

4/19 email to congregation

SUMMER WORSHIP ---"One of the new ideas that COVID forced upon us was worshipping in the parking lot in the summer. If you remember, that allowed us to worship when many other churches could not. So many found the change exciting, and a reminder that wherever one or two are gathered Jesus is there, we continued it the last two summers. We also found it a way to reach out to community as the many walkers, joggers, and cars driving by heard the singing and even the Sunday messages. Again this summer, at least for the month of June, our 10am worship will be in the parking lot. It allows a different way to worship, reach out to community, and sing the Lord's song in a new way! Of course if it is raining or too warm, we will worship inside. 8am worship will continue to be inside the building. Zion is blessed with its diversity of people and the multiple ways we have to share our love with God and each other. More later ... "

This weekend is the Kalamazoo Marathon. The half marathon may cause some delays on Peeler or Maple but has not affected our worship. A link with map follows:

https://www.zeiglerkalamazoomarathon.com/files/ugd/284ddf_7a39f509c86947b49934180226a7e5f0.pdf

Pastor and Mrs. Saylor will arrive the last week in May (and will be quite busy moving and unpacking.) His installation service will be June 4 at 3pm.

Final weeks for Christian Art! Calligraphy in BLENDS! We have an incredible exhibit of calligraphy in BLENDS this month. Art has always been important in the Church,

whether in illuminated manuscripts, altar pieces, woodcarvings, paraments, or even the architecture of our places of worship.

The Easter Message as told by our Sunday School: <https://youtu.be/NFBLf-Hikl0>

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.

Ministry with Community -Sunday is the last day to bring in items to serve those in need. Please continue making this a success by donating. Baskets are set up in front

of the church office along with a list of those items needed to make your shopping a bit easier. Many of these items are available at our local dollar stores.

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: **canned tuna.**

Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School and Adult Classes 9:15 am

Pastors' Classes

Sunday 9:15 am (Seeber) – relating Bible stories to daily life

Tuesday 10m (Brelje) – Romans

Saturday 8am (Seeber) – John's Gospel and daily issues
(contact Pastor Seeber for Zoom link)

Contact Pastor Couch for questions about Campus Ministry opportunities

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 on the New Testament side, first panel on the right.

Adult Choir practices on Thursdays, under direction of Roxanne Nieboer. Come when you are able, we are always looking for more voices. Call Roxanne or church office for more info.

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 Seeber 501-3624 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Aaron 271-2848 / Pastor Brelje 330-9538

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!

Prayers: Joan Maier (hospice)