

6/20 email to congregation

The Week of Service and Week of VBS is coming soon! June 26-28 our family VBS (students up to 5th grade) and Week of Service (Middle and High School families PLUS this year the entire congregation) are invited to serve and grow closer to God June 26-28.

Dinner will be provided at 5:15pm, we will have a large group gathering before a send off and activities closer to 6:15pm. Projects will typically run from 6:15-7:45pm, however, offsite projects may need some flexibility on time. That's right, some projects may require you and your group to go to an offsite organization that serves a need in the community.

Once we have a good picture of "servants" we will have more accurate project assignments.

Please sign up at the link below so we can start planning projects and have enough food.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA3krJupX4cjljgbEMxDGV8zYKvkA5IGETja7VbOtRZ3CYXA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Help us make an impact on the community! Week of Service Update/Schedule:

Sunday 6/25 from 1-3pm St. Luke Diaper Bank (repackaging diapers for community) RSVP to dcegrube21@gmail.com so we can plan appropriately.

Mon-Wed (6/26-28) 5:15pm Projects to include:

- FOJ Playground
- Zion Grounds
- Loaves and Fishes
- YWCA Dinners
- Congregation Member houses landscaping and such

Join us for dinner and service!

Kalamazoo Growlers game on July 15th. Tickets are \$20/adult and include dinner and drink tabs. Kids 18 and under are free (but are included in the 40 tickets). Sign up on the kiosk or call the church office. First come, first serve! **Deadline to sign up is July 5th!**

Art Ministry in BLENDS! May / June exhibit is now in BLENDS. Judy Finnegan shares her "When In Our Music God is Glorified" works. Stop in when you can to view Judy's series of paintings and learn more what inspires her.

"Friends of Jesus Preschool is hiring! If you or someone you know has a background in education and experience working with children and would like to be a part of our team, send us your resume at jen@zionkazoo.org or drop it off at the office."

Friends of Jesus Preschool is now offering wraparound childcare beginning Fall 2023. As an addition to its preschool programs,

Friends of Jesus will now offer before care beginning at 7 AM and after class care until 5:30 PM. For more information, contact Director Jen LaPorte at jen@zionkazoo.org.

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need is: **Healthy Snacks --- Low sugar and sodium**

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>

SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW: The symbol for Baptism, second sacrament of the New Testament church, is a shell and three drops of water. This symbol is in the New Testament side, first panel on the right.

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

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

382-2360 / 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!

Weekly Ministry: Ministry with Community / Deacons Conference: Ministry with Community is a daytime shelter and resource center in Kalamazoo, Michigan. We are open 365 days per year to anyone who needs our services, including those experiencing homelessness, poverty, substance use disorder, and other crises. The Kalamazoo Deacons Conference (KDC) is a local Kalamazoo organization that works each day to make Kalamazoo a better place to live. KDC recognizes the physical and spiritual needs of the poor in our community, and attends to these needs by sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ. While other organizations in Kalamazoo meet the physical needs of the poor and the homeless, such as shelter, food, and clothing, KDC strives to fill the gap for the underserved and working poor of our community.

Prayers: Carol Rosin, Dee Wentzel, Michelle Devine ---- continued prayers for Melody and the Couch family.