

Burlington Zion Express

August 2017

From The Pastor's Desk

A Time For Holy And Strategic Conversations

At our best, every conversation we have as a congregation is a holy conversation because it is about our understanding of who we are as a faith community, a people in relationship with a living, still-speaking God.

It is time for Zion to enter into some holy and strategic conversations about where God is calling us to be and to do in the future, and begin to think strategically and in a holy way about how we might move in that direction.

Zion is a spiritual community, living in a particular context of time, space, and culture. We have assets and resources. As a congregation, we dedicate ourselves to worship God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ wherever possible, and to demonstrate God's love for others through our outreach activities. As individuals we contribute our time, talents, and money to the ongoing missions of the church.

Zion Church members give hundreds of hours of their time and talents every week. In addition, more than 100 of you contribute financially to the work we do together. Some give more, some give less, but every gift is important.

Part of our strategic path forward together is unclear. How can we best meet Zion's needs to do ministry? What changes can we foresee?

To achieve the best result we need as many voices as possible. God's best wisdom often appears when the community works together.

We will be holding Holy & Strategic Conversations September 17 and September 24, from 11:30am to 12:30 pm. Come either day. Come and bring your prayerful, faithful best energy as we work together to hear and follow God's still-speaking voice.

Grace And Peace,

Brice



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

God is still speaking,

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Sunday, August 6th

Communion Sunday

Sermon: "Struggle That Heals As It Wounds"

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31

Sunday, August 13th

Sermon: "Wet Feet"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20th

Sermon: "Fatal To Prejudice"

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday, August 27th

Leading Worship: Jim Ritters

Sermon: Pending

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Worship Helpers

Thank You For Being A Part Of
The Praise & Worship Team!

August Audio/Visual:

Jim Levins

August Church Closers:

Tom & Connie Ralston

August Chancel Arts:

Sue Eden

Sunday, August 6

Communion:	Kathy Morrish & Paulette Cavanah
Greeters:	DiAnne Lerud-Chubb; Kathy Morrish; Barb Clem; Deb Ruble
Reader:	Bonnie Downes
Tower Bell:	Bob Parmeter
Valet:	Pending Valet

Sunday, August 13

Greeters:	Bill & Connie Krieger; Joanne Mauer; Rod Reeves
Reader:	Paula Renard
Tower Bell:	Jakob Welch & Marlis Robberts
Valet:	Bill Daws

Sunday, August 20

Greeters:	Jim Levins; Lin Parks; Bonnie Downes; Paula Renard
Reader:	Barb Clem
Tower Bell:	Abbi Eden
Valet:	Scott Wood

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Sunday, August 27

Greeters:	Pending Greeter Pending Greeter Milt & Laurie Paule
Reader:	Bonnie Downes
Tower Bell:	Jason Workman
Valet:	Rich Goble

The 2017 Paint-A-Thon September 5th – 9th



Get Out Your Tools And
Paint Brushes,
For The Annual
Paint-A-Thon!

Please email Kristina if you are interested in participating. Volunteers are always needed for this worthwhile cause! Even if you can only assist one day of the week, your contribution is greatly appreciated! For additional details regarding the Paint-A-Thon, please contact Pam Daws.

Thank You To Last Year's Participants!



What's Happening

UPDATE ON JUDY TOMKINS Submitted By Laurie Paule

Many have asked about Judy Tomkins. I spoke with Ken Tomkins on Sunday. She is in Assisted Living and is doing fine. She does have confusion sometimes. Ken and Kathy get her out often and bring her to their home. Sometimes, Ken goes over and has breakfast with her. She always expresses her appreciation for what they do for her. She enjoys mail but will not respond.

Mailing Address:
3401 Premier Drive, Apt 115-A
Plano, TX 75023

Volunteers Are Needed For The SUMM Dinner



The SUMM Dinner is Thursday, August 31st at Grace Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to assist with the meal.

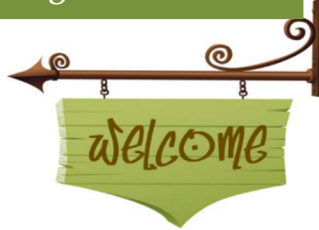
If you are interested in assisting, please refer to the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.



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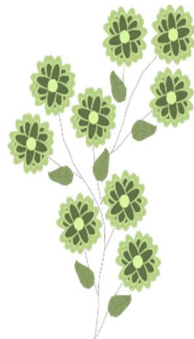
WELCOME GUESTS

Sunday, August 13th



It is with great pleasure to welcome Linda Michael and Sara Luna to our Worship Service on Sunday, August 13th!

Linda is the widow of Reverend David, who was Zion's Pastor between the years of 1966-1975.



Please give a warm welcome to our guests!

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

-Salvation Army-



The Salvation Army is conducting a Backpack Giveaway. The program provides school supplies to

Burlington children. Any family who needs basic school supplies for the upcoming school year can sign up to receive these donated items free of charge. The signups will be July 25th – August 15th, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Help Supply Area Schools With Supplies

June 1-August 11

Project: Crayon Gearing Up For 2017

Project: Crayon is gearing up for the 2017 school supply drive. The Farmers & Merchants Community Foundation has been able to continue to assist teachers and students because of the individuals and generosity of local businesses.

Due to budget cuts and the current economy, teachers are being forced to spend more and more of their own money to purchase classroom supplies. Project: Crayon helps to lighten their financial load by collecting school supplies and monetary donations to purchase supplies for area teachers.

If you would like to donate to Project: Crayon, monetary donations and new school materials are accepted. If you're not sure what to give, let the Farmers & Merchants Community Foundation do the shopping for you.

Donations can be dropped off at any F&M Bank Trust location from June 1st – August 12th. If you would like your donations picked up, please contact Amy Walsh or Brenda Wischmeier by email or phone.

Telephone: 319-754-2265
Amy Walsh: acw@fmbanktrust.com
Brenda Wischmeier: bkw@fmbanktrust.com

HOLY & STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS



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CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



Dear Friends:

Your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets+ Program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares."

We are deeply grateful for your support. Because of your compassion:

-Families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food and shelter – and with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.

-People struggling against crushing property and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table – and take it to market.

-Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water and the nutritional food essential for growth, development and life itself.

On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you. With your vital partnership, CWS is building a world where there is enough for all.

Sincerely,
Rev. John L. McCullough
President & CEO of Church World Service

Please See The Bulletin Board In The Back of The Sanctuary For Our CWS Honor Certificate, Demonstrating The Generosity of Our Congregation!

Submitted By Jerry Goddard



ADULT FORUM

This fall, Jerry Goddard, Laurie Paule, and Gary Chapman will present an Adult Forum on "Writing Your Family History."

If you would like to get a head start, please consider reading The Art of Memoir, by Marry Karr or The Lazy B by Sandra Day O'Connor. More details will follow.

DISASTER MINISTRIES

Active Recovery Programs

Within the United Church of Christ, we work together to provide Disaster

Ministries locally and around the world. Your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts fund Disaster Ministries efforts.



Currently, we have active recovery programs in Florida (recovering from Hurricane Matthew last fall), Floods in West Virginia, Earthquakes in Nepal, and Famine in East Africa.

There is an active recovery work site in Volusia County (Daytona Beach area) now receiving volunteers. They are working with a list of over 3,200 homes. Are you interested in a late fall/winter mission trip to Florida? Daytona Beach while it's cold here in Iowa?

DISASTER MINISTRIES

Humanitarian Disasters: Famine



In East Africa, Famine has officially been declared in South Sudan and, for the first time in recent history, there is a very real

possibility of four famines - in Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Yemen - breaking out all at once.

Twenty million people face starvation within the next six months. International aid officials warn that this is one of the biggest humanitarian disasters since World War II. Increased investment in international humanitarian assistance at this moment is critical to assist these people in crisis. In addition, we see that continued funding for peace-building programs that prevent violent conflict are critical pieces that help address root causes of poverty and famine.

To address the current famine, the global humanitarian community is ready to scale up the response to avert a catastrophe, but requires additional funds immediately to do so.

Let's do our part through our prayers, generous contributions, and advocacy with the U.S. government to release emergency funding to meet the catastrophic needs of these four countries and support robust funding for diplomatic, development, and peace-building tools, which are critical to our security, and to the well-being of others around the world. We must act now, before it is too late.



Thank You For Assisting With The Hospice House



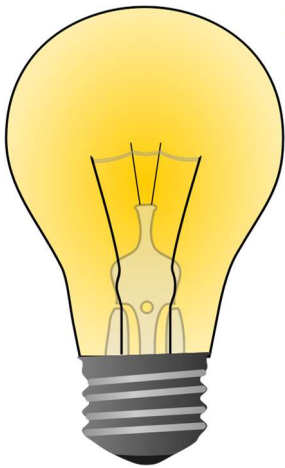
Community Provider of
Comfort, Care & Compassion

Thank you to all who
have been assisting
with meals for families
at the Hospice House.

Your dedicated
fellowship
is appreciated!

Thank You

Bulb Changes/ Lighting Needs At Zion



Please forward all lighting
repair requests to
Kristina. This is no
longer a task that the
Building & Grounds
Committee will be
responsible for. After she
is notified, Kristina will
contact the appropriate
parties. For tracking
purposes, email requests are
preferred. Thank you!



Just 
MARRIED

Congratulations

John Edward Des Jardins and
Mary Cecilia Allen on your recent nuptials!
We all wish you a lifetime of happiness,
joy, and lots of memories.

John Des Jardins
and Mary Allen were wed
on July 7th By Pastor Brice Hughes.

Choir Rehearsal S

It's That Time Again!

Zion's Vocal Choir will begin rehearsals again
Wed. August 30th at 7PM. Our first Sunday
to sing during service will be Sunday Sept.
10th. We rehearse most Wednesdays for
about an hour, but we are a flexible,
sociable group and understand that
being a part of a choir doesn't mean
you will never miss a rehearsal!
We try to work ahead on music, so people can
learn the music and join us on Sundays as
often as they are able. If you enjoy singing,
even just in the car or the shower, we hope
you will give the choir a try!



YOUTH GROUP FIELD TRIP

-Adventureland-

The Youth Group will be going to Adventureland on Friday, August 4th.

We will be leaving the church at 8:00 a.m. and arriving at Adventureland around 11:00 a.m. There are rides and a water park, so please dress accordingly.

If we have a group of 15 people or more, we will receive the tickets at a price of \$32 each. Otherwise, the tickets will be \$40 each. Kids will need money for their ticket, lunch at the park, and a fast food stop on the way home. All chaperone tickets and lunch will be provided. Please contact Lisa Neises by August 1st if you plan to attend so that we can arrange rides and tickets.



If anyone needs assistance with expenses for this trip just let Lisa know.

Telephone: 319-759-6737
E-Mail: lnaises@mchsi.com
Snap Chat: lisa_annh2be

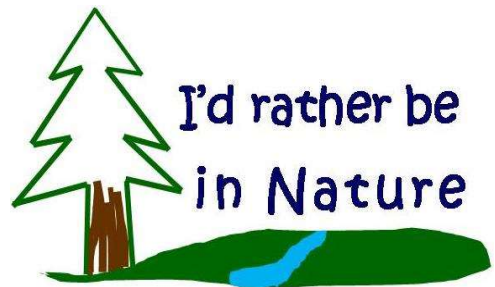
YOUTH GROUP MINISTRIES

As The Tag Line Goes...
You're Going To Love It
At Adventureland!

YOUTH GROUP FIELD TRIP

-Starr's Cave Nature Center-

On Tuesday, August 22nd, children and youth are invited to spend the day at Starr's Cave Nature Center.



Children and youth will enjoy a fun-filled day of outside activities at the Nature Center.

As the date nears, additional information regarding the event will be published by Janice Gibson.

LOOKING AHEAD

-Back To Church Sunday-

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Back to Church Sunday is September 10th. Last year, we played games in the parking lot, served food, etc. Additional details will be posted in August regarding the event!

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COME JOIN US!



TWO WEEKLY
BIBLE STUDIES

Pastor Brice offers two weekly Bible Studies. They meet Tuesday mornings (7:30 a.m.) at Diggers Rest and Wednesday evenings (6:00 p.m.) at the Church.

Zion Newsletter Distribution



For convenience purposes, the majority of Zion Newsletters are emailed to members of the church.

However, if you do not have an email address, or prefer a hard copy of the Newsletter, please let the office know.

You may contact the office via telephone at 319-752-2305 or make a note in the Registering Attendance Pads (maroon pads) utilized during the beginning of Sunday Church Service.

As always, copies of the Zion Newsletter will be available during the first week of the month on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

FOOD pantry

Because of Your Gracious
Contributions, We
Provided Food to 20
Families During The
Month of July!

BRIDGE THE _____ GAP

Monthly Update For
Bridging The Gap Program

During the month of July, our Bridging the Gap Program assisted several families through our Love Fund Resources!

Because of Your
Generous Contributions...

- We assisted 4 people with their rent.
- We assisted 5 people with their water bills.
- We assisted 5 people with their utility bills.
- We assisted 1 person with a gas voucher.
- We assisted 2 people with bus passes.

Come Celebrate With The Ritters Family!

Come Celebrate The Recent
Marriage of P.J. And
Lara Carlson-Ritters On
Sunday, August 20th
With The
Ritter's Family!
The Beautiful Couple
Tied The Knot
On June 10th
In Minneapolis, MN.

A Luncheon Will Be Served
In The Fellowship Hall
In Their Honor
After Church Service
On August 20th.
Everyone Is Invited!

The Family Requests
No Gifts, Only Your Presence!

For The Newer Members
of The Congregation,
P.J. And Lara Are The Son And
Daughter-In-Law
of Jim And Debbie Ritters

To Love And To Hold
From This Day Forward



May Your Love Continue To
Grow Each And Every Year

Happily Ever After

Two Hearts,
Two Lives, One Love

LOVE



FOREVER

Fellowship Dinner

**For Members And
Prospective Members**

The first dinner will be held on Sunday,
August 13th starting at 5:00 p.m.
at Keith Schulz's home,
922 N 3rd Street in Burlington.

**Due to the enthusiasm of our congregation,
I am happy to report that the maximum
number of attendees has been reached!**

We believe these dinners will promote
socializing amongst the church members and
reach out to people in the community, who
are looking for a loving, open-minded church.
The community needs to know that we
welcome all who welcome everyone else.
There is no judgement at Zion. God is still
speaking, and at Zion, we can seek, discover,
and renew our faith together.

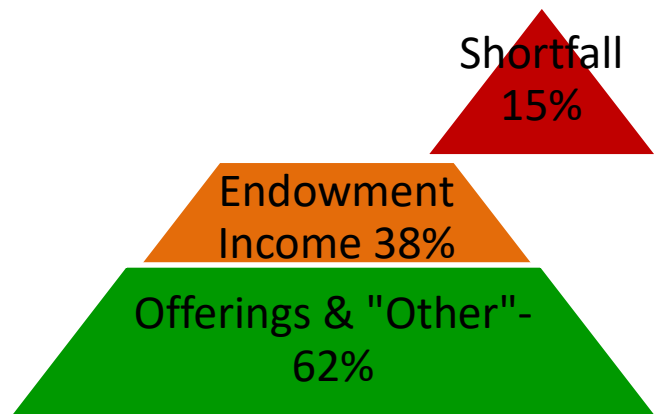
THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous
donation to the Homeless Shelter. So nice
of you to think of us. I appreciate your
kindness and support. God bless all! - Char



OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Second Quarter Revenue Vs. Expenses



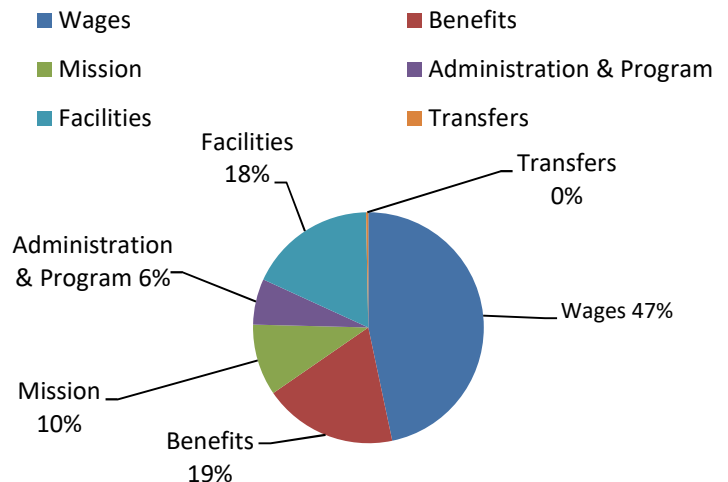
Second Quarter 2017 Revenue & Expenses
\$152,902.00 Expenses

***\$80,702.00 Offerings & "Other"-**

***\$49,024.00 Endowment Income**

***\$23,176.00 Shortfall (Transferred From Reserves)**

Where Does the \$ Go?



BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING MINUTES

Conducted On Tuesday, July 11th At 7:00 P.M.

1. Mike Hopp: Boiler Report and Insurance update
2. Sign for parking property has been installed.
3. Millard: No update.
4. Lights replaced with LED's. Review contract with JD Electric.
5. Help us find the missing LGBT flag.
6. Radiator on north side - 2nd and 3rd floors are tied to hot water. Will visit later with Mike Hopp after inspection of boiler.
7. Repair parking lot crack during the church's fall-cleanup.
8. Office lock has been rekeyed.
9. Discuss custodian hours per Brice. Have a meeting with Brice, Kay, Tom, and anyone else that would like to attend. Date to be published.
10. Set date for clean-up – complete walk through.
11. Open Discussion

**Meeting Minutes
For The Building &
Grounds Committee
Are Submitted
By John Jay.**

**The Next Building &
Grounds Committee
Meeting Is
Tuesday, August 1st.**

**Members of The Building
& Grounds Committee Are:**

**John Jay
Judy Taylor
Tom Kenney
Steve Klein
Rodney Botts
Di-Anne Lerud-Chubb
Bruce Workman
Brice Hughes**



August Birthdays:

- 1--- **Joseph Deal**
9183 Gaslight Dr., Burlington, IA 52601
- 2--- **Kyle Des Jardins**
605 Melville Ct., West Burlington, IA 52655
- 3--- **Sandra Deal**
9183 Gaslight Dr., Burlington, IA 52601
- 6--- **Stella Hartman**
2405 Madison Ave., Burlington, IA 52601
- 8--- **Nanci Ell**
1919 S. Main St., Burlington, IA 52601
- 8--- **Kathy Morrish**
1001 Parkway Dr., Burlington, IA 52601
- 10-- **Barbara Meth**
2624 Lavender Lane, Burlington, IA 52601
- 13-- **Gary Chapman**
P.O. Box 591, Burlington, IA 52601
- 14-- **Connie Ralston**
3219 Crystal Dr., Burlington, IA 52601
- 14-- **Randy Wachter**
P.O. Box 7, Burlington, IA 52601
- 15-- **Vivian Kellar**
128 Greenwood Dr., Burlington, IA 52601
- 15-- **David Levins**
714 Whitewood St., Burlington, IA 52601
- 17-- **Judy Taylor**
18404 125th St., Danville, IA 52623
- 18-- **Rodney Botts**
421 N. 7th St., Burlington, IA 52601
- 19-- **Dennis Dietzman**
2819 Fair Acres Dr., Burlington, IA 52601
- 19-- **Marvin Fraise**
1002 W. Mt. Pleasant St., West Burl., IA 52655

- 28-- **Janet McCannon**
218 Jefferson, Apt. 4A, Burlington, IA 52601
- 28-- **Judy Nesius**
710 Louisa St., Burlington, IA 52601

Early September Birthdays:

- 1--- **Joseph Deal**
9183 Gaslight Dr., Burlington, IA 52601
- 2--- **Kyle Des Jardins**
605 Melville Ct., West Burlington, IA 52655
- 3--- **Sandra Deal**
9183 Gaslight Dr., Burlington, IA 52601




August Anniversaries:

- 4--- **Gene & Janese Davis (60)**
1405 A. Orchard Meadows Drive
Burlington, IA 52601
- 6--- **Milt & Laurie Paule (62)**
2601 S. 3rd Street
Burlington, IA 52601
- 10-- **Jeffrey & Marian Fritz (43)**
5956 Hunt Road
Burlington, IA 52601
- 18-- **Lyle & Janice Gibson (44)**
204 Crestview Drive
Burlington, IA 52601
- 18-- **William & Connie Krieger (38)**
12396 Y Camp Road
Burlington, IA 52601
- 25-- **Darrell & Sue Eden (44)**
218 Lewis Street
Burlington, IA 52601
- 31-- **Gary & Janet Chapman (49)**
P.O. Box 591
Burlington, IA 52601



August 2017 Planning Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 A.M. Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	2 9:00 A.M. Bridging The Gap Office Open Under Deb's Direction 6:00 P.M. Bible Study	3	4 Youth Group Trip To Adventureland. Leave Church At 8:00 A.M.	5
	6 10:00 A.M. Worship	7	8 7:30 A.M. Bible Study	9 6:00 P.M. Bible Study	10 7:00 P.M. Consistory Meeting	11
13 10:00 A.M. Worship 5:00 P.M. Membership Dinner At Keith Schulz's Home	14 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Board Meeting	15 7:30 A.M. Bible Study	16 6:00 P.M. Bible Study	17	18	19
20 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Luncheon To Celebrate Marriage of P.J. Ritters & Lara Carlson-Ritters	21	22 7:30 A.M. Bible Study 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Youth Day At Starr's Cave Nature Center	23 6:00 P.M. Bible Study	24	25	26
27 Jim Ritters, Guest Preacher	28	29 7:30 A.M. Bible Study 6:00 P.M. Social Justice Meeting	30 6:00 P.M. Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Zion's Choir Will Resume Rehearsals	31 SUMM Dinner - Please See Teresa Heitmeier To Assist - Or For Additional Details	<p style="text-align: center;">No Coffee Hour During The Month of August</p>	

The BZ Express

August 2017

Zion United Church of Christ

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Pastor's Email: bricehughes@hotmail.com

Website: www.zionuccburlington.org

Zion UCC Staff Members

Rev Brice Hughes, Pastor

Janice Gibson, Organist, Pianist, Music Director,
and Christian Education Director

Kristina Quint, Office Administrator

Kay Jacobs, Treasurer's Assistant

Renita Jarrett, Choir Accompanist
And Wedding Coordinator

Megan Agnew, Nursery Supervisor

Tom Kenney, Custodian

Deb Ruble, Director of Bridging the Gap