

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 5, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

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

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)
7:00 pm ~ Spiritual Practices: *Intercessory Prayer*

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, May 9

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ Scripture & Theology: *Daniel 4-6*
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, May 10

6:30 pm ~ Preschool Graduation (sanctuary & fh)

Sunday, May 12

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

Nursery Workers

May 5: Hastings Family
May 12: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

May 5 ~ Jordan Rodriguez
May 7 ~ Elijah Grieser
May 8 ~ Abby Pennington
May 8 ~ Rachel Aeschliman
May 11 ~ Tom Stuckey

Happy Anniversary

May 6 ~ Galen & Sherri Plank (35 years)

Attendance & Offering

April 28th: 95
March offering was \$26,130.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Choir
Welcome & Announcements ~ Duane Sauder
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Duane Sauder
Opening Songs ~ Julia Richer
"To God Be The Glory" (VT 84)
"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God" (VT 182)
Offering/Offertory ~ Duane/Bonnie
Children's Time ~ Jackie Lehman
Song ~ Julia Richer
"God of Wonder's" (VT 178)
Scripture ~ Exodus 19:16-22
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Song of Response ~ Julia Richer
"O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art" (VT 436)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short
Closing Song ~ Julia Richer
"Every Time I Feel The Spirit" (VT 681)
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): *Intercessory Prayer*

We will pray for one another, our church, and the world.

Bible and Theology - Thursday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall): *Daniel chapters 4-6*

We will begin continue our study of the book of Daniel.

New Announcements

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, May 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Judy Beck will lead the meditation at 11:30 am. A noon meal will be provided. Come enjoy the fellowship and contribute to the work of MCC in providing relief to many individuals around the world.

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.

The Junior Choral Society, a community children's choir of 4th thru 8th grade students, has two final concerts this spring we invite you to enjoy! On **Sunday, May 5 @ 7:00 pm**, the JCS will be celebrating their **40th ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI CONCERT** at **Central Mennonite Church**, Archbold. If you or a family member participated in JCS over the years, we invite you to join us by singing in the alumni choir! Go to our website [nwojuniorchoralsociety.org](http://www.nwojuniorchoralsociety.org) to join and receive all the details! We invite you to attend these spring JCS concerts, and enjoy God's gift of children and music!

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.

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.

Thank You

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 last weekend 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

Don't Forget

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!

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.

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/>