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**The Mission of Zion
United Church of Christ**

We are a congregation of Christian believers brought together by the power of the Holy Spirit to faithfully:

- Share our time, talents and treasures,
- Serve the Living God, God’s people and all God’s creation,
- Strive to be the presence of Christ in our community through word and deed.

Vision Statement

We, the family of believers known as Zion United Church of Christ, recognize that we come from many diverse backgrounds. We are brought together by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to provide an open community of love, friendship, respect, caring and compassion. We work as a community of faith to continually build effective communications allowing all to understand our goals and missions, as we share our strength, gifts, time, talents, and treasures. We join together for worship, fellowship, education and support of all. Our programs and physical structures are designed to respond to the needs of the community, to welcome and care for those who are challenged in special ways, and to attract and educate those who are eager to learn about and engage in Christian service. Zion United Church of Christ is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully exhibited in word and deed.

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From Our Pastor...

As I write this, I am preparing to board a plane for a trip to Turkey. Our first destination is Istanbul, formerly Constantinople, once the center of Byzantine Christianity. My wife, Nora, and I will be touring for about two weeks. We'll be back in early May.

While I am vacationing, Jacoba Koppert, the pastor who is currently living in the parsonage, will lead worship on April 29, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served on that day. On Sunday, May 5, Andrea Reiter will conduct the service.

Ande is a licensed commissioned minister of the United Church of Christ. She is a member of Kirkwood UCC, where she offers ministry to members of the congregation who have pastoral needs or concerns.

My first Sunday back will be May 13, known in the secular calendar as Mother's Day, and in the liturgical calendar as the Festival of the Christian Home. The worship ministry team is making carna-

tions available to mothers and other women of the congregation on that day.

May 27 is Pentecost, the day on which we celebrate the birth of the church and the gift of God's Spirit in Christian fellowship. We hope that many Zion worshippers will wear red that Sunday as a sign of the Spirit in our congregation. On that busy Sunday, we will also be remembering those who are veterans of military service, and those who have lost their lives in war. In addition, May 27 is the day we remember our graduates and wish them well as they enter upon a new stage of life.

Music Sunday is June 3. Our choir is planning an exciting program of anthems and musical celebrations for that day.

As we move through the remainder of Easter season into the Season of Pentecost, I hope we will remember that this is the season of our calling, when we listen for the voice of the Spirit of God as

we seek God's guidance for the future of our congregation. The small groups will be starting up in May. I hope you will sign up to attend one of these meetings and offer your opinions as part of our planning effort. It is our plan that this year's Pentecost Season will be a time of renewed commitment to the ministry of Zion Church. The church council will be seeking volunteers from the congregation to serve on a ministry team for church finances and will be appointing a transition task force to begin the process of strategizing for our future ministry and mission. Throughout this time, your participation in worship and in congregational fellowship will be very important, as will your prayers for the growing vitality of our ministry together.

Blessings to you in this season of the Resurrection.

Allen M. Fluent, Pastor



May Special Occasions

Birthdays

Mike Ross	5/01
Charles Gorski	5/03
Rick Steigerwald	5/06
Jan Forbes	5/07
Judy Brust	5/10
Barb Meyers	5/12
Michelle Fischer	5/14
Jan Evans	5/16
Nancy Meyers	5/19
Louise Pennell	5/21
Nancy Lynn	5/28
Heather Arcovitch	5/29

Anniversaries

Kari & Bill Horn	5/06
Barb & Bill Meyers	5/07
Jerri & Rich Baker	5/18
Linda & Scott Presson	5/21
Kathy & Roger Riemann	5/22
Debra & Jim Kastrup	5/23
Lois & Ron Williams	5/23
Louise & Glenn Pennell	5/28

**Worship
Attendance
March 2012**

3/04	51
3/11	51
3/18	49
3/25	<u>51</u>
Total	202
Average	51



Teacher Appreciation

During worship on Sunday, May 27, we will recognize our Sunday School teachers and show our appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the Christian Education of our youth and adults.

Lucille Mamer, Mark Manganeli, Jackie Martin, Nancy Meyers, and Laura Westhoff have spent countless hours this school year preparing materials and leading classes so that we may all grow in our understanding of our faith.

Please join in thanking these dedicated individuals for their service.

Congratulations Graduates!

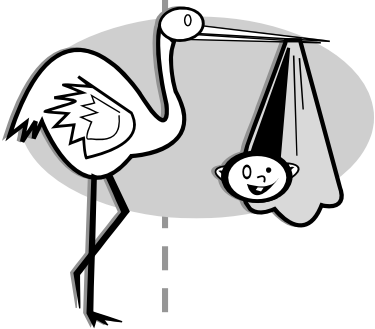
This year's graduating high school senior, and recipient of the Esther Rohmoeller Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, is Carl "CJ" Manganeli. CJ is graduating from North County Christian School and plans to continue his education at St. Louis Community College.

Kyle Coble is graduating with his doctorate in International



Business and Marketing from St. Louis University's John Cook School of Business. Kyle will begin his new job as a Professor at Lindenwood University in June.

Zion's graduates will be honored during worship on Sunday, May 27. Please join in congratulating and wishing CJ and Kyle well during this exciting time!



It's A Boy!

Evan Riley Gahr

April 10, 2012

6:22 pm

8 lbs 11 oz

Parents: Jeanine and Josh Gahr

Big Brother: Merrick Gahr

Grandparents: Debbie and Jerry Kastrop

Congratulations!



Caring For College Students

Zion's current college students include Jason Bodart, Paige Burden, Eric Gatheman, Kelly Tie-
mann, Jason Steigerwald and Scott Wright. Packages filled with snacks and other goodies were delivered to these students during finals in April as a reminder of

the love and prayers of their Zion family.

Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers as they continue working toward their goals.

**Deadline
for
June/July
Echo
is Sunday,
May 20**

June/July Echo

The next issue of the Zion Echo will be combined for June and July.

May 20. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Shirleen

The deadline for submissions for this combined issue is Sunday,



Habitat for Humanity

Zion's Workday May 12

Mark your calendars! Saturday, May 12 is the date of Zion's annual Habitat for Humanity work day. If you are over age 16 and

interested in participating, please contact Mark Manganelli, Kathy Steigerwald or the office.

Easter at Zion



Zion Youth would like to thank everyone for their contributions of plastic eggs, candy and funds to purchase items for the Easter Egg Hunt this year. We saw many new faces and everyone walked away with a smile and a basket filled with eggs!



Thanks also to all who participated in this year's Easter breakfast. A total of \$355.00 was raised for the youth mission trip fund! Special, heartfelt thanks to Carlos and Vivian Bedoya for donating all the food for the breakfast and to those who arrived early and helped with the cooking, or stayed late to clean up.





Our Condolences

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Henry "Hank" Oelkers, who passed away on April 19, 2012.

Raffle Tickets

On Sale Now!



Raffle tickets are now on sale for the quilted coverlet on display in the narthex. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. Proceeds will benefit the Tote Bag Ministry. One winner will be drawn after worship on Sunday,

June 17. See the display in the narthex or talk to any member of Zion Women's Fellowship for more information. Purchase tickets in the narthex before and after worship or by calling the office.



Notary Services Available

Notary services are available, by appointment, at no charge for Zion members and friends.

Please make arrangements with Shirleen if you need something notarized.

Blanket The World With Love

May 13, 2011



The Church World Service, Blankets+ special offering will again take place on Mother's

Day, Sunday, May 13. If you would like to honor or remember your mother or other important women in your life, please provide that information on the special offering envelope provided in your bulletin that day. Offering envelopes will also be available in the narthex for several weeks.

If you would like to let the special women in your life know that they've been honored, cards will also be available in the narthex.

About Church World Service

Founded in 1946, Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in some 80 countries.

For over 60 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the re-

sources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens

- Literacy training and micro-credit for women struggling to realize their potential.

You're the plus in Blankets+!



CHURCH
WORLD SERVICE



Rummage Sale

June 15 and 16

Zion Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16** from 9:00am - 3:00pm each day. Proceeds from this sale will help to finance the Tote Bag Ministry.

Each year, 225 hand made tote bags filled with personal care items are delivered to the St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Center to be given to residents as holiday gifts.

Please place your donations of resalable items in the primary classroom/elevator access room (across the hall from the office). Also, help will be needed during the week of June 11-14 (Monday - Thursday) with pricing and setup, so please mark your calendars!

Current Collections

Collection bins are located in the narthex or at the back of the sanctuary for the following projects/ministries:

- Inkjet printer cartridge recycling (benefits Youth Mission Trip Fund).
- Personal care items for tote bag ministry benefiting St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center residents. *(Directed contributions allow for*

bulk purchasing. Indicate "tote bags" on your check.)

- Non-perishable food, personal care and paper products for St. John's Community Services Ministry & T.E.A.M. (The Emergency Assistance Ministry).
- Small amounts of clothing, toys, smaller household items and all the plastic grocery bags we can collect for St. John's

Community Services Ministry.

- Change for Zion Van Fund.
- Cardboard boxes for packing tote bags and other office projects.
- Cardboard tubes for the Humane Society.
- Books for the Zion Book Exchange.
- Food Pantry Item of the Month for May -- CANNED MEAT.

Zion UCC Calendar of Events

May 2012

Wed, May 02

Lawn Care Crew Workday 4:30 PM – ?

Thu, May 03

Book Discussion Group 10:00 AM

Women's Fellowship 11:00 AM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Sun, May 06

Breakfast Bar Opens 8:45 AM

Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Membership Ministry Meeting 11:30 AM

Mon, May 07

Zion Cemetery Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Wed, May 09

Lawn Care Crew Workday 4:30 PM – ?

Thu, May 10

Book Discussion Group 10:00 AM

Labyrinth Ministry Meeting 2:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Sat, May 12

Zion's Habitat Work Day

Sun, May 13 *Mother's Day*

Breakfast Bar Opens 8:45 AM

Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Worship - CWS BLANKETS+ SPECIAL

OFFERING 10:30 AM

Outreach Ministry Meeting 11:30 AM

Mon, May 14

Peregrine Group 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Williams - Small Group Gathering 7:00 PM

Tue, May 15

Mader - Small Group Gathering 7:00 PM

Wed, May 16

Lawn Care Crew Workday 4:30 PM – ?

Thu, May 17

Book Discussion Group 10:00 AM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Sun, May 20 *June/July Echo Deadline*

Breakfast Bar Opens 8:45 AM

Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Rev. Allen hosting Small Group Gathering
in Fellowship Hall after worship**Mon, May 21**

Zion Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Tue, May 22

Danzer - Small Group Gathering 2:00 PM

Manganelli - Small Grp Gathering 7:00 PM

Wed, May 23

Lawn Care Crew Workday 4:30 PM – ?

Morgan - Small Group Gathering 7:00 PM

Thu, May 24

Book Discussion Group 10:00 AM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Sun, May 27

Breakfast Bar Opens 8:45 AM

Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Worship (Communion) - PENTECOST -
GRADUATE AND TEACHER APPRECIATION
10:30 AM**Wed, May 30**

Lawn Care Crew Workday 4:30 PM – ?

Thu, May 31

Book Discussion Group 10:00 AM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM



Reach Out!

Your thoughts, prayers, cards, letters, visits and telephone calls really mean a lot to Zion members who can't be with us during Sunday worship. Please take the time to show them that they haven't been forgotten:

Audrey Alsop

Parkside Health Center
2150 W. Randolph St. #208B
St. Charles, MO 63301

Ginny & Clarence Gilda

14525 Mondoubleau
Florissant, MO 63034
(314) 838-9569

Irma Becker

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Black Jack, MO 63033
(314) 741-3622

Dolores Kelly

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(636) 625-2305

Esther Blacksher

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O'Fallon, MO 63368

Ethel & Marv Keppler

14672 Rouvre
Florissant, MO 63034
(314) 838-5265

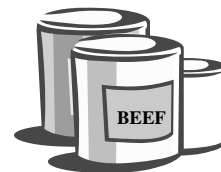
Food Pantry Item of the Month

May 2012

The Outreach Ministry would like to increase our support of two food pantries (T.E.A.M. and St. John's Community Service Ministries) by suggesting a different healthy food

item each month. Beginning in **May**, please place your donations of **canned meat** in the bin at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your ongoing support of those in our

community who need extra help to feed their families.



Barbara and Ronald Trauterman

by Pat Danzer

Barb and Ron, as they are affectionately called, are recent members of Zion UCC joining on May 22, 2011 from Friedens Chapel UCC. Zion is blessed to have them, but it was difficult for them to think of going through another change in church leadership after the sad upheaval caused by the closing of a church they loved. However, they are very comfortable and pleased with Rev. Allen's services and leadership. The friendly congregation and the proximity to their home are two

more positive factors. They enjoy the choir and like the potlucks. Ron volunteers to work on the lawn crew when he is able to be there. His smiling face and enthusiasm are a joy for us as he participates in the church activities. When they bring Abram, their three-year-old grandson, there is another blessing entering the church.

Ron and Barb met as students at University of Missouri at St. Louis. They married on October 14 in 1972 after two years of dating. They have a daughter, Carrie and a son, Brent. Carrie and her husband, Adrian Pyle are the parents of the delightful Abram. They



live in Troy, IL. Carrie teaches at Townsend Elementary School in the Hazelwood District. Brent lives in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and is a laboratory technician at the UT-Southwestern Medical Center. He is the father of two children, Lila who is ten and Dagan who is one and a half years old. Distance prevents Barb and Ron from seeing

Brent's children often.

Ron works at Northside Glass Company located at 6315 Lillian Avenue in the city with his brother/partner. They are co-owners since their father's death three years ago. Their father began working there in 1949 and purchased the business in 1970. The biggest part of their business is installing plate glass windows for businesses under construction. One customer in the past was Dierberg's Stores when they were building and remodeling. For the last

couple of years business has not been as good as some unions, such as the carpenters, added installation of glass to their contracts. Ron plans to work two or three more years. There is business yet, but not as much as earlier.

Barb works in the Provost's office at the University of Mis-

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“Let's give a Hand for all who gave a Hand!” was the theme for this year's celebration.

If you are aware of volunteers who are not included on this list, please let the office know.

Volunteer Appreciation

Approximately fifty people participated in the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by the Membership Ministry on Sunday, April 22 after worship. Three very special volunteers were recognized for their dedication and commitment this year, especially related to recently preparing the parsonage to be rented. These three people; Brian Fischer, Glenn Pennell and Kathy Steigerwald spent countless hours on all sorts of projects!

Everyone was honored for their contributions of time and talent to all the ministries of Zion UCC:

Cemetery Board

- Rich Baker
- Al Conrad
- Ruth Ann Meyer
- Lee Ross
- Marlene Spence
- Larry Westhoff
- Ron Williams

Christian Education Ministry

- Lucille Mamer
- Mark Manganelli
- Jackie Martin
- Nancy Meyers
- Laura Westhoff

Youth Leaders

- Mark Manganelli
- Nancy Meyers

Easter Breakfast

- Carlos Bedoya
- Brian Fischer

Council

- Sharlene Boevingloh
- Pat Danzer
- Jim Kastrup
- Todd Kneib
- Bill Morgan
- Rick Steigerwald
- Ron Williams

Endowment Fund Ministry

- Jerry Kastrup
- Jim Kastrup
- Jackie Martin
- Bill Morgan

Facebook

- Jerry Kastrup

Faith & Mission Ministry

- Michelle Fischer
- Jerry Kastrup
- Bill Morgan
- Kathy Steigerwald

Audit

- Susan Pilson
- Chris Tiemann

Counters

- Sharlene Boevingloh
- Susan Pilson

Treasurer

- Michelle Fischer (sub)
- Kathy Steigerwald

Labyrinth Ministry

- Heather Arcovitch
- Rhonda Burden
- Jan Forbes
- Martha Kneib
- Jackie Martin
- Glenn Pennell
- Kathy Steigerwald

Membership Ministry

- Jerri Baker
- Pat Danzer
- Michelle Fischer

Alan Mader
Shirleen Manganelli
Betty Tope
Louise Wright

Greeting Cards

Jerri Baker

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir

Eli Blavin
Sharlene Boevingloh
Jan Forbes
Martha Kneib
Todd Kneib
Bill Morgan
Rick Steigerwald
Laura Westhoff
Larry Westhoff
Louise Wright

Directors

Sharon Carter
Jan Evans
Ann Gaadt
Martha Kneib
Joyce McClain

Handbell Choir

Ron Danzer
Martha Kneib
Todd Kneib
Jackie Martin
Bill Morgan
Loree Morgan

Wind Ensemble

Eli Blavin
Jen Depp
Jan Evans
Bill Morgan
Laura Westhoff

Outreach Ministry

Pat Danzer
Joyce Dillow
Dolores Doza
Jackie Martin
Marlene Spence
Kathy Steigerwald
Betty Tope

Pastoral & Staff Relations

Jan Evans
Michelle Fischer
Susan Pilson
Rick Steigerwald
Larry Westhoff

Peregrine Group

Dolores Doza
Carol Sovar

Property Ministry

Gardens

Michelle Fischer
Jan Forbes
Jacoba Koppert
Jackie Martin

Lawn Care Crew

Bob Davinroy
Brian Fischer
Tom Forbes
Mark Manganelli
Glenn Pennell
Rick Steigerwald
Ron Trauterman
Larry Westhoff

Maintenance

Brian Fischer
Mark Manganelli
Glenn Pennell
Rick Steigerwald
Kathy Steigerwald

Paper Recycling

Martha Kneib
Todd Kneib

Sign Messages

Ron Williams

Website

Martha Kneib

Welcome Center

Dolores Doza
Betty Tope

Women's Fellowship

Joyce Dillow
Dolores Doza
Nancy Lynn
Shirleen Manganelli

Jackie Martin
Susan Pilson
Dorothy Rose
Carol Sovar
Betty Tope

Tote Bag Seamstress

Ethel Keppler

Worship Ministry

Martha Kneib
Jackie Martin
Loree Morgan
Ron Williams

Communion Prep

Dolores Doza
Shirleen Manganelli

Paraments/Sanctuary

Ron Williams

Readers

Bob Bandy
Sharlene Boevingloh
Martha Kneib
Shirleen Manganelli
Loree Morgan
Kathy Steigerwald
Laura Westhoff
Ron Williams

Ushers

Rich Baker
Jerri Baker
Rhonda Burden
Brianna Fischer
Jaimye Fischer
Michelle Fischer
Tom Forbes
CJ Manganelli
Mark Manganelli
Shirleen Manganelli
Jackie Martin
Nancy Meyers
Loree Morgan
Kathy Steigerwald
Jason Steigerwald
Lois Williams
Ron Williams

Gifts

March 2012

Honor or remember a loved one by designating your contribution to one of these Special Funds:

- Echo Support
- General Memorials
- Labyrinth Fund
- Linstroth Camp Fund
- Music Ministry Fund
- Paint/Carpeting Fund
- Tote Bag Ministry
- Van Fund
- Youth Mission Fund

To St. Louis Veterans Home in memory of Henry Oelkers
Members of Zion UCC

Easter Egg Hunt
Susan Pilson

Renewing Echo Advertisers
Stygar Funeral Homes
Waldbart & Sons Nursery

Tote Bag Ministry
Tom & Jan Forbes
Nancy Lynn & Eli Blavin
Ron & Lucille Peak
Susan Pilson
Rick & Kathy Steigerwald

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

- Rich & Jerri Baker
- Ron & Pat Danzer
- Dolores Doza
- Jim & Debra Kastrup
- Jacoba Koppert
- Nancy Lynn & Eli Blavin
- Alan Mader
- Susan Pilson
- Betty Tope
- Minerva Vale
- Ron & Lois Williams

Zion Echo Support
June & Virgil Brinks

100% of weekly bucket collections are divided between St. John's CSM and TEAM.

Bucket Collections

Our "Make a Joyful Noise" weekly offerings of spare change to benefit St. John's UCC Community Services Ministry and T.E.A.M. (The Emergency Assistance Ministry) totaled \$237.00 in March. This brings total contributions for 2012 to \$542.00.



Thank you for your enthusiastic support of this important ministry!

Income and Expenses - March 2012

	<u>March 2012</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income		
Envelope Receipts	\$5,385.00	\$13,474.00
Endowment Receipts	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$1,900.94</u>
Total Stewardship Receipts	\$5,885.00	\$15,374.94
Other Income	<u>\$2,064.00</u>	<u>\$8,387.42</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,949.00	\$23,762.36
Expenses		
Church Operations	\$6,415.62	\$13,406.95
Salaries/Benefits	\$5,983.13	\$18,411.66
Other Expenses	<u>\$1,134.00</u>	<u>\$1,634.26</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,532.75	\$33,452.87

Endowment Balance As of March 31, 2012 **\$377,267.48**

Please Note: Detailed financial information, monthly Council meeting minutes and reports from other ministries are always available in the office.

Need to Use the Building?

Having a baby or bridal shower, anniversary or graduation party? Does your organization need meeting space? Zion's facilities are available for use by members upon completion of a building usage form, available through the office. Requests must be approved by the Zion Council (meetings are on the third Monday of the month), so please allow time for approval of your request.

The Fellowship Hall and kitchen are available at no charge, although the user is responsible for cleanup and trash removal.

Call the office at 741-1590 for more information.

Building usage forms are available through the office.

Honor or remember a loved one by designating your contribution to one of these Special Funds:

- Echo Support
- General Memorials
- Labyrinth Fund
- Linstroth Camp Fund
- Music Ministry Fund
- Paint/Carpeting Fund
- Tote Bag Ministry
- Van Fund
- Youth Mission Fund



Zion Echo

Special Funds

Why not celebrate a special occasion, honor or remember a loved one by making a designated contribution to one of the following funds?

- **Echo Support** - offset cost of producing and distributing our monthly newsletter.
- **General Memorial Fund** - funds not designated otherwise will be placed in this fund and used for the current operating expenses of the church.
- **Labyrinth Fund** - helps finance labyrinth programming and maintenance.
- **Linstroth Camp Fund** - subsidizes registration fees for summer camp participants.
- **Music Ministry Fund** - to purchase instruments, music and

other items to enhance the mission of Zion's Music Ministry Program

- **Paint & Carpeting Fund** - finance cost of paint and replacement flooring in offices and classroom areas.
- **Tote Bag Ministry Fund** - to purchase items included in tote bags distributed to residents of the St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center.
- **Van Fund** - collection for future purchase of a church van.
- **Zion Youth Mission Trip Fund** - supports annual youth mission trip.

If you have questions about any of these special funds, please call the office.

Support Our Advertisers

The advertisements on page 23 of this and every issue of the Zion Echo have been purchased by local businesses to support the ministry of Zion United Church of Christ. As part of our Zion Family, please show your appreciation

for this support by patronizing these businesses whenever possible.

If you have any questions about Echo advertising, please contact the Zion Office.

Mother's Day History

A celebration of mothers and motherhood, Mother's Day is observed in many parts of the world. In the United States, where it falls on the second Sunday in May, it became a federal holiday in 1914. Traditions include presenting mothers and other women with flowers, cards and gifts.

Mother's Day is a holiday in honor of mothers that is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In its modern form the day originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday in May. Many other countries also celebrate the holiday on this date, while some mark the observance at other times of the year. During the Middle Ages the custom developed of allowing those who had moved away to visit their home parishes and their mothers on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. This became Mothering Sunday in Britain, where it continued into modern times, although it has largely been replaced by Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day; on May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Vir-



ginia. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one's mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother

who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honor became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, and, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being. Festivals honoring mothers and mother goddesses date to ancient times. The Phrygians held a festival for Cybele, the Great Mother of the Gods, as did the Greeks for the goddess Rhea. Likewise, the Romans adapted the practice to their own pantheon. Some countries have continued to observe ancient festivals; for example, Durga-puja, honoring the goddess Durga, remains an important festival in India.

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From www.history.com

Tote Bag Ministry

Needs Continued Support

Work has already begun filling tote bags for the 225 residents of the St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center for 2012.

Zion Women's Fellowship would appreciate your monetary contributions in order to purchase the items included in the tote bags in bulk. Please designate your contributions to

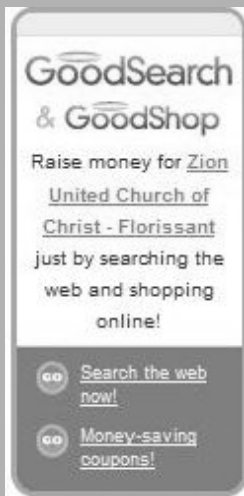
the Tote Bag Ministry. If you would rather contribute actual items, the following are always needed:

deodorant
playing cards
shampoo
soap
socks
tissues (individual packages)
toothbrushes

toothpaste (full size)
wash cloths

NOTE: most of the residents are men

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



GoodSearch for Zion

What if Zion earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? How about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support Zion?

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half of its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charity you designate. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and

select **Zion United Church of Christ – Florissant** as the charity you want to support. It's really that simple!

Last year we earned just under \$40.00 for Zion by using GoodSearch in the office. How much could we earn if everyone used it?

Recipe of the Month

Mike's Beef Stew

2 lbs stew meat
 Layers of potatoes, celery, carrots
 and onions
 1 TBSP sugar
 2 tsp salt
 4 tsp tapioca
 1/2 cup tomato juice



Line bottom of 13x9" baking dish with stew meat. Place layers of potatoes (I use canned, sliced potatoes), celery, carrots (I use petite) and onions on top of stew meat.

Mix together sugar, salt, tapioca and tomato juice and pour over stew meat and vegetables.

Cover with foil and bake for 5 hours at 250°.

Shared by Jackie Martin

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souri in St. Louis. She has been there for fourteen years and does not see retirement on the horizon as yet. Prior to working at UMSL she worked for the Hazelwood School District at Central and East High Schools. Her job and family keep her very busy.

Ron's grandfather went to Concordia Seminary and was a Lutheran minister. Since they lived in the Riverview School District, Ron and his siblings

attended Sunday School at Friedens Chapel UCC. Ron was always active in the church. He was an usher for the last forty years. He often was lay reader, which was more involved with the church service than at Zion UCC. He and others worked to ready Friedens when it was rented to another church and the school district. There was much to do and Ron was there.

Barb grew up in Spanish Lake and graduated from Hazelwood schools and UMSL with a bachelor's of interdisciplinary studies. Although Barb's family was not active in a church, when she married Ron she joined Friedens. That is her "measuring stick" church. She and Ron were youth sponsors at Friedens in the mid seventies. Louise Wright was one of many of their group. When Barb was lucky enough

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to be able to stay home while their children were young, she became more involved in Friedens. She helped organize the Genesis Circle, a group of young moms in the early eighties; volunteered at Vacation Bible School and served on and chaired the Board of Christian Education. Other community volunteer jobs have included being a Girl Scout Leader and serving as a PTA officer.

If anyone attended Riverview School District or drove past the Central Middle School, the name, Patricia Barkalow, is familiar to you. That is the name of the street and it honors a wonderful woman who taught and was an assistant principal there who died of cancer. She was a cousin of Ron's.

Ron has had a couple of close calls. Eleven years ago he

thought he had indigestion. He stayed home from work, but he became increasingly ill with a temperature and extreme pain. He was diagnosed with a staph infection of his heart. It was such a traumatic experience it colors his world today. Just lately he was outside by his business when two bullets whizzed by. He was missed, but the holes in the wall were a clear testimony of how close he came to being killed. Such experiences make one appreciate every day.

Relaxing, Ron enjoys gardening and bike riding. Barb enjoys reading and crocheting. Finding the time to relax is the problem.

It is hoped that the Zion services and activities refresh their spirits and fill a need in their lives, as they boost the spirits and dreams of their Zion family.



Zion Book Exchange

The books on the bookshelves in the narthex are part of Zion's Book Exchange program. If you have books to share (that you won't want back), please put

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