

6/11/2024 email to congregation

It is Summer Time and that means travel! If you find yourself having to miss a Sunday Service you can always find it recorded on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@zionkazoo>

We had a great time at the tailgate and Family Fun Sunday last week! Mark the next one down on your calendars: **July 14 at 11am!**

Grateful Hearts/Thankful Hands has a table of summer Grab and Go gifts here at the church. Be ready for your summer gatherings with hostess gifts for friends or gift giving to special people in your lives.

Backyards, Bourbon, and Bibles If you are a fan of lawncare, bourbon, and God's Word we invite you to join us for a new Men's Group this summer! We will meet at various locations but our next scheduled dates are June 26, July 31, and August 21, all at 8pm. If you're interested in coming to one (or all) of these contact Aaron Grube at dcegrube21@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for June 24th! On that Monday night we will gather as a congregation for a meal and then split off into two main groups: Families for Bible based activities/discussions AND a Servant Event Crew. ALL of the congregation is invited! Dinner is at 5pm and we head out for projects/activities around 5:45pm. There is are sign up sheets on the kiosk, or you can reach out to Aaron via email at dcgrube21@gmail.com to participate. We will do this again (different projects and activities of course) on July 9!

Let's Hike with Mike! Starting June 25th 7:30pm, Pastor Mike is hosting a 1.5 mile hike of the Kleinstuck Preserve on the 4th Tuesday of the month in June, July and August. Join for the fellowship and enjoy refreshments after the hike. Meet at the parsonage!

The Annual Kalamazoo Growlers Game is July 20th at 6:35pm – Tickets are only \$20 for adults, kids 18 and under are FREE – but hurry, these tickets are limited. Join other Zion families and friends on the annual trip to the Growlers! Family Ministry is covering the cost of kids 18 and under, so they are free. Tickets are first come, first served and we only have 40 tickets this year to give out. This event is open to everyone in Zion's congregation and family/friends. Ticket includes dinner and vouchers for drinks/hats/etc! To sign up, contact Aaron at dcegrube21@gmail.com or sign up on the Kiosk at the church.

Reminder: Prayer Shawl meets every 3rd Saturday of every month from 2pm – 4pm at 5 Lakes on West Main St Kalamazoo.

The family of Rollie and Sharon Preuss asks that you join them as they host a Celebration of Life for Sharon this Saturday June 15th beginning at 10am for visitation, with an 11am service, followed by a luncheon at noon.

Friends of Jesus Preschool Summer Camp is now here! Children ages 3-6 are welcome to attend. Sessions are week-long with exciting themes including Bubble Party, Space Explorers, and Music Mania. Full and half-day sessions are available. For more information and registration stop by the preschool office or visit www.friendsofjesuspreschool.com.

FOJ thanks everyone for their continued support! As always, if you are interested in making a donation,

cash or check can be placed in the locked dropbox outside the preschool office or by making an online donation and choosing Friends of Jesus Preschool from the drop-down. Thank you!

Weekly meditations continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook

(On Wednesdays we share a preview of Sunday's lessons to ready you for worship – feel free to share with friends!)

WKZO radio ministry / Sundays 9:30am / WKZO

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! For June they are asking for peanut butter, almond butter, jams and jelly. Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am-12pm

269-382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Mike 419-203-6770 / Pastor Couch 598-8167 / Aaron 271-2848

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, or email address, please call the church office and let us know!

Thank you for your continued financial support. Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

Prayers: Please pray for the family of Dr. David Lyth as they mourn his passing from June 3rd. His service will be held June 15th at 11:00am (followed with a reception at 12:00) at Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes on Stadium. Please remember in your prayers: Rollie Preuss and his family on the passing of Sharon, Garr Gast's wife, Maureen, Jack Sauer and Benno Rosin for healing. Jack and Savannah Engelder as they celebrate their union from this past weekend and transition to Zion. Jason & Emily Groth as they prepare to go into the mission field in Belize.