

The Messenger

November 6, 2024

Zion Finance Update as of September 30, 2024

Part 1: Church Operations:

Total YTD Operating Income \$67,861 **(\$1,594 less than 2023)**

Total YTD Operating Expenses \$73,693 **(\$2,128 higher than 2023)**

Year to date Deficit (\$5,933) vs. YTD budgeted (\$14,257)

Our YTD deficit is \$3,722 bigger than September 2023, but over \$8,000 less than budgeted. After paying the \$7,536 annual insurance premium this week **we project the 2024 deficit will be (\$15,000).**

Part 2: Building Fund:

Building Fund Balance January 1 2024 **(\$6,427.96)**

Total YTD Revenue \$3,560.38

Total YTD Building Upgrades \$1,316.02

Building Fund Balance Sept 30 2024 **(\$4,183.60)**

We all know the deficit needs to be “tamed”, and our historic buildings will continue to need repair! Can you help? As a first step please consider increasing your annual donations by 10%. Then let us all remember a special gift to our church this Christmas.

The church thanks you for your continued support and prayers.

As C.S. Lewis said “I do not believe one can settle how much one ought to give, I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.”

Zion Finance Committee

P.S. Just in case you wish to donate by e-transfer the email address is:

zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 11:00 AM

St Andrews United Church

Sunday worship — 9:30 AM

If you have announcements to be included here please email them to:

ckooyman@shaw.ca

It would be helpful if announcements for The Messenger are sent to the above address before Wednesday.

**Next Messenger will be
November 13, 2024**

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be held on **Friday, Nov. 15** at Zion Hall.

The coffee is ready at 8 am and the food which is cooked by volunteer fellows is served at 8:30. All men are invited to come to this time of food and fellowship.

If you have not attended before but would like to join us, please let Wayne Kiefer know so he can buy adequate food. Call him at 250-546-8195. Thanks.

Zion Coffee Hosts,

Greeters & Table setup helpers

Please sign up on the lists by the Church entry.

We are sorely lacking in coffee hosts/table setup. Thanks for your help!



Askew's Cards

Looking ahead.

Have you thought of using Askew's gift cards as Christmas gifts? They make great tokens of appreciation too.

We always have a supply of \$20, \$50 and \$100 cards at church on Sundays. If this isn't convenient, give Eleanor Kiefer a call at 250-546-8195 to place an order.

Thanks for helping Zion increase our fundraising as we make 7% on your purchases, and we keep our shopping local when we can..



Zion Book

Nook is open

downstairs in the church hall **most Wednesdays from 10- noon.**

Barb has a great selection of books, puzzles and other surprises suitable for all ages.

Please come and take a look.

Pastoral Care



Pastoral Care, the caring of one another in a structured form, and informally, is an important part of who we are at Zion United Church.

Everyone experiences the ups and downs of life in their own unique way. Please consider reaching out to a Pastoral Care team member if there are any areas of support needed.'

Rev. Hati Mvundura, Isobel Kay, Pam Krazanowski, Wilma Koersen, Suzanne Skinner.



The Pebble

Most participants who signed up for **the Variety Evening** were able to reserve time for

Friday Evening January 24, 2025

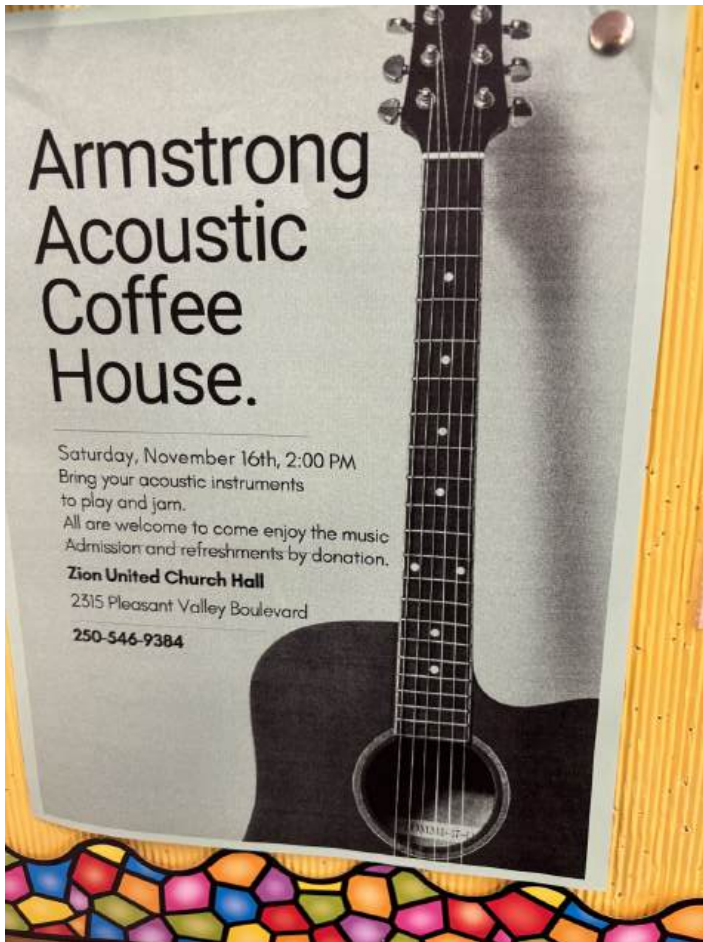
Perhaps you can mark it on your 2025 calendar already.

Zion Hall & Sanctuary Rentals for the fall:

Sunday	AA	7-8 pm
Monday	Melodia Choir	6:30 to 8:15 pm – Sanctuary
Tuesday	Cubs	5-00 -7:30pm
Wednesday	Book Nook	10 a.m. to noon – starting in September
	Breakaway	2 – 4 pm (starting after Thanksgiving)
	Beavers	5:00 -7:30 pm
Thursday	Kampana Bells	6:00 – 9:00 pm
Friday	Men's Breakfast	(3 rd Friday of the month)
Saturday	mid- October – Little Kickers date & time to be determined	

Zion Special Events

Dates	Event
November 16th	Coffee House 2 – 4 pm
November 22nd	Christmas Light Up (hot chocolate & cookies?)
Dec 15 th	Christmas Concert with the Kampana Bells and Rockin Mamas. We will be having a bake sale that afternoon as well.
Jan. 24, 2025	Variety Evening



Contributed by Lana

