

ANNOUNCEMENTS: OCTOBER 18 & 19

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday – Sunday: Closed

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ongoing Prayers: Gwen Trumball and family, Thomas, Nicole, Stella, Bentley, and baby, Pam Studer (aunt of Melissa Kocis), Barb Hendel, Cathie Tyree, Mike Kleinfelt, Julia (mother of Melissa Kocis' friend), Samuel McNeir (son of Patrick and Naomi McNeir), Al Gaige (brother of Jan Baker), David Buenting, Brian from Kenya, Linda Smith (wife of Gary Smith), Kay Baird (sister of Ted Weaver), Jason Scasny (husband of Kristen Scasny), LaVerne Edwards, Roger Peinert (husband of Sandy Peinert), Bob and Janis Stein, Carol Hancock (cousin of Naomi McNeir), Steven Laine (brother of Jim Laine), Judy Modene, Sue Hughes, Cary Wise, Judy Schramm, and all those we name in our hearts.

***Please contact the church office or one of the pastors with any prayer list additions or changes.**

SPECIAL OFFERING

The special offering for October will help to support **LWR-Shipping**. Please use your special offering envelope, or a pew envelope marked "special offering." In September we collected and donated \$357 to **WAM (Wood Area Ministries)**.

PCU FOOD PROGRAM

Zoar's item for October will be **peanut butter**. Please place items in the cupboard by the elevator. During the month of September, we collected and donated **389 cans of soup** to PCU. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - 242

PRAYER PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO PRAY

We rejoice that the fighting in Gaza has ceased, and we pray now that the cease fire will remain in effect. Please also pray for the people of Gaza, as the area has been almost completely destroyed. We pray that the people will find shelter. We pray that sufficient aid and food will reach those in such desperate need. We pray that God will comfort and strengthen the people in the coming days.

AUGUST MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<i>Preliminary report of Operating Funds</i>	YTD Actual 2025	YTD Budget 2025	August Actual 2025	August Budget 2025
Total Income	\$538,863	\$609,518	\$54,679	\$87,074
Total Expense	<u>\$603,514</u>	<u>\$609,518</u>	<u>\$79,997</u>	<u>\$87,074</u>
Income less Expense	-\$64,651	\$0	-\$25,319	\$0

BIBLE STUDY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 29th AT 8:30 AM

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

****PLEASE NOTE BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED ON 10/22 AND WILL RESUME ON 10/29****

OUR 85+ MEMBER SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Arline Cornelius	10/06	Joseph Huber	10/15
Elva Ault	10/18	Darla Gearig	10/30

OFFERINGS TO ZOAR

Please consider continuing your offerings to Zoar:

- Give online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM4T/home> to set up scheduled gifts or designate your gift to a specific fund.
- Download the free **Vanco Mobile app** available for Apple and Android phones to make your gift.
- Mail offering to Zoar Lutheran Church, 314 E. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

VISITING GUEST PREACHERS

Zoar will be hosting a variety of guest preachers throughout the year. Mark your calendars to come and worship with our guests.

John Walker 10/18 & 10/19

ZOAR BOOK CLUB

The Zoar Book Club will meet on **Friday, November 7th** at 12:30 pm in rooms L1/L2 at Zoar Church (bring a brown bag lunch). Our eleventh book for the year will be "James: A Novel" by Percival Everett (2024) (Fiction). An action-packed reimagining of **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Jan Trease will be the discussion facilitator. Book Club members can pick up this book at Way Public Library (Zoar Book Club Box). The Book Club is open to all interested people. For further information, contact Ellen Williams (ewillia@bgsu.edu).

COMMUNION EDUCATION

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, November 8th** Zoar will be holding a communion education class from 10 am – 2 pm in the FLC. This class is open to people of all ages. RSVPs are required. Please follow the link to be taken to registration. <https://forms.gle/j4ZXZ6FUm99QTrmE6>

BLESSING OF THE PETS

We'd love for you and your furry friends to stop by the Zoar parking lot from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm on **Sunday, October 19th** for a pet blessing. For the safety of everyone we do ask that you have your pet on a leash (if applicable).

TIME CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS

This is a reminder to all church committees that if you are submitting any items to be included in the new time capsule, it must be received in the church office by **Saturday, November 1st**.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

We will be hosting a new member luncheon for all new members and those potentially interested in church membership. The luncheon will be held on **Sunday, November 9th** following the 11 am worship service (approximately 12:15 pm). This gathering offers the opportunity to receive an overview of our faith and ministries at Zoar as well as participate in open Q&A and explore the building with a tour. New members will then be received on Sunday, November 23rd during our one service Sunday worship at 10 am. Scan the QR code below or call the church office to register for the luncheon.



YOUTH TIME CAPSULE

On **November 22nd**, Zoar will be opening our 175th anniversary time capsule. Youth in grade 12 and younger are invited to fill out a time capsule sheet to place in the NEW time capsule to be opened in 2050! Some kids have already filled one out at Sunday School or youth group, but if you missed out, click the link found in the Zblast to download a copy or pick one up in the church office.

YOUNG ADULT CONNECTION

Young Adult Connection is a group for Zoar young adults (post-high school, ages 18 – 30ish) who live locally or far away and are looking to connect with others in your age group and/or stay connected to Zoar! Follow the link to sign up today! <https://forms.gle/Z9zYCNTKrWbM6UNs9>

YOGA FOR EVERY BODY

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 9th** from 4-5 pm in the FLC as we spend time connecting our mind, body and spirit with yoga instructor Kasey Kilmer. Bring a yoga mat (if you have one) or a towel. Chairs will be available for anyone choosing chair yoga. Thank you to the Zoar Foundation for sponsoring this event. A free will offering will be collected in support of Water Mission. Sign up by following the link: <https://forms.gle/Z2bzqH76NiQBvWwU9>

KITCHEN OF HOPE LUNCHEONS

Kitchen of Hope is back providing meals and playing bingo on the fourth Friday of each month. Meals are held in Zoar's FLC and start at noon. These meals are free and open to everyone. We do ask that you call the church office at 419-874-4346 to sign up if you plan on attending.

2025 Season: Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

2026 Season: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22

ZOAR YOUTH GROUP CEDAR POINT TRIP

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, October 18th** Zoar's youth in grades 5-12 are invited on a field trip to Cedar Point. There will be two groups leaving at different times to better accommodate everyone's schedules. Please note that adult chaperones and drivers are also needed. Follow the link below for more information and to access the registration form.

<https://forms.gle/V7MEvaQ15wq3zUmy6>

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Saturday, October 25th** and **Sunday, October 26th** immediately following each worship service, a special congregational meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Vice President for church council. The person elected will serve as VP for the remainder of the 2024/2025 term (ending the end of January 2026) and then will serve as Council President for the 2026/2027 (beginning the end of January 2026) term. We hope you will join us for more information and your input.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

You are invited to join Troop 110 and Pack 110 for a night of spooky fun! On **Monday, October 27th** from 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Zoar will be hosting the Cub Scout/Boy Scout Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. There is no cost and open to all ages! Any questions? Call Scott (Pack 110) at 419-283-8336 or Dante (Troop 110) at 419-705-4332. We look forward to seeing you there!

ELIZABETH WAYNE PRESCHOOL

Zoar has been contacted by the director of the preschool at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maumee, called Elizabeth Wayne Preschool. They have invited our parishioners to consider their preschool and will offer anyone from Zoar a 5% tuition discount. They are planning an open house on **Tuesday, November 4th** for prospective families to see the school. Tours will be given throughout the day from 9 am – 2 pm. Families can come anytime that is convenient for them and meet teachers as well as get any questions they have answered. Additional information available at

www.stpaulsmaumee.org/ewpreschool/

STAINED GLASS WINDOW UPDATE

Bigelow Windows has completed work on 20 windows and have 2 more in process. These are in the upper stairwell by the back of the sanctuary. After those come back, we will only have 6 more to go! The last 6 will be :The Baptism of Jesus/Lord's Supper; a decorative window in the stairwell; Lord, Save Me; Revelation/Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock; Mary Sitting at Jesus' Feet; and the Holy Family/Birth of Christ. As of October 14, 2025, our fund balance is \$73,265.11. Once we are invoiced for the cry room/bathroom windows (\$12,760), we will need to spend another \$64,295 to finish the remaining windows. That means we need \$3,789.89 to complete all the window restoration. Woo hoo! Words cannot describe how appreciative we are for the generosity shown by this congregation in their donations and attendance at events which highlighted the windows!

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY CENTER

St. Paul's Community Center serves meals to unhoused individuals in and around the Toledo area. Zoar contributes to this effort by providing four meals a year. When it gets cold, many of the visitors do not have warm coats, hats or gloves. With the temperatures starting to change we are collecting clean winter gear in sizes large or extra-large, men or women's. New packages of underwear are also needed. You can put your donations in the box by the stairs at Zoar until **November 9th**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, October 18

- 9:00 am Altar Guild
- 6:00 pm Worship – Sanctuary**
- 6:00 pm Temple Talk w/ Joe Habib - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 19

- 8:30 am Worship – Sanctuary**
- 8:30 am Temple Talk w/ Joe Habib - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Social Hour – Gathering Space
- 9:45 am Sunday School – SS Room
- 11:00 am Worship – Sanctuary**
- 11:00 am Temple Talk w/ Joe Habib – Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm Confirmation Class - TBD
- 3:30 pm Blessing of the Pets – Zoar Parking Lot

Monday, October 20

- 1:00 pm Nominating Committee – Conference Room
- 5:15 pm Basketball – FLC.
- 7:00 pm Pack 110 Den Meeting – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Worship Committee – Conference Room
- 7:30 pm Basketball – FLC

Tuesday, October 21

- 9:00 am Quilters – L1/L2/L3/L4
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 11:00 am Pickleball – FLC
- 1:00 pm Pickleball – FLC
- 3:00 pm Intermediate Pickleball - FLC
- 3:14 pm 314 with Jacob – Facebook Live
- 5:30 pm Pickleball – FLC
- 6:00 pm Council Meeting – L1/L2
- 7:00 pm Special Council Meeting – L1/L2

Wednesday, October 22

- 8:30 am Bible Study – Conference Room
- 11:00 am Thanksgiving Planning – Conference Room
- 1:00 pm Bridge Club – Third Floor
- 1:30 pm Abundant Life I - Offsite
- 4:00 pm Pickleball Lessons – FLC

Thursday, October 23

- 7:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, October 24

- 9:00 am Painters – L1/L2
- 12:00 pm Kitchen of Hope – FLC

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**ALTAR GUILD**

October 19 8:30 am Sondra Alexander
 11:00 am Carolyn St. Meyers

USHERS

October 19 8:30 am Dave Prue; Randy Bohn
 11:00 am Dan Bartel

LECTOR

October 18 6:00 pm Kelly Andrews
October 19 8:30 am
 11:00 am

GREETERS

October 18 6:00 pm
October 19 8:30 am Sondra Alexander
 11:00 am

SOUND CREW

October 18 6:00 pm Doug Williams
October 19 8:30 am Carl Habekost
 11:00 am Tom Trimble

MUSICAL GUESTS

October 18 6:00 pm Sharon Bitter

ACOLYTES

October 18 6:00 pm
October 19 8:30 am
 11:00 am

SOCIAL HOUR SETUP

October 19 8:00 am Jim and Pam Kwasniak

SOCIAL HOUR COOKIE DONATIONS

October 19 8:00 am Nadine Johnson; Sondra Alexander

COUNTERS Brian and Jane Tomko