

*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."*

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2026
Rev. Sheldon Alley

Prelude

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Alley

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin People who have cared for this land for generations. We honour their enduring connection to this land and commit to working towards reconciliation. We express our gratitude and respect to them and the land for all that it has provided.

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Alley

Hymn

I Sing The Mighty Power of God

#128

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, it's Sunday!

Praise the Lord, we're here!

Praise the Lord, in this place, at this time.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We are the people the Lord has made.

And we are made to worship. Let's worship with strength on this fine day!

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes God, we take ourselves so seriously—our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements—that we fail to notice our effect on others.

And we do not make connections between our limitless wants and the resources left for others. We do this without knowing it.

Bring our awareness to justice for all to the common good, to your universal outpouring of blessings. Remind us you love all. Help us to recognize the things that we need to change in our lives. Help us to recognize the needs of others we meet on our journeys.

Prayer of Assurance

From the words inspired by 1 Timothy 2: 4-6: The God of salvation, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth, offers forgiveness to each of us through the Redeemer sent in human form. We are grateful that over and over we are given the chance to begin again and that nothing we have done can separate us from God's love. **Thanks be to God.**

Youth Time

Prayer for Understanding

God of all knowledge, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your word and wisdom. Quiet in us other distracting voices so that we might hear your voice, and in hearing you, follow you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Burton Maves

Romans 14: 1-12 (pg 1102)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 114

(Please see back of bulletin)

Scripture

Matthew 18: 21-35 (pg 952)

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God."

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

For The Beauty Of The Earth

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Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Thank you, God, for this opportunity to express our love to others through the gifts we bring to support and encourage your work in near and distant places. Make our hearts glad that we can help to heal humanity's pain, for we bring them to you with grateful hearts. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Lord, your word tells us that there is great good in everything. We are reminded that we brought nothing into this world, so we can take nothing out of it. Help us, dear Lord, to be content with what we have; to seek heavenly treasures rather than those things of this world, which rust, corrode, and are consumed by moths. Grant that we might be people who share the wealth that you have provided; that we might be ones who share both the bread and wine of earth and the bread and wine of heaven.

Lord hear our prayer.

Father, we especially pray today for those who like Lazarus are ignored or neglected and left to suffer in our world; those who live in poverty within our town and province; and those who lie in great suffering at the gates of our nation. O God, bind your people together and make us bright and shining witnesses to your compassion and your grace as they are revealed in the law and the prophets and in Christ Jesus, the one you raised from the dead.

Lord hear our prayer.

Hear too, we pray, the petitions and the intercessions of our hearts for those who govern and are in authority; for those lost in sin and despair; for those who need healing; and for those who seek to serve as Jesus served. We especially hold before you today all our personal prayers whether spoken or silent. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We ask these things and we give you our thanks and praise, and our minutes and our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray as one family, saying, **"Our Father..."**

Benediction

As we leave this place, may our eyes be opened to those who lie at our gates. With the love of Christ within us, may we see the hungry and the hurting, the abused and the forgotten. And may we seek to share the blessings we have been given. In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, may we go out and live the Kingdom. **Amen.**

Postlude**Shelley Jodoin**

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FACEBOOK

Zion Evangelical United Church Pembroke

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**Family & Friends of Zion,**

Welcome to our morning worship and our Annual Apple Fest and Grandparent's Day Celebration. We are already entering into our third week of September! May you enjoy to the fullest these final days of the summer season. Soon we will be observing everything bursting with the bold and vibrant colours of autumn!

Our Sunday School Program is open for any children who would like to join. The program activities consist of lessons, music, crafts and games. If you are interested in helping with the children in Sunday School, no experience is needed, however, a Vulnerable Sector Check is required. Please contact Kathy at 613-732-4443 or email Tara at tftennant@gmail.com.

Apple Fest & Grandparent's Day

Please join us following today's service to enjoy delicious apple dishes and to share some memorable photos in honour of all our Grandparents. Thank you to everyone for contributing to this special time of fellowship.



Board Meeting

Board members are asked to attend an information meeting on Sunday, September 20th following our service.

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 removed from or printed in bulletin for prayer, and she will pass it along to Sherry.

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, The Getz Family, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney & Margaret Krieger, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Burton Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, The Sangster Family, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruijsen.

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.

Zion Fall Tea Party

Save the date, Saturday, September 19th from 1:00 until 4:00 to come out and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with tea and goodies. Esther Prins will be our guest inspirational speaker. There will be special music, door prizes, and an opportunity to browse our table for fall decor and other miscellaneous items. Tickets are limited, so if you haven't already purchased your ticket to the Tea Party, please see or call Heather at 613-735-2825. If you would like to volunteer to help at our Tea Party, please see or call Kathy Ness at 613-732-4443.

Zion's 140th Anniversary Service

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how Zion can celebrate this event, please let Susan Hanniman or Eunice Getz know this week.

Supply Organist / Pianist

Zion church is searching for a supply organist/pianist to fill in one Sunday per month for our 11:00 Worship Services. If you would like more information, please contact our Church Office at 613-732-9493. Leave your name and contact number and a brief message and we will get in touch with you.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date—\$5553.95

This past week our stewards were looking into some finishing touches that still need to be completed and a locking cover.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19—Fall Tea at Zion from 1:00 to 4:00

September 26—Chair Yoga at Zion at 10:00

September 27—Shared Service with Wesley at Zion at 11:00

October 11—Thanksgiving Sunday at Zion at 11:00

October 18—Anniversary Service at Zion at 11:00

October 25—All United Churches at Calvin at 10:00

COMMUNITY EVENTS (Please see our bulletin board)

Upper Valley UCW West 2026 Annual Rally

*-September 21st from 9:30 to 1:30 at St. Andrew's United
Church in Chalk River*

First Step Options—“Baby Bump Party”

*-A list of needed items is posted.
-Items you may wish to contribute to this cause can be placed in
the purple box at our church parking lot door entrance.*

First Step Options—The “Connected” Program

*-Starting Monday, September 28th to November 16th from
10:30 am to 12:00 pm*

First Step Options—“Rhythms of Hope”

*-Fundraising Concert on October 3rd from 2:00 to 3:30 at the
Pembroke Pentecostal Tabernacle*

Pembroke Community Choir—Registration

*-Begins August 15th to September 11th
-Rehearsals on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 starting
September 14th at Wesley Community Church*

First Chair Yoga Session at Zion
Saturday, September 26th at 10:00
Yoga Instructor—Mike Young

Cost

\$50 per session to be divided equally among number who are in attendance

Equipment to Bring

Mike has a few items that he can bring from home, but if you can, please bring the following items to the class.

Yoga Mat—most important item to prevent chairs from sliding

Yoga Ball—can be substituted with a tennis ball, or other sponge ball of that size that you can roll under your feet without flattening.

Yoga Strap—can be substituted with a long necktie or long belt

Yoga Blocks—These are a rectangular foam block. Mike said for now we could substitute with books from the church. Mike also said yoga equipment can be purchased at Canadian Tire.

This is a trial session to see how many people come out, and if the day and time works for future sessions.



Psalm 114
Responsive Reading

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of
foreign tongue,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

**The sea looked and fled,
the Jordan turned back;
the mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.**

Why was it, O Sea, that you fled,
O Jordan, that you turned back,
you mountains, that you skipped like rams,
you hills, like lambs?

**Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.**

