online donation and choosing Friends of Jesus Preschool from the drop-down. Thank you!

**Weekly meditations** continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook

**WKZO radio ministry / Sundays 9:30am / WKZO**

**Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! For August they ask for protein bars/shakes as well as kids snacks.** Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

**Church Office hours:** Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am-12pm.

**Reach Zion** at 269-382-2360 or email at [zion@zionkazoo.org](mailto:zion@zionkazoo.org)

**For pastoral assistance:** Pastor Mike 419-203-6770 / Pastor Couch 598-8167 / Aaron 271-2848

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

**Thank you for your continued financial support.** 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:** Rita Linnenkugel for her health, Lydia Decker, Jack Sauer and Benno Rosin for continued healing. Jason & Emily Groth as they prepare to go into the mission field in Belize.