



Zion News

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*See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

~ 1 John 3:1

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 18TH AT PANGBORN PARK

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY THE PICNIC

CHICKEN AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE

**ZION'S MISSION:
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GOSPEL OF CHRIST
IN SUCH A WAY THAT
WE FIND GOD,
GROW OUR FAITH,
DISCOVER OUR
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Worship online [via Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 876 0291 7867
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Sunday Service: 10am

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UCC GMP calls for peace after assassination attempt on former President Trump

by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson | published on Jul 14, 2024

A pastoral letter:

The United Church of Christ strongly condemns the violence directed against former President Donald Trump.

Political violence has never been a solution to differing political beliefs and ideologies. As more details emerge regarding the shooting at the political rally for President Trump, we are horrified at the events which unfolded before us. With the former president injured and two dead including the gunman, we mourn this moment where violence is on display in the public square within our political arena.

Today, I join with other voices calling for peace in our political process. This violence is a threat to the democracy we value in this country.

As people of faith, we have the opportunity to be a part of civil discourse as we move through this time leading to another presidential election.

A commitment to peace must be a priority in the days to come. More information will emerge and regardless of that information, peace is possible. We can commit to ensuring peace and civility among us.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." *John 14:27*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. O God, we are shocked and appalled at the attempted shooting of former President Trump. We pray for his recovery and pray for the families of those who died as a result of this act of violence.

May those who lost loved ones know the comfort of your embrace. Send your healing spirit upon those whose lives are affected by violence globally.

Let there be peace among your people, O Lord, a deep and abiding peace which brings an end to the glorification of violence and ushers in a just world as you intend for all.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson,
General Minister & President
United Church of Christ



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AUGUST WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship — 10am in the sanctuary and virtually at www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive

Tuesday's Supper and One Stop Shop — Every Tuesday from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Potluck — 6:00pm in the Burhans Room

4-H Club — Thursdays at 4:30pm in the Burhans Room

Staff Meeting — Tuesdays at 12:00pm in the Burhans Room

ONA Fellowship — 8/11 at 11am

August Birthdays

Isabella Bagby	8/3	Frank Ebersole	8/15
Judy Thompson	8/5	Megan Shroyer	8/17
Angie Shafer	8/5	Rae Smith	8/22
Barry Newlin	8/9	Daniel Livingston	8/23
Carol Mooers	8/12	Felicity Shafer	8/25
Stacey Shealer-Broadwater	8/13	Missie LaBombard	8/28

August Anniversaries

Amy and Barry Newlin	8/6	Susan and Burnie Clutz	8/24
Carol and Randy Schultz	8/23		

Strategic Plan Update

We are excited to share that our Strategic Planning Committee has recently come together for a pivotal meeting as we continue to build on the momentum from our Visioning Event in April! We have begun translating the ideas shared into actionable plans that will guide our mission and growth going forward. In the coming months, we will be sharing more details about our strategic goals and how you can be part of this exciting journey. We encourage you to stay engaged and continue to share your ideas and enthusiasm. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the future of Zion. Together, we are embarking on a meaningful journey to fulfill our vision and make a lasting impact in our community.



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SUMMER @ZION

Youth Mission Trip



It Might Be Contagious - A Parish Nurse Note

August 22nd is “Be an Angel Day.” And before you ask, you don’t have to wear a white robe or grow wings! This day is dedicated to kindness and helping others. The definition of angel is an agent or messenger of God. So how can you be an actual angel? If you take a little time to think about it, the possibilities are endless. Even seemingly small acts of kindness can reap great rewards. Open the door for someone struggling with carrying packages or pushing a stroller. Send a note to someone who is experiencing a hard time or write to someone “just because.” Call or visit a shut-in that doesn’t get out much anymore. Make an extra batch of your favorite casserole and share it with a friend or someone you don’t know very well. Offer to shop for or help someone who is having difficulty with mobility. Babysit so young parents can have a night out on their own. Purchase some school supplies for those children that have no way of getting them on their own.



When completing an angel activity, the person on the receiving end isn’t the only one that benefits. Giving of your time, talents, and self has an amazing effect on your own body. Those that are involved in volunteering and giving experience less depression and anxiety, especially if they are over the age of 65. Your mood improves when helping others. Cortisol (the hormone responsible for stress) levels lessen and your blood pressure even drops to a healthier level when volunteering and giving to others.

When you are an “angel,” you get a “helper’s high,” similar to what is known as a runner’s high; the feel-good hormones (endorphins) in your body are released, making **you** feel better as well as your recipient. Focusing on others increases your own self-esteem and increases your connectiveness to other people. Relationships are improved and even your own immune system is strengthened by giving to others. The act of giving of yourself and your time can be contagious! For once, this “spreading” is a good thing! Others tend to pitch in and help, creating a bigger and better outcome for all involved.

All things considered, I’m not sure why we only celebrate being an angel for one day. How much better would our cities, our communities and our world be if “Be an Angel Day” was every single day of the year? Let’s try it and see

Blessings and Health,
Barb Hendershot, RN Parish Nurse

Sources:

mentalhealth.org

mayoclinichealthsystem.org



What's Happening

Zion's Summer Music Schedule

August 4 – Joel Ross

August 11 – Carl Glover

August 18 – Church Picnic at Pangborn Park

August 25 – Barb Hendershot

Note: While the choir is on summer hiatus they will continue to meet for a few minutes every Sunday morning at 9:30am to go over the first verse of the hymns for that day's service. Join us!

August 23 – Zion Book Club

The Zion Book Club will meet and discuss *Keeping Faith* by Jodi Picoult. Jodi is a favorite author for the group, and this book is yet another reason why. It explores a custody battle over a young girl named Faith, who begins to talk to her "imaginary friend" which her mother dismisses until Faith recites Bible passages, having never read the Bible. As word spreads of Faith seeing God, believers and nonbelievers alike besiege the family. Is Faith a prophet or a troubled little girl? Join us for terrific discussion! For more information, contact [Sue Graff](#).

August 25 - Zion Children and Youth Pool Party

All children, youth and their families are invited to an end-of-summer pool party at Sue and Mike Graff's home (18911 Manchester Dr.) at 2pm. Come for some summer fellowship and fun.

REACH Needs You!

Zion has committed to making, serving, and cleaning up dinner, monitoring the laundry area, and assisting with the security checks at the Cold Weather Shelter on Monday - Wednesday, November 18, 19, and 20. We can enter the shelter to set up dinner around 5:30 and should have dinner ready to be served promptly at 7pm. With all of these duties, all volunteers should be finished by about 9pm. each evening. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Chapel. Volunteers under the age of 18 are only permitted to help in the kitchen area. Please consider being part of a meaningful evening helping those less fortunate. Questions? See Carroll Sager.

Learn more of your families' history led by Zion's own Carol Schultz

Tracing Your Family Roots - Introduction to Genealogy

Making a personal connection with history and discovering relatives are just two of the many rewards available from researching your family tree. Discover the fundamental building blocks of genealogy research, learn where to find the source documents and the best strategies to enhance your exploration. This introductory course will teach current genealogy tools such as software programs, DNA for genealogical purposes and traditional research. In addition, you will become familiar with online resources such as Ancestry.com, Family Search, Fold3, Find A Grave and the US Genweb. You can join this hands-on class in a computer lab at the Valley Mall Center or virtually via Zoom. Fridays from 9:30am-12pm (Oct 4-25) or Mondays 6-8:30 pm (Oct 7-28). \$79 or \$55 for Seniors.

Genealogy Plus

In this hands-on class, you will build upon the genealogy research skills and strategies you already have. Learn more about genealogy software programs. Explore all the pros and cons of online trees, paid and free genealogy websites, and how DNA testing can be used to enhance your genealogical research. You'll also learn a variety of methods for organizing your data. You can join this hands-on class in a computer lab at the Valley Mall Center or virtually via Zoom.

Fridays from 1:30pm-4pm (Oct 4-25). \$79 or \$55 for Seniors.

Learn more or sign-up online. <https://www.hagerstowncc.edu/genealogy-family-courses>

Date	Lector	Ushers	
August 4	Rich Owens	Burnie Clutz Susan Clutz	Becky Hohman John Schnebly
August 11	Wells Ridenour	Frank Ebersole Carol Mooers	Mark Bagby Rich Owens
August 18	Amber Nilson	Domenick Gerlando Barb Hendershot	Matt McDonald Willian Wantz
August 25	Barb Hendershot	William Brewer Calvin Livingston	Gerald Saum Jean Simmons

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	June	Year-to-Date
Income	\$5,451	\$47,313.59
Transfers	\$35,000	\$200,000
Expenses	\$36,447.12	\$242,939.90
Net Income	\$4,003.88	\$4,373.69

<p> Pastor: Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette Admin Assistant: Rae Smith Multimedia Specialist: Brandon Hackett Music Director/Organist: Claire-Marie Moblard Choir Director: Byron L. Stay Treasurer: Lisa Saum Special Funds Treasurer: Carol Mooers Parish Nurse: Barb Hendershot </p> <p> Consistory Elders: Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz and Carol Mooers </p> <p> Consistory Deacons: Rich Owens and Calvin Livingston, Megan Shroyer, Matt McDonald, Becky Hohman and Jean Simmons </p>	<p> Zion News is published monthly by Zion Reformed United Church of Christ 201 North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. </p> <p> Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm Telephone: 301-739-7244 Email: zionrucc@myactv.net Website: www.zionreformed.church </p> <p> Deadline for articles is the 15th of each month prior to the month of publication. All articles are subject to editing for space. </p> <p> The medical information in this newsletter is provided without any representations or warranties, express or implied. You must not rely on the information in this newsletter as an alternative to medical advice from your doctor or other professional healthcare provider. </p>
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