



October 2020 Herald



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING Sunday, October 4, 2020

Thank you for supporting Neighbors in Need! Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. We will receive this offering at Zion on **Sunday, October 4**.

For more information, go to ucc.org/nin.



*World
Communion
Sunday*

Sunday, October 4th is World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

Youth-Led Worship Sunday, October 25th

In St. Paul's first letter to his teen-age student intern, Timothy, he writes:

“... don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity.”

(1 Timothy 4:12, The Message)

Sunday, October 25th, the Senior High Fellowship (SHF) will be helping lead all aspects of our morning worship. We will continue to have "youth-led worship" on the last Sunday of each month, so that our young people can discover the joy of participating fully in worship - as readers, musicians, videographers, ushers & greeters. We hope to include all of our youngest disciples over the course of the school year. Wouldn't this be a great Sunday to invite someone to worship with you - in person or online?!?



Totenfest will be held on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1st to honor all of our members and friends who passed into New Life during the past year. The service calls us to remember our loved ones who have gone before us and now shine in glory with Jesus Christ.

Senior High Fellowship (SHF)

Meeting, September 27, 2020, 5pm - Fellowship Hall

Members Present: Carter Horman, Drew Behrens, Johny Amina, Jaydon Nabb, Nathan Nabb, Koby Stewart. **Members not present:** Sophie Poppe, Leighton Tjaden, Kelly Proesch.

Non-Members Present: Annette Behrens, Aaron and Megan Horman, Dean and Mandi Behrens, Jamie and Kelly Nabb, and Rev. Susan Schneider-Adams.

The meeting began at 5pm. Rev. Susan Schneider-Adams started us off with a prayer. We ate pizza. Then we discussed the following...

President: Kelly Proesch

Vice President: -

Secretary: Carter Horman

Treasurer: Nathan Nabb

Our treasurer Nathan Nabb announced that we have a total of \$1,869.00 in our account.

New Ideas:

- Raking Leaves for members of our church (More info coming out soon)
- Drive up/Delivery Christmas Dinner (First Sunday in December) in place of the Traditional Christmas Meal put on by Senior High Fellowship
- Help with Special Olympics in Eldridge (April)
- Mission Projects
- Backpacking
- Canoeing

Projects done in the past:

February - Cookies for older members of our church

Easter - Sunrise Service/Breakfast

Starting in October and ending in May 2021, on the last Sunday of each month, members of Senior High Fellowship will participate in the worship service, by reading scripture, bringing up offering, ushering/greeting, video graphing, and operating the PowerPoint.

- We also plan to help with the Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Meeting ended at 6:20 PM

- Carter Horman, Secretary

Message from the Church Council

As the season of autumn is upon us, there are signs that life in the church is beginning to pick up since the pandemic caused us to press pause earlier this year. Sunday School classes are in session, Evening Circle and Senior High Fellowship are meeting and we are beginning to reengage some of our church committees. While things are far from normal, we are getting used to wearing masks and finding creative ways to social distance in an effort to carry out our many important programs and community outreach. The church council is continuously reviewing and modifying our Return to Worship safety protocols to keep our Zion families and guests safe. We appreciate your cooperation in following the safety protocols that we have in place.

SELECTING OUR NEXT SETTLED PASTOR

In September, we welcomed our interim pastor, Rev. Susan Schneider-Adams. We anticipate her guidance as we work to further define who we are as a church and embark on the process to selecting our next settled pastor. The church council has been in discussion on our next steps and wanted to bring the congregation up to date on our projected timeline. During the months of October and November we plan to solicit feedback from our members and hold information-gathering meetings to help identify the attributes we are seeking in our next settled pastor. Watch the weekly Zion News e-mails and Sunday worship announcements for dates and times of these meetings. We will also be contemplating our future ministry leadership and discern whether that includes a part-time or full-time minister. At the December congregational meeting we plan to officially ask the congregation to decide on this ministry expectation. We encourage you to be an active participant in these discussions over the next few months as the information we gather will help our church profile and search committees do their work. We are currently working on forming these committees and would ask that you contact a church council member if you are interested in serving. It is anticipated that sometime in early 2021 we will post our church profile and the search committee will begin the process of selecting our next settled pastor.

FINANCIAL GIFTS

We are blessed by God's presence both in our lives and throughout our faith community. During the pandemic, more than ever, we continue to need your financial support. As in recent years, our giving continues to fall short of our budgeted expenses and we must transfer funds from our endowment to cover these costs. We need to reverse this habit and/or make reductions in our expenses to ensure the long-term success of our ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the work of Zion. We thank you in advance. In addition to traditional giving methods, we now offer the ability to initiate an online gift by going to our website at www.zionucclowden.org.

We also encourage members to establish an automatic giving routine. Automatic giving not only provides convenience in our busy lives but it gives the church needed consistency so we can plan and budget for our expenses.

- **Direct Debit.** If you bank at American Trust & Savings Bank, Lowden, an automatic debit from your bank account can be scheduled for your gift to Zion. This is a one-time election for a weekly contribution. Please contact the church office for details.
- **Online Banking Payment.** Most other financial institutions offer an online bill payment system that allows you to schedule recurring payments. A weekly or monthly transaction can be created that automatically sends a check via postal mail to the church. This is usually a free service from your bank. If you are not familiar with your online banking options, our financial secretary can guide you through the process in working with your financial institution to setup up your recurring gift.

Missions Committee Meeting

September 20, 2020

Present: Linda Behrens Megan Horman Pastor Sue Sue Monson Carmen Fields
Jan Olsen Jess Coppess David Niemeyer

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Linda.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were not discussed. The committee will review and approve the July 26, 2020 minutes at their October meeting.

Financial Report:

Missions received \$435 from committee donations with an additional \$150 from Theisen's totaling \$585 for the school supply drive. Sue spent \$268.18 on student supplies and Megan spent \$353.30 on teacher supplies leaving a total of \$36.48 not covered by donations.

Sue moved to approve the \$36.48 uncovered balance be taken out of Mission's checking account; Jess seconded; motion approved.

Old Business:

The school supply drive was a success. We served 15 students (majority being middle and high school) and 28 teachers across the district with items ranging from pencils to cardstock to dry erase markers to power strips and more. Left over student supplies were split and distributed to our food pantry, Trinity, and the Lowden Library for future student supply needs. Sue created a thank you recognizing both individual and corporate sponsors that Linda will submit to the Sun News and Tipton Conservative. Megan will assist in posting the thank you in Zion's electronic newsletter and on Facebook. Next year we will start organizing this project in July so our resources can reach more students and families in need.

In September we are collecting cleaning supplies and we are switching what we collect in October and November. In October we will collect office supplies and in November we will collect donations for the food pantry (which will be just in time for Thanksgiving).

New Business:

Pastor Sue suggested blessing the donated supplies each month. It is fun and helps recognize both the work of the committee and contributions of the congregation. We will do the blessing at the last Sunday of each month.

The committee discussed future projects to include:

- Preparing food baskets for families the 2nd week of Christmas vacation
- Mid-year check-in with teachers to see if they need additional school supplies
- Thanksgiving food baskets

A donation to the Lowden Fire Department was discussed. Firefighters did a lot of work for the city after the Derecho and the committee would like to recognize them with a monetary donation. Jess will talk to Kelly Nabb to see if Christian Education plans to give them a donation again this year in October at the waffle breakfast. If they do, Missions will plan to match that donation. If not, Missions will send a donation separately.

Perishable items from HACAP were discussed. Jan thought it may be nice to have a freezer in our food pantry to use in the event we receive perishable food items we are unable to use before they go bad. The committee is unsure of how many perishable food items are received on a monthly basis. The discussion of a freezer was tabled for a future meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 18, 2020 after church.

Adjournment: Linda adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Coppess



October 2020 calendar for Zion UCC, Lowden IA (online: <https://www.zionucclowden.org/>)

Church office hours: 8:30 to 12:00, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Pastor's office hours: 10:00 to 2:00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
or by appointment. Phone # 563-941-7726 or 563-941-7529

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2		3
4 9:30 am Worship World Day of Communion/ NIN Offering	5	6	7	8	9		10
11	12	13	14	15	16		17
9:30 am Worship & Christian Ed classes		HACAP Food Truck in Bennett From 3:30 -4:30				8:45 – 4 pm VIRTUAL Joint Ann. Meetings of Tri- Conference UCC (IA, NE, SD)	
18 9:30 am Worship & Christian Ed classes 10:45 am - Missions Committee	19 6:30 p.m. Evening Circle	20	21 Church Council Meeting 6:00	22	23		24
25 9:30 am Youth- Led Worship & Christian Ed classes 10:45 -SHF	26 6 pm – Worship & Music Team	27	28	29	30	All Hallow's Eve FALL BACK - Don't forget to turn back your clocks!	31

USHIERS



Oct. 4 Church Council
Oct. 11 Tim & Jane Drewelow
Oct. 18 Barry & Julie Hoffmeier
Oct. 25 Senior High Fellowship

VIDEOGRAPHER

October 4 Cheryl Boedeker
October 11 Aaron Horman
October 18 Jody Yutesler
October 25 Drew Behrens



Birthdays

of the Month



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Harlan Deerberg, Kyle Proesch
October 3 Janice Strackbein, Sheila Bowling
October 5 Robert Johnson
October 7 Karen Baldwin, Marx Dittmer
October 8 Marline Wiedenhoff
October 9 Jacob Balke
October 10 Merle Tank, Laurie Steinke, Dan Mohr
October 15 Carol Engel
October 16 Julie Hoffmeier, Tyler Stewart
October 17 Marlene Fox, Easton Bowling
October 18 Donna Jensen, Andy Kahl
October 19 Tessa Holst
October 21 Diane Mostaert, Heidi Krafcock
October 24 Jane Armstrong, Johny Amina
October 25 Linda Behrens, Jaydon Nabb
October 28 Matt Schneider-Adams
October 30 Fred Klaveman, Wes Griesbach,
Hilary DeJesso
October 31 Samuel Combs, Rhonda Schoenfelder

Card Shower



Harlan Deerberg
107 Augusta Drive Apt 1
Lowden, Iowa 52255

Marlene Wiedenhoff
219 S. Cedar Street, Apt. 319
Tipton, Iowa 52772

Merle Tank
518 2nd Avenue
Oxford Junction, IA 52323

Marlene Fox
PO Box 245
Lowden, Iowa 52255

Donna Jensen
402 2nd Avenue Apt. #4
Clarence, Iowa 52216

Fred Klavemann
608 Lynn Street
Tipton, IA 52772



October Wedding Anniversaries

October 4, 2002 Rick & Mary Balke
October 7, 1995 Royce & Lisa Gottschalk
October 7, 2006 Sheila & Travis Bowling
October 8, 1994 Brian & Jane Armstrong
October 15, 1977 Tim & Jane Drewelow
October 16, 1999 Jamie & Kelly Nabb
October 24, 1986 Sue & Matt Schneider-Adams



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
August 20, 2020

On August 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., President Aaron Horman called the regular monthly meeting of the church council to order. Present were Pastor Steve, Randy Horman, David Niermeyer, Duane Lasack, Jon Mansfield, Sandy Esbaum and Janice Strackbein. Pastor Steve opened with a prayer and devotion.

Randy made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2020, and August 2, 2020, meetings, second by Duane. Motion carried.

David made a motion to accept the financial reports, second by Jon. Motion carried.

Pastor Steve discussed his last service on August 30. He and the council visited about their feelings and thoughts regarding his departure. Duane made a motion to approve the pastor's report and expense report, seconded by David. Motion carried.

David is going to contact Steve's Mirror and Glass regarding a quote to raise the balcony railing due to safety concerns.

Jon presented information regarding Alliant Energy rebates for the new furnace and air conditioning unit. Aaron will work on submitting these.

It was the consensus of the council to continue, until further notice, with current COVID-19 safety protocols for worship and other church events and functions.

Discussion was held on the fall worship schedule and Christian education integration with worship.

Janice made a motion to accept new members Francis and Vickie Fisher, Randy seconded. Motion carried.

Duane made a motion to accept removal by request of the following members: Dawn Adney, Ian Fox, Carrie (Fox) Hobbs, Kaylyn Kessler, Laura (Fox) Werling and removal by transfer of the following members: Brian, Carolee and Taylor Lohman, David seconded. Motion carried.

Minor damage was reported because of the August 10 derecho storm. The tree in front of the parsonage was mostly removed by the city and the light pole needs to be removed or replaced. Volunteers will be coordinated to remove the trunk and remaining branch.

A donation request for the Lowden Fire Department was reviewed. David will discuss with Christian Ed. or the Missions Committee regarding a donation.

Discussion was held regarding the pastoral transition and farewell service. Communion will be served and Jacqueline Burnett, chair of the Eastern Iowa Association Committee on Ministry, will be present to represent the Association for the Vows of Release. Pastor Steve's exit interview will be held August 24 and moderated by Burnett. The council is invited to attend. Kelly Nabb and Aaron will be worship leaders on September 6 and 13. The pastors of St. John's UCC, Clarence, and First UCC, Tipton, will provide emergency pastoral care prior to Pastor Susan's arrival from August 31 to September 13. Jon and Duane agreed to winterize the parsonage. The search committee will be formed during the month of September once Pastor Susan arrives.

The closing question of the night was "How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work at Zion?" Pastor Steve closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting is September 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Strackbein, Secretary



HACAP TRUCK will be at the Ambulance Building in Bennett on October 1, from 3:30 to 4:30. If you are in need please come.



**ZION EVENING CIRCLE
September 21, 2020**

Ten members of Evening Circle and five husbands attended our meeting at Fox's pond on September 21, 2020, our last meeting being in February because of the COVID pandemic. Our special guest was Pastor Sue Schneider-Adams, our interim pastor. We thank Marlene, Julie, and Barry for allowing us to meet at their wonderful setting by the pond.

After a bountiful meal President Terry Lasack called the meeting order. For roll call each member introduced the member sitting to their right. This gave Pastor Sue a quick introduction to our group. There was no secretary's report. The treasurer gave her report. Members should think about what needs the church has and what we would like to do with the money in the treasury. Thank you notes were read. President Terry thanked members for helping with various duties since our last meeting. The new program booklets were handed out and discussed. Dues are payable now. Our next meeting will be October 19 with a movie night in charge of Julie; Donna will do devotions and Marlene Fox will provide the popcorn. Everyone shall bring their own drink. In October Jan Olsen will be in charge of flowers and the bulletin board.

Joy and Terry discovered a tree growing out of a rock during their landscaping work in front of the church and gave it to Pastor Sue, with the idea of it being a theme for a children's sermon.

Sharon Elijah
Secretary

2020 Annual Meetings

Get ready for the first, completely virtual Annual Meetings of the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences of the United Church of Christ (UCC)! On this page you will find registration information, the day's schedule, technology help, and more.

Annual Meetings typically happen every June with joint and separate meetings alternating every year. However, for the safety and wellbeing of our congregations and communities in the midst of this ever-changing pandemic, all three of our conferences have decided to host their annual meetings as a joint, completely virtual event on [October 17th, 2020](#). We are excited for this new way of gathering together and we look forward to a time when we can meet together in person safely.



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THANK YOU to
our Sunday afternoon
"Workday" clean-up crew

for giving us a hand on some odd jobs around the church on Sept. 20. We crossed many items off the list and had a little fun, too! We are also appreciative of the members who volunteered to tackle some of our larger maintenance projects this fall. There are a few other exterior projects that could be completed before winter, so please let a council member know if you would be willing to help out.



The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who donated cleaning supplies to help keep the church bright and clean this past month. It helps Bonnie, as well as the church out, by everyone pitching in and bringing something in.

In October, the Missions committee will be collecting office supplies to help Linda out in the church office. Some of the supplies that will be needed include business size envelopes, wide package tape, rolls of tape for dispensers, reams of paper (weight 20 lbs.), and small envelopes.

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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

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| October 4 | World Communion Sunday & <i>Neighbors in Need</i> offering |
| Wed. Oct. 21 | 6:00 pm. Church Council meeting (note date change) |

Information Corner

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