

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 12, 2024

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, May 12

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no primary Sunday School)

Monday, May 13

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers
5:00 pm ~ SLT
6:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

7:00 pm ~ Church Council

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, May 16

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ Scripture & Theology: *Daniel 7-9*
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, May 19 ~ *Senior Sunday*

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
4:30 pm ~ CHAOS service project (Community Garden)

Nursery Workers

May 12: Lonnie & Carol Short

May 19: Duane & Cecilia Wyse

Happy Birthday

May 12 ~ Kellie Creighton

May 13 ~ Todd Berry

May 15 ~ Elaine Short

May 18 ~ Creighton Aeschliman

Happy Anniversary

May 17 ~ Todd & Sarah Berry (27 years)

Attendance & Offering

May 5th: 122

April offering was \$32,636.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ 1AD

Welcome & Announcements ~ LouAnn Kanagy

Interlude ~ 1AD

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ LouAnn Kanagy

Opening Songs ~ 1AD

“Lead Me, Guide Me” (VT 601)

“Far Above The Noise Of Life” (VT 625)

Offering/Offertory ~ LouAnn/1AD

Mission Moment about SOOP

~ Dave & LouAnn Kanagy

Confession of Faith ~ VT 921

Scripture ~ James 2:14-26

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Communion

Song of Response ~ 1AD

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (VT 419)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick

Closing Song ~ 1AD

“Lead Me To The Rock” (screen)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

~ Summer office hours will be returning starting the week of June 3. Look for updated hours soon.



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.

Weeknight Classes

Spiritual Practices - Tuesday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall): No Spiritual Practices session

Bible and Theology - Thursday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall): *Daniel chapters 7-9*

We will continue our study of the book of Daniel.

New Announcements

The flowers this morning are in memory of Katherine and Elias Frey. Not only is it Mothers Day, but also mom's birthday as well as their anniversary. From the Frey family.

The Congregational Care Team will meet Monday, May 13 at 11:00 in room 310.

If anyone is interested in ordering the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, we will be taking orders in the church office. Please contact Bethany and she will get you on a list. Sample pages have been printed and posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes if you would like to see the size of the text. More details will be coming on pre-paying, deadline for ordering, etc. Pre-ordering ensures you a copy at a discounted rate, but you will not receive it early. Shipment is expected for January. More details to come.

Thank You

At Mennonite Central Committee we are so grateful for the many ways you support the work of MCC and our partners around the world. Whether it's through gathering one of our kits, volunteering at events and thrift shops, collecting My Coins Count, or offering prayers for this work and the people who are touched, we appreciate your partnership in this important ministry. In particular, thank you to our friends and supporters at Zion Mennonite Church for your generous donation of \$ 11,154.64 during 2023.

Your contributions continue to allow partners in Honduras to have good harvests. Because of you, peace is being built in Colombia. Around the world, your support allows relief, development and peace to happen. Because of your prayers and faithful gifts of support, MCC is able to work with 393 partners on 508 projects in 45 countries around the world. Thank you for sharing love and compassion in the name of Christ to vulnerable people through MCC.

Visit our MCC YouTube channel (youtube.com/mccorg) for videos showing examples of the program and projects you support.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your support during the past six years of this seminary journey. I am so grateful for all the cards, texts, emails, prayers, hugs, and words of encouragement. The final milestone will come at the end of July at the completion of my remaining requirements. Graduation was a wonderful jumble of emotions and very meaningful! It reminded me of the many people, places, and experiences which have helped shape me as a student and as a pastor. I cannot thank you enough. You are the best folks! - Sue Short

To the Zion Mennonite high school youth group and mentors: Thank you so much for the blankets for our grief bags! You did an amazing job! These will help provide a lot of comfort to local kids who have lost someone they love.
- Thank you, CHP Bereavement Team

We want to acknowledge gifts that helped pay for our new hymnal, *Voices Together*. We want to thank anonymous donors who contributed to this. We also used undesignated memorial funds given to the congregation. We want to thank those families who chose their memorial money to come to Zion.

And we especially want to thank the family of Ceaphus and Fern Schrock for a gift to complete the purchase. In the card pledging their gift, "We are so happy to be able to contribute this in honor of our parents whose lives and family were so impacted by Zion church and congregation. Our parents' love of music and harmonies makes this gift a particularly appropriate one." Thank you Cara Steiner, Joanne Alderfer, Phyllis Hostetler, Becky Schrock-Herdeck, Mary Schrock and Julia Schrock Rosenfeld for your generosity.

Thanks should also go to Kevin Sauder, for his donation to the *Voices Together* project in memory of Clarence Rich, long-time song leader at Zion.

Thanks to all of you for your willingness to learn new songs, and to the Worship Team for helping with the logistics of this project!
- Karen Ruth and Mark Nafziger, Worship Team Co-chairs

Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday: Join us **next Sunday, May 19th**, as we celebrate with our high school graduating seniors: Ella Richer, Jordan Rodriguez, and Keegan Wyse. We'll also be recognizing two seniors who have been an important part of MYF, but are not able to be with us: Trevor King and Joslyn Mohring. There will be a receiving line and refreshments in-between worship and Sunday School in the fellowship hall, near the coffee bar.

Book Nook

John D. Roth wrote the book *A Mennonite College For Everyone(?): Goshen College and the Quest for Identity and Inclusion from 1960-2020*. It is a complete history and has illustrations and photos to explain the story. The library also has bulletins from the other colleges as well.

Don't Forget

Come celebrate Ella's graduation at an open house on Saturday, May 25 from 11am -2pm at Zion. Thank you for all the ways in which you've supported Ella to help her become who she is today. - The Richers

Ohio Conference is looking to hire 2 positions, the Program and Communication Coordinator and an Administrative Coordinator and Bookkeeper. See the bulletin board for more information.

The Gifts Discernment Ministry Team has begun their work for the church year beginning September 1, 2024. We encourage you to consider how your gifts and the gifts of others in the congregation might support our mission of building a House of Peace. A "Service Opportunities at Zion" is attached to this week's email; also, copies for the adults and high-school aged youth in your household are in your mailbox. You also have the option to fill the form out electronically with the link <https://forms.gle/uq1zvXetHcPXDfjs6> **Please complete the form by Monday, May 20**, and if you completed the printed copy, place it in the marked box across from the mailboxes.

Everence Financial® is hosting a **FREE educational Medicare seminar** on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Special Grounds Coffee, 854 S Shoop Ave., Wauseon. **As you approach retirement, you may have some questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security.** During this workshop, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including: Enrollment details & deadlines; Budgeting for health care & income in retirement; What are your options if you continue to work?; Social Security - when do I start?; Prescription drug coverage; Plans that supplement Medicare. **Please register at [Everence Medicare Monday workshop](#)**

May 26-31: MCC Restorative Justice Peace Camp for young adults (Chicago, Illinois): This peace camp will dive into creative ways to implement justice in local communities. Learning from experienced restorative justice practitioners in Chicago, we will witness incredible ways that transformation is possible through restorative justice. Register today! More information: mcc.org/rj-peace-camp

You can make a difference in the world! MCC is seeking applicants for two-year Canner Operators: Since 1946, MCC's mobile meat cannery has preserved hundreds of thousands of cans of meat for communities in need around the world. But this is only possible with the assistance of MCC canner operators and volunteers. You can help feed hungry people.

Requirements:

- Ready to serve in the name of Christ
- Mechanical aptitude
- 21 years or older, single and male preferred

To learn more, visit mcc.org/canner-operator or call Joe Miller at 717-808-2417.

It's time for My Coins Count! Start gathering your change for MCC. 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!

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.