



## Brief Church Profile

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Zion United Church of Christ  
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### 1. WHO ARE WE TODAY – *description of who you are as a church, and your vision and mission statement*

We tend to be a fairly open minded congregation with diverse political ideas.

Zion United Church of Christ is a diverse community of faith, wrestling with the radical message of Jesus Christ to seek ways to care for our world.

### 2. WE LIVE OUT OUR VISION AND MISSION THROUGH THE FOLLOWING – *worship, faith formation, care and fellowship, mission and outreach opportunities:*

Our ministry includes binding together for the purpose of sharing the worship of God; preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ; celebrating Sacrament; realizing Christian fellowship; and rendering loving service to mankind. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we accomplish this through regular Sunday services, Lenten services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday), and Christmas Eve. We also participate and send support to community organizations which are dedicated to helping the poor and underserved, these include the Urban Mission and the Friendship Room.

### 3. STATISTICAL DATA

- Active Membership: 7
- Total Reported Membership: 49
- Sunday Worship average attendance: 5
- Members serving on Boards and Committees (DO NOT include small groups): 3
- Number of staff persons serving the church: 2

List staff positions: Administrative Assistant, Music Director/ Organist

### 4. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS IN THE CHURCH FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS?

We have seen a decline in attendance since covid. We have also had many of our elderly members pass. We are the only Open and Affirming UCC congregation in the Ohio Valley.

### 5. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS in the larger community/town in which the church is located?

The downtown seems to be showing signs of revitalization. First Friday on Fourth, and the nutcracker village have been great at drawing more people downtown. The Greek festival and Dean Martin festival continue to have positive attendance.

### 6. THE SPECIFIC MINISTRIES/ISSUES YOU EXPECT YOUR NEXT PASTOR to address during their tenure -including the gifts, talents, and skills and leadership style you are looking for in your next pastor

We'd really like a pastor who will join together with us and work as a team. We'd like someone who has ideas on how to raise attendance. We'd like someone who will be a part of the community. We recognize that

Franciscan University is a huge part of the community and some of those attending may not be Catholic. We would like to possibly reach out to those people.

7. **PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED COMPENSATION RANGE you are offering in dollar amounts. If less than full-time, specify the hours of work.**

Do you follow Conference Compensation guidelines: Yes we do.

  
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Council/Search Committee Chairperson

7-23-25  
Date

8. **COMMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION**

  
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Signature of Association Staff

3-18-2026  
Date

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