

# The Chimes



## PRAYER LIST

Jeff Willhite  
All Service Men and Women  
Jan Goos  
Mike Elruch (Jonell Forrester's son-in-law)  
Ben Gehring (Barb Trede's cousin, skiing accident)  
Ron Brockman  
Gail Hartigan  
Brandon Hoersch (Rev Hoersch's Great-Grandson)  
Shannon Smith

### **Nursing Home**

Elsie Strohhahn  
Sabina Altmock  
Reginia Lubbe

Milli Harvey  
Macyl Brockman

## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Although it hardly seems possible, summer is leaving us and the back to school schedule is beginning to kick in. At our house, we have a very anxious little girl who can't wait for that first day of kindergarten. Her parents, however...not so much! I write this in good humor, but there is certainly a tension that exists between Rylie's desire to go out into the great big world of kindergarten and her parent's desire to hold onto the past. As you all know (and have probably experienced) kids don't stay kids forever.

Psalm 139:14 makes a bold statement about who we are as God's children; "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I sometimes marvel at my children as I see them growing and learning. As God's children, Psalm 139:14 describes them—they are most certainly fearfully and wonderfully made. Here on Earth, we treasure our children. And yet our love of our kids is but a shadow of

the love that our Heavenly Father has for us. And the desire that we have for them to succeed is nothing to that felt by the One who knit them together (Ps 139:13).

So while I am certainly an anxious parent, and a part of me wishes that my kids would stay little forever, I know that God has an even greater plan and purpose for them—at every age and stage in their lives. So it is with great excitement that we are looking forward to our children’s (along with all the kids as they head back to school) experiences of new beginnings and adventures. Preparing our kids for that journey is only the first part—we also have to allow them to go. As Christians, we have to spend time preparing—but we also have to get going, growing and maturing into the people God designed us to be and doing what He has created and called us to do.

I hope and pray that I will get to the place where I can look at life as my kids do—with constant wonder and amazement about this world which God has created, living each day for Him. As ones who are fearfully and wonderfully made by the Creator of the cosmos, we are most richly blessed.

Pastor Adam

**CHURCH GIVING AND ATTENDANCE**

June 26 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 361.00
	Community Service
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$2664.50
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$2042.70

July 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$1999.60
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 878.72

Total \$7946.52

Attendance

June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Community Service (143)
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	85
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	89
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>75</b>
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	63

**DEACONS' S**

July 6, 2011 Deacons' Report

The harder we work the luckier we get. Could we not change that old saw to, the harder we pray the luckier we get?

A few years ago there were dire predictions of failure in the offering for Zion Congregational Church. Most of us heard those fearful words and it must be that most took them serious. In trouble, what do practicing Christians do? We pray, not that our will be done but rather that Thy will be done.

A lot of good people participated through prayers and deeds to resurrect Zion from its predicament. Not the least of these efforts was that of the pastor search committee. What a grand rebirth then started.

During our July meeting our pastor challenged us to look at the work accomplished and see whether or not all parts of our church and community are being served adequately. A quick resume of what we do would list: high quality sermonizing, the youth program led by Jordan, Dorcas Aid, Priscilla Circle, children’s and adult Bible classes, and, for the whole

community, church dinners, drive-in movies, J-Force, Vacation Bible School, Easter balloon display, high school baccalaureate, and the stick horse rodeo. (Just a partial listing.)

As a board, we discussed options but reached no firm conclusions other than that it is timely to give our church a critical look to avoid leaving some folks' needs unmet. Our board will continue along this path both in work and prayer. We hope that you will help us likewise. If you see an area where the church should be more nurturing, please bring it to our attention.

Maybe we'll expand our luck.

Jim Weeks, Deacon

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## TRUSTEE'S MEETING

### Minutes from June Meeting

Pastor Magill opened the meeting with prayer.

Treasurer Norm Collins gave the financial report

Pastor Adam provided an update on the scrip program. Profit for the month of May was \$184. This program is a blessing to the Church's youth programs! Pastor Adam also provided attendance figures for the movie nights and provided schedules for the movies during the coming months.

#### Old Business:

The Trustees have set the weekend of July 16<sup>th</sup> for replacement of the parsonage windows. Cindy will make the announcement during church services and ask for help. The rolled roofing for repair of the

sanctuary roof has been acquired and Mike will coordinate with Wendell Hotze to make the repair. Triple C Roofing has been re-contacted about the hole in the roofing over the overflow area with no response at this date. Mike will re-contact Triple C Roofing. Truman filled in the hole along the sidewalk and will check on installation of a roof gutter to direct the water to the south.

#### New Business:

Bible School was a great success. Over seventy youth attended the past week's activities.

Parking lot maintenance activities will be taking place over the next several weeks. The brush

pile north of the parsonage has been taken care of without burning on-site. The dishwasher in

the parsonage has had problems. Repairs will be attempted; but, purchase of a new

dishwasher may be necessary. Another of the pine trees west of the parsonage has died. Mike

will check with Wendell Hotze and get a cost estimate for removal. Pastor Adam requested

permission to attend the Conference in Okoboji instead of the 4-Cs Conference as it was

closer and cheaper with more interesting sessions. Approved! There was no other new

business and meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting July 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

### Minutes from July Meeting

Zion Trustee Meeting held July 10, 2010

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Magill. Treasurer Norm Collins gave the financial report. Triple-C Roofing made temporary repairs to

the overflow area roof and will make permanent repairs soon. They also provided a bid for re-coating the entire roof. Cost would be between thirteen and fourteen thousand dollars. The matter was tabled pending further discussion. Hotze Tree Service will be contacted about removing the dead tree and stump west of the parsonage. Plans for the replacement of parsonage windows are progressing well. The windows should be delivered the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>, Adam stated that the staining of the trim is going well, a dumpster for the project will be delivered July 13<sup>th</sup> and Mike Tripp announced the workday at the July 10 services and asked for volunteers. The sound loop materials have arrived and are awaiting installation. The parsonage dishwasher will be replaced as soon as possible.

The church will be searching for a new custodian as soon as possible. An announcement was made at the July 10 services asking interested persons to contact Doris Quick. A job description will be printed in the next issue of the Chimes and Pastor Adam will create a link to the job description on the Church website: [zioncongregational@frontiernet.net](mailto:zioncongregational@frontiernet.net). The Ice Cream Social will be held July 21, 2011.

The next Trustee Meeting will be held August 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Michael Tripp, Trustee

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### DORCAS AID

The Dorcas Aid met on July 14 with 8 members and Pastor Adam present.

Marilyn had devotions entitled "Ice Cream Devotions". Asking us if we are excited about God as we are about baseball or eating ice cream. We sang "There is

Sunshine in My Soul" She gave us some information about the first ice cream social being July 1917 at the home of Mrs. Thiel. This was in an old Dorcas Aid Book.

Pastor Adam led our very interesting devotions "The Complainer in all of Us". We all talked

about some of our main complaints. We need to remember to pour our hearts out to God.

He listens!

Lois led our meeting in the absence of our president, Audrey, She read the thought and the Bible verse for the day. Roll call was answered by a verse from Daniel. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Our new business included mentioning the Ice Cream Social July 21; and deciding to buy a new dishwasher for the parsonage. Charlene made the motion with a second by Lavon. Pastor Adam will take care of this task.

Lois and Carolyn will help-and anyone else who would like to help- with serving the luncheon for Carol Hays 50th Anniversary on July 24th.

We had election of officers with; Vice-President, Mardene; Treasurer, Marilyn; Secretary, Carolyn; Nominating Committee, Ruth. "The Loop" is installed but not working like it should be. Lois and Carolyn had nickels and dimes. We didn't have any July birthdays. Lois,

Lavon and Carolyn played Bingo this month. Mardene, Justine, Elaine, Charlene and Ruth played in June. We ate a delicious lunch and the tables were decorated in a patriotic theme.

Secretary, Carolyn

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### HAPPENINGS AT ZION

If anyone has anything that would like to get into the Chimes please just have it into the office by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.

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A BIG thank you to all who helped with the Stick Horse Rodeo. Especially, Jim and Velda Weeks for making the "stock". The Zion stable was filled with lots of stick horses for loan. The contestant and horses names were announced by B.J. Dreyer. We started off with Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Horse Race, Calf roping and finished with Jumping. We had 18 contestants, and 4 times as many spectators. Big and little cowpokes had a great evening of entertainment

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The Iowa National Guard Troop from Eastern Iowa would like to give a Great Big THANK YOU to the ladies from the Ice Cream Social. They took some of the leftovers from the Social to them and they really enjoyed having it!!!!

They want you to know they think you did a very good thing.

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The Deacons are starting a new thing for the Chimes. They will be interviewing someone from the Church each month. If you get a call from one of Deacons just be prepared to answer some questions and tell them a little about yourself.

Elsie Taylor - Elsie Taylor was born in 1921, so she turned 90 this year! She was raised here in Iowa, and then married an Iowa boy, Earl, in their early

20's. Soon afterwards, Earl was called to serve in World War II. He was stationed at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, and Elsie followed him there and took a job as secretary to the Commanding Officer while Earl was overseas. When Earl came home from the service, they moved back to Iowa where they farmed for 30 years. They had two sons, Kenneth and Kevin.

Elsie began taking art classes, and then began working on designing wall hangings. She loved her hobby, and was able to turn it into a business. Elsie also loved to travel and write. She wrote many articles for the newspaper, but one that she really enjoyed was in 1987. They volunteered at a desert museum when they wintered in Arizona, and they were asked to be part of a scientific expedition down the California coast to the Baja of Mexico. They saw many animals and plant life, and Elsie was even able to pet a seal calf on the beach. Elsie served as Artist in residence for the Iowa Arts Council and in the National Endowment for the Arts. Elsie has been a member here at Zion for 50 years.



Our next Church member is Audrey Stewart.

Audrey Stewart was born in Floyd, Iowa on June 22, 1930. She was a graduate of Floyd High school in 1948, three years after the love of her life, Eugene Stewart. Eugene and Audrey were married 8-19-49. Audrey gave birth to her first child, Susan Stewart Mass.

In June of 1953 Audrey, Eugene and their three oldest children moved to Treynor so Eugene could accept a teaching and coaching position at Treynor Schools. At that time, it was six hours from her home town. There was no interstate, and Treynor had no paved roads. She felt as though Eugene had moved her family to the edge of the earth. She told him he had two years to get her back to Floyd. That was 58 years ago. Eugene accepted a position at Iowa School for the

Deaf in 1962 where he worked for 26 years before retiring in 1988. The Stewarts raised all of their eight children in Treynor. Audrey began working for the Treynor School system in 1966 and worked as a school bus driver for 36 years. Being a school bus driver is what helped Audrey develop such a strong tie to the community. Through this job she got to know many of the families in the community, all of the kids and watched over the years as those kids grew. For many families, Audrey drove more than one generation of kids to school. Audrey and Eugene joined Zion church officially in 1971. Since that time, she has been connected to the church as a Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Choir member, Dorcas Aide and Bible Study. Audrey also worked part time for Treynor Insurance services for 28 years.

Audrey stays very active and tries to attend most community events. She loves going to the high school ball games and watching all kids participate. Audrey is an avid card player and will sit to play cards with most anyone.

Eugene and Audrey had 8 kids, 20 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren with one more currently in production. We are certain there are more to follow. Audrey's oldest son, Dave Stewart, was killed in a car accident at age 21.

Audrey's kids would describe her as caring, giving, selfless, supportive, nurturing and stubborn, oh so very stubborn.

If you see Audrey, take time to say hi. She loves to visit with friends.

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### Hearing Loop Update

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent, and treasure for the hearing loop project. The hearing loop has now arrived and will be installed this month. Thanks for sharing Christ's love by making it easier for many brothers and sisters in Christ to hear and participate in our worship services at Zion.

### Scrip Reminder

Please remember to purchase your groceries with SCRIP gift cards! Gift Cards to HyVee, Fareway, and No Frills are available. SCRIP orders are due the first Sunday of each month.

For more information about scrip, please visit: [www.ziontreynor.org](http://www.ziontreynor.org)

### Zion Drive-In Theater Schedule

*(Times may vary depending on light conditions. Movies will be shown indoors if raining.)*

#### **AUGUST**

Sunday, Aug. 14 8:00pm THOU SHALT LAUGH (G)  
8:30pm HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL (Filtered, G)  
*The last weekend before school begins...Bring the family and party at Zion! (Singing along is allowed...)*

Saturday, Aug. 27 8:00pm THOU SHALT LAUGH 2 (G)  
8:30pm SECRETARIAT (Filtered, PG)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday, Sept. 11 8:00pm WORLD TRADE CENTER (Filtered, PG-13)  
*For Mature Audiences Only...This is a filtered movie, but still is a very realistic depiction of what happened to several Port Authority Police and Fire Units on 9-11.*

Saturday, Sept. 24 7:30pm BACK TO THE FUTURE (Filtered, PG)  
9:00pm THE GOONIES (Filtered, PG)  
*80's Night...Come dressed appropriately, and don't forget the DeLorean!*

#### **OCTOBER**

All October Shows TBD... It all depends on the weather!

#### **DECEMBER (indoors)**

Saturday, Dec. 3 7:00pm ELF (Filtered, PG)  
Saturday, Dec 17 7:00pm NAVTIVITYSTORY (filtered, PG)

### A Note of Thanks

Thank you all so very much for taking such great care of our family. This month, the church purchased and installed new windows in the parsonage. To everyone who worked in the planning, financing, installing, serving lunch, overseeing, and any other phase of the window project, thank you very much. The windows are beautiful, and function perfectly. It's great on the "cooler" days to open up the house and get a good breeze moving. They will also significantly reduce heating and cooling costs. We've noticed that we can hardly hear the highway traffic now as well. Thank you again for your time, effort, and generosity.

Blessings,  
Pastor Adam, Missy, Rylie, and Addyson

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**J-Force Update**

J-Force will resume on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30pm-5:00pm. All students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Students can arrange their own transportation, or ride the school bus that stops at Zion each Wednesday for those who want to attend. Please help spread the word!



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# **CHIMES**

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