

Happy Anniversary!
Zion Evangelical United Church
1886 ~ 2026
Empowered by God's Love
for 140 Years!



Our Mission Statement

*"To be a welcoming, Christ centered community,
empowered to share God's love and to make disciples
for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship,
teaching, prayer, and acts of caring.*

Happy 140th Anniversary!
Sunday, October 18, 2026
Rev. Sheldon Alley & Rev. Zacharia Mandara

Musicians:

Pianist—Shelley Jodoin

Instrumental Trio—

Kirsten Waymann—Concert Master & Violinist

Alex Lambermont—Cello

Marc Seguin—Flute

Prelude

Instrumental Trio

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Alley

Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Alley

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the unceded, unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation. For countless generations, the Algonquin people have been stewards of the lands and waters along the beautiful Ottawa River—and its tributaries. We honour their enduring connection to this land and commit to working towards reconciliation. We express our gratitude and respect to them and to the land for all that it has provided.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Alley

Welcome & Anniversary Greeting

Rev. Mandara

Good morning, and welcome to this joyful celebration of the 140th Anniversary of Zion Evangelical United Church. Today we gather with gratitude for those who came before us, with thanksgiving for God's faithfulness throughout the generations, and with hope for the ministry that still lies ahead. For 140 years, this congregation has been a place of worship, prayer, fellowship, service, celebration, comfort, and Christian witness. Through times of joy and times of challenge, God has remained faithful.

Today we remember our past, celebrate the present, and dedicate ourselves anew to God's future. May all that we say, sing, pray, and proclaim today give glory to God.

Call to Worship

Rev. Mandara

From generation to generation, God has been our dwelling place.

We give thanks for 140 years of faith, worship, and witness.

We remember those who prayed here, served here, worshipped here, and built upon the foundation of faith.

We thank God for the saints who have gone before us.

We celebrate those who continue Christ's ministry in this place today.

We rejoice in the gifts God has given to this congregation.

And we look toward the future with faith and hope.

We trust the God who has guided us in the past to lead us into the future.

Come, people of God. Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving.

For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness continues through all generations. Amen.

Hymn

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Opening Prayer

Rev. Mandara

Faithful and eternal God, we gather with grateful hearts to celebrate 140 years of your grace and faithfulness to Zion Evangelical United Church.

We thank you for every generation that has worshiped in this community. We remember the pastors, leaders, musicians, teachers, elders, children, families, volunteers, and faithful servants whose prayers and labour have helped build this congregation.

We thank you for baptisms celebrated, marriages blessed, lives remembered, children taught, strangers welcomed, neighbours served, prayers offered, hymns sung, and the Gospel proclaimed.

As we remember the past, keep us from living only yesterday.

Open our hearts to the ministry you are calling us to today and to the mission you are preparing for tomorrow.

Renew your church, strengthen our faith, deepen our love, and make us courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. May this Anniversary not simply mark how long we have been here, but remind us why you have placed us here. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our foundation and our hope. Amen.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#139

Prayer of Remembrance

Rev. Mandara

Gracious God, we give thanks for the faithful people who have gone before us. We remember those whose names appear in our records and those whose names are known only to you. We remember those who built, repaired, cleaned, taught, preached, sang, played instruments, prepared meals, visited the sick, welcomed newcomers, cared for children, served neighbours, and prayed faithfully for this church. Their work has become part of our inheritance. For their faith, we give you thanks. For their sacrifices, we give you thanks. For the Gospel they passed from one generation to another, we give you thanks. Help us now to carry that faith forward so that generations yet to come may also know your love through the ministry of this congregation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir

“A Glorious Church”

Scripture Readings

Rev. Alley

Psalms 100; Hebrews 12: 1-2; Matthew 5: 13-16

Message

Rev. Mandara

“Faithful Through The Generations”

Hymn

To God Be The Glory

#56

Prayer Of Dedication for the Offering

Rev. Mandara

For 140 years, people have given generously so that the ministry of Christ might continue through this congregation. Today we join that long line of faithful people. We offer not only our financial gifts, but our time, our talents, our prayers, our lives, and our commitment to the future ministry of Christ's church. Let us present our gifts to God with gratitude and hope.

Generous God, everything we have comes from you. Receive these gifts and receive our lives. Bless the ministry of Zion Evangelical United Church in the years ahead. May these gifts bring hope to those who are discouraged, food to those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, justice to those who are oppressed, and the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and beyond. Amen.

Invitation To The Table

Rev. Mandara

This table is set for all. Around it there are no divisions. Just as bread is not made from one grain, but from many, and wine is not made from one grape, but from a full harvest, so too, we, who are many, are made one in Christ. This is a sacrament of unity. Come and join with neighbours east and west, north and south, to celebrate Christ's presence with us all.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

It is truly right to thank you, God, through Jesus Christ. Across 140
years you have sustained this congregation. You breathed life into
us and called us to love and serve you. But we turned away,
seeking to live in our own way. Yet you have never turned from us.
Through the law and the prophets, you called us back to you. In
the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus, born of a mother's
flesh, to reveal your grace and love. Again and again, you welcome
us back to your side with the open arms of a loving father.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with those from every
time and place, to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy is your son, Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry,
calling the lost, offering healing and teaching to all who sought
him, he revealed your kingdom at work in your world.

Among his friends, on the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
broke it and said, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do
this to remember me."

After supper, he took a cup and offered it to his friends, saying
"This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, for the
forgiveness of sins. Drink from it, all of you."

Every time we eat this bread and share this cup in Jesus' name, we
recall the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

O God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine.
May they be for us the body and life blood of our Lord Jesus,
healing, renewing and making us whole.
Unite us in worship and witness with your Church throughout the
world so that together we will bring honour and glory to your
name through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in whose name we
offer these words, **“Our Father...”**

Distribution of Elements

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have nourished us in this meal and fed our
bodies and souls. We have heard your love; now send us out to
speak it. We have seen your love; now send us out to show it. We
have been fed by your love; now send us out to share it, and let all
things be done for your glory. **Amen.**

Instrumental Trio “Amazing God”

Anniversary Covenant

God has entrusted the ministry of this church to generation after
generation.

We receive that ministry with gratitude.

Will you continue to worship God faithfully?

With God’s help, we will.

Will you welcome the stranger, care for the vulnerable, teach the
faith, serve your neighbours, and seek justice and peace?

With God’s help, we will.

Will you honour those who came before us by faithfully serving
Christ in our own generation?

With God’s help, we will.

Will you trust God as this congregation enters the years ahead?

We will walk by faith, serve with love, and live with hope.

Faithful God, as you have guided us through 140 years, lead us into the future. Make Zion Evangelical United Church a place of welcome, worship, compassion, courage, and hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Anniversary Hymn

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The Church's One Foundation

Benediction

Rev. Mandara

As we leave this celebration, may we carry with us gratitude for the past, faith for the present, and hope for the future. The God who guided those who came before us will guide us still. The Christ who called this congregation into ministry still calls us to serve. The Holy Spirit who sustained the church through 140 years will continue to renew and strengthen us. Go therefore in faith. Go in love. Go in hope. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, rest upon Zion Evangelical United Church and upon all God's people, this day and always. **Amen.**

Postlude

Instrumental Trio

All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Luncheon. Rev. Alley will lead us in a "Prayer for our Meal".

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome to Zion and Happy 140th Anniversary! Today we extend a warm welcome to Rev. Mandara, and Rev. Alley. We truly appreciate our pastors leading us and sharing in today's special Service. We also extend a warm welcome to our guest musicians and our pianist, Shelley. Thank you to them for their amazing contribution to our ministry of music.

Zion's Sunday School Program for all ages takes place each Sunday during our Worship Service.

Potluck Luncheon

All are invited to this special time of fellowship following our service. We extend our gratitude to all our volunteers who made this luncheon possible and we give thanks to all who prepared the food we are serving today.

Choir Practice

One more practice will take place at Calvin on Saturday, October 24th at 1:00 to prepare for our October 25th Service.

Next Sunday

Zion will be attending Calvin United Church next Sunday at 10:00.

If you have prayer requests for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader, at 613-735-2825. Let Heather know if you would like your name to be printed in our Sunday bulletin.

Keep in your prayers those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times.

We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Doug & Beudis Buder, Myrtle Gutz, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Burton Maves, Sandra Maves, Doreen Schroeder.

Pastoral Care for Zion and Wesley

Pastor Dave Henderson will visit those in hospital or Palliative Care when requested and serve Communion. Arla Bailey from Wesley and Eunice Getz from Zion will be our contact people to reach out to Pastor Dave. Call Eunice at 613-732-8004 and Arla at 613-732-9438.

October Food Bank Outreach Project

We ask for your help during this Thanksgiving season to gather items for the St. Joseph's Food Bank. You can donate by bringing one item per week or a larger amount if you prefer. Also money donations are very much appreciated. A cash container for the Food Bank will be placed on the back table of the Sanctuary. Please place food items in the fall theme box inside the parking lot doors. A list of food bank items is posted by the box.

Christmas Market Outreach Project

Following a meeting of the Outreach Committee and our ladies of Zion, it was decided that we would hold a Christmas Market in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 until 3:00. We would love it if you had any winter and/or Christmas décor to donate to our sale and any crafty ideas to share that we could create together to add to our market. Let us know what days you might be available to start up our Christmas Workshop.

Chair Yoga

Another session took place yesterday at Zion. Our next session led by Mike Young will be announced when he is available.

New Sign Funds

We have raised \$5783.95 as of October 11th. An amount of \$29.90 will help us complete our goal of what we owe to Sun Sign Graphics. Thank you so much for all the donations, your dedication and support throughout this fundraiser.

COMMUNITY EVENTS
(Please see our bulletin board)

Thursday, October 22nd—Fall Harvest Luncheon
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

- 11:30 to 2:00 at 257 Pembroke Street West
- Enter at Parking Lot Back Door
- Serving soup, sandwiches, and pie
- Tickets—\$25 and can be purchased at Astrid's Florals, or by calling Marina Dennison at 613-732-1657
- Gluten free options and Take-Out are available

November 24—First Step Options Open House

- 362 Miller Street—4:00 to 7:00
- Celebrating 20th Anniversary

December 4—M&M Food Market

- 10% of all purchases will be donated to:
First Step Options Programs & Services

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Enter into his gates
with **thanksgiving**,
and into his courts
with **praise**:

Be **thankful** unto him,
and **bless** his name.

For the
LORD is good;
his **mercy** is
everlasting; and his
truth endureth
to all generations.



