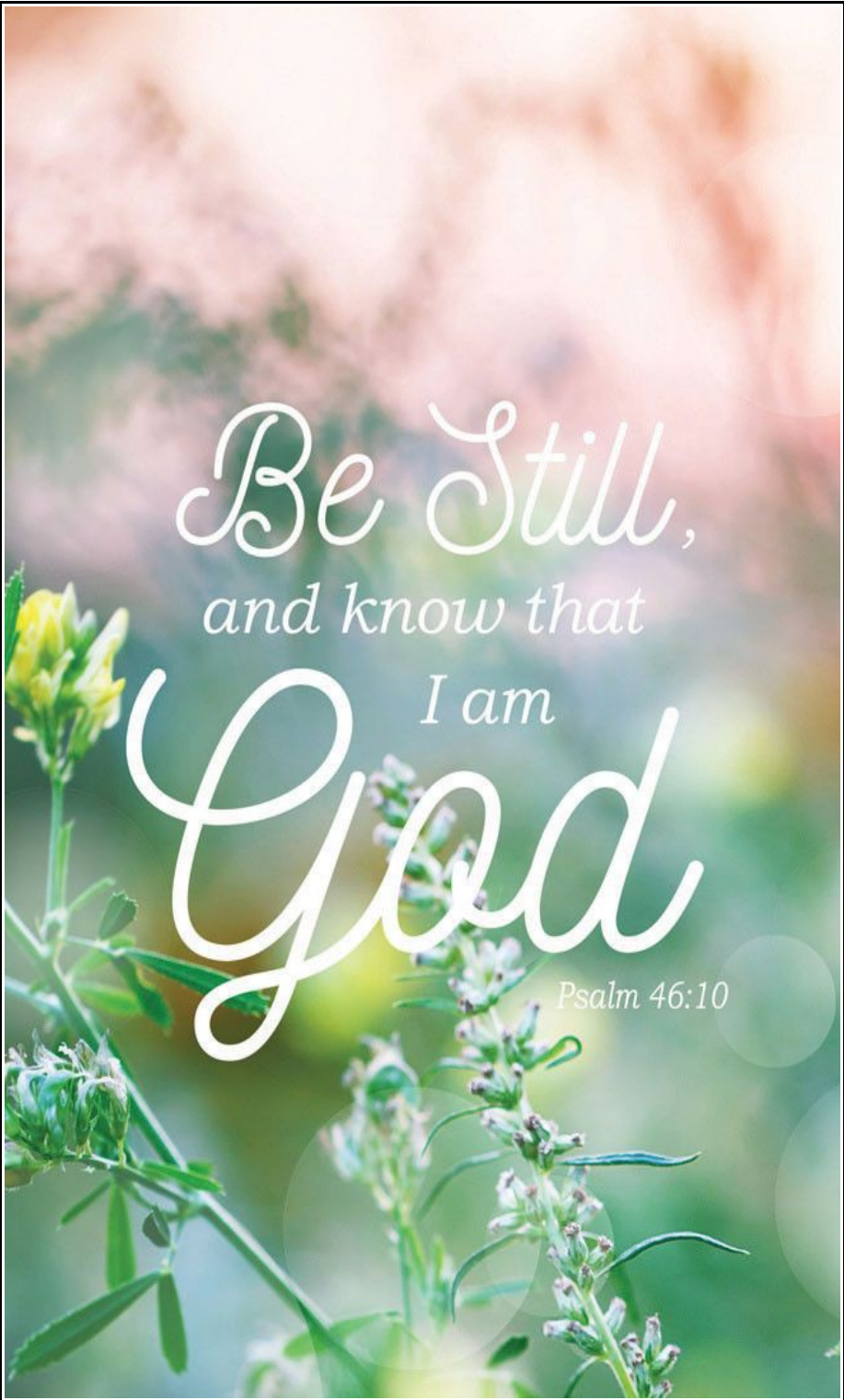




*Be Still,
and know that
I am
God*

Psalm 46:10

*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."*

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

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Call to Worship

In every waking moment, and sleeping moment, God is with us.

Thanks be to God, for the divine presence.

In times, when we are surrounded by struggles, in all the surprising places where we find hope, Jesus is with us.

Thanks be to God, for the divine presence.

When we feel abandoned by the world, when we feel welcomed in faith's family, the Holy Spirit is with us.

Thanks be to God, for the divine presence.

In gratitude let this time of worship be a time to reconnect with the Divine which is all around us.

Let us now worship and praise God!

Prayer of Confession

O God, we live in a diverse community. There are people with different backgrounds and abilities than us. There are people with different opinions and beliefs. There are people on the left and the right, young and old, rich and poor. Yet, sometimes in our churches there isn't a reflection of this diversity.

We would love others as you do, but we can't. We've erected walls built upon our biases, fears, and insecurities that keep us apart. Forgive us that we cannot love as unconditionally as you. Help us to take down those walls so we may welcome the stranger and truly be one community together. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

We know we fall short in our discipleship. We've confessed our sins before God. We look to God to repent of our sins and transgressions. By God's overflowing steadfast love and mercy we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Youth Time

Duet

"This Is The Time I Must Sing"

Burton Maves & Shelley Jodoin

Prayer for Understanding

God, you give us words of hope, words of comfort, words of confrontation, words of guidance and always words of life. Help us to hear them again today with hearts refreshed to share your good news with the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Sherry Blaewood

Romans 8: 12-25 (pg 1096)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O
LORD. You hem me in—behind and before;
you have laid your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Scripture *Matthew 13: 24-30 (pg 947)*

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

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus

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(Voices United Hymn Book)

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

**O God, your steadfast love is but one of the many gifts you
pour upon us. Our offerings are but a part of the ways in
which we can serve you and your people. Bless them, and
bless us for the ministries of healing and hope. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

In the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. Gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it.

Compassionate God, bring us healing and peace.

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home.

Compassionate God, bring us healing and peace.

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. Bring relief to peoples affected by war and violence.

Compassionate God, bring us healing and peace.

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. Hold close those we name and those we keep in the silence of our hearts.

Compassionate God, bring us healing and peace.

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve our neighbours in Pembroke and into the ends of the earth. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations.

Compassionate God, bring us healing and peace.

All people praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light.

Compassionate God, bring us healing and peace.

Holy and merciful God, into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. And now we ask our prayers are accepted as we join together praying in the way we were taught saying, “Our Father...”

Hymn *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* **#564**

Benediction

Children of God, receive this blessing: may the renewing grace of God surround you; may the steadfast love of God uphold you, and may the goodness of God entice you to set your mind on Christ, that you may live as God’s image-bearers and gospel-bringers wherever you go. **Amen.**

Postlude **Shelley Jodoin**

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome everyone. We are so blessed to be able to come together to share our faith and hope in Christ. May the peace of Christ be with each and everyone today.

Coffee Time

We invite everyone to join us following the service for this time of fellowship. We extend our appreciation to Rhonda for sharing soup and sandwiches with us each week. Thank you to all the ladies for bringing food items to Coffee Time and helping to clean up. Please check our sign up calendar on the kitchen door to see if you would be able to volunteer for one of our Sundays beginning in September.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$5243.95

We have approximately another \$1000 to raise for the cost of our sign. If you would like to donate to this fundraiser, simply write New Sign on your envelope. With the old sign removed, Alex Lambermont has been able to continue his masonry repair this past week to the brick pillars. He repaired the outer parts of the pillars last fall.

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.

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, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney & Margaret Krieger, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Burton Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruisen.

Red Cross Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Thank you so much for the generous response we received for this cause. We collected \$845 through our donation envelopes. Our Outreach Committee added another \$500 to that amount. We were able to submit \$1345 to the Canadian Red Cross on Monday, July 13th. This beat the deadline of July 14th that the Canadian Government put in place to match every dollar for this appeal. Therefore our donation was doubled and becomes \$2690. All the envelope amounts and names of donors have been recorded on our office computer. Receipts will be provided by our bookkeeper.

Outreach Committee Plans for a Fall Tea

Our Outreach Committee began talks at a previous meeting about hosting a Fall Tea at Zion. Saturday, September 19th was the date we were aiming for. Esther Prins responded to our request to be a guest speaker at our tea. Volunteers would be much appreciated for making sandwiches, squares, and cookies. Also, we need people to serve our guests at each table. It was agreed tickets for the tea would be set at \$15 each. One section of the hall would be designated to set up one row of tables for the sale of fall decor, preserves, and some other miscellaneous items. The Committee will meet in August to finalize plans for the tea. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

Activities In Zion Fellowship Hall

In the spring a meeting took place at Zion to brainstorm a variety of activities that we could do in our hall to bring our people together and possibly bring new people into our church. One of the activities suggested was Chair Yoga. In order for a Yoga Instructor to lead in sessions, we would need to provide a number of people who will be coming out. Please add your name to the list on the kitchen door if you have an interest in participating.

Announcement From Wesley

Monday, August 10th @ 3:00 pm

***379 Greenway Drive,
Westmeath, ON K0J 2L0***

***We would like to welcome women of Wesley (WOW)
and Zion to an afternoon in Fiji: Stories of Love,
Culture & Connection***

Join Tasha and Shane Cowell for an inspiring afternoon of stories from their journey to Fiji, where women from around the world gathered as strangers and returned home with a deeper understanding of love, community and belonging.

Through photographs, conversation, and reflections, we'll share the culture, generosity, and everyday moments that reminded us how healing begins when we open our hearts to one another.

Light refreshments will be served. Carpooling arrangements are encouraged. Women of Wesley and Zion are warmly welcome.

Summer



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July Services—Zion at 10:00 *With Rev. Sheldon Alley*

July 19th—Musical Duet
**Burton Maves & Shelley Jodoin*
Choir Practice @ 9:20 for all who wish to join
Choir Song: Morning Has Broken
Voices United Hymn Book #409

July 26th—Choir Performing Morning Has Broken
Practice @ 9:20

August Services—Wesley at 10:00 *With Rev. Sheldon Alley*

August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

August 30th—Communion Sunday, a Combined Service for
all United Churches
—Light Lunch to follow the Service

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