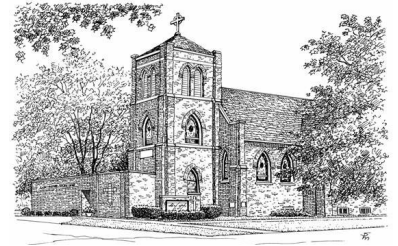


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What's Happening on the Outside at Zion?

Trees Trimmed Just in Time

MLG has been negotiating for some time to have some of the trees at the annex trimmed. That work was completed about two weeks ago. Seven trees on the annex lot as well as the church lot were trimmed. Two men worked non-stop for almost 7 hours.

Included in this Chimes are some pictures of their work. What was not known when work first began was that one of the major large (30+ inches in diameter) limbs in the large tree in the annex yard was seriously rotted and would have come down in the next large storm.

In light of the serious storm that knocked out power in the western part of Baroda for almost 48 hours, we realize how fortunate we were to have that limb removed before it cause damage. Most damage following the storm was caused by large trees falling. Thankfully this branch had been removed and the church buildings survived without damage. The pictures indicate the seriousness of the problem.

Church Eaves Troughs To Be Replaced

MLG has been exploring some of the water damage that has been occurring in the basement of the church. In consultation with both roofers and eaves trough experts, we believe that a significant portion of the leaks are coming from the troughs as well as seriously damaged fascia and soffits. (Those are parts of the roof line that hold the gutters up, and are essential to keep the building water tight.) Upon examination, almost all of our troughs are leaking and/or are damaged, or no longer effective, and much of the fascia and soffits are damaged and/or rotted. Our current plan is to replace all the troughs, fascia and soffits on the church.

Following completion of the eaves trough work by Future Construction, Midland Engineering will be repairing a number of the roof shingles that are missing or have come loose.

Church Sign Update

The sign is almost ready to be installed. We're still negotiating on the "splash" portion of the sign (that's the portion that has our name and church logo on it). Watch for pictures of it in the next issue of Chimes, or just stop by and see for yourself.



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Upcoming Events

06/23 CE Meeting—7 pm
 06/23 Prayer Circle—10 am
 06/24 Women's Fellowship—Krasl
 06/25 53rd Anniversary of the UCC
 06/26-27 Relay for Life
 07/04 Independence Day
 07/06 CE Meeting—7 pm
 07/12 Women's Fellowship—7 pm
 07/13 MLG Meeting—6:30 pm

07/14 Prayer Circle—10 am
 07/25 Chimes articles due
 07/28 Prayer Circle—10 am

Summer Music Needed

Now that our summer music program is in full swing, won't you consider signing up at the communication center desk to provide music for one of the Sunday's during the summer. Bonnie S. is coordinating the project.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Below are additional graduates for us to celebrate!

Karin C. has earned a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources from Walsh College. She works for Flagstar Bank and lives in Wixom, MI with her husband Kevin.

Kaitlin P. has earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Grand Valley State University. She is currently pursuing job opportunities in her field and lives in Grand Rapids, MI.

Announcements and Thank You's

Global Ministries is supported by Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). The support you provide to OCWM make possible the work and witness of Global Ministries. Enclosed is a Global Ministry story for you to reflect upon.

Chimes will be published once a month during July and August.

Thank you's to:

. . . Sue T. for coordinating the planned Silver Hawks baseball game . . . in spite of it being rained out . . . folks are looking forward to a rescheduling of the game.

. . .The CE Committee for providing Father's Day cookies for all fathers this past Sunday. Thanks also to our young people who helped pass out the cookies.

Dale and I would like to thank everyone that called, offered prayers and concerns in our recent illness and hospitalization. A special Thank You to Rev. Noffke for his visit at the hospital and his calls, prayers and concerns. We are Blessed! Thank you again,
 Dale and Dorothy N.

Dear Friends at Zion:

Thank you for contributing to Church World Services through our Blankets+ program. With your help we can continue to assist people overcome by natural and human-caused disasters, as well as supporting community efforts to develop sustainable agriculture, reliable safe water supplies, and other means to break the grip of grinding poverty.
 Rev. John L. McCullough, Church World Service

. . . Bonnie R., Adeline F., Toni G., and Sharon S. for their help with the Chimes.

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Brian T. (Moderator)	Mark K. (Vice-Moderator)
Susan E. (Secretary)	Dave F. (Treasurer)
Vern T.	Todd A. Heidi W.

Prayer Circle: Janice M.
Women's Fellowship: Kim F.

HOMELESS COUNT DONATION



We sent 36 bag lunches to the homeless for their annual census count. Thanks to all who donated food and toiletries. And a big thank you to Sharon S., Karen H., Kathy R., and Nancy W. for helping me bag up the lunches. It felt good to lend a hand in our own community. Kim F.

Altar Flowers: Every week there are flowers on the altar that complete the beauty of our church. Won't you consider being the one to add that final touch of beauty to the altar?

Coffee Hour Hosts: Each Sunday the host provides coffee, cake, pastries or donut holes. The expense for the donut holes may be taken from donations that day, so the only commit-

ment is to simply purchase the food and make coffee. Juice, coffee, plates, napkins and cups are all provided.

How You Can Help . . .

Sign up sheets for these ways to participate in your church are available

Prayer Concerns

We extend our love and prayers to:

. . . Rev Dan S., pastor of Zion Evangelical UCC in St Joseph who suffered a severe motorcycle accident while vacationing in Virginia. The hospital in Virginia declared him OK, however when he arrived back home in St Joe, he was immediately hospitalized with a punctured lung, 2 or 3 broken ribs, a broken collar bone, and a severely crushed toe. Rev. Smith spent several days in the hospital and is now recovering at home.

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Things You Might Want to Know . . .

Electronic Fund Transfer: If you would like to have your offering to Zion UCC automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account (weekly or monthly), please contact the church office to obtain an authorization form. Once the form is signed and returned withdrawals will begin. You may change or stop this service at any time.

Zion's Web site: For the latest news at Zion, check out our web site at www.zionuccbaroda.org. If you have submissions for inclusion on the web, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to contact the office or Rev. Noffke at cnoffke@qtm.net.

Privacy Laws Related to Hospitalizations: The laws have been in effect for quite some time, but the interpretation of those laws varies widely. In an effort to protect the privacy of patients, most healthcare providers will not release any information to churches and/or pastors. If you are hospitalized and would like the church and pastor to know, please be proactive with the admissions officer, and 1) tell them that you are a member of Zion, 2) you would like Zion to know that you are hospitalized, and 3) call the church office and Rev. Noffke.

Church Calendar

Service:
Traditional - 9:00 am

CE: 1st Tuesday—7 pm
MLG: 2nd Tuesday - 6:30 pm



*Articles for the next issue of Chimes are due **July 25!***

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