

*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."*

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#11

Call to Worship

Creator God, we come together in community, as one heart and body.

Join us together. Let us be bound in love to one another.

We join together this morning with a new desire for understanding those in our midst.

Join us together. Let us be bound in love to one another.

We come to sing a song of hope. We come to pray to prayers of love. We come to share the words of scripture that inspire.

Join us together. Let us be bound in love to one another.

We are here in this place together. Let us be moved to understand the journey of others a little bit better today.

Join us together. Let us be bound in love to one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before you to confess that we have not always been the people you intend us to be. You intend us to use our gifts in service, yet sometimes our fears prevent us from offering ourselves. You call us to give our time in service, but we easily fill up our time with unnecessary busyness. Our gifts remain undiscovered treasures.

Forgive us and help us to say “yes” to you so that your gifts might be brought to birth in us. Help us say “yes,” so that the world around might be blessed by the good that you can do in and through us. Help us to say “yes” that we might be blessed as we give ourselves in blessing to a world in need. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

God hears our prayers and our cries. God leads us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today. We are called to stand strong and confident in God’s Love. Rejoice, dear friends, for that love which began before creation, flows in and through you this day! **Amen.**

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

Shelley Jodoin

Romans 13: 8-14 (pg 1101)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints.

**Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.**

Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

For the LORD takes delight in his people;

he crowns the humble with salvation.

Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

May the praise of God be in their mouths

and a double-edged sword in their hands;

to inflict vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters,

their nobles with shackles or iron,

to carry out the sentence written against them.

This is the glory of all his saints. Praise the LORD.

Scripture ***Matthew 18: 15-20*** (pg 952)

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

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

As The Deer

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Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Bless and use our offerings for your glory and give us the courage to offer our lives fully for your service, trusting that you will protect us on our journeys of faith, wherever we will go. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

God of Creation, we are thankful for your awesome work in creation and in the lives of each person. You have weaved all of life together, and it is very good. We are grateful for all that protects and cares for your good works.

Together, we are stronger.

As we care for your creation and one another, provide us with the humility and curiosity needed to continually learn about the marvels of your works.

Deepen our understanding of how our actions, good and bad, affect everything. We give thanks for the opportunity to learn and grow with your good works!

Together, we are stronger.

Although the journey is hard, and our hearts might be afraid and filled with doubts, may we continue to act and learn towards justice, with the confidence and strength of your presence guiding us. God of Creation, receive our prayers for the love of your good works. And we ask in your love, to answer the prayers we offer today and the prayers of those across the church.

Together, we are stronger.

Today we offer prayers for those in our community who need your encouragement and supporting love around them in their time of need. May we continue to follow in the way that you are leading with hopeful and daring hearts, until we have reached your commonwealth of justice and peace for all. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say, **“Our Father...”**

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* **#676**

Benediction

Family of God, the lessons of reconciliation and peace-making are not easy. As you move into the week ahead, may God bless you with the desire to restore community when it is broken, to hold boundaries with firmness and grace, to listen with curiosity, and to speak with gentleness, that all may know we are disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Postlude **Shelley Jodoin**

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome back to Zion! Another school year is on the horizon, a fresh season filled with new possibilities. Learning is a gift from God, an opportunity to grow in knowledge, wisdom and character. Let us pray for our children to be filled with courage and kindness. May they go forward with confidence knowing that God is with them every step of the way. Let us also pray for our educators to teach with patience and passion, and for our families to be strengthened with love and unity.

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.

Coffee Time

Today is Birthday Cake Sunday. Please join us following the service to celebrate all our September birthdays. Thank you to Sherry and Eunice for hosting this time of fellowship.

Board Meeting

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

The Getz Family would like to thank the Zion congregation for their support and care on the passing of Tim. Thank you for the two beautiful white Hibiscus perennial plants which are blooming in our garden. Also we are deeply thankful for the delicious luncheon that was provided on the day of the funeral.

If you have prayer requests for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader at 613-735-2825.

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 Verkruisen.

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.

Outreach Committee Plans for a Fall Tea

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.

Chair Yoga In Zion Fellowship Hall

There is still time to add your name to the sign up sheet on the kitchen door if you are interested in participating in this activity. So far nine people have signed up and Saturday seems to be a day that works for most people. One instructor that has been approached charges \$50 per session. This would be divided among the number of people attending. Another possible instructor just charges \$5 per person.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date—\$5353.95

The new sign was installed on Tuesday, August 25th. We are still looking into some other finishing touches to be completed. Any other funds needed to complete the sign project will be borrowed from the building account and will be paid back as more funds are raised.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

September 13—Apple Fest at Zion & Grandparent's Day

Bring your favourite Apple Dish / Share some old photos

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

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)

First Step Options—“Baby Bump Party”

-A list of needed items is posted

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

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FACEBOOK

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Did You Ever Talk To God Above?

Did you ever talk to God above?
Tell Him that you need a friend to love.
Pray in Jesus' name believing that
God answers prayer.

Have you told Him all your cares and woes?
Ev'ry tiny little fear He knows.
You can know He'll always hear
And He will answer prayer.

You can whisper in a crowd to Him.
You can cry when you're alone to Him.
You don't have to pray out loud to Him;
He knows your thoughts.

On a lofty mountain peak, He's there.
In a meadow by a stream, He's there.
Anywhere on earth you go,
He's been there from the start.

Find the answer in His Word; it's true.
You'll be strong because He walks with you.
By his faithfulness He'll change you, too.
God answers prayer.