



Give Thanks NOVEMBER 2025



Our Mission: United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

Our Vision: Transforming and caring for our community through Christ's love.

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Sunday, November 2, 2025 – All Saints Sunday

Prelude

Gathering—(based on Psalm 34:8) O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God. With hearts and hands and voices, let us praise the Lord.=

All Saints Celebration

We remember the member of our church who passed away...

Myron Kocher

August 22, 1948 – June 7, 2025

We remember the saints of our lives...

An All Saints Day Prayer—Bless the many parted souls who lived their lives with grace. Bless the saints in heaven, gathered in that special place. May we tell their stories and remember all the ways they lived their faith and spent their days. There is glory and reward, even if at first there's strife. Oh, blessed saints, you help us see a path that's to eternal life. May we always hold them dear and know their life and place. May we know their inspiration and aspire to their grace. Amen.*

*Gathering Song

For All the Saints, 529

Prayer—God of our forbearers, you turn our world upside down. You teach us that neither wealth, nor social status, nor reputation can lead us to life. You remind us to focus on your kingdom, where the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and those persecuted for the gospel receive your blessing. Help us follow the example of the saints, that we may receive our glorious inheritance, by living as Christ taught us to live.~

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Exploring Together

Stewardship Bingo, Michelle Van Dyke

Scripture

Luke 19:1-10 (NRSVUE)

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Reflection

So They May See

Hymn

Come, Share the Lord, 696

We Gather at the Table

Set Your Place at the Table—*For those worshipping with us at home, please use whatever you have on hand to represent the bread and the cup. For those worshipping with us in-person, communion cups are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.*

Our Invitation

A Prayer for Transformation (unison)—God, what would we do without your welcome and your embrace? We give you thanks that you saw Zacchaeus and did not turn away but opened your heart in love to him. You do the same for us. Like Zacchaeus, may we recognize the wrongs we have done, the ways we have not been so loving and kind, our participation in the injustice of the world. Help us to change our ways. Meet us at your table now as you met Zacchaeus in his home that your redeeming love might save us anew. Amen.

Assurance of Grace—Christ came to seek out and save the lost. This day salvation has come to this house. Receive Christ’s forgiveness, and in your repentance help others to see how wondrous grace and mercy truly are. Know that you are forgiven. Amen.

The Words of Institution—We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks..., broke it, and give it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.’

Blessing Our Meal—Merciful God, in bread and cup make your grace known in our lives. As Christ meets us in the brokenness of this bread, help us to see the path toward healing and wholeness. Pour out your Spirit into this sacred meal, and pour out your Spirit into our lives that we may live redeemed. Amen.

We Share the Bread and the Cup

We Give Thanks—Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.’

We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving

Invitation—May the gifts we bring these days be a sign of our commitment to love our neighbors no only in our hearts but in our actions.

November Benevolence—God’s Bounty

Ministry Moment

Riley Hospital, Barb Huffman and Marilyn Whitaker

***Doxology**

We Give Thanks—God of many blessings, you come to us as Christ came to Zacchaeus, that salvation may come to our homes to show us the power of your love. May the offering we bring before you now be a sign of our commitment to live your vision and to share your generosity with our world. Come to us, abide in our homes, and work within these offerings, that all may know your love and justice. Amen.~

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be, 466

Benediction—Like Zacchaeus may you be generous with all that you have. Like the saints who came before us, may you go out into the world to help others see how wondrous and awesome our Savior is. Like our gracious God, may you share mercy and peace with all those you meet. Amen.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- Sunday – Time Change: FALL BACK
- Sunday, during worship – All Saints Celebration
- Monday, 6:30 pm – Young Adult Book Study (Zoom)
- Wednesday, 1:30 pm – Fundraising Team (Zoom)
- Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Pastor Parish Relations (Zoom)
- Friday-Sunday – Global Ministries Board Meeting
- Sunday, November 9, 9 am – Choir Practice
- Sunday, November 9, during worship – Hymn Sing Sunday
- Sunday, November 9, 3 pm – Southeast Association Fall Meeting at St. John's UCC, Southport

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COUNCIL**—We are excited to share that Nathan Law has agreed to serve on council for 2026/2027! We now have a full council for the year ahead. Thank you to our council for their wonderful leadership.
- **THANK YOU!** Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to my ecclesiastical council and for all of your support of our ministry together. Thank you to Kaylee for

serving as our delegate, Michelle for welcoming the association and leading us in prayer, and the Kitchen Team for refreshments. I have been approved for ordination. I am grateful, too, for your generosity for Pastor Appreciation Month last Sunday. It is an honor and privilege to serve you. —Pastor Sarah

- **STEWARDSHIP BINGO**—The Zion UCC Council invites you to join them the first four Sundays of November for *Stewardship Bingo*. Be on the lookout for ways you can serve God and the church as you live your faith. Prizes will be available as you fill your bingo cards.
- **HYMN SING SUNDAY**—While Pastor Sarah is at the Global Ministries Board Meeting on Sunday, November 9, we will have a Hymn Sing in worship! You'll be invited to submit your favorite hymns again this Sunday. Fill out the request form in your bulletin and put it in the offering basket.
- **SCOUT GARAGE**—There was a recent break-in at the Scout Garage with less than \$500 of supplies stolen. Council, Greg Miller (scout Charter Organization Rep), and Pastor Sarah have been working closely with scout leadership to figure out next steps in better security the garage. We are exploring options for lighting, cameras, and additional locks. Please keep an eye on that building if you ever drive by.

SERVE

- **SERVICE TEAM: CLOTHING FOR HORIZON HOUSE**—Thank you to everyone who helped with our winter clothing drive for our unhoused neighbors at Horizon House. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of this community as you seek to serve and enrich our neighbors.
- **ANGEL TREE**—We are excited to once again partner with Hands of Hope to make sure kids in foster care in Marion County experience the joy of the Christmas season. Pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in November to purchase a gift or two. The last few years, we've done gifts for 4 kids but always ran out of tags for people who wanted to donate. This year we will provide gifts for 6 kids! Drop off your unwrapped gifts in the sanctuary by November 30. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing the love and joy of Christ with these kids.
- **NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE**—The holiday season is right around the corner, and we want to help make sure our neighbors have food to eat. Help us fill the chancel with non-perishable food donations. Bring your donations now through November 23.
- **NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE**—This month we are supporting the work of God's Bounty in all kinds of ways as they serve neighbors right here in our community facing food insecurity. In addition to supporting our food drive, you can also make monetary donations to God's Bounty so they can purchase exactly what they need and keep up with the expenses of running the pantry.

ENRICH

- **MINISTRY MOMENT**—Sign up today to share a Ministry Moment with us in worship. This is a chance for you to tell the story of how God is at work through Zion and through the lives of our members.
- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—Thank you to our Young Adults for their servant leadership as they washed the windows at the Zion United Community Center! They will begin a book study on *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* by Brene Brown on November 3.
- **3rd SUNDAY LUNCH**—Becky was able to secure a reservation this month for The Depot. Join us November 16 after worship for a delicious meal together. RSVP to Becky if you plan to attend.
- **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**—You're invited to join us at Hollyhock Hill for our annual Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 7. Please let Becky Osher know as soon as possible if you plan to attend because reservations and arrangements need to be made well in advance. We hope that this location will provide greater mobility accessibility.
- **GOLDEN FRIENDS GAME DAY**—Join the Golden Friends on Thursday, November 20 at 2 pm for a fun afternoon of games, snacks, and fellowship. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. All are welcome to join us no matter your age. Family and friends are always welcome!
- **THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**—We will give thanks for the bounty of our lives on Sunday, November 23. In worship we will have a special service of song and praise. After worship you're invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Party and Pie Celebration. Bring in your favorite pie and open your hearts to warm fellowship as we enjoy Olive Garden Soup and Breadsticks.
- **HANGING OF THE GREENS**—It is almost time to deck the halls of our sanctuary! Help prepare our worship space on Monday, November 24, at 6 pm, as we get ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Pizza and Christmas treats will be provided.