

October 5 congregational email

COVID NOTIFICATION: We continue to monitor COVID activity and are abiding by guidance of our local health department and CDC. Masked or unmasked, you are welcome here.

One of our members who attended 8am Sunday worship, Oct 3rd, and is fully vaccinated, tested positive for COVID on Monday. The person has mild symptoms, and has spoken to everyone they have been in close contact with. We are being as careful as we can. Should anyone else who was here test positive, please let people you have had close contact with know.

The Kalamazoo County Health department's guidance is that if you have had close contact (within 6ft for at least 15 minutes) with someone who tests positive you should monitor yourself for 10 days. Fully vaccinated people are not required to self-quarantine. If you have symptoms or are concerned, get tested. These are interesting and confusing times but as long as we are sensitive to the present realities and open with questions and concerns, we are being responsible in our care for each other.

This is the week for photos for the new directory! If you have lost track of your appointment, please call church office! Thanks.

Also, please make sure your address and contact information is correct.

Special thanks for the outpouring of support for dental supplies for Afghan refugees coming to Kalamazoo!!! We gathered so much that the excess was donated to help mothers and children in the YWCA domestic assault shelter. Thanks!

Food for Wednesday dinners has been awesome, but our attendance has been lower than expected, and we aren't certain why. We will evaluate after this week and decide whether to continue or postpone until people are participate again in this ministry of food and fellowship. Stay tuned.

Wednesday Dinner at 5:15pm. Menu this week is: Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread & Salad

WORSHIP

Saturday 5:30pm / Sunday 8am and 10:30 am / Sunday Classes 9:15am

(Pastor Couch meets with College students for pizza after 10:30 worship)

Church Office hours: Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm; Fri 9a to Noon 382-2360

Pastoral assistance: Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848

Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Weekly Online and Radio Ministry

Sunday 10:30 am worship live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Radio Sermon WKZO 590AM at 9:30 am

Facebook devotions (Monday and Friday)

Pastor Seeber Men's Class / "John's Gospel" / Saturday 8am (at Zion AND Zoom)

Pastor Seeber's Sunday Class / 9:15 am on "The Prophets"

Pastor Brelje Class / Tuesdays at 10am

Pastor Seeber's "Walking Through the Bible" class / Tuesdays on Facebook and YouTube

Thanks to those who are volunteering as ushers, greeters, communion assistants, lectors, altar ministry, sound board, and kitchen help. Please email (zion@zionkazoo.org) or call the office (382-2360) to get back on schedules or to learn how to help.

Grateful Hearts Thankful Hands bazaar needs anything you can spare from your canning projects...jams, fruits, relishes, pickles, vegetables...etc. Our cupboard is pretty bare. Jars are available in the old kitchen. Please see the display in the hall. **CRAFTS are needed as well.** Please put your finished projects in the Workroom.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Finance Update for 10-3-2021	
Offerings received	\$11,574
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$10,560
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$215,585
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$241,460

Thank you for your financial support. Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! 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>

*** If you have been hospitalized or are now confined to home or have a new address or phone number, please call the church or one of the pastors and let us know! ***

Thanks for the increased support for LOAVES AND FISHES!!! The food collection bins are located in front of the church office. October need is Soups & Stews