

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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June 23, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, June 23

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Tuesday, June 25

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

Thursday, June 27

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, June 30

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Summer office hours have started and the office is now closed on Fridays. Office is open Mon-Thurs from 8am-12pm. Please have all newsletter items to the office by Wednesdays.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Cara Ulrich
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Cara Ulrich
Opening Songs ~ Duane Beck
"Longing For Light" (VT 715)
"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me" (VT 306)
Offering/Offertory ~ Cara/Karen
Hymn ~ Duane Beck
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (VT 156)
Scripture ~ Matthew 23:1-12
Sermon ~ Sue Short
Prayer of Response ~ VT 1043
Song of Response ~ Duane Beck
"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (VT 778)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short
Benediction ~ Sue Short
Closing Song ~ Duane Beck
"God Loves All His Many People" (VT 767)

Attendance & Offering

June 16: 107 ~ \$4,967.00

Nursery Workers

June 23: Lonnie & Carol Short

June 30: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

June 23 ~ Darlene King

June 25 ~ Brianne Short

June 25 ~ Trevor Short

June 26 ~ Roger Crossgrove

June 26 ~ Lowell Yoder

Happy Anniversary

June 25 ~ Doug & Ruth Shoemaker (1 year)

June 25 ~ Cal & Cheryl Britsch (52 years)

June 29 ~ Lynn & Anita Roth (22 years)



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.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray as children and their families come to EMU's campus for the start of the Summer Musical Theatre.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray that Hesston College fills all of their open positions before the beginning of the next school year. May the college find people who share its values to help it continue to grow.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Please pray for those students abroad taking part in Goshen College Study-Service Terms.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our faculty and staff as they prepare for the 2024-25 academic year. May they fulfill Bluffton's mission to prepare students of all backgrounds for "life as well as for vocation... and for the purposes of God's universal kingdom."

Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud works in administrative and teaching roles for several international theology and global leadership formation doctoral programs. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for her and her family as they move from France to Côte d'Ivoire, where the family previously lived and where her son, 16-year-old, Samuel, feels at home. Samuel experienced bullying in his school in France.

Book Nook

A book from the family of Myrl and Donabell Nofziger has been donated to the church library. The title is *Ohio Bicentennial Barns*. It has photos of a barn from each county in Ohio. Now available for check out.

Thank You

"Wow! Thank you so much for the surprise potluck last Sunday! I still can't believe you pulled it off. How did you keep this a secret?? I'm grateful beyond words to serve in such a kind and supportive congregation. You are the best." - Sue Short

Dear Zion Mennonite Church, On behalf of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), I want to express our deepest gratitude for your recent My Coins Count donation. Your generosity will make a significant impact in bringing relief, development, and peace to communities around the world, all in the name of Christ.

Your commitment to giving, no matter the amount, allows MCC to continue its vital work. Through My Coins Count and similar programs, we can provide essential resources to those facing hunger, poverty, and conflict. Whether it's supporting food security initiatives, fostering sustainable development projects, or promoting peacebuilding efforts, your contribution makes a real difference.

We are grateful for your generous donation of \$1,313.09

Thank you for your commitment to living out your faith by supporting our mission. May God bless you abundantly.

Peace. ~Adriana Ortiz

New Announcements

The Builders class invites anyone interested in joining them for Sunday morning studies in room 310 after the morning service. They are using the Salt & Light series. There are still a few lesson helps available in the room. Thank you, Marlene

Some of you may want to follow-up with the Men's Breakfast speaker, Rick Greene, regarding the Great Race. The 2024 Great Race begins Saturday, June 22 in Kentucky and concludes June 30 in Maine. You can follow progress on Facebook: **Team Greene** and **Great Race**. There should be daily updates on both Facebook pages. Prayers are appreciated for safety and no car problems.

On the Level announcement: The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: The MDS Cabinet Shop celebrates a new warehouse, the Peace Academic Center gets an unexpected boost and a bridge opens access to more than 25 families. Sign up to volunteer this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3RuHArK>

Don't Forget

Lamp Lighters fundraiser - On **Saturday June 29**, Lamp Lighter's will be having a Jail Ministry Benefit at **Mancino's in Archbold**. Please enjoy a delicious lunch and/or dinner at Mancino's. 10 percent of the day's proceeds will go to help us purchase reading glasses for the indigent at CCNO, plus make Christmas and Easter cards for each offender. Please pray for the Offenders at CCNO, the Offenders at the Juvenile Center, the staff at these facilities, the ex-offenders who need our prayer support as they endeavor to follow Christ and the ex-offenders who choose to follow the ways of the world. We also appreciate your prayers and your support of the Lamp Lighter's projects. Pray that these small deeds may be a channel by which Souls will find Christ as their salvation and the way to a better life. If you are unable to attend please send your donation to Lamp Lighter's, Vernon Oyer, 13614 U.S. 2, Wauseon, OH 43567. Thank you!

MCC is seeking a full-time Peace and Justice Coordinator for the Great Lakes region. This position is responsible for programming in Indiana, Michigan and northwest Ohio, while providing leadership on partnership, peace and justice, and church engagement. This includes connecting with churches and accompanying grant partners, as well as responsibilities in MCC's focus areas of gun violence prevention, racial justice, restorative justice, immigration and dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. The position will be located in Goshen, Indiana or remote/hybrid in central/northern Indiana or northwest Ohio. **Apply by June 24 at mcc.org/gl-peace-justice-coordinator**

HR Recruiter and Great Lakes HR Generalist for Mennonite Central Committee: As HR Recruiter, this position supports general recruitment and selection processes for openings across the organization. As a regional HR Generalist, this individual is the front-line HR contact for all local employees, assisting with a range of HR tasks, and connecting to specialist colleagues as appropriate. **Apply online by July 7 at mcc.org/hr-recruiter-gl**

The Formation Ministry Team is working on Zion's Small Groups. It seems COVID may have interrupted some groups. We are interested in finding persons who would like to join a group or change their group. You can fill out the form that was in your mailbox and return it to the mailbox of Glora Belle Yoder, Karen Ruth, or Carol Short. You may also call (419-445-3796) or email (church.zionmc@gmail.com) Bethany in the church office. Thank you for your help. (Please note the church email address on the form in your mailbox was incorrect. Please use the Gmail address listed here.)

FISH food pantry: June is Zion's month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. All unexpired items are willingly accepted, but high demand items are: vegetable or canola oil, mandarin oranges, size 3, 4, & 5 diapers, sugar, 1 lb bags of rice, refried beans, and dried beans. Monetary donations are also welcome and are being collected in the office.

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.

Good Shepherd Announcement: Construction has begun on a new sanctuary for Good Shepherd Mennonite Church. The project is expected to cost about \$251,000. If you would like to contribute toward rebuilding the sanctuary, please designate your checks for Good Shepherd and deposit them in the offering plate by September 1. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters repair their church.