



February

Ushers:

East door: Ken Uhrick

West door: Scott Strickler

Liturgist:

Feb. 1: Barb Engle

Feb 8: Jeanne Reidenbach

Feb. 15: Vicki Nussbaum

Feb. 18: Jan Miller (Ash Wednesday)

Feb. 22: Justin Shaffer

Feb 25: Ken Uhrick (Lenten Service)

Greeters:

East-West: Steve Scott

NE Front: Mike & Carol Fuelling

Fellowship Hour:

Cathee Graves

Sue Keller

Terra Roop

Count Offering:

Carl Stevens

Operation Help

Our Operation Help products for February will be **soup for Souper Bowl Sunday**.

Please bring your donations of soup to the dining room on February 8th. Demand at Operation Help has increased considerably and any donations are much appreciated.

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for submitting items for the March newsletter is February 20th. Please email to office@zionuccdecatur.org, or call the church office at 724-3502.

Lunch Bunch:

The Lunch Bunch will gather for lunch at the West End in Decatur on Wednesday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m. Please see Russ Augsburger if you plan to attend. Everyone is invited for a time of good food and fellowship.

Financial Secretary:

We welcome Makayla Smith to the position of Financial Secretary. She began January 1st, following the retirement of Lisa Krueckeberg from the position. She works with the Stewardship Committee to count weekly offerings and handle bank deposits. Thank you, Makayla, for your willingness to serve Zion.

College Boxes:

Our next College boxes will be sent February 8th. We have 1 boy and 1 girl receiving boxes this semester.

Christian Education Meeting:

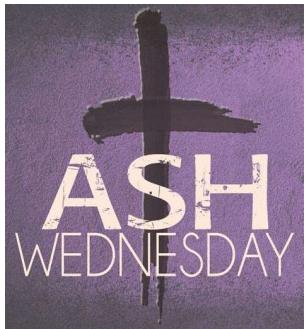
Christian Education Committee will meet following worship on February 1st to make plans for the coming year. Please meet in the lounge.

Condolences:

We offer our condolences to the family of RuthAnn Moser, who passed away on December 24th. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Allen on December 30th. RuthAnn sang in the chancel choir for many years and will be missed.

Bible Study:

Bible Study will conclude the study of the book of Ecclesiastes on February 5th. We will not meet during Lent but will resume after Easter in April.



Lenten Services Begin:

The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. A light meal will be provided by Music and Worship Committee at 6 p.m., followed by communion and worship services at 6:30 p.m. Our theme this year is a five-part series focusing on the “I Am” statements in the Gospel of John. We hope you will all plan to join us weekly on this journey to Easter and the Resurrection.



Souper Bowl:

Men's Fellowship will collect donations of canned soup in celebration of “Souper Bowl” Sunday on February 8th. Simple hearty meals like soup and stew are especially needed during the cold winter months. Last year, there were 182 cans donated and we hope to exceed that this year.

Lenten Cue Offering:

Our Lenten offering is received throughout the Lenten season in support of the UCC colleges and seminaries. Our Chicago, United, and Eden (CUE) seminaries prepare students called to God's ministry for service around the world. An envelope is included in the Lenten mailing as well as in the vestibules. Please place your donation in the weekly offering any Sunday during Lent. Please mark your check “Lenten offering.”

Fundraising Opportunities!:

The **RaiseRight!** Gift card program will continue throughout the upcoming year. Both physical and digital gift cards are available. Order forms can be found in the vestibules and the dining room and given to Stacey Smith. She will place a monthly order and information will be provided each month as to the due date.

There is also a Community Rewards program available through Kroger, where a percentage of your purchase becomes a charitable donation to Zion. To enroll, sign into your Kroger card and look for “Community Rewards” on your account page. There are currently 8 members signed up and everyone is encouraged to enroll.

S.W.A.G Activities:

A time of fun, food, and games is planned for our Youth Group on Sunday, February 15th from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Please bring friends and a favorite board game. Contact Janet Smith for more information. We hope to plan a March outing for Cosmic Bowling at Villa Lanes. More updates to come!

In this month of Love and all that goes with it I would like you think about the people you love. I know many people make funeral arrangements, others put off and don't want to think about it. Please consider filling out this form and sharing it with your loved ones. There is no good time to talk about this so today is the day, have this conversation.

Allen R. Kahler

INFORMATION FORM

Full Name: _____ . Maiden

Name: _____ .

Address: _____ .

City, St, Zip: _____ .

At the completion of my course of life here on earth, I would like my family and friends to use the following information, requests, and suggestions in the plans for my memorial or funeral service.

I would prefer (please check the appropriate spaces):

Memorial Service, burial preceding.

Casket closed

Funeral, burial following

Casket open prior to service

Memorial Service, cremation preceding

Casket open during service

Funeral, cremation following

Casket open following service

Interment to be public

Interment to be private

If cremation is chosen, please comment upon what you would prefer to be done with your remains?

I prefer the Memorial or Funeral to be held at (please give preference and location of Church, Funeral Home, Cemetery, Base Chapel, or other location.)

Memorial Service or Funeral Service Requests:

1. Favorite Hymns or Songs:

2. Is there a specific soloist or group you would like to sing?

3. Favorite Scripture, or Reading:

4. Favorite Poetry: (please attach a copy)

5. Personal words to leave: (a brief testimony is often a powerful witness)

6. What minister(s) would you like to conduct the service?

7. What part would you like each minister to have?

8. Are there others you would like to participate? (friends, associates, fraternal orders?)

Many loved ones and friends prefer the custom of giving living memorials to a church, a mission

Other instructions or requests:

organization, school, or charity in lieu of flowers.

Please express your preference.

Burial:

1. Are you a member of a Memorial/Burial Association? (Please specify names)

2. Do you have burial insurance, a pre-arranged and/ or pre-paid arrangements made?

With whom?

3. Are you eligible for an American Flag as a Veteran?

4. Do you have a grave plot? (Location)

**Do you have a will?
copies?**

Who has

Have portions or all of your body been donated to science? (give details)

From time to time you may wish to revise this form. Often other friends or family may also wish copies. Please feel free to call the church for additional blank forms, or feel free to make copies.

Please keep this form in a safe place, not in a safety deposit box. Your pastor, a friend or family member may be appropriate. (It is often helpful to give a copy to your pastor as he/she will likely be able to better minister when needed).