



October *NEWS* from Chamber President Wendy Kernan

Vision

As I was trying to decide what to write about this month and stay true to the Chamber's Vision; it dawned on me what "vision" actually means. Companies spend thousands of dollars on consultants trying to come up with what their company "vision" is going to be. Then more money on marketing and resources trying to get their employees to align with the vision. Smaller businesses do not have these resources and set their vision when they are doing their business plan, and then leave it to sit on a shelf gathering dust.

I am going to challenge everyone with a business to dust off that old plan and take a peek inside. How far are you from your original vision? Don't have a business: Then let's create one for yourself; the principals are the same. You don't have to overthink it, but you do need to take a few minutes to create something powerful that can move you forward to the next step, either in your career or with your company. Here is how I break down vision into some simple steps/processes:

- **Create:** Create a powerful vision for yourself or your company that is full of passion, emotion, and desire. Make sure it includes what you or your business is good at. How do you see yourself; or better yet, how do you want others to see you or your business?
- **Identify:** Identify what you love to do, what is easy, effortless, and enjoyable to do. What is easy for you to excel at? What comes naturally? What does your business do without having to spend a lot of \$\$ promoting it, just seems to "walk in the door", or what part of your business is stable/steady that you can count on?
- **Become:** Become excellent at what you do well. Build on the foundation.
- **Stop:** Stop doing what you don't do well. Another way to think of it is to know your lane; once you know it, work on owning it. Build your brand. I see a lot of business that change their model a lot which does not stay true to their initial/root business. They think they can make an extra dollar if they "added this on". An example would be a car repair going into the coffee business or using their extra space for fitness classes (you might go what? Trust me if you look around you will see something similar). This pulls resources away from what you are good at, and it can cause you will fail at both. On an individual level, it will leave not liking what you do, it's hard to go into work, you lack passion, and you do it just for the paycheck. Well STOP! Life is too short.
- **Keep:** Keep challenging yourself and those around you to be excellent at what you do. (Which is easy when you know what you do and what you are good at.)

Capture all that in a sentence or two and keep it front and center. As new opportunities present themselves look at your vision and let it guide you.

Thank you for being a member, and it is my pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Kernan

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Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce President

October 2019 Events

Luncheon

October 9th

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:15 am

Luncheon: 11:45 a.m.-1:00 pm

RSVP by

Noon Tuesday, October 8th

LOCATION:

Antioch Christian Church

SPEAKER:

Mark Ferguson

TOPIC:

**Programs Available
Through the SBA**

EXHIBITOR:

Antioch Christian Church



Mark Your Calendar

**October 23rd
Mt. Zion Prayer
Breakfast**

**BREAKFAST
November 13th**

Location:

Mt. Zion High School

Topic:

**MTZ School District Update
NO Luncheon in November--
ONLY the MTZ School Dis-
trict Joint Breakfast for Busi-
ness Appreciation Week.**

2019 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast--October 23, 2019

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October Luncheon

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce luncheon that will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Antioch Christian Church in Decatur. The cost is \$15 each. Check in at the registration table is from 11:15-11:45 a.m. The luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m.

Our speaker is Mark Ferguson, Deputy District Director with the Small Business Administration. He will talk about Programs Available Through the SBA. Mark has received many awards during his career, but the "greatest reward of all is helping others launch and/or expand their business."

Come enjoy our speaker and the delicious food prepared by the Antioch Christian Church. Bring your business cards and network. If you have any information flyers you want to put on the luncheon tables before the luncheon begins, please do so and be sure to pick up any remaining flyers at the end of the luncheon.

RSVP for the luncheon by noon on Tuesday, October 8th by emailing mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.

Do you Have an Event or Promotion?

You too can insert an ad or have an e-mail blast for \$25 per issue or e-mail blast.

Contact the Chamber Office to find out more information.

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Prayer Breakfast Ticket and Table Sale

The 2019 Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast is on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7 a.m. This year's speaker is Dr. Gayle Fyke, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Millikin University. Dr. Fyke is the author of the book entitled "The Breakfast Lady." Dr. Fyke will share her story of how the breakfast lady saved her son's life while visiting New York City on a Mt. Zion band trip.

Advance tickets only; you cannot buy tickets at the door. Tickets or a whole table for 8 people is available now. Individual tickets are \$10 each; a table for eight is \$75. Businesses who order a table get a table sign. To order email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com; I will invoice you and deliver the tickets to you prior to the breakfast.

You can also purchase tickets from any of our four ticket outlets, Board members, or Ambassadors.



We need volunteers for the following; e-mail Linda Harper at mtzionilchamber@gmail.com if you can help:

- October 9, 2019, 11:15 a.m.: Sell tickets at the Oct. 9th luncheon for the Prayer Breakfast.
- October 22, 2019, 11:30 a.m.: Put table clothes on tables.
- October 22, 2019, 4:00 p.m.: Set place settings at all the tables.
- October 23, 2019, 6-7 a.m.: Greeter at the door of the Prayer Breakfast to show people to their reserved tables.
- October 23, 2019, 7-7:30 a.m.: Work tables during Prayer Breakfast to refill coffee and water pitchers.

Purchase Tickets by October 18th



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Keynote speaker:

Dr. Gail Fyke

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8th Annual Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast

**WEDNESDAY
OCT. 23**

7 - 8 AM

Doors open at 6:30 am

MT. ZION CONVENTION CENTER
1400 Village Parkway, Mt. Zion

\$10 admission includes breakfast buffet*

A great opportunity for all members and denominations of our
community to join in a time of fellowship and prayer.

*Advance tickets are required and are available at Village of Mt. Zion, Town & Country Bank
Prairie State Bank & Trust and Scott State Bank or by calling 864-2526.

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Food
Drive



Drive
Food

We are collecting food for the 10th Annual Mt. Zion Community Food Drive at the October 9th luncheon. Please bring nonperishable food items to the luncheon to benefit the Northwest Community Food Drive and the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Community Food Pantry. The following donations will be greatly appreciated:

- Nonperishable food items
- Paper products
- Health and hygiene
- Monetary donations

The Northeast Community Fund is a local food pantry located at 825 North Water in Decatur and the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Community Food Pantry located in Mt. Zion.

If you miss donating at the luncheon, you can still donate on Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church at 1475 West Main, Mt. Zion.

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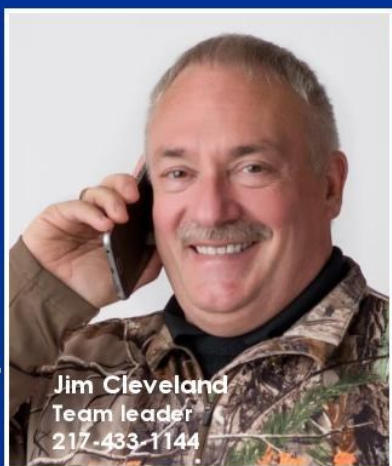
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| 506 W Macon St. | NEW PRICE! Investors! West end 2-story converted to upper-lower aptmnts | Under \$20's | 6190770 |
| 270 E Mueller Ct. | .65 acre building lot in Lake Decatur neighborhood. Gated subdivision. | Mid \$20's | 6173066 |
| 3 Louise Ct. | NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth/fireplace/hardwood floors/full basement | Upper \$30's | 6193438 |
| 917 S 44th St. | 3bdr/1bth/nearly half acre corner lot/hardwood floors/needs TLC | Mid \$40's | 6195809 |
| 421 Woodside Trail #E8 | 2bdr/1bth/ CONDO /large rooms/WD hookups/freshly painted | Upper \$40's | 6192680 |
| 3997 Camelot Dr. | NEW PRICE! 2bdr/1bth/1car garage/one-story CONDO /fireplace/A-O sch | Upper \$40's | 6185129 |
| 18 East Dr. | 2bdr/1bth/2.5car garage/fresh paint/Nice screened patio/The Elms | Mid \$50's | 6194781 |
| 117 Ridgeway Dr. | 2bdr/1bth/ranch/hardwood floors/walk-out basement/fenced yard | Upper \$50's | 6192706 |
| 512 E Maywood Ct. | NEW LISTING! 3bdr/1bth/1-car garage/move-in ready/nice brick patio | Low \$60's | 6197350 |
| 29 Wyoming Dr. | NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth/RANCH/2car garage/north side ranch/full bsmnt | Upper \$60's | 6190275 |
| 34 Medial Dr. | 2bdr/1bth/RANCH/hardwood floors/4-car detached garage/deck | Mid \$70's | 6194430 |
| 9249 Rt 128, Dalton City | 3bdr/1.5bth/2car garage/1 level acre/ hardwood floors/MZ schools | Upper \$70's | 6195854 |
| 5555 E William St. Rd. | NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/ranch/open concept/2.5car garage/fenced/deck | Upper \$80's | 6194329 |
| 2355 S File Dr. | 3bdr/2bth/half acre/large deck and pool/fenced yard/newer roof | Mid \$90's | 6196157 |
| 1311 W Macon St. | 6bdr/2bth/classic west end farm house style/near Millikin University | Mid \$90's | 6192946 |
| 2065 Friel Ct. | 3bdr/1.5bth/2car garage/unique floor plan/newer roof/cul de sac | Upper \$90's | 6197184 |
| 2350 Longwood Pl. | NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2.5bth/2car garage/open concept/ fenced yard | Under \$105's | 6194729 |
| 227 N East St., Moweaqua | NEW LISTING! 3bdr/2bth/2.5car garage/well maintained/20x40 pole bdg. | Mid \$110's | 6197406 |
| 4741 Barberry Ct. | 3bdr/2bth ranch/2car garage/full basement/north/M-F schools | Mid \$110's | 6182349 |
| 2366 S Lost Bridge Rd. | NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/2car garage/hardwood floors/updated HVAC | Mid \$110's | 6194620 |
| 2174 Ravina Park Ct. | NEW PRICE! 5bdr/3bth/2,800+ SF/2-Story/lg. rooms/scrmd patio/cul de sac | Upper \$110's | 6185206 |
| 404 N Summit Ave. | NEW LISTING! 3bdr/2bth/1car(2car tandem) garage/beautiful woodwork | Mid \$120's | 6197345 |
| 1610 Oakcrest Ct, Mt Zion | NEW PRICE! 4 bdr/2.5bth/prow-front chalet/Mt Zion schools/cul de sac | Mid \$130's | 6193655 |
| 904 E. Marlin Dr. | NEW LISTING! 3bdr/3bth/2car garage/ COMPLETE REMODEL /finished bsmnt | Upper \$140's | 6197352 |
| 425+ S Chestnut St, Maroa | NEW LISTING! 2bdr/1.5bth/1 car garage each/open floor plan/deck | Upper \$160's | 6196138 |
| 1320 Alpine Ct. | NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/open floor plan/patio/55+ community/south end | Upper \$170's | 6194234 |
| 531 Park Place Ct, Forsyth | NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/2car garage/open layout/50+ community/patio | Mid \$200's | 6183510 |
| 858 W Green St. | Popular neighborhood bar, grill, & billiards business and building! | Mid \$220's | 6190609 |
| 990 Blind Horse Rd., Illiopolis | NEW PRICE! 5 Ac./3,000 sf brick country home/outbldg/pre-inspected | Under \$305's | 6193901 |
| 515 Greenbrier Ln, Forsyth | 5bdr/3.5bth/3car garage/hardwood flrs/gorgeous kitchen/fenced yard | Upper \$340's | 6195782 |
| 10953 Cabin Rd, Oakley | NEW PRICE! GORGEOUS 4bdr/2bth/ranch/5.5 car garages/22+ acres | Upper \$570's | 6193784 |
| 4045 Meadow Park Dr | 6bdr/6F&2H bath/4car garage/in-ground pool & pool house/one acre | Upper \$690's | 6182827 |



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