

“...He has given us
the *Holy Spirit*
to fill our hearts
with His love.”

—Romans 5:5



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

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 8, 2026
Worship Service by Rev. Sheldon Alley

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.”

Prelude Sharon Draves

Welcome / Announcements Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn *Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* #82

Call to Worship

We are called to bring a new understanding of God.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments of God.

To love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in worship and praise for God.

Prayer of Adoration

Merciful God, giver of every good and perfect gift. We lift our voices today for our family and friends, for our homes and this church community. May we be reminded of our work for the church.

Your love knows no bounds and empowers us to share your love with others. Make us deeply aware of your presence today in this time of worship. May we be obedient to Your will. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. At times we have failed to be an obedient church. We have failed to be present when needed. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience.

Assurance of Pardon

For the heart of the matter is that we can find our treasures in heaven, and also on earth, so long as we are forgiven and set free of our burdens and sin.

Bless God who frees us and lights up our hearts with the fire of love.

Youth Time

Choir

Prayer for Understanding

Dear God, we need wisdom as we read your Word. We ask for your wisdom now as we approach these readings. Help us to discern the truth of this text. Help us to find how it relates to our lives. Thank you God, for the clarity, encouragement, and hope your Word brings. Amen.

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 58: 1-12 (pg 721)* Eunice Getz

Still, we present these gifts for your work in the world, trusting that you will bless them—and us—for your purpose. We pray they bring healing and hope to everyone whose lives they touch. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Gracious God, we thank you for the light that shone in Jesus, revealing unto us your holiness and our righteousness. While the church transitions in the days ahead there will be challenges. There will also be many blessings. Let us pray together with thanksgiving for the ministry concluded and the ministry that is now beginning. We pray for continued blessings in the days ahead.

We give thanks for all those who call this church home.

May we always be mindful of the ways we can invite others to attend.

We give thanks for leaders who continue to adapt to new ways of being the church.

Their commitment is an anchor that ensures the work of the church will continue.

We give thanks for all volunteers who ensure we can continue worship together.

Everyone has a role they can fulfill. Everyone's work is valued.

We give thanks for the opportunity to worship and praise God.

Open our hearts to the peaceful, loving presence of the Spirit.

We give thanks for the love and grace of God.

A love that endures forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion,

We extend a warm welcome to Rev. Sheldon Alley this morning. We thank him for leading us in our Worship Services for the month of February. We welcome Murray and Sharon Draves this morning. We appreciate Sharon playing the piano for us in Shelley's absence and we are happy to have Murray to be another voice in our choir.

Coffee Time will follow our Service today. Thank you to everyone who brought items and helped out to make this time of fellowship possible.

The Flowers at the front of the Sanctuary are placed in honour of Mark Raglin who passed away on Thursday, January 29th.

February Services at Zion and Wesley with Rev. Sheldon Alley

*Sunday, February 15th at 11:00 at Zion

*Sunday, February 22nd at 9:30—a Joint Service at Wesley

An Outreach Committee meeting will follow today's Worship Service to discuss a few of our Outreach goals for 2026.

Decorating of Our Hall will take place this coming Wednesday morning. If you would like to help we will be getting started at 10:00.

The Joint Profile & Search Committee, has a scheduled hybrid meeting at Wesley for February 9th at 1:00. Zion's committee members are Eunice Getz, Susan Hanniman, Sherry Blaedow, Tara Tennant and Jordan Thibeau.

To Join The Coldest Night Of The Year Walk, on February 28th, you may pick up one of the information sheets that are hanging from the Community Events section of our bulletin board. By calling the number on the bottom of the sheet, you will receive direction how to join the Calvin & Wesley team.

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

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, Reg Getz, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney Krieger, Wayne Lemke, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Doreen Schroeder. Les and Janice Reavie, and Martin Verkruisen.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$3928.95

We are still growing our funds little by little. We are grateful for all the generous donations. Simply write, "New Sign" on your offering envelope if you would like to help. Work on our sign will begin in the warmer weather.

Community Events—See Details on Bulletin Board

* Family Day, February 16th—Card Party & Luncheon at Wesley

* Spaghetti Dinner & Play, May 2nd—Fundraiser for First Step Options

Words of Wisdom

"No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying."

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14)

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

1886–2026

As we have now entered into our 140th year at Zion, we would like to start at the beginning, and little by little, share the story of our church background with you. We will add more information as the year progresses.

OUR BEGINNINGS IN HISTORY

Rev. Frederick Scharffe arrived in Pembroke as a missionary to German speaking people in the Ottawa Valley of the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association. The Evangelical Association originated in Pennsylvania around the year 1800.

Rev. Scharffe first concentrated on the surrounding Pembroke Townships where many Evangelical churches were established.

In 1876, the first preaching began in homes and in a hall over the harness shop.

In 1886, on July 8th a congregation was organized with a membership of 28 charter members. The foundation of the church was also laid on Miller Street.

