

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENT FOR ZION!  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

We are going to join our local United Church of Christ churches at First UCC in Tipton at 10:30 am for a Wonderful Music and Worship Service with Christian music artist Bryan Sirchio. First UCC will be hosting a coffee hour before the worship service beginning at 9:30 am.

This is our worship service for the day and rides will be available to anyone who like one.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

The movie is based on a wonderful book written by C.S. Lewis.

Bring your favorite snacks to our movie in fellowship hall.  
See you there!

**Neighbors in Need**

Please use the enclosed envelope for the NIN offering that will be taken on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

The human cycle is a pattern to which human beings develop throughout their life. There are many different suggested models. The 12 cycle model looks like this.\*

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| 1. Pre-birth: Potential                     | 7. Adolescence (Ages 12-20): Passion           |
| 2. Birth: Hope                              |  |
| 3. Infancy (Ages 0-3): Vitality             | 8. Early Adulthood (Ages 20-35): Enterprise    |
| 4. Early Childhood (Ages 3-6): Playfulness  | 9. Midlife (Ages 35-50): Contemplation         |
| 5. Middle Childhood (Ages 6-8): Imagination | 10. Mature Adulthood (Ages 50-80): Benevolence |
| 6. Late Childhood (Ages 9-11): Ingenuity    | 11. Late Adulthood (Age 80+): Wisdom           |
|   | 12. Death & Dying: Life <sup>1</sup>           |

The Christian cycle is also a pattern to which Christians develop throughout their life. Now there are also many models, but I like to keep it simple. Here is my 4-cycle model (which is a work in progress just like the Christian life).

1. Enter-
  - a. We enter the Christian life in many and multiple ways. These ways form our support groups as we move through the Christian cycle.
    - i. God
    - ii. Family.
    - iii. Friends
    - iv. Church
    - v. Baptism
    - vi. Other
  - b. We enter the Christian life at different times in our life as well.
    - i. Any of the human cycles listed above\*

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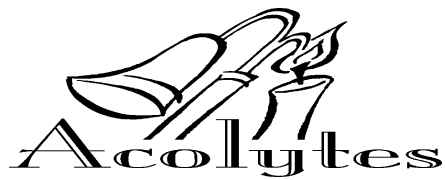
<sup>1</sup><http://www.institute4learning.com/resources/articles/the-12-stages-of-life/>

2. Learn
  - a. We learn with the help of
    - i. God
    - ii. Church
    - iii. Family
    - iv. Friends
    - v. Others
3. Imitate
  - a. As we learn we begin to imitate Jesus Christ
4. Share
  - a. We share our faith with others and we continue to learn
    - i. We attend church and share our love of God with others
    - ii. We support the church, so others may learn as we did
    - iii. We take part in the education of our children just like those who did it for us
    - iv. We become involved in the activities and governing of the church, just like those who did it for us
    - v. We become involved in the larger Christian church that continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ
  - b. We do all these things and more because we love God and we love each other.

Sisters and brothers, it is time for all of us to get into the Christian Cycle and move forward in faith as we live the Christian life. God loves you and our church needs you.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve

*“What you are is God’s gift to you,  
what you become is your gift to God.”*  
*Hans Urs von Balthasar*



# Acolytes

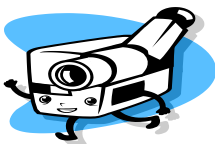
Sept. 9            Johny Amina & Drew Behrens  
 Sept. 16          Carter Horman & Sophie Poppe  
 Sept. 23          Jaydon Nabb & Joselyn Easterly  
 Sept. 30          Matthew Bramlett & Johny Amina

October 7        Drew Behrens & Carter Horman  
 October 14       Sophie Poppe & Jaydon Nab  
 October 21       Joselyn Easterly & Johny Amina  
 October 28       Matthew Bramlett & Drew Behrens

# THIS MONTH USHERS

Sept. 2, 2018            Church Council members  
 Sept. 9, 2018           Jane Armstrong, Mary Huffman  
                                  Linda & Mariah Behrens  
 Sept. 16, 2018          Mike Jensen, Bob & Mary Campbell  
 Sept. 23, 2018          Sandy & Allen Koch  
 Sept. 30, 2018          Senior High Fellowship

Oct. 7, 2018            Church Council  
 Oct. 14, 2018          Mary Huffman, Wilbert & Mille Muhs  
 Oct. 21, 2018          Brian & Carolee Lohman,  
                                  Dean & Lisa Hamdorf  
 Oct. 28, 2018          Senior High Fellowship



## **VIDEOGRAPHERS for September**

September 2, 2018        Jane Drewelow  
 September 9, 2018        Jean Stepp  
 September 16, 2018      Donna Luepker  
 September 23, 2018      Aaron Horman  
 September 30, 2018      Cheryl Boedeker



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- September 2 Shelley Jacobs
- September 4 Ray Wiese, Linda Freese,  
Marcine Miller, Jacob Gottschalk
- September 7 Brett Esbaum, Avery Luepker
- September 8 Emily Hayton
- September 12 Henry Boedeker, Gail Hamdorf  
Caitlyn Neill
- September 17 Vicki Mohr
- September 19 Helen Gottschalk
- September 21 Chris Drewelow
- September 22 Alice Rowold
- September 23 Joy Combs, Randy Horman
- September 25 Taylor Lohman
- September 26 \*David Holst, Jared Bentrott
- September 27 Bob Rowold, Pam Jensen  
Royce Gottschalk
- September 28 Rhonda Poppe
- September 29 Steve Poppe, Kelly Proesch,

**Card...  ...shower**

**Henry Boedeker**

Lincoln Way Villa  
PO Box 369

**Helen Gottschalk**

Wheatland, Iowa 52777  
404 1<sup>st</sup> Street, PO Box 252  
Lowden, Iowa 52255

**Alice Rowold**

307 Main Street,  
Lowden, Iowa 52255



*Happy Anniversary!*

September 2	Allen & Sandra Koch (1960)
	Darrell, Jr. & Jody Yutesler (1990)
September 8	Brad & Liz Norton (1979)
September 9	Kent & Janice Strackbein (1961)
September 11	Pete & Sharon Johnson (1965)
September 15	Gary & Kim Klahn (1984)
September 18	Jill & Mike Jacobs (2010)
September 22	Jim & Jan Olsen (1962)



**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 14, 2018**

Zion United Church of Christ Council met at 7:00 p.m. on June 14, 2018. Vice-President Jamie Nabb called the meeting to order in the absence of President Joy Combs. Pastor Steve opened with devotions and a prayer. Those in attendance were Bonnie Kintzel, Rick Balke, Jamie Nabb , and Sharon Elijah. Linda Behrens was present through the treasurer's reports.

Joys and concerns were shared.

The secretary's minutes were read and made official as corrected on a motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick. Motion carried. The treasurer's reports were reviewed. Sharon moved to accept the treasurer's reports as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick. Motion carried.

Calendar review:	June 19-22	Regional Youth event (Pastor attending)
	July 15	Evening Circle 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception
	July 22	Outdoor worship service at the Lowden park
	July 22-26	VBS

Pastor explained the background check application for those wanting to help with Kids Night In events. Pastor's expense report was approved on a motion by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

The church air conditioner was repaired by Lowden Plumbing & Heating.

A letter of resignation from Alan Mohr effective May 30, 2018 was read. Bonnie moved, Rick 2<sup>nd</sup>, that the council empower the nominating committee to find a replacement to fill the remaining term of the resigned council member. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Sharon moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick, that we give Marvin Mooney, who as a gift to the church, shovels snow from our walks on our property, a \$100 gift card for his work this past winter. Motion carried.

There was no report from the spring dinner. Jamie gave a report on the improvement fund.

Our next meeting will be July 19, 2018. Rick moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie that meeting be adjourned. Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Elijah, Secretary



**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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JULY 19, 2018**

Zion United Church of Christ Council met at 7:00 p.m. on July 19, 2018. President Joy Combs called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve opened with devotion and a prayer. Those in attendance were Jamie Nabb, Joy Combs, Duane Lasack, Sharon Elijah, Bonnie Kintzel and Rick Balke. Linda Behrens was present through the treasurer's reports.

Joys and Concerns were shared.

The secretary's minutes were read and made official as corrected on a motion by Jamie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick. Motion carried. The treasurer's reports were reviewed and approved on a motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie. Motion carried. Discussion was had on the Library Fund bank charges. Linda will talk to the bank about this. Jamie gave an oral report on the organ fund and improvement fund. \$3924 from the improvement fund was transferred to the general fund.

Pastor announced that the community worship service will be on August 26, 2018, with Zion doing the service; our outdoor service is July 22<sup>nd</sup>; he enjoyed the UCC Regional Youth Event and recommended that some of our youth attend the General Synod meeting in 2019. Pastor Steve strongly suggested the church consider implementing background checks on adults who have a role in leading youth. Pastor will call Jeremy Butler of the UCC Insurance Board for clarification on who this should be. We will try to have a teleconference with him at the next council meeting. Moved by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick that Pastor's expense report be approved. Carried.

President Joy thanked Duane Lasack for volunteering to fill the unexpired term of Al Mohr and also keeping his place on the endowment committee for the rest of his term.

Discussion was held on the Spring Dinner reports. Duane moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie that we leave \$2000 in the spring dinner account and put \$7400 in the general fund to help

pay for the parsonage roof. The spring dinner committee has a wish list of items to consider purchasing to benefit the church and enhance future spring dinners. This includes lighter water pitchers, aprons, extension cords and large trash cans. Also under consideration is the purchase of lighter weight fold-up banquet tables which will need council approval.

New light fixtures for the educational building have been purchased and a sample was shown to us. Joy will check to see if we need to have a certified electrician install them or if we can install them ourselves.

The next council meeting will be August 23. Bonnie moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duane that meeting adjourn. Carried. Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Elijah Secretary



**ZION EVENING CIRCLE  
JULY 11, 2018**

Ten Evening Circle members and two guests, Donna Meier and Ann Pruess, made the trip to Rock Island to Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse on July 11th. Our lunch was a choice of Midwestern Meatloaf, Chicken Cacciatore or Caprese Tilapia which was served to us at our table along with a choice of desserts. The show was "The Bridges of Madison County" based on the book by Robert James Waller. The talented actors and the Bootleggers made this a very entertaining afternoon. Thanks to Janis and Janice for making the arrangements.

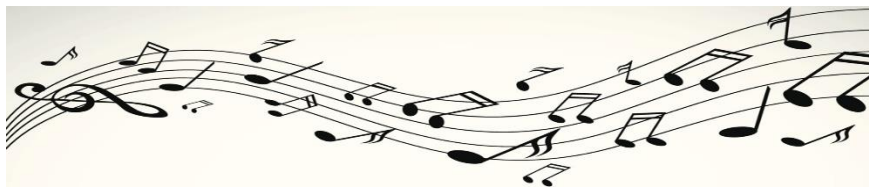
## **ZION EVENING CIRCLE CELEBRATES 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

On July 15, 2015 Evening Circle celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary during worship service. Many members, both past and present, attended. Ina Hack, a founding member talked a little about the beginning of Circle. Pictures on the screen depicted events in the life of Circle; and Pastor Steve and President Terry Lasack read a list of projects Evening Circle has been involved in the past 75 years. Pastor Steve blessed the members, past and present, that were asked to come forward. Pastor Steve read an excerpt from a letter written by Rev. Paul Jordan in 1986 which said: "You ladies have always done so many very important things in the life of our Church, and you do so with a great deal of imagination, creativeness and feeling. May you continue to do so, and may you experience the spiritual blessings of our Lord, as a group and as individuals."

Flowers on the altar were given by Circle in honor of the event. After church service Circle hosted a reception with a beautiful cake baked and decorated by Holly Loussaert. Scrapbooks created by historian Linda Freese were placed on the tables for us to look through.

### **ZION EVENING CIRCLE**

The Evening Circle will be back in action in September. They will hold their September meeting at Fox's pond on September 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30. Husbands are invited. Guests are always welcome at any of our meetings. Please come and join us for an entertaining night.



## MUSIC AND WORSHIP MEETING

Music and Worship Committee met Sunday, July 1, 2018. Kelly Nabb, Marcine Miller, Janice Strackbein, Sandra Horman, Vicki Mohr, Bonnie Kintzel and Pastor Steve attending.

Plans for the Outdoor Service and Potluck for July 22 at 10:00am Sandra Horman plays the organ and Aaron Horman will set it up. Janice Strackbein will take care of the flowers, tablecloths and water. Randy Horman will bring the Alter, etc. from the church. Kelly Nabb will make lemonade – 1 thermos and water- bring serving spoons, spatulas, sm. Paper plates and extension cords. Marcine will wipe down tables and sweep floor as needed on Sunday morning.

VBS will be July 22 – 29 the ending program will be at Fox's Pond.

Park Day will be the last Sunday in August – Possibly 10:30 – Zion will be in charge of the service for the community. Pastor is looking for a guitar player. The Call to Worship maybe an action. There will be a community choir.

Pastor closed our meeting with a prayer.  
Next meeting is August 19, 2018 after service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Mohr, Secretary



**Sunday Classes begin  
Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at  
9AM!**