The Mission of Zion United Church of Christ

We are a congregation of Christian believers brought together by the power of the Holy Spirit to faithfully:

- Share our time, talents and treasures,
- Serve the Living God, God’s people and all God’s creation,
- Strive to be the presence of Christ in our community through word and deed.

Vision Statement

We, the family of believers known as Zion United Church of Christ, recognize that we come from many diverse backgrounds. We are brought together by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to provide an open community of love, friendship, respect, caring and compassion. We work as a community of faith to continually build effective communications allowing all to understand our goals and missions, as we share our strength, gifts, time, talents, and treasures. We join together for worship, fellowship, education and support of all. Our programs and physical structures are designed to respond to the needs of the community, to welcome and care for those who are challenged in special ways, and to attract and educate those who are eager to learn about and engage in Christian service. Zion United Church of Christ is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully exhibited in word and deed.
If we are the Body of Christ, as the Apostle Paul so eloquently described in 1 Corinthians chapter 12, then we are part of a larger community that depends on each other to function properly. But what happens when the body gets sick? What happens when there is a pain? Can the rest of the body ignore the suffering that is caused by an illness, or better yet, a broken bone? Absolutely not. When pain is felt, the whole body suffers.

Our society is feeling the pain of violence, hatred, and ignorance, all fueled by fear. And for that, we are suffering. We suffer when innocent people are killed by gun violence. We suffer when we hear the cries of mothers weeping for their children. We suffer when police officers put their lives on the line and feel betrayed by the community they are serving. We suffer with the community when they cannot trust the police.

We suffer when we are silent in the face of hateful rhetoric. We suffer when our Jewish siblings are grieving. We suffer when immigrants are treated like criminals for seeking asylum. We suffer when it is difficult to care for a loved one with a pre-existing condition. We suffer when we see the homeless out on the streets. We suffer when our children cannot get an adequate education. We suffer when leaders try to erase the existence of our transgender siblings. We suffer when the church is silent before the call of justice.

So much suffering in the world, but there is hope. We are not alone, and we are called to bear one another’s burden in love. As believers, we cannot throw away parts of us that are different. We cannot throw away the parts that are rich or poor, black or white, brown or Asian, male or female, old or young, rural or urban. We must embrace one another in the spirit of unity by honoring our differences and celebrating our diversity. When we honor each other, we alleviate the suffering. When we honor each other, we can become the church God is calling us to be.

Thankfully,

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Pastor Jacquelyne
Cemetery Deeds

The cemetery will be seeing some changes in 2019! At the October board meeting, the board voted to purchase a columbarium, which will have 24 individual niches, and spots for at least 85 sets of remains in a communal central column. The columbarium will be a maple color with red and black accents.

Before we can install the columbarium, we will have to have the concrete foundation laid. We’re not sure how long the entire process will take, but rest assured, we will have it done sometime in 2019 and we will have a dedication and invite all Zion members to come celebrate with us.

Prices for niches and for the communal space have yet to be determined.

See you in the next issue! In the meantime, visit us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/zioncemeterystl) and at our website (www.zioncemeterystl.org).

The Cemetery Board meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Weekly Events Email
To subscribe to Zion’s weekly email newsletter, please call the office (741-1590) or send an e-mail to office@zionuccstl.org. The information shared includes dates and times of ministry meetings, fellowship opportunities, and other news and events for the upcoming week.

Food Pantry Items
Featured items for this month include casserole ingredients such as hamburger helper and low sodium soups. Please place contributions in the collection bin at the back of the sanctuary (under the coat rack).

Calendar

Mon Nov. 5 6:30 pm Zion Cemetery Board
Mon Nov. 12 6:00 pm Zion Council
Sat Nov. 17 1-4 pm Zion Work Day
Sun Nov. 18 11:30 am Outreach Ministry
Thurs Nov 22 THANKSGIVING

November Birthdays

Jeff Tacina 11/3
Bill Morgan 11/11
Ron Danzer 11/23
Sheri Kastrup 11/25
Kyle Coble 11/27
Ron Williams 11/29

November Anniversaries

Mark & Shirleen Manganelli 11/10
Tom Forbes 11/15
Jerry & Debbie Kastrup 11/18

NOTE: This is the calendar information that the office had at press time for this issue of the Zion Echo. Please let us know of any changes.
**News and Notes**

**Zion’s Facilities**

Are you having a baby or bridal shower, anniversary or graduation party? Does your organization need meeting space? Zion’s facilities are available for use by members upon completion of a building usage form (available through the office). Requests must be authorized by the Zion Council (meetings are on the second Monday of the month), so please allow time for approval of your request.

The Fellowship Hall and kitchen are available at no charge, although the user is responsible for cleanup and trash removal. Call the office at 741-1590 for more information.

**Email Communications**

As part of the ongoing effort to reduce expenses, please understand that the office communicates regularly with members and friends of Zion via the email address that we have on file for you. Paper copies of correspondence are only mailed to those folks who don’t have email addresses. If the email address that you have provided to the office is not your preferred method of communicating with us, please let the office know. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Membership in Zion UCC**

If you are interested in officially joining Zion, UCC please call, email, or otherwise communicate with Pastor Jacquelyne Tyler (pastor@zionuccstl.org) and she will be happy to discuss membership with you and answer any questions that you may have.

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**Beyond the Story: Tools to Transform Your Life**

Using the Enneagram in combination with easeful practices of breathing and movement, we teach trauma-responsive self-care through personal coaching, professional development workshops, and personal growth retreats.

**The Power of Advent in Challenging Times**

As we approach the holidays, so many things rise up in us. For some it is sadness, for others frustration, for others a sense of despair and for others the holidays are joyous but chaotic. The season of Advent calls us to prepare and anticipate and remember our relationship with the Holy One. In this retreat we will take the major themes of Advent (Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love) and explore how we might focus the positive energy to center ourselves and counter any negative energies we might be holding at this time in our lives. We will share and pray and take some time to silently reflect. All are welcome, all are invited.

Susan Ulmer and Devoree Crist are trained spiritual directors who work in the St Louis area.
Peace Tree Continued...

Schedule · Tuesday, November 13, 2018
7:00 PM
Mindful Eating of Chocolate with Triple-Certified Whole Health Coach Gayle

7:15 PM
"The Inner Critic: 3 Questions to Challenge the Villain Within" by Master Speaker Lynnea Brumbaugh, Certified FoET

7:45 PM
Drawings! Bonuses! Fun!

8:00 PM
Calling Your Critic into Accountability

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Conscious Parenting Through the Enneagram

Tuesday, November 27, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Hosted by Beyond the Story: Tools to Transform Your Life

Register here or contact Lynnea at 314.374.0860

The modern Enneagram is a powerful tool for conscious parenting—because it so precisely identifies the specific fears and desires that run the programs beneath our own and our children's conscious awareness. Come conscious parenting based on Lynnea's own transformative parenting experiences and on her 150+ hours of training with The Enneagram Institute.

Learn more on Facebook

Schnucks eScrip Program

Do you shop at Schnucks? Did you know that Zion can receive up to 3% of your purchase amount each time you shop and show your eScrip Community card at checkout? Just pick up an eScrip card from the Zion office or narthex or at any Schnucks store and follow the instructions to activate your card, designating Zion UCC to receive credit for your purchases. For more information about this program please call the office at 741-1590.

Donate to Vets

The Disabled Veterans Thrift Stores of Missouri have been serving our local veterans and their families since 1958. The Donation Station is the bright green collection box located in Zion’s parking lot. Items that can be accepted include clothing, clothing accessories, shoes, bedding, draperies, non-breakable housewares, toys, games, and tools.

Reach Out

Your thoughts, prayers, cards, letters, visits and telephone calls mean a lot to Zion members who can’t be with us during Sunday worship. Please take the time to show them that they haven’t been forgotten.

Contact the office for a new directory listing our shut-ins!
Outreach Ministry

Christmas Gifts for People served by St. John’s CMS

Soon names of people with one gift they would like and a Christmas meal will arrive. Watch for the poster with names which will be displayed in the narthex. Giving to those you do not see takes a generous heart, but Mrs. Henry tells of the joy she witnesses when the gifts are delivered. Let’s continue a long tradition of being angels in disguise.

Outreach committee

Outreach activity for 2018

Meeting dates were the second Sunday of most months. Any change will be given to the office.

At this time the Mission Moments will be given on the second Sunday of the month.

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From Co-directors, Jessica and Erin:

Peace Tree is wrapping up 2018 by taking time to reflect with gratitude on the past year, envisioning the work that is ours to do in 2019, and honoring the memory of Anne Knight. We will offer our reflections on 2018 and our vision for 2019 in the December issue of the Echo, so stay tuned.

Anne Knight asked for donations to Peace Tree in lieu of flowers at her memorial. The love is still pouring in, but her spirit has inspired over $1,000 in donations so far. Her presence feels very close, invisibly working, continuing her work of healing, understanding, and love in the world from the other side of the veil.

Upcoming programs

We invited popular retreat facilitator, Wendy Sarno, to offer a retreat on December 1, “Tending the Soul in Challenging Times: a day of poetry and meditation.” We’re thrilling to report that the retreat filled up weeks ago. We have a growing waiting list! Wendy will be back to offer more programs in 2019. You may want to experience a day with her (register early!).

If you’re looking for some energy, quiet, or time to reflect in this busy season, friends of Peace Tree have rented the space and are offering some stellar workshops and a retreat open to the public. Check them out!

THE INNER CRITIC: 3 QUESTIONS TO CHALLENGE THE VILLAIN WITHIN

Tuesday, November 13, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Hosted by Beyond the Story: Tools to Transform Your Life

Register here or contact Lynnea at 314.374.0860

Our inner critic acts as a villain—but like all our personas, it’s just running a racket. In this workshop, you’ll learn three questions to challenge your inner critic to step up its game and become the ally it actually aspires to be. Just $15. (And bring two friends for free!) Learn more on Facebook