

An Unlikely Lent

“Unlikely Offering”
Sunday, March 1, 2026

MARCH 1ST, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*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** *"Good Good Father," "Goodness of God"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, we gather like those in Bethany,

Drawn close to Jesus by love that will not be contained.

Here, the ordinary becomes holy: a table, a meal, a jar of perfume poured out without restraint.

In this season, we remember that God works through unlikely people and extravagant acts of devotion, through courage, tenderness, and costly love.

Come, you who carry questions and hope, you who long to offer what you have.

Let us worship the One who receives our brokenness, honors our love, and calls us into a life poured out for the sake of the world. Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH 526

OPENING PRAYER

Most gracious and loving God, there are times in our lives when being extravagant is the only way we can express how profound and deep our love is. We know that our extravagance is wasteful. But Lord, we want to express the profoundness of our love, the depth of our thankfulness, and our continuing desire for more of you. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"On Eagles Wings"

by Douglass E. Wagner

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

John 12:1-8
"Unlikely Offering"

#761
Rev. Jen Tyler Osterloh
Brookings First United Methodist Church

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"I Surrender All" (Vs 1 & 4)

UMH 354

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" (vs. 1,2)

UMH 663

***SENDING FORTH**

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY, March 1st

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

TUESDAY, March 3rd

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

WEDNESDAY, March 4th

1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters
5:30 p.m.- Lenten Supper/Devotion
7:00 p.m.– Choir Practice

THURSDAY, March 5th

9:00 a.m.- Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, March 8th

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship
(continued)

10:30 a.m.–Worship Service
Potluck Fellowship following the service

MONDAY, March 9th

7:00 p.m. – Trustees

TUESDAY, March 10th

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

WEDNESDAY, March 11th

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters
5:30 p.m.- Lenten Supper/Devotion
7:00 p.m.– Choir Practice

THURSDAY, March 12th

9:00 a.m.- Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop
6:00 p.m.-Stewardship and Finance
7:00 p.m.- Administrative Council

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to Rev.Jen Tyler Osterloh for sharing her sermon via video and also to Cynthia Shabb for leading the service in Pastor Clay's absence.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & DEVOTIONS

Join us on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall during the season of Lent at 5:30 p.m. for a soup supper and devotion based on the "meal stories" from the gospels. Jesus makes himself known at the table. Soup supper dates are: **Mar. 4th**, **Mar. 11th**, **Mar. 18th**, **Mar. 25th**, and **April 1**. There is a sign up sheet for those who are willing to provide some yummy soup.

BLESSING BOX

There is a blessing box outside of Zion! Take a blessing, leave a blessing! Pick up something extra to share with our Zion Neighborhood when you visit the grocery store! Non-perishable items only please!

PAUL, THE MISSIONARY IN THE EXPLORERS IN SPIRIT CLASS

Paul resumes his second missionary journey through Thessalonica, Corinth, and Ephesus. These were some of the most significant and important early Christian communities. Join us on Sunday mornings in the "sisters" classroom to learn more about Paul's amazing, life-changing impact on the lives of people and how we can apply some of these lessons to our own lives.

THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The Quilt of the Week is named Ocean's Hues and measures 78" x 64". It is A slight variation on the Around the World quilt pattern. Last week's quilt was called Christmas Revisted and measures 61" x 86".

**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.....	Cynthia Shabb
LAY LEADER.....	Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Gail Sherwood

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

Sunday Worship – 57 Sunday School – 20 Online- 6

FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 4,336.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 00.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 00.00

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN	\$ 21,608.75
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT	\$ 28,731.01
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE	\$ 2,484.18

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 MARCH 1ST- MARCH 7TH 2026

LIFT IN PRAYER

Cleo Rowe and Family
Peter Blay
Wally and Carol Mytych
Aileen Sandwick & Family
The Sondreal Family
Our Shut-ins

JOYS

Sunday Music
Praise Band and Choir
Love Feast
Building Update Projects
Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions

BIRTHDAYS

03/01 Nathan Klamm
03/03 Pamela Wright

ANNIVERSARIES

03/03 Steve and Beverly
Nygaard