

Zion Presbyterian Church
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ZION THIS FALL

FROM THE MINISTERS

I don't know about you but over the past few weeks as I have come into the church, I can feel a sense of anticipation. Of course, we are anticipating and preparing for significant changes to be made to our beautiful building with the installation of the new lift which will make our building so much more accessible. But every time I see the collection of school supplies which you have donated to the Salvation Army's school supply drive sitting in the front entrance, I get that sense of excitement and anticipation just like I did for the first day of school as a kid. But this time, it's about coming back together from our summer holidays and travels, gathering together again as a big family, reconnecting and starting out together on this next leg of our journey of faith together. Our ministry with children and families is kickstarting again, the choir is getting back in tune, we are looking forward to reconnecting in Bible Study, and there's a wonderful feeling of moving forward in ministry in our community to share our faith so others can know and experience what it is like to be part of God's beautiful family here at Zion. **Kirk & Allyson**

BIBLE STUDY

Growing in Christ Together

We all know how wonderful it is to gather together for worship on Sunday mornings to encourage us and help us keep our faith strong. It's a great way to begin the week! Being a part of a Bible Study group gives us another opportunity to gather with other believers in the middle of the week to dig a little deeper into God's word, to learn alongside one another how we live out this faith in our everyday lives and to encourage us all to keep growing.

Each week there are two opportunities for us learn and grow together: on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm or Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am beginning September 23 with time for fellowship, conversation, learning and prayer.

We hope that you will join us this fall as we learn together about where Jesus is present in our everyday conversations.

Sunday, September 7th

is Welcome Back Sunday for Zion.

We are excited to hear all about your summer adventures and gather together again as a church family on Sunday, September 7th when we start a new season together at Zion with a BBQ following worship at Brackley Common, 14 Union Rd. We are looking forward to our programs and ways to connect as a community to get started and a new photo directory which also help us get to know one another better.

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CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1297 FORT AUGUSTUS RD, RT 21 MERMAID



A brief history of Calvin Presbyterian Church ("The Little Church")

First established in 1830, Calvin Presbyterian Church has been witness to the love of God in the community of Mermaid for over 190 years.

Originally a Church of Scotland congregation and since 1930 "A preaching point of Zion Presbyterian Church," Calvin has been a gathering place of song and worship for generations.

The original building was moved to Mount Herbert as a community hall in the 1880's. The current building, now over 130 years old, is noteworthy for its lovely

woodwork and pastoral setting. Rather than a more traditional cross, the steeple is topped by a thistle, recalling the strong Scottish heritage.

Calvin Church Cemetery has headstones dating back to the mid-1840's. The lovely setting, adjacent to the church, shaded by mature trees, and overlooking the Hillsborough River, is complimented by careful and continuous upkeep. It is a place to truly give thanks to God for those who rest therein.

September 14th 3 pm Memorial Service
October 5th 7 p.m. Fall Song Service

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7th

All children are invited to grow in the knowledge of Jesus through Bible stories, games, arts, crafts and more!

All ages welcome!

Church begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Children remain in the sanctuary with family (there is an optional play area at the front). Shortly into the service there is a brief children's story and blessing, after which the children are guided upstairs to the appropriate classroom!

During this time, there is also a family room located adjacent to the classrooms for parents/guardians and children to connect and watch the service (streamed on a television) if desired!

On behalf of the Zion family, we hope to see you there for another fun filled Sunday School





CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

SUNDAY MORNINGS SERIES

If you've ever felt uncomfortable talking about your faith to people who believe differently than you, you're not alone. Is it possible to engage in open and honest spiritual conversations? Jesus did this effectively and when we learn from some of Jesus' own encounters with everyday people, we are made aware, so can we. When you look at the life and ministry of Jesus we see at least 9 different ways Jesus engaged with people. These practices or arts are skills we can develop that help deepen our connection with others as well as fulfill our greatest purpose, "to go and make disciples." Beginning in worship on **Sunday, September 14th** we will be introduced to our "Conversations with Jesus" series and we will continue the conversation on **Tuesday evening, Sept 23 (6:30pm) and the morning Thursday, Sept 25 (9:30am)** as we learn together in small groups, how to engage others just like Jesus.

PRAYER GROUP

Zion prayer group meets on a weekly basis on Tuesday mornings between 10-11:30 am. This is an open group and everyone is welcome to attend; with members praying aloud or in silence as preferred. The prayer group format is to open with scripture and prayer then we share prayer requests and offer praise for answered prayers. Conversational prayer is used where we may dialogue needed prayers while including the Lord from the onset and invite the Holy Spirit to lead us. We are learning that when we pray together, we experience God's presence, that it helps bring the unity that God ask for, and it provides an opportunity for members to grow spiritually and deepen their faith.

For where two or three gather as my followers, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20 (NLT)

The prayer group will meet upstairs in the Doreen Gray Room weekly beginning September 9, 2025—10-11:30 am

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- **SEPTEMBER 3—7 PM—**
Legato Choir starts
- **SEPTEMBER 7TH—Welcome**
Back Sunday, Sunday School
resumes and a BBQ
- **SEPTEMBER 9th—10 am—**
Prayer Group starts
- **SEPTEMBER 10th—6:30 pm**
Legato Choir starts
- **SEPTEMBER 11th—6:30 pm 1**
- **SEPTEMBER 14th—10:30 am**
Conversations with Jesus—
Sunday Morning Series
- **SEPTEMBER 14th—3 pm—**
Memorial Service at Calvin
Presbyterian Church, Mermaid
- **SEPTEMBER 17th—6:30 pm—**
Marcato Choir starts
- **SEPTEMBER 23rd—6:30 pm**
Tuesday evening Bible Study
begins
- **SEPTEMBER 25th—9:30 am**
Thursday morning Bible Study
begins
- **OCTOBER 5—10:30 am**
World Communion Sunday
- **OCTOBER 5—7 pm—Fall Song**
Service at Calvin Church
- **OCTOBER 12—10:30 am**
Thanksgiving
- **OCTOBER 14 - 18**
Pictures being taken for
Directory
- **October 20—22**
We are hosting Synod
here at Zion

FALL CLOTHING SALE

Our annual Fall Clothing Sale will be held **OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 1**

There will be a large selection of adult and children's clothing along with shoes, purses, jewelry and books
Donations may be dropped off at any time!

We will also be having a café, bake sale Book sale!

For more information please speak with Roylean Keizer or Phyllis MacMillan

This is a wonderful outreach for Zion Church and for Zion Church people to experience the warmth of fellowship!



ONLINE AUCTION



This fall, from November 3 to 8, we will be hosting an online auction to raise funds for a project that's very close to our hearts: the installation of a lift that will make our entire building—three floors—accessible to everyone! This long needed upgrade will significantly improve access for seniors, families, and anyone in our congregation or community with mobility challenges. The cost of the project is approximately \$275,000 and we're working hard to reach that goal.

Please help us reach our goal by sharing information about this event and joining in this great fundraiser.

SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

OCTOBER 20 TILL OCTOBER 22

The 151st Annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces will be held this year at Zion Presbyterian Church from October 20th through the 22nd. The Synod consists of the Minister(s) and the Representative Elders from all the Presbyterian Churches in Atlantic Canada. The congregation of Zion Church is invited and encouraged to attend the opening worship service on Monday evening, October 20th at 7:00pm.

Music for this service will be provided by Zion's Sanctuary Choir and we are very pleased to announce that the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev. Jeff Murray will also be in attendance. The Synod looks forward to having you at this opening service as it's a wonderful opportunity to meet and renew friendships of other Presbyterians across the four provinces.

MUSIC MINISTRY

It is that time of year again when we begin to plan for resuming our Zion Choirs. Please prayerfully consider join one of our choirs and experience the great joy and blessing of singing with others for the glory of God.

Sanctuary Choir—1st rehearsal **Wednesday, September 3 -7 pm**

Marcato Choir (Tenor, Bass voices) - 1st rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 17—6:30 pm**

Legato Choir (Soprano, Alto voices) - 1st rehearsal **Wednesday, September 10—6:30 pm**

*Marcato and Legato meet every second Wednesday.

We look forward to an exciting year of praising the Lord together



KNOT ALL KNITTERS

Knot All Knitters is a wonderful ministry providing hand knit, crocheted or quilted pieces for people experiencing illness or receiving treatments, prayer shawls for people who are grieving and as babies are welcomed through baptism. Beginning this fall, Knot All Knitters will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 9:30-10:30 am for a time of fellowship. We would love for you to join us as we connect while we knit or crochet. At this time, we are looking for someone to help share the leadership of the group with Valerie Shaw. This would involve distributing the lap quilts and prayer shawls and helping Valerie with devotions at the Wednesday meetings. Please reach out to Valerie for more information at 902-569-3446.



THE GATHERING

The Gathering is a monthly (September-June) newsletter for the Zion community filled with news, upcoming events, photos, inspiration and encouragement!

It keeps us uplifted, strengthened and connected to God and to one another.

Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

YOUTH MINISTRY AND YOUTH GROUP



Please watch the bulletin, our webpage and Facebook for more information on upcoming youth events!

FRIENDS OF FAITH

Friends of Faith is a group of women who meet twice a month to enjoy fellowship and to get to know one another better. Our get togethers are advertised in the bulletin and include guest speakers and fun theme events.

We will be meeting on **September 11 at 1 p.m.** - please watch the bulletin for more information

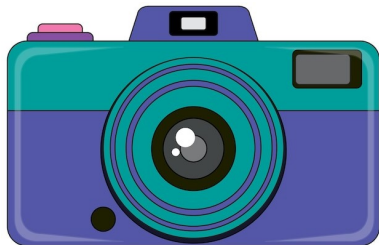


PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are planning on doing a photo directory of all our Church Family

October 14-18

Please watch the bulletin for more information!