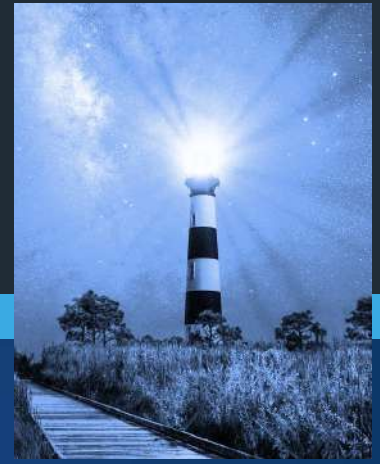


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Shining GOD's Light and Love

– JULY/AUGUST 2023 –



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Sharing God's love in tangible ways.

A BRIEF WORD FROM THE PASTOR:

“Hidden Treasures: Old & New”

Rummage sales, garage sales, estate sales, thrift stores, and antique markets – these are some of the places of spring and summer for many in my friends and family group. While I can enjoy them from time to time, others make elaborate plans of where to go and when, often planning to be the first one's present on the first day “to find the best things.” I smile as I remember my first pastor's wife making such plans. In fact, recently, in a town north of where we lived, quite by “chance” (or, I prefer, by God's design), my mom “ran into” Judy at a thrift store, of all places. Another who loves these types of events and locations is my sister-in-law. Over the years, she has put together many of these types of sales and she has found wonderful “treasures” at other locations.

Jesus, after sharing several parables in Matthew 10–13, concludes, “Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old” (Matthew 13:52, NLT).

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WYD - Whatsoever You Do

The church praying with Mary Margaret Butler and the Whatsoever You Do Ministry.

WYD is working to finish a building in Ottumwa to open as a Women and Children Shelter. They need volunteers and donations.



Treasures... Just before this statement, in Matthew 13:45-46, Jesus talks of finding “a pearl of great value” and the merchant who found it, sold all that he had and bought it. He knew the treasure he had found. Those who go to these estate sales, thrift stores and antique markets sometimes find treasures the world deems of “great value.” We, who glean through the scriptures, are enabled by the Holy Spirit, to find something of greater value: the very Word of God. Through the month of July, in our Sunday morning time of worship together, we will be considering “Hidden Treasures: Old and New” as we study selected passages in the Gospel according to Matthew. Matthew was a Jew writing to Jews primarily and he was a former tax collector who had had a skewed, worldly perspective of “treasures” until Jesus called him to “come, follow Me.” I pray that you will join us at Zion Community Church of God on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a time of worship and hearing God’s word, followed by fellowship and lessons together in the “Cookie Time” and Sunday School hour at 11:00 a.m.

May God bless you in your “treasure hunting,”
Pastor Margaret Kirby



Testing Markers

Ashley and Caroline testing markers to dispose of ones that were no longer good. One of their tasks on clean up day.



**6:30 pm Game night fun,
food & fellowship**

Come join us for some fun...

We have a monthly fellowship time on the second Friday of every month where we gather to share in food, fellowship and games!

Everyone is Welcome

Bring your family!

Invite your friends!

Bring a game or two to play!



Decision making duo

*Dean praying he
is soon done
digging holes.*

*Trimming up
the grounds*

Spring Cleaning

**Ed & Delbert working on
new slide installation**

Mid-Summer Bash



Gather 'round! Let's hear the excitin' news! We are going to have a Roundup! Yep, that's right, Zion Community Church of God is rounding up kids of all ages and their parents for a day of fun, fellowship, games, activities, food, and Bible stories. **On July 22, 2023, the congregation and many in the surrounding area will gather on the church property at 15720 Copperhead Road in Ottumwa, Iowa.** Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by a time of singin' and praisin' and gettin' ready for the fun in learnin' more about walkin' with God and how Jesus draws us into a deeper relationship with God and with others. Lunch will be provided, and the day will conclude with a short review in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m.

Call all your friends! Bring the whole family!

Let's learn more together as we round up and walk with Jesus!

Preregister at www.zionchurchottumwa.com



Ed McDowell

FEATURED LEADER OF THE MONTH

Ed and his family began attending Zion 21 years ago. They were drawn by the church family's loving heart and compassion to serve others. He is the current Board of Trustees President. He has been an adult Sunday School teacher for 19 years. Ed and his wife, Andrea have been leaders of the Children's Church Ministry for 18 years. Ed has a jovial spirit and a servant heart.

Dates to be aware of:

- July 11 - CWC 4:30 pm at Millie's
- July 14 - Fun 'n Fellowship 6:30 pm
- July 22 - Mid-summer Bash 9:00-3:00
- Aug 1 - CWC 4:30 pm at Millie's
- Aug 3 - All Boards Meetings; 5:30, 6:15, 7:00
- Aug 11 - Fun 'n Fellowship 6:30 pm
- Sept 8 - Fun 'n Fellowship 6:30 pm
- Sept 9 - Homecoming/Hog Roast

July Birthdays:

- 24 - Joyce Messer
- 26 - Paula Burress
- 28 - Mary Jo Carnes
- 29 - Ashley Cain
- 30 - McKenzie Baum

August Birthdays:

- 7 - Bryan Baum
- 8 - Donna Smithhart
- 9 - Sandy Cormeny
- 9 - Andrea McDowell
- 17 - Clint Kitterman
- 18 - Sandy Skinner
- 25 - Melvin Messer
- 25 - David Strong
- 26 - Kathy Newton
- 28 - Fonda Stice
- 29 - Paulette Speer
- 31 - Dee Bain

Anniversaries:

- July 24 - Doug & Samantha Cain
- Aug 10 - Ed & Andrea McDowell
- Aug 13 - Royce & Paulette Speer