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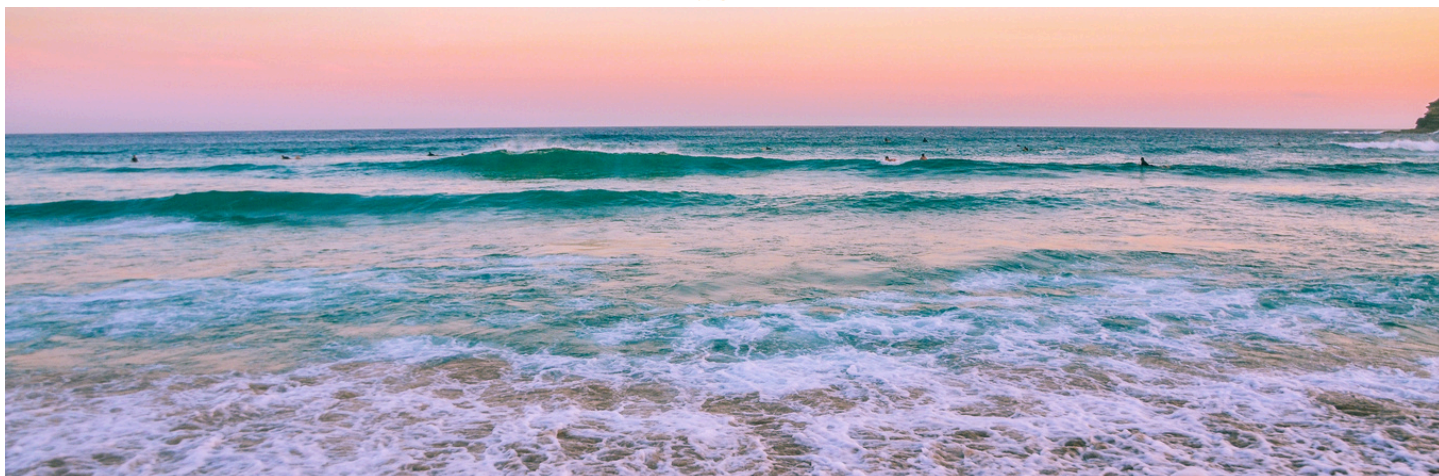
# Zionite Newsletter

A Christ-centered, inclusive, community of faith



ZION UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

◆  
June 2026



## Pastor's Letter:

Hello Church!

I love weddings. I love watching a couple look at each other with love and excitement. I love watching the families beam as they watch the couple walk down the aisle. I love witnessing a couple make promises to one another "in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, as long as we both shall live." And I love that when a couple devotes themselves to one another for their entire lives that a bond is created that is like non other. Take Olga for example (she's the grandma in this picture), she misses her beloved husband, who passed away last year, and she tells me how much she misses him, and we know that it won't be long until she's with him again in the Kingdom of Heaven.

And that's the beautiful thing about a long, loving marriage: life on earth isn't enough time together.

A few years ago I found a study done by the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas (a very large United Methodist Church that makes the Chapel look small). They surveyed thousands of married members in the church and this is what the survey showed: Newlyweds rated their love for one another very high. Then years 5-7 rated their love for one another at an all time low (*and what are you doing around that time? Raising little children, so the couples are likely exhausted*).

Then as the increments go on, the rate of love increases. And when a couple has been together for more than 40 years, their love for one another is even higher than that of newlyweds.

I've always loved those survey results. And I love weddings, which is good, because I have another one to officiate this week!

Be blessed, friends, and find joy, peace, and love in any way you can today.



*Thank you for reading!*

*In Christ's love,  
Pastor Elizabeth*

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# Church Events

- Contemporary Worship ► Sundays 9:00am
- Traditional Worship ► Sundays 10:45am
- Sunday School ► Sundays 9:00am
- Nursery ► Sundays during 9am worship
- Food Pantry ► Tuesdays 10am-12pm
- Bible Study ► Tues. @12pm on Facebook
- Bell Choir ► Wed. @6:30pm
- Chancel Choir ► Wed. @7:30pm
- AA ► Thu. @5:30pm; Sat. @10am & 1pm
- June 5 ► Youth Group @6pm at Zion
- June 6 ► Women's Fellowship @11am at Olympic Restaurant
- June 7 ► Blood Pressure Checks @10am
- June 7 ► New Member Luncheon @12pm
- June 9 ► Consistory Meeting @7pm
- June 10 ► Exercise Buddies w/ Dawn @5:30pm
- June 14 ► Children's Rehearsal @9am
- June 14 ► Children's Program & New Member Sunday @10am
- June 15 ► Trustees Meeting @7pm
- June 20 ► Strawberry Festival, 11am - 3pm
- June 24 ► Exercise Buddies w/ Dawn @5:30
- June 27 ► Drive Through Community Dinner @5pm
- June 28 ► Summer Worship Begins: One Service @9:30am

## With You

A Mental Health Support Group



Find Calm. Find Clarity. Find Connection.

Join "With You" - A mental health support group centered on the healing practice of journaling. This is a safe and welcoming space to slow down, reflect, and gently explore your thoughts and emotions - no writing experience needed.

Dates: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Location: Community Mission, Meeting in the Community Room  
1590 Buffalo Ave. Niagara Falls

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Contact: Please Text Rev. Kalee Mielke at 716-327-2960 if Interested.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

## ZION UCC STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**SAT. 6/20**

11AM - 3PM

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
15 KOENIG CIRCLE, TONAWANDA

Find more events at:  
[www.zionucc.com/events](http://www.zionucc.com/events)

Looking for daily Bible readings?  
[Click this link.](#)

<p>JUNE 27TH <b>COMMUNITY DINNER</b> SIGN-UP (SCAN OR CLICK HERE)</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px;">tinyurl.com/DinnerJune2026</p>
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# Patriotic Crafters Needed

Do you knit, crochet, sew or quilt? We need you!

On **Sunday, November 8**, we will be displaying red, white and blue afghans, blankets, quilts and lap robes, made by our members, on the altar railing. Pastor Elizabeth will then bless them and they will be distributed to veterans in our church, community and local nursing homes and hospitals to show our appreciation for their service.

There are other ways you can participate if you don't do crafts. Because this is the **250<sup>th</sup> celebration of our country**, there will be many patriotic fleece throws available at Wal-Mart, Kohl's and Target which can be donated. You can also drop off skeins of yarn in red, white or blue for use by other members.

The finished items should be brought to the church office **by the end of October**. If you have any questions, please email **Elaine Sparks** at [lanielamb@aol.com](mailto:lanielamb@aol.com).

# Busy Moms & Friends Facebook page

**Busy Moms & Friends** is a women's group at Zion, designed for busy moms and other women - being a Mom is not a requirement! We would love to plan occasional get togethers and we welcome ideas for activities and outings.



Join our Facebook group today by [clicking this link!](#)



# Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will be meeting on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am** for lunch at **Olympic Restaurant, 1601 Military Rd., Tonawanda**. Please come and join us!



# PBJ's Corner

## Putting the FUN into fundraising!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming FUNdraisers!:

- **Strawberry Festival: Sat. June 20**  
**SCAN** or **CLICK HERE** to volunteer!
- **Meat Raffle: Fri. October 9**
- **Rummage Sale: Sat. November 14**  
**(Newly Announced!)**



[tinyurl.com/StrawFest2026](http://tinyurl.com/StrawFest2026)

Join Us for Zion UCC's **Animal Blessing Event**

- Blessing of your beloved pet(s)!
- Pet Vendors!

**PET SUPPLIES PLUS**

**EARTHWISE Pet**  
NUTRITION CENTER & WELLNESS SPA

- Pet and human refreshments!
- Zion UCC Information Table!
- Enjoy a walk on our Zion Memorial Park path!

**SUN. JUL 19**  
**11AM - 1PM**

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# Health Ministry Updates

## EXERCISE BUDDIES W/ DAWN

Dawn is a certified trainer who does weight training with light weights, chair yoga, strength training & more! Classes are held 2 times a month on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.**

All ages are welcome

5:30-6:30 pm, right here at Zion



**Wed., June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup>**



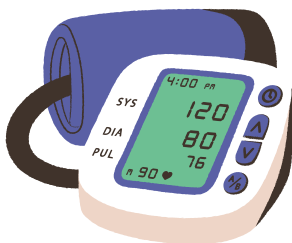
Bring your own water bottle and a small set of weights if you have them (but not necessary)

**These classes are free!**

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## Blood Pressure Checks

Our next blood pressure clinic will be on  
**Sun., June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 10:30am**



Get your blood pressure checked for free by one of our nurses.

**NOTE:** We'll be taking a summer break from our blood pressure clinics. **We will resume again in September.**

## Support Health Ministry with Your Dash's Receipts

If you shop at Dash's Market, please consider saving your receipts. These receipts directly support the valuable classes and programs provided by the Health Ministry for our church community.



You can drop off your receipts in the designated box on the sanctuary shelf or place them in the labeled clear folder located just outside the church office.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Zion UCC: VBS 2026!**  
**July 27-31, 2026, 9am to 12pm**

Register:  
[zionucc.com/events/vacation-bible-school](http://zionucc.com/events/vacation-bible-school)



## DUNKIRK SUMMER CAMP



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starts for kids entering 1st grade!



Make new friends, discover nature, and grow closer to God through exciting activities, inspiring worship, and tons of fun!



Our church will completely cover the cost of your **FIRST YEAR!**  
 Returning campers get \$100 off!  
 Need based scholarships are also available to returning campers!

*\*For Pilgrim, Pioneer, Jr High and Sr High Camps only, must register by June 1.*

### Ready to go?!

Register for camp at [dunkirkcc.com](http://dunkirkcc.com)  
 Then forward your registration confirmation to:  
[ucczion@gmail.com](mailto:ucczion@gmail.com) for the church to send in the camp payment. We hope to send a lot of kids to camp!

### Questions?

Reach out to Jacob Korte, Ted Camp, or Pastor Elizabeth



## JR. WAY!

WELCOME TO SUMMER DAY!  
 4 YEARS TO GRADE 6



JUNE 6, 2026 | 9AM TO 11AM

### EPIPHANY UCC

9365 CLARENCE CENTER RD. CLARENCE CENTER. NY 14032

REGISTER AT:  
[www.zionucc.com/way](http://www.zionucc.com/way)



Western Area Youth  
 Summer 2026 Mission Trip!

# 2026 Mission Trip

Join us for a week filled with faith, service, community, and mission!

Greenville, PA

Registration:  
[www.zionucc.com/WAY](http://www.zionucc.com/WAY)



July 6-12, 2026