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**September
2021**

Luncheon

September 8th

Member Cost: \$15

*Networking: 11:15 am
Luncheon: 11:40 a.m.-1:00 pm
RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 7th*

LOCATION

**Mt. Zion Fletcher
Park Recreation Center**

**PICNIC STYLE
LUNCHEON,
NETWORKING
ICE BREAKERS**



Mark Your Calendar

**Mt. Zion Expo &
Taste
September 11, 2021**

**Luncheon
October 13, 2021
Elevate Illinois**

**Mt. Zion Community
Prayer Breakfast
October 20, 2021**

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway
Mt. Zion, IL 62549
217-864-2526
Hours: Working Remotely
Make Appointment



September *NEWS* from Chamber President Dan McNeely

Hi! My name is Dan McNeely, of Dimond Bros Insurance in MT Zion and Taylorville. I am the 21/22 President of the Mt. Zion Chamber. Please let me know if you have any issues with Chamber or suggestions. My number is 217-827-1202.

Here is the list of upcoming events:

- Luncheon Sept. 8th at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Pavilion.
- Mt. Zion Expo & Taste Sept 11th. The last day to get a booth is Sept. 3rd and the cost is \$250 plus \$25 if you need electricity. The Expo is 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with free admission to the public. Exhibitors booths, Taste, stage shows, and a chance to win \$250 with the new Expo game sponsored by Scott State Bank.
- Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast October 20, 2021. The different levels of sponsorships give you various levels of advertising and whole tables or tickets for the breakfast: Gold \$2,000, Silver \$1,000, or Bronze \$500; the sponsorship deadline is September 10th. Becky Anderson will be the speaker. You can now order your tickets; they are \$10 per person; table of 5 is \$45.
- MZCC Fall Fashion Show Sept. 28th. It starts at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person for advanced tickets; \$15 per person at the door.

As a Chamber Member you have access to:

- Please visit our Website and check our membership directory if you need a product or service.
- Free job opening listing on our website.
- We are needing members to sign up for the Member Spotlight to get free advertising!

A lot of great events and opportunities are ahead for the Mt. Zion Chamber!

Dan McNeely
President

Visit our website:
www.mtzionchamber.org

2021 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Expo & Taste - September 11, 2021

Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast - October 21, 2021

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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September Luncheon



Our luncheon is September 8, 2021 at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Recreation Center. Our luncheon costs \$15 unless you have a prepaid lunch.

This luncheon will be a picnic-style luncheon; if the weather is too hot or rainy, we will meet inside the Fletcher Park Recreation Center. We will have the big bi-folded Mt. Zion Chamber sign outside either the pavilion or the recreation center to let you know where it will be. I will also let you know the day before when I mail out the agenda if it will be in the pavilion or inside the recreation center.

Let's have some fun and enjoy a more relaxed shorter picnic-style luncheon. This luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. with registration and networking; we will eat at noon. We will network and use ice breakers: tell each other about our businesses and what skills we feel are important, and share ideas for the Chamber.

Please send your RSVP's to mtzionchamber@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 7th. You can also RSVP at www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations. If you have a prepaid luncheon, you still need to RSVP for each month's luncheon so that we have an accurate count of members attending.

The Any Queens 50/50 Raffle just got started again last month; the pot starts at \$3.50 for this luncheon.

Expo Volunteers Needed

Contact Linda Harper at mtzionchamber@gmail.com if you can help with any of the following during or after the Expo; give what day and a couple different times you are available:

During 9 a.m.-2 p.m.:

Work Chamber Registration Desk selling Taste tickets

Hand out free bags, maps, and game

At End and After 1-3 p.m.:

Collect evaluations, Taste tickets from vendors, & clean up.



Welcome Our New Members!



The Decatur Family YMCA: For youth development, for healthy living, and for social responsibility. From advocacy to childcare, disease prevention to athletics, soccer to swim lessons, everything they do strengthens our neighborhoods and the people who live in Decatur and Macon County. Located at 220 West McKinley Avenue. Here are the various levels of membership: <http://www.decatuymca.org/join>.



All Things Beautiful owned by Sheryol Threewit offers in-store purchases, curbside pickup, and e-commerce purchases at allthingsbeautifulgifts.com. Her boutique has wonderful gifts, clothing, jewelry, accessories, American-made home furnishings and candles, and cards. They are located in downtown Decatur at 225 North Main Street.



Wildflour Artisan Bakery in Mt. Zion is owned by Abbie Crakel. They are located at 1330 North State Route 121. They specialize in various bakery items, such as cakes, cupcakes, cream horns, cannolis, and cheesecakes, and breads. The Mount Zion location offers an option for parties with an additional room located in the back; the room will be used for smaller gatherings and holiday get-togethers. Call 864-1153.

2021 Prayer Breakfast Sponsorship Opportunity

The 2021 Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast will be on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 with Becky Anderson as our speaker. Please consider being a sponsor. The deadline is September 10, 2021 for becoming a sponsor. The sponsorships help pay for this important event and helps with some of our charitable giving for the fiscal year. The higher levels of sponsorship give you a certain number of tickets for the prayer breakfast and a certain amount of advertisement in the newspapers, in radio ads, on our website, on banners, in other communications, and on social media regarding the Prayer Breakfast. See page [7](#) for an explanation of each sponsorship level. Let me know which sponsorship level you would like by September 10th, and I will invoice you. Email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com to sign up for a sponsorship or if you have any questions.

Prayer Breakfast Ticket and Table Presale

The 2021 Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast is on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7 a.m. This year's speaker is Becky Anderson, Physician's Choice Wellness/ApexNetwork Physical Therapy. Becky will tell us about how her faith is keeping her strong for her whole family and for her daughter Shoni's diagnosis, treatment, and battle with leukemia.

Advance tickets only; you cannot buy tickets at the door. Presale of tickets or a whole table for 5 people is available now. Individual tickets are \$10 each; a table for five is \$45. We are seating 5 people per table to allow for social distancing. Businesses who order a table get a table sign. To preorder email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com; I will invoice you and deliver the tickets to you prior to the breakfast.



Member Spotlight



The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves its member businesses and wants you to learn more about them by bringing you this month's Member Spotlight—Decatur Family YMCA. They are one of Decatur and Macon County's leading non-profit, community service organizations. Decatur Family YMCA's mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. From advocacy to childcare, disease prevention to athletics, soccer to swim lessons; everything they do strengthens our neighborhoods and the people who live here. The Decatur Family YMCA is located at 220 W. McKinley, Decatur.

Visit <http://www.decatuymca.org> for more information.



MT. ZION

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of Commerce

Taste
Tickets
5 for \$7

Stage
Shows

2021 MT. ZION EXPO & TASTE

Mt. Zion Convention Center
Saturday, September 11, 2021

Special 9/11 Program at 10:30 a.m.

Expo
9:00 - 2:00

Taste
11:00 - 1:00

Stage Show
11:00 - 1:00

Visit Business & Area Organization Booths

Play Expo Game for Chance to Win \$250 Cash Prize

Expo Game Sponsored by: Scott State Bank

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Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce 2021 EXPO Contract

Show Date: Sept. 11, 2021 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mt. Zion Convention Center

Set Up Date: Sept. 10, 2021 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Booth Space: 8' x 8'

Fee: Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or Early Bird Member \$200 per booth space, if registered by July 16, 2021.

After July 16, 2021 booth space will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis at

Non-Member Price of \$400 or Member Price \$250 Registration Form & Payment Due by September 3, 2021.

1. All booth contracts and checks must be received by July 16, 2021 to retain a discounted booth space.
2. All exhibitors must restrict their exhibit to the business registered with the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. All multiple businesses that are Chamber members, must register each business they wish to exhibit.
3. Doors will be open Friday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for set up.
All exhibitors are to be set up by 5:00 p.m.
4. Exhibitors will unload in the front and park to the immediate north & east of the Convention Center on September 10th & 11th.
5. Exhibitors will **NOT** remove their display before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday September 11th.
6. Exhibitors will **NOT** sell any illegal items.
7. Exhibitors will remove all trash, paper, boxes, tape, etc. from their space.
8. Exhibitors will cooperate with all requests of show personnel.
9. Exhibitors **MUST** keep display within confines of their space and not go into the aisles.
10. The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce or the Mt. Zion Convention Center will not be held liable for any losses, damages or injuries sustained by exhibitors in any manner whatsoever.
11. No refunds or credits for cancellations for any reason after September 3, 2021.
12. Exhibitors will be supplied (1) table, (2) chairs, table cloth, pipe and drape on three sides.
You must supply extension cords and display accessories. Wall booth spaces are for booths that need electrical outlets.
Electrical Booth space will be available to those who pay the \$25.00 fee.
13. Door prizes can be announced during the Expo. It is suggested that you arrange for door prize and sign-ups and/or drawings at your booth.
14. All Chamber exhibitors must be a member in good standing at the time of the Expo.
15. For questions or special requests, please call the Chamber at 217-864-2526.
16. Make checks payable to: Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. Mail to: P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549.

Return The Bottom Half With Your Payment

Business Name (Please Print) _____

Contact Person (Please Print) _____

Phone _____

Electricity: Yes _____ No _____ (110v)

Note: **There is an added \$25 charge for booth electricity. (\$25.00)**

Booth: Business _____ Taste _____ Electricity _____

Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or \$200 Member per booth price.

After July 16, 2021, price for Non-Member \$400 or Member \$250 per booth.

Mail to:

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 84

Mt. Zion, IL 62549



Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

Annual Prayer Breakfast

October 20, 2021

Sponsorship Due Date: September 10, 2021

	Gold Sponsorship \$2,000	Silver Sponsorship \$1,000	Bronze Sponsorship \$500
Tickets to Prayer Breakfast	Two Tables of 5 with name Prominently placed as Gold Sponsor	One Table of 5 with name Prominently placed as Silver Sponsor	3 Tickets
Sponsor Promotion at Prayer Breakfast	Time for your Representative to Speak during program Promotional display table at event prior to and following event Sponsor name announced at Breakfast	Sponsor name announced at Breakfast	Sponsor name announced at Breakfast
Sponsor Inclusion in Prayer Breakfast Program	Sponsor name and logo on program	Sponsor name and logo on program	Sponsor name listed on program
Sponsor Inclusion in Pre-Event Advertising	Sponsor name and logo on Prayer Breakfast flyers and banners Sponsor mention in all radio spots Sponsor and logo on Prayer Breakfast Facebook boost	Sponsor name and logo on Prayer Breakfast flyers Sponsor logo on Prayer Breakfast banners	
Sponsor Inclusion in Chamber Media	Sponsor name and logo in Chamber newsletter and website Free business/organization ad in Chamber newsletter the month of Prayer Breakfast Free e-mail blast of business/organization ad the month of Prayer Breakfast	Sponsor name in Chamber newsletter and website	Sponsor name in Chamber newsletter

Tickets can be purchased at:
Shop On Main, Decatur
Unique Boutique Salon & Spa, Mt. Zion



MZCC Fall Fashion Show

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Fletcher Park Recreation Center
323 Fletcher Park Boulevard
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

**Ticket Cost \$10 in advance
\$15 at the door**

- **Fall Fashion Show presented by Shop On Main**
 - **Music by Larry Mazzotti**
 - **Gift bags**

*Order Tickets by calling 217-864-2526 or
E-mail: mtzionilchamber@gmail.com or*

Thank you to our sponsors:



David J Clark Insurance Agency Inc.



Due date for sponsorships is Sept. 10, 2021.



**HSHS
St. Mary's
Hospital**



Keynote speaker:
Becky Anderson

**9th Annual Mt. Zion
Community
Prayer Breakfast**

**WEDNESDAY
OCT. 20**

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 217-864-2526.**



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ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
1840 Buckhead Lane (LOT)	NEW LISTING! Ready to build/most utilities already in place	Mid \$40's	6214823
569 S Monroe	2 bdr/1.5 bth/Ranch/Gas fireplace/12x20 patio	Upper \$60's	6214482
16 Maple Ct	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1.5 bth/RANCH/hardwood floors/fenced yard	Upper \$60's	6214858
7 Meadow Terrace Dr	3 bdr/1 bth/Ranch/Wood Fireplace/Replacement windows	Mid \$70's	6214487
305 W South St (Bethany)	NEW PRICE! 3 bdr/1 bth/4 car garage/Okaw Valley Schools/.35 acres	Upper \$80's	6214455
2530 Lake Reunion Pkwy (LOT)	NEW LISTING! Residential building site/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$90's	6215079
3345 N Woodford St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Turn-key SPA business includes all equipment	Lower \$110's	6212730
770 E Eldorado St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Auto Repair business opportunity/4 OH Doors	Upper \$220's	6210809
858 W Green St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! - Biggen's Bar & Billards/Pool Tables/Open Bar	Upper \$250's	6190609
260 E Wood St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Over 12,400 sq ft space/2 Levels/Parking	Upper \$340's	6212544
1625 Hunters Pt Ct Mt Zion	NEW LISTING! 4 bdr/3 bth/built in 2020/finished basement/Mt Zion schools	Upper \$340's	6214614
35 Lake Pointe	3bdr/1.5 bth/RANCH/Lake Decatur views/2 Lots-1.15 acres	Upper \$370's	6209801
333 E Macon St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! 4 parcels/retail/office space/storage/warehouse	Upper \$490's	6214957
4045 Meadow Park Dr	6bdr/7 bth/in ground pool/pool house/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$590's	6210002
310 E Elwin Rd	4 bdr/3.5bth/14 acres/Pond/7 stall Barn/Stable/Meridian SD	Upper \$790's	6212920

Active/Under Contract Listings

147 Wisconsin Dr	3 bdr/1 bth/ Ranch/22x12 detached garage	Lower \$80's	6214489
2316 W Cushing St	Contract within 2 days!	Lower \$90's	6215050
3030 Timber Bluff Trail	Contract within 1 day!	Upper \$250's	6215010

Pending Listings

1611 E Whitmer St	Contract within 5 days!	Upper \$20's	6215006
917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
2730 W Hunt St	Contract within 5 days!	Upper \$80's	6215051
864 W Forest Ave	Contract withing 3 days!	Upper \$80's	6214779
1563 E Barrington	Contract within 7 days!	Lower \$90's	6214495
119 Wayside Ave	Contract within 2 days!	Upper \$90's	6214951
2141 S Richmond Rd	3bdr/2 bth/ RANCH/Completely Remodeled/New Roof	Upper \$90's	6207585



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