

Fall, 2018 - Inviting People to
Share the Joy of God's Love!

GOOD NEWS FROM Zion



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Welcome Back!

Join Us for 10:30 Worship

September brings a new season of our church year, with lots of new programs and events underway, to help us to live faithfully, joyfully, and in a way that makes a difference. **There's a place for everyone to take part.** You will find joy in worshipping together and through helping others!

This Fall features a great Sunday School Program, "Kids Own Worship;" our fantastic Youth Group, "Friday Night Noiz" headed by Youth Leaders Courtney and Alex; a new season of **Alpha on Monday** nights; a new Wednesday Night Bible Study series, "Questions and Answers"; great new music for our many choirs; and lots of Special Sundays and Special Events to keep you coming back for more! **Don't Miss A Sunday!**

Important Sundays for Your Calendar

Sept 2 - 10:30 Service Time Resumes
Sept. 9 - Sunday School Registration
Sept. 16 - Mermaid Memorial Service 3 pm
October 7 - World Communion Sunday
October 14 - Ordination of Elders
October 28 - Reformation Sunday
November 11 - Remembrance Sunday
Dec. 2 - 1st Sunday in Advent -
Communion - 7 pm Advent in Mermaid

"Is there more to life than this?"

A Season of Questions and Answers

The Alpha Program, which has revolutionized the way tens of thousands of people have been introduced to the Christian faith around the world, continues for a second season at Zion.

This year, our Wednesday Evening Bible Study and our Sunday services of worship will be following Alpha's lead in grappling with the basic questions of our faith.

It will be an exciting Fall, and the perfect time to invite family, friends and neighbours to Zion, to see what all the excitement is about! There are more details throughout the newsletter. Don't miss this great opportunity!



Election of Elders - Wonderful News!

Zion is blessed with wonderful people in service of our congregation. From our staff (Rev. Andrew is back as Minister Associate and Pastor Glynis as Christian Education Director and Senior's Ministry) to our Board of Trustees and our Session, as well as the dozens who serve in so many important capacities, Zion is blessed. And we are further blessed by the results of our Elder Election!

The Session of Zion Church thanks all of the members who kindly provided nominations during the recent Elder Election. Through a unanimous decision of endorsement by Session, the following names will be placed before the congregation in the form of a ballot on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018:

John Farquharson, Brian Higgins, Cathy MacDonald, Douglas MacDonald, Eleanor MacDonald, David Sabapathy, Jaycee Sabapathy, Emma Stetson.

Thanks to the congregation for your discernment, and to the nominees for letting their names come forward!

It is Alpha time again! Mondays, 6:30-8 pm

Starting at 6:30 on September 10 we will be embarking on another Alpha adventure at Zion Church with our introductory session. Alpha is a **non-threatening way** to introduce your friends and colleagues to what Christians believe. Come yourself and bring someone along with you!

We all know that **helping people understand** what we believe and how that impacts our life, can be stressful. Alpha can help eliminate that stress by **engaging your friends in a conversation** that could be life-changing.

An Alpha session begins with a **simple meal**, followed by a thought-provoking video that addresses important spiritual questions - the kind of **questions that many people have** but don't often get the chance to discuss. After the video, there is an opportunity to participate in a small group to **chat about the issues** the video has raised.

Alpha begins at 6:30, wraps up at 8:00pm, each Monday evening until the end of November.

One of the intriguing aspects of Alpha this Fall is that the themes presented on Monday evening will form the **basis of Sunday morning sermon topics** and also Rev. Doug's popular **Wednesday night Bible studies**. So, for instance, if you come to Alpha on Monday night to watch the video "How Does God Guide Us?", you will get the opportunity to discuss that topic with others in your small group, then, on Wednesday evening, you will be able to listen to Rev. Doug delve more deeply into that same topic, and on Sunday morning, participate in a service of worship **celebrating the blessings of God's guidance** that have been highlighted through the week.

This is a unique opportunity for well-focussed personal spiritual development!

If you are interested in being part of the Alpha leadership team as a host or helper, RSVP and come to our Tuesday, September 4th evening training session from 6:00pm to 9:00pm with Alpha's Regional Director Elaine Young. We will begin with pizza, so bring along \$5.00 to cover that cost. We are looking forward to a great evening of learning and conversation!

"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 – 8:30PM – SEPT. 12 - NOV. 28

All of us have questions about our faith, and the beliefs we hold in common with Christians throughout our world. We find answers and inspiration in the Scriptures, and through the thoughtful interpretation and guidance of those who have gone before.

In "Questions and Answers," our study will be following the questions posed by the Alpha Program (Mondays at Zion). People in many countries have had their faith enriched through grappling with these basic questions of faith:

Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die?

How Can I Have Faith? Why and How Should I Pray? Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

How does God Guide Us? Who Is the Holy Spirit? How Can I Resist Evil?

Why and How Should We Tell Others? Does God Heal Today? What About the Church?

COME WITH QUESTIONS AND A DESIRE TO DISCOVER THE ANSWERS!

ALL ARE WELCOME! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! BRING A FRIEND!

It's that time again – time to welcome back the children and youth of Zion Sunday School!

I'm excited to be your Christian Education Director and to have the pleasure of teaching the Grade 4-6 class. If you have an interest in being part of the Sunday School ministry I would love to sit down and chat with you.

We are blessed to have a mixture of old and new faces in the Sunday School this year. Both Silvia Beaton (teacher) and Shaeya Thibodeau (assistant) are returning to the Pre – K class. The Grade 1-3 class will be taught by newcomers Amanda Webster (teacher), with Faith Gray and Mia Josey (assistant). Grade 4-6 will be taught by Glynis Faith (teacher) and Kelley MacQueen (assistant). Ian Larter is returning to continue sharing the Gospel with Grades 7-9.

This year Dominic MacMillan is joining the Sunday School as music director, and I have a hunch he will have your children singing all 66 books of the Bible before the Sunday School year is completed! Melissa Josey and Laurie Gillespie will serve as substitute teachers, and I look forward to a few others joining in this wonderful ministry. Please join me in welcoming and thanking all our terrific volunteers.

Our new curriculum is called, “**God’s Big Picture**” and it uses Art, Object Lessons, Skits, Music and Bible Skill Activities to teach the children basic Bible skills and how each of the Bible stories is connected into one big story – God’s Big Story - a story that they themselves are an important part of.

The children will lead three worship services throughout the year: Nov 25th, Feb 24th, and June 16th, plus they may be joining the congregation for a special celebration day this year.

Sunday School will start on Sept 9th, beginning with a special Commissioning Service during the Children’s Time. Children will be introduced to their classrooms and the new material. We will also be taking individual pictures to make a Sunday School family wall. Please fill in the Sunday School registration form as quickly as possible, including the consent form for taking and/or displaying your child’s photo.

I look forward to working with you and your child(ren) throughout the year, and I will be praying for each of our Sunday School children and their families. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

- Glynis Faith

YOUTH GROUP

FRIDAYS, 7-9 PM
STARTING SEPT. 14

Friday Night NOIZ is almost ready for our fifth year together! All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us. Courtney and Alex will be back with their awesome team of volunteer leaders, and are ready to make this year of NOIZ the best one yet. Hope to see you there! - *Courtney and Alex*

ZION JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN & PLAYSCHOOL

Zion Junior Kindergarten is full again this fall! We are so fortunate to have all our staff returning for another year with lots of fun and learning ahead.

It is our pleasure to offer this great program to the children and families of our congregation and surrounding communities. It is a wonderful outreach for Zion and has an outstanding name in the community.

We were very excited to receive a Facility Improvement Grant this spring that enabled us to do new flooring, trim and new stair treads downstairs in preparation for another great year!

Start date is Thursday, Sept. 6th - please keep the children, staff and parents in your prayers.

- Donna MacLean, Ann Affleck,
Alaine Kirkham, Julie Hughes

**We are currently looking for new members for all of our choirs at Zion.
If you love the Lord and love to sing, then you are ready!**

Legato (Ladies) Choir - for females, ages 16-100. We meet every second Wednesday at 6:45-7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity for Christian fellowship in song without the commitment required for Senior Choir. **1st Rehearsal—Wednesday, Sept. 12—6:45 p.m.**

Marcato (Men’s) Choir - for all males, ages 16-100. We meet every second Wednesday at 6:45-7:00 p.m. Come and sing with other men without the commitment required for Senior Choir. **1st rehearsal Wednesday, September 19—6:45 p.m.**

Cantabile Choir (Children) - for boys and girls ages 8 to 14. We meet on Saturday mornings from 10-10:30. There are lots of opportunities for solo singing and playing rhythm instruments. **1st rehearsal Sat., September 15 -10:00 am.**

Sanctuary Choir - open to all who love to sing and wish to learn more about music. We meet every Wednesday 7:30-9:00 p.m. **1st Rehearsal Wednesday, September 5—7:30 p.m.**

Fill the Loft Choir - This choir is for anyone, any age in our congregation who would like to sing with us one Sunday. Our next Fill the Loft Sunday is October 28 - you would attend one Evening Rehearsal on October 24, and then rehearse before church at 10 am on October 28. What an opportunity to sing praise to the Lord and feel the thrill of singing with a large group! Hopefully we’ll have to add extra chairs!

Special Sanctuary Choir Event - Sunday, Sept 30 - Evening Song Service - 9 Mile Creek



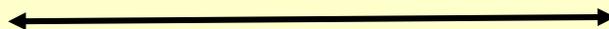
Zion Missions: Working Together... To Make A Difference

We all know that God makes a difference in our lives.
But God also calls us to make a difference in the lives of others.
That’s what Missions is all about.

We reach out in many ways, including the Upper Room (our city outreach to the hungry), Camp Keir (our Island outreach to children and youth), and the Canadian FoodGrains Bank (our outreach to the world’s neediest people). Why not join us, through contributing to Missions through your Offering, to responding to special appeals and projects, through volunteering your time, or serving with the Missions Team?

Talk to Ron MacMillan, Roger Balderston or the minister, for more info.

You can make a difference!



Fall Sale! Fri & Sat, Oct. 12-13
Men’s, women’s, & children’s clothing!
BAKE SALE!

LOOK FORWARD TO
October 27
ROAST BEEF SUPPER!