



Zion UCC's September Zionite

Dear Church,

There is so much happening in the church right now, it's exciting! Everyone here at church, staff and volunteers, have been working hard to get the church ready for September. Teachers are ready to help mold the minds of our young ones. Choirs are rested up and ready to begin again. Church leaders (lay and ordained) have been working hard to get things ready for the fall. It's an exciting time here at Zion UCC!

Even during the summer we still had a great turnout of kids and families. Just last night one of the parents mentioned how there are so many new families joining the church that they don't know all of the other kids/parents. That's a pretty great problem to have.

So as we kick off this church year, let's get excited about what God is doing in this place. Because God IS at work in this place. Let's encourage one another and pray for each other and the church. Let's pray for our leaders (lay and ordained) as they dedicate themselves to helping this church grow and increase in ministry. Let's invite the Holy Spirit to be a part of our lives and to be active in this place. The more we get involved in prayer and church life, the more God can do with us and among us.

And as we pray, let's not forget about those in Texas experiencing devastating flooding; the flooding is so severe that they're saying it rivals Katrina. Hold them in prayer, and if you're able, please consider making a donation either [online](#) or in church. Out of all the ways you can donate, I recommend donating to the UCC's disaster relief fund. Other organizations take from the donations to pay for their staff (and sometimes highly paid CEOs), but not the UCC's disaster relief. Every single penny goes right to purchasing water, supplies, shelters, and resources for those affected by the floods.

See you soon, and may God bless you today and every day.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Elizabeth

Backpack Blessing

This Sunday, September 3rd, we are having our annual BACKPACK BLESSING! Kids, bring your backpacks and we will bless them and you!



Disaster Ministries

United Church of Christ

RESPOND TO HURRICANE HARVEY

PRAY for those impacted.

GIVE generously to support relief and recovery efforts.

ASSEMBLE cleanup buckets.

VOLUNTEER in the long-term recovery efforts.



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Donate online [HERE](#)

We will also take a special collection at church on Sunday, September 3.

Photo Release Form

We have so many wonderful pictures of our church members, thanks to our Church Photographer, Ron Smith. We would love to share more photos online, via Facebook, our church website, or our (upcoming) church app.

Please take a moment to fill out this photo release form and let us know if we can share your picture online or not. Thank you for your response!

[Online Photo Release Form](#)

All Church Photo on Rally Day

This photo from the 1990s is our last All Church Photo (and it's only secret pals). So on Rally Day, September 10, 2017, after our 10:30 worship service, we are taking a NEW All Church Photo! We want you in the photo, so don't miss it!

Make sure to come with your best smile!



Upcoming Schedule!

- September 3rd, worship at 9:30, followed by annual meeting to vote on Trustee bylaws
- September 10th, RALLY DAY! Worship at 10:30 followed by an all church photo and picnic! Don't miss it!
- September 17th, return to two services at 9am & 10:30am
- October 7th, 1st Zion Community Market
- October 8th, Ken-Ton Crop Walk, Join team [Zion UCC](#)! Or donate online or at church.

Looking for a way to let your neighbors know that they're welcome, no matter who they are? We have these signs in the office, donated by a church member. Come pick up a sign if you would like one!



Flu Clinic, October 15th 10am-11am, Here at Zion UCC!



Annual Theme Basket & Auction!

See Jean King for tickets



Please Join Us!
UNITED CHURCH MANOR
ANNUAL
THEME BASKET
& AUCTION

Saturday, November 4, 2017

The Columns Banquets
2221 Transit Road, Elma, NY
Doors Open 11:00—Buffet Luncheon Served at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person
Sit with your Friends! Reserve a Table of 10
for only \$250.00.

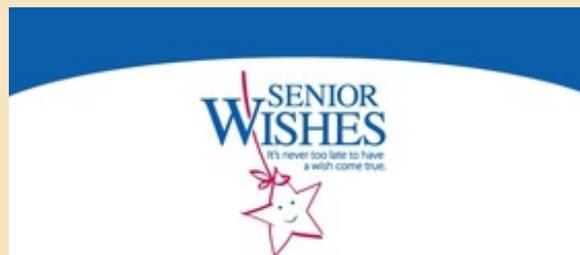
This event will benefit the Senior Programs of
United Church Manor. For tickets or to make a
donation, call:
Jennifer Miller or
Karen Zmich at 668-5804.

*Theme basket and silent auction donations
gratefully appreciated!*

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