

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 28, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, April 28 ~ Church School Sunday

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Church School Presentation
7:00 pm ~ Choir Concert

Monday, April 29

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 pm ~ Spiritual Practices: *Sabbath Rest*

Wednesday, May 1

6:00 pm ~ ZOW, CHAOS & MYF Bowling
7:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment (310)

Thursday, May 2

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ Scripture & Theology: *Daniel 1-3*
7:00 pm ~ Choir practice
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Nursery Workers

April 28: Glora Belle Yoder, Sonja Wheeler

May 5: Hastings Family

Happy Birthday

May 2 ~ Lisa Nofziger

May 2 ~ Duane Short

May 3 ~ Tom Short

Happy Anniversary

May 3 ~ Ron & Dianne Lantz (49 years)

Attendance & Offering

April 21st: 133

March offering was \$26,130.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Tom Stuckey

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Tom Stuckey

Hymns ~ Anita Roth

“Here In This Place” (VT 10)

“God Of Grace And God Of Glory” (VT 716)

Offering/Offerory ~ Tom/Karen

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Take My Life, That I May Be” (VT 760)

Scripture ~ Romans 12:1-2

Sermon ~ Rev. Dr. Michael Danner

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Teach Me Thy Truth” (VT 776)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Closing Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Lord, Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” (VT 581)

Benediction ~ Rev. Dr. Michael Danner

Office News

~ John David will be away on a personal retreat April 28.

~ Sue will be out of town on Tuesday, April 30th for a required Healthy Boundaries training.



By God's Grace, Zion Mennonite Church will be a House of Peace where all people are invited to share Christ's love with each other and the world.

Church School Sunday Today

Church School Day- Sunday, April 28 - Michael Danner, Executive Director of Mennonite Education Agency & Associate Executive Director of Church Vitality for MCUSA, will visit & share the morning message. After worship we'll have a session in the fellowship hall for all interested to explain Zion's student aid program, hear additional input from Michael as well as Zion's Elijah Zimmerman (a current student at Bluffton University) & give opportunity to pledge financial support toward the program.

Next school year Zion will have six students at the Mennonite schools. We have a fundraising goal of \$93,000 for the year. Those unable to attend on April 28th may make confidential pledges at any time via the secure electronic link below, or by contacting Phil Bontrager (pabontrager@gmail.com or cell 419-966-3127). Link to electronic pledge form: [Zion College Financial Aid Pledge](#)
~ College Financial Aid Committee

Weeknight Classes

Spiritual Practices - Tuesday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall): *Sabbath Rest*

God invites us to rest and abide with him.

Bible and Theology - Thursday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall): *Daniel chapters 1-3*

We will begin a study of the book of Daniel, one of the two apocalyptic books in our Bible.

Spiritual Leadership Team Minutes (April 8, 2024)

Opening

Sue began the meeting by introducing us to a prayer app she often uses as a devotional. It is called Lectio 365. The theme for the current week was "Holy Spirit". Together we listened to a devotion which led us through several activities focused on the image of the Holy Spirit as wind using the Bible text Genesis 1:1-2. It was a calming and relaxing way to become focused before the meeting.

At the May meeting, Suz will be in charge of the opening.

Structure of SLT meeting devotional time

We continued the discussion about how we might want to structure our devotional time for upcoming meetings. One option would be a book discussion as we did last year. Another possibility would be a video or podcast we might listen to on our own and discuss at our meetings. Doing a spiritual practice together as an opening was also suggested. We will individually continue to think about options and each come with ideas next month.

Elder ministry description

We continued work on the ministry description for an elder. Some suggestions for changes had been made since the last meeting. We talked them over and did revisions. Some specific changes made were to the wording around the number of elders, and changing the word "committee" to "team." The suggestion was made to see how well the ministry description lines up with any changes that may have come about with Lombard recommendations. Mike planned to check with Randy Stuckey about that.

Incoming elders

We again discussed next steps in reaching out to potential elders. John David told us that Cory Roth is the person on the Gift Discernment Team who will be contacting potential elder candidates. Gifts Discernment plans to reach out to the ministry team chairs as they get ready to begin a search in their area, so Mike may be able to get a better idea of who is being considered when that happens.

Pastoral reviews for John David and Sue

Sue had her last review four years ago. Another should probably be done later this year, along with a one year review for John David. No decisions about next steps were made at this time.

Congregational Caregivers

Helen Weldy and Karen Short from the Congregational Caregiver ministry, are looking to add members to their group and would like our suggestions of possibilities. Just having substitutes available when their regular caregivers are unavailable would be a big help, and they would especially like to have at least one male.

Postponed for next month:

- Review our Retreat Notes and direction
- Discuss the options for greeters, valet?

Next meeting: May 13 at 5:00 pm

New Announcements

It's time for My Coins Count! Start gathering your change for MCC. Starting this week, our 'water pump' will be sitting out in the fellowship hall near the coffee bar on Sunday mornings, and in the church office during the week. The annual Noisy Offering is coming up on Sunday, May 19th. Let's fill that jug!

The Flowers on the piano are in memory of Terry Short and are from Maggie's family.

Little Eden Camp is looking for volunteers to ride along and chaperone the bus as it drives to and from camp during the weeks of their youth camps. One ride takes place on Sunday, June 16th and the other ride takes place the evening of Thursday, June 20th through Friday, June 21st. If you are interested in chaperoning for one or either of the dates, please let Delaney Nofziger know at 419-822-6103.

Have you ever dreamed of walking in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and exploring some of the birthplaces of the church? Pastor Ryan Harker of West Clinton Mennonite Church is leading a "Greece & Turkey in the Footsteps of Paul" tour June 20-28, 2025. The tour includes visits to Athens and Corinth in Greece as well as a four-day cruise to Ephesus, the island of Patmos, as well as several other Greek islands. The cost is \$4,500, and that is all-inclusive! If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Ryan at pastor.ryan@westclinton.church.

Don't Forget

Did you know you can view Zion's church calendar online? View up-to-the-minute event information at zionmenonitechurch.com/calendar. You can also add the Zion calendar to the calendar on your phone or computer by clicking the "+" symbol in the lower right corner.

On the Level announcement: The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares a truly uplifting story of MDS work in Maryland, volunteers are transforming lives in Mississippi, and long-time project in Jennings, Louisiana comes to a close. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3UjUriu>

Are you looking for something meaningful to do? Become a Blood Program Leader for the American Red Cross. You can support the American Red Cross by managing a blood drive at your Church. The responsibilities would be to advertise the blood drive amongst the congregation, be the liaison between the Church & the Red Cross Account Manager and to find a few volunteers to work with you! The Account Manager will walk you through and design a program that works for you. Please contact the Church office if you are interested or call Linda Hartman at the Red Cross 1-419-308-7921.

Mennonite Public Educators offers a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 25th, at 7 pm eastern time. This group is intended for all Mennonite education professionals working in public school settings. The focus will be "simple ways to show our faith" and while the event is free, registration is required by contacting info@mennoniteeducation.org to receive registration information.

Attention Golfers of all ages and levels. Join us on May 18, 2024 for the 20th Annual Shalom Golf Scramble benefit at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, OH at 8:00 AM, shotgun start. REGISTRATION is OPEN! Look for a fun day of golfing with friends and/or family for a good cause. Four person team: \$260; Individual golfers: \$65. No worries if you don't golf, additional sponsorships available at various levels. Registration Deadline: May 13th – 26 team limit – register now! For details and/or registration visit our website www.shalomworks.org or contact Kerry Beck at Shalom 419-445-1552 or e-mail kbeck@shalomworks.org.

Burger Bash, Sunday, May 5 – You're encouraged to stop by the Ruibley Park Pavilion from 11- 1 for a burger as the community again celebrates our ecumenical mission effort. The free will donation for the burger and the picnic-type fixins' funds rural projects in third-world countries under the umbrella of Growing Hope Globally. Checks for the picnic can be made to our non-profit bookkeeping partner, the Pettisville FFA alumni Assoc.

St. Martin's Concert Series is proud to present *Silent Movie Night* on Sunday, May 5 @ 4:30pm. Cleveland organist David Blazer will accompany the 1931 Charlie Chaplin Film, "City Lights". Join us for *Silent Movie Night*, complete with popcorn! For more information visit: <https://the-welcome-place.org/about/worship-and-music/st-martins-2023-2024-concert-series/>