

# The God Story

Week 1:

Suspension of  
Disbelief

*JULY 20TH, 2025*

*SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST*

*Zion United Methodist Church exists to celebrate God's grace  
and witness for Jesus Christ. As you worship, open your heart.  
God has a word for you today!*

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PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

\*INVITATION SONGS      *"My Life is in You Lord," "I Believe," "I Worship You"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers, we are embarked on the journey through the God Story in our lives

***Our story pulls towards the One who created us  
in the image of God***

Disciples, we walk with God wherever we are led

***pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.***

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

***whose promises take on new life  
in the good news of our God Stories.***

HYMN OF PRAISE      *"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"*

#128

OPENING PRAYER

God of our history, we know that we continue the God-Story of so many giants in the faith—Moses and Miriam, Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Paul, and countless others throughout time. We are here because of their faithfulness to you, and your faithfulness to them, which is beyond measure and beyond our imagining. In your faithfulness speak to us, that we might discover the story that you are continuing to write in our futures. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC      *"In Your Presence", by Sandi Patti Presented by Marjorie Myrold*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, I want to fully live into the story you have for my life. Give me faith today to trust in you in the places of my life where I still can't see what you are up to. I believe our tithes and offerings today can change the world; help me in times when that belief wavers and you're telling me to suspend my disbelief. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 18:1-15*

MESSAGE

*"The God Story: Suspension of Disbelief" Rev. Clay Lundberg*

HYMN OF RESPONSE      *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1 & 4)*

#557

\*SENDING FORTH

\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, July 20th

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. – Wired Word Summer

### TUESDAY, July 22nd

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

### WEDNESDAY, July 23rd

9:30 a.m. – Legacy Quilters  
5:00 p.m. – Pop – Up Garden

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, July 27th

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. – Wired Word Summer

### TUESDAY, July 29th

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins  
5:30 p.m. – Zion Love Feast

### WEDNESDAY, July 30th

9:30 a.m. – Legacy Quilters

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## LOVE FEAST

The Love Feast is just around the corner! What an incredible ministry! July is Zion's opportunity to serve. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary, and there will be a Sign-Up Genius link coming to you soon. For more information, please contact Cheryl Klamm.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED

2-3 volunteers are needed to add a Sunday School class for younger children this fall. Curriculum materials will be provided. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Call or text **Nancy Flint (605-380-5360)** for questions and to volunteer.

## MISSION TEAM POP UP GARDEN

The Mission Team needs volunteers to help with their Pop-Up Garden ministry. Here are some ways that you can contribute to this mission; plant an extra row of produce to share, invite other gardeners you know of to plant an extra row, volunteer to set up and hand out produce, and pray for good crops. If you have any questions regarding this ministry please contact Nancy Evans or one of the mission team members.

## ZION BUILDING INITIATIVE

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've made remarkable progress toward our \$300,000 goal! **As of May 1st, we're just \$17,350 away from reaching it.** With your continued support, we can complete our planned projects and bring our vision to life!

## INFORMATION UPDATE

If you are new to Zion, or your information has changed, please take time to fill out an update card.

## THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The quilt of the week is a 86" x 65" "Disappearing 9 Square" quilt.

IF YOU NEED A QUIET PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD,  
OUR NURSERY IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER WEST WING.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTOR .....	Rev. Clay Lundberg
MINISTERS .....	The Congregation
CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	David Perry
ORGANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST .....	Marjorie Myrold
LAY READER.....	Mark Flint
LAY LEADER .....	Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY .....	Gail Sherwood

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JULY 13TH, 2025

Sunday Worship – 81    Online - 72

FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 3,532.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 115.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 110.00

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT	
TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 18,848.40
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 73,778.54
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 00.00

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ZION

Other than using checks, you may take advantage of other giving options. You can give online via **Tithe.ly**. Scan the QR code here and follow the directions. For those who prefer **Automatic Bank Transfer** on a regular basis, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYER MARKER FOR JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2025

LIFT IN PRAYER

The Carlson Family  
Neil and Cleo Rowe  
Peter Blay  
Christianson Family  
Wally and Carol Mytych  
Aileen Sandwick & Family  
The Welsh Family  
The Parkinson Family  
Grandma Marjean  
Our Shut-ins

JOYS

Teamwork with parsonage work  
Meeting Pastor Clay and family  
Wired Word Summer discussions  
Building Update Projects  
Love Feast  
Global Friends Ministry

BIRTHDAYS

07/22 Aileen Sandwick  
07/25 Larry Machart