



*We are ... ordinary people, praising God, caring for others, learning to be the Family of God*

July 2020

Greetings to our Zion Community of Faith!

### Thank You!

Thank you to Rev. Marilyn for leading our worship services for the last six weeks and for her informative and heartfelt weekly letters. We especially appreciate the live stream service on July 12 and celebrating communion.

We also appreciate our Tech Team ► Neil, Barbara, Jennifer, and P.J. who continue to work diligently to record our worship services.

### Summer Worship Services

It's been a challenging time throughout COVID-19 for everyone, but something positive has come from it. We have reached out to other churches about partnering this summer and Rev. Mary Boland of Grace United in Tavistock, and Rev. Sydney Elias at Trinity United in Kitchener agreed to welcome our community of faith while our Tech Team takes a break on August 2 and August 9. Stay tuned for their worship service links for those two visiting Sundays!

August 15, 22, 30: Online YouTube services resume with Steven Martin leading worship. We will send out the usual YouTube link for those three weeks.

Please share the [Zion YouTube channel](#) with friends, as well as the CE and Youth [Instagram](#) link.

During the month of August, Joan Berge will provide pastoral care. Thanks to all!

### Reopening Task Group

Note that until further notice, worship services will continue online. A "Reopening Task Group" under the leadership of Marilyn Burnard, has started to look at all the details required for worshipping in person again. Stay tuned for details!

### News from Leadership Council

Leadership Council's next Zoom meeting is on August 12.

### Zoom Meetings

Zion has a Zoom account. This account allows meetings over the basic 40 minutes. It provides for connection to the meeting either by phone or computer. Any team or group can schedule a Zion group meeting by emailing [council-chair@bellnet.ca](mailto:council-chair@bellnet.ca).

### Nominating Committee

**Stewardship** is "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."<sup>1</sup> This means using our time and talent, as well as our resources, to care for our church and environment.

Please consider using your time and talent to fill one of the following vacancies to ensure Zion remains vibrant and running smoothly.

Human Resources—2; Learning Team—3; House Team Leads—1 (Team 1); Praising Team—1; Leadership Council—1 (WOW Rep). There is also a need for video and sound operators.

Volunteering connects you to others and can bring fun and fulfillment to your life at Zion.


<sup>1</sup> Merriam Webster

For further information, contact Neil Lackey.



## Caring Team

Kudos to the Caring Team for the installation of our Food Pantry in

June located in front of the church. We want our community to be aware of this service we are providing so please spread the word. 

Each member of the Caring Team has graciously volunteered to stock the pantry for a week. As of August 1, we are looking for volunteers to take over stocking the Food Pantry for one week at a time. This involves checking the pantry every 48 hours within the week, and stocking it if required. The Caring Team will definitely guide all volunteers through the process.

Wilmot Resource Centre advises these are the most requested items to date: cereal, toilet paper, school snacks i.e. granola bars, juice boxes, applesauce, fruit cups, canned corn and peas, juice, rice, peanut butter, canned meat i.e. tuna, salmon, chicken, ham, crackers, i.e. Goldfish. Caring Team members report aluminum foil, Kleenex and personal supplies are also appreciated.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Pat McGlynn or Ruth McCara.

## Learning Team



Kathy Poirier, our CE & Youth Director, created Zion's second virtual PD Day. The participants travelled **Around the**

**World in 1 Day, Again.** They visited seven countries and completed an activity for each country, and made ice cream for a snack while visiting the North Pole! What an amazing accomplishment Kathy! Great job on your reading of Rumpelstiltskin!

Click the link <https://zionyouth6.wixsite.com/pdday> to take a trip from the safety of your home! Bon voyage!!

## Finance



Thank you for continuing to submit your offering. At the end of June, we had a positive bank balance of \$29,300. Good news - receipts are higher than disbursements!

## Property



Have you noticed the flower garden at the front of the church? Thank you to Sharon Ross for volunteering to gussy it up. It looks cared for.

Follow the path up to the tower roof! Thank you, Dave, for taking photos along your trip up!!



Any volunteers to climb this ladder?!



The higher up I go, everything is covered with stuff I don't want to think about!



Something's missing!

Thank you Dave Underwood & Property Team for your TLC of our church, often above and beyond the call.

## Faith and Life Discussion Group

Starting on September 20, 2020 and every second Sunday thereafter, our group will focus its discussion on the theme of Diversity. We will explore Biblical precedence for God's love of variety in creation and in rendering compassion. How are we as stewards of God's love? On what assumptions are we practising our faith?

Faith and Life will also incorporate one session per month for discussion of articles from [Broadview](#) (formerly the Observer).

All are welcome to join us to grapple with the faith and life joys and challenges facing us these days.

## Let's Tree Wilmot

The Nith Valley EcoBoosters are partnering with the Wilmot Horticultural Society and the Wilmot Rotary Club to increase the tree canopy cover in our township.



If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation, click <http://nvecoboosters.com/Issues-Actions/> Charitable receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.

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## Dates to Remember

**Sunday, September 13, 2020** for the next Congregational Meeting. At this meeting, we hope to finalize our governance model and confirm nominees on teams, committees and task groups.

## Update on Darcy Wagner

Vanda and her sons Carson and Troy are managing the farm work while Darcy is recovering. The Caring Team has set up "[Meal Train](#)", an online meal scheduler for those who want to provide meal assistance to the Wagners during this difficult time. Those wanting to help need only to select a date from the available list, and indicate what meal they are bringing – to avoid excessive duplication. Instructions about timing,

number of persons, and address are all included in the meal train, and when you sign in using your email, you have the option to receive a reminder about your date.

Ruth [gsalese@sympatico.ca](mailto:gsalese@sympatico.ca) or Jennifer [zionunitedchurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:zionunitedchurch@bellnet.ca) are available to assist and answer questions.

The link is listed below:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w1mko7>

## Music 🎵🎵

Our former music director, [Dr. Vicki St. Pierre](#), associate professor of Music, has been appointed as Mount Allison's interim Dean of Arts until July 1, 2021. Congratulations!!



## Prayers

Please remember the following members of our community of faith in your prayers:

- Liz Chalmers & family, on the death of Bert
- Dolores Kleine, on the death of her brother James Cockerton
- Ruth Ann Ramseyer, on the loss of her brother Keith
- Darcy Wagner & family, as he recovers from a farming accident
- Ethan Scheerer, as he flies off to Sackville, NB to begin studies at Mount Allison →
- Elisa Knight, as she begins studies at Trent U.
- Jeffrey Draper as he begins studies at WLU & UW



*May peace be with our neighbours today, every day and always, and with ourselves and with all those we love. ....Amen.*