

New Member Sunday

January 26, 2026

10:15 a.m.

(*indicates please stand if you're able.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *All Are Welcome*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES from Psalm 34

L: Bless the Lord at all times.

P: **May God's praise be continually in my mouth.**

L: Magnify the Lord with me.

P: **Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

L: Seek the Lord and be filled.

P: **For those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

L: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

P: **Taste and see that the Lord is good!**

*HYMN *There's Something About That Name*

*VISION PRAYER

We thank You, Lord, for the gift of sight and those who have taught us to see: prophets, poets, writers, friends, family and all teachers of vision. Thank you, too, for the gift of insight by which our spirit sees and understands Your call. It is through our "third eye", the eye of our heart, that we most clearly discern Your plan for us. May our eyes bless You this day. Let them be opened to all possibilities and help us overcome any blindness of heart as we seek to fully appreciate the wonder of your vision for us. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction of Aubree Lamps, Mary Lamps, Bill Bender

Promises of New Members

Affirmation of Faith

Congregational Response **We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be faithful witnesses to our risen Savior. Amen.**

Prayer

Presentation of Certificates & Gifts

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

MESSAGE *One Body*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Renew Your Church*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kevin Kramer Family, John Dergance, George Siebert, Hubert Keutzer Family, Lois Wilmot Family, Ed Lopeman, Stephanie Heilstedt, Larry Grosenbach, Karin, Chelsea, George, Arnie & Jan Watkins, Maxine, Crosby Family, Karen Hauser, Holly and family of Bob Antkowiak, Steve Theisinger, Debbie, Ristau Family, Family of Gene, Dixie, Dawn & Ron Narczewski, Deb Cooper, Ryan, Cindy Harzheim, Paul Lewis, Marilyn Haslam.

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)
PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **We offer ourselves to you, O God, in these tokens of our lives. May they make a practical difference in this world, bringing light and life through Jesus Christ to the darkest and most shadowy places. Fill us with your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of him who gave himself for us, as we go about our daily living in your presence. Amen.**

WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN *We Are the Church*

*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Announcements
New Prayer Requests

-Kevin Kramer Family

Today is New Member Sunday. Welcome Aubree Lamps, Mary Lamps, and Bill Bender.

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today. There is a new sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you would like to provide treats after worship.

Welcome Brianna Kupperschmid to Zion UCC! Brianna has accepted the position as the new Secretary. Welcome to the church office, Brianna. We are thrilled to have your talent!

*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Tune in to Pastor Alex every Sunday morning at 8:25 on 103.9 WLPO. Be sure to spread the word to your friends!

Join the CREW! Our Sunday School program, **CREW**, is meeting every Sunday at 9:00 AM. Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for stories, games, crafts, and activities that help build faith and friendships. We're excited to see you this Sunday!

Bible Study is underway again on Tuesdays! We start at 6:30pm and you can participate in person at the church or Zoom on-line. The Zoom link can be found on our WEB page, zionperu.org. We will be discussing Episode 2 of season 4 of The Chosen. You can view that episode (and many other programs) by opening a free account on BYUtv.

Let's continue to grow in faith and community together. See you Tuesday! All are welcome!

2026 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Zion Church again thanks you for your continued support during these hard times. Your generosity has been a blessing for the continued operation and mission of Zion.

Souper Bowl Sunday will run through Feb. 8th. Everyone is asked to bring cans of soup to worship and use them to vote for the team they think will win the Super Bowl, or the team they hope will win. The Sunday after the game, those who voted for the losing team are asked to bring one can of soup for every losing vote they cast. Jim Greening also says those who voted for the winning team should bring more soup to celebrate their team's victory. All the soup will be given to the Food Pantry. So who are you going to vote for?

Ash Wednesday is February 18th and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ecumenical Lenten Services are Wednesdays at 7:00pm during Lent.

February 18: *Ash Wednesday Service will be at Cherry UCC

March 4: Zion UCC

March 11: Spring Valley UCC

March 18: Waltham Presbyterian, Pastor Alex preaching

March 25: LaSalle Congregational

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday...7:00pm... Zion UCC
Good Friday.....Noon.....DePue UCC
Easter Sunday.....10:15am.. Zion UCC

Zion Diners will meet next on Thursday, February 19th at 6:00pm at Garzanelli's. Larry & Cheryl Grosenbach are your hosts. All are welcome!

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22nd after worship. If you have a report, please turn it into the office by Friday, February 13th.

Living Lord's Supper – March 29

Zion Church will host a special Living Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 PM. Come experience the story of Holy Communion in a meaningful, visual way as we remember Jesus' last meal with His disciples and reflect on His love and sacrifice. This service offers a powerful opportunity for worship, prayer, and remembrance for all ages. All are welcome—please join us!

Feeding the Future – The Illinois Valley Food Pantry launched a major fundraiser to fund their new building purchase, necessary renovations, and expanded food programs —so that we can continue to serve the growing number of individuals and families in need across our region. Local individuals, churches and businesses are joining together to make this vision a reality. Learn more or donate at www.ivfoodpantry.com or by contacting the Pantry directly.

Did you know? Copies of the hymns and large print bulletins are located in the Narthex.

Prayer Requests In the Bulletin We are grateful for the privilege of praying for one another. To help us keep our prayer list current, each new request will be included in the bulletin for four weeks. After that time, we will remove it unless we are asked to continue sharing it longer. If you would like a request to remain, please let us know—we want to walk alongside you in prayer for as long as you need.

Zion UCC is providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the **Peru PADS homeless shelter** each month. Every little bit helps us provide

a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note "**PADS Meals.**" Or go online and donate through the Giving page on our website. Your donation helps provide a healthy, hearty meal to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and support in feeding the hungry!

HELP WANTED! Ushers: We are building a new Ushers List. If you previously served as usher and would like to serve again, we would like to add you to the new ushers list. Previously ushers served for an entire month. Ushers now will serve when they are available to serve even for a single Sunday. You can let Larry Grosenbach know you will serve as usher or email ushers@zionperu.org to be added to the ushers list. Evangelism: We are updating our visitor information about Zion church and will be creating a visitor packet that will contain our new updated information about Zion Church and a thank you gift or two for them visiting. If you would like to help the Evangelism Team with the visitor project you can let Pastor Alex, Jerry Koehler or email evangelism@zionperu.org.

Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

The Compassionate Friends Group meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. Please contact the church office for information.

Weight Watchers is meeting every Saturday morning at 8:00 here at Zion. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include: *Bar soap *Shower gel *Shampoo Razors *Deodorant *Toothbrushes *Toothpaste *Combs or Brushes *Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions!

You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

New copies of "These Days" are available in fellowship hall.

Hollowayville UCC will be having a Pancake & Sausage Brunch next Sunday, February 1 from 9:00am-1:00pm. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$4.00 children, 3 and under are free.

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Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	

Attendance January 18: In Person: 37 + 8 children

On YouTube: 11

This week:

Tuesday, January 27th

6:30pm Bible Study

PADS Meal

Wednesday, January 28th

6:30pm Choir practice

Saturday, January 31st

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, February 1st

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

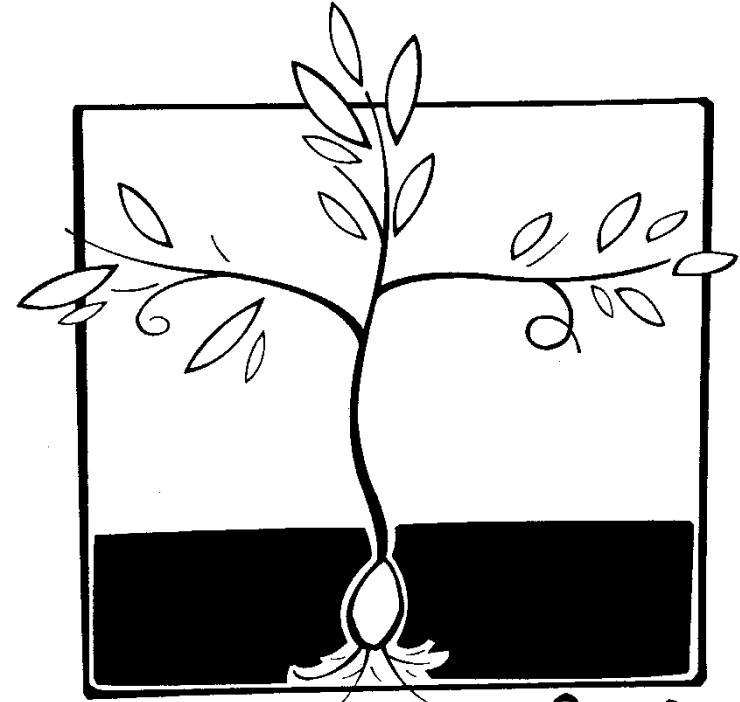
9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person or on You Tube

Followed by Fellowship Refreshments

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