

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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## June 9, 2024

### Zion Activities this Week

#### Sunday, June 9

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

#### Monday, June 10

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

#### Tuesday, June 11

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)  
7:00 pm ~ Church Council

#### Wednesday, June 12

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

#### Thursday, June 13

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

#### Saturday, June 15

8am-3pm ~ Fellowship Hall reserved

#### Sunday, June 16

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.*



### Attendance & Offering

June 2: 118 ~ \$3,020.00

### Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Interlude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Hymn** ~ Anita & Kate Roth

“What Is This Place” (VT 22)

**Call to Worship & Prayer**

**Hymn** ~ Anita & Kate Roth

“Let Us Build A House” (VT 36)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ “We Praise Thee, O God” (VT 91)

#### **Communion as a Gift from God**

**Scripture**

**Testimony**

**Hymn** ~ Anita & Kate Roth

“Seed, Scattered and Sown” (VT 477)

#### **Communion as Pastoral Care**

**Scripture**

**Testimony**

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ John David Thacker

**Hymn** ~ Anita & Kate Roth

“O Healing River” (VT 706)

#### **Communion as Remembrance and Story**

**Scripture**

**Litany of Remembrance**

**Hymn** ~ Anita & Kate Roth

#### **Communion as Food for the Whole**

**Scripture**

**Reading/Testimony**

**Hymn** ~ Anita & Kate Roth

**Communion**

**Sending Hymn** ~ Anita & Kate Roth

“Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands” (VT 485)

**Benediction**

### Nursery Workers

June 9: Michelle Wyse & Leah Roth

June 16: Elaine Short & Maggie Short

**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.**

## Happy Birthday

June 9 ~ Nichole Aeschliman

June 9 ~ Brenna Creighton

June 10 ~ Michele Nafziger

June 11 ~ Carrie Grieser

June 11 ~ Meleah Plank

June 13 ~ Scott Yoder

## Happy Anniversary

June 9 ~ Steve & Julia Nafziger (40 years)

June 10 ~ John & Joy Betts (46 years)

June 11 ~ Wendell & Bonnie Beck (59 years)

June 15 ~ Pete & Crystal Rodriguez (22 years)

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for learning and understanding as the Summer Peacebuilding Institute holds workshops and seminars.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: June 14th is our annual Giving Day. We pray for open hearts, for generosity, and that God will provide for our school through the gifts of our alumni and friends.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Incoming high school seniors can start applying to Bluffton this month. Pray for these students as they explore vocations, visit campus, and ponder the benefits of a Mennonite education.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, Mennonite Mission Network's board members are worshipping in congregations in the Newton, Kansas, area, after a weekend of meetings. Pray for the board members, as they work to implement what they have discerned as the future directions for the agency.

## Book Nook

Book nook: A new book about *Women, Work and Calling, Step Into Your Place In God's World* by Joanna Meyer. She talks about navigating common workplace challenges and how to pursue purposeful relationships.

These books have been used by Mennonite Women and are good for devotional use: *Every Day Worship* by Carol Penner, *Live Your Call* by Anna Liechty Sawatzky, *Every Time I Feel The Spirit* by Shannon Dycas.

## Thank You

Brothers and sisters, we the Good Shepherd Family want to thank you for your great gift. May the Lord's overflowing blessing touch each one of you. In Christ's love, Proverbs 11:25

## New Announcements

**Congregational Caregivers** will meet Monday June 10 at 11 a.m. in room 310.

**Mennonite Women** will meet Wednesday, June 12 from 9 am – 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. John David Thacker will be leading the meditation, and a noon meal will be provided. Visitors are very welcome as we continue to provide comforters & other items to support the work of MCC.

**Fellowship hall/coffee bar and nursery screen project:** As you may have read in the minutes, for the past few months Church Council has been discussing the installation of one screen for the fellowship hall area (on the wall behind the coffee bar), and a smaller screen for the nursery. Council has approved this project with input and support from the Trustees, the Sound and Video team, the Formation ministry team, the Interior Memorial and Visual Arts team, and the Elders. The screens will not be connected for TV viewing. The intention is to use these two screens on Sunday mornings to provide a way to view the worship service from other locations. They are a tool to help make worship accessible for everyone by including those serving in the nursery, or in the fellowship hall/coffee bar area. Another anticipated use is to provide an optional location for families to show their photos during visitation and memorial services, and other gatherings or events. We are pleased to be able to offer this resource soon. See Mike Zimmerman (Elder Chair), Stan Short (Sound/Video team), or Randy Stuckey (Council Chair) for questions.

## Don't Forget

**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](mailto: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.)

**Forgot your coins for our noisy offering?** No worries. **You can still drop them off in the church office until this Thursday, June 13th.** Thank you so much to all those who have already donated to our My Coins Count water jug collection for MCC. Excited to find out our total when we turn it in on June 15th!

**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. More details to come.

# Spiritual Leadership Team Minutes

May 13, 2024

**Opening Devotion:** Suz led the opening focusing on Revelation 22:17. “The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.” This verse has become meaningful to her in relation to the song “Come Jesus Come” by Stephen McWhirter. We listened to the song, and Suz closed in prayer

**Discussion of theme for SLT devotion time:** We discussed several options including using a book to give structure to the devotional time or bringing individual concerns for support. After considering all the suggestions, we decided to use the book, *Divine Gravity: Sparking a Movement to Recover a Better Christian Story*, by Meghan Larissa Good. Several of us had read parts of it, and the book focuses on some of the themes we had discussed during our winter retreat.

**Reaction to Sue’s sabbatical:** SLT members reported that they hadn’t heard many comments. The comments they did receive had been positive. Sue had received a few concerns about events that might happen while she is gone where her presence would be missed. Overall, Sue reported that feedback had been very positive to her, also.

**Memorial funds:** Greg reported that he had been asked about a memorial gift given for use with the MYF, but as an MYF sponsor, he hadn’t heard anything about it. He wondered how gifts given as memorials are processed and communicated. He will continue this conversation with the Stewardship team to learn more.

**Search for new elder(s):** The updated elder ministry description is ready and will be given to the Gifts Discernment team. It will also be shared with Bethany to be kept in the office. Names of potential elders were suggested, and will be passed along to the Gifts Discernment team.

**Congregation Caregivers:** At the last meeting, it was brought up that there is a need for a few more caregivers, since some caregivers are no longer able to serve. The co-chairs of the Congregational Caregivers asked if the SLT could help suggest names of people they could approach to serve. Names were suggested and will be passed along. It is possible that some of these new caregivers might be asked primarily to serve short term for current caregivers who aren’t around during the winter months.

**Good Shepherd Church renovation:** Church Council and Stewardship have been looking at ways to help the Good Shepherd congregation with their sanctuary rebuilding project. Their recommendation was to give a check now, and then see where things stand at the end of the fiscal year, and possibly give more. This will be considered a contribution, and not a loan. John David will prepare an announcement to share this information with the congregation, and invite them to consider financially supporting this need.

**Reporting on the life of the congregation:** John David is continuing toward his goal to meet with individuals and families in the congregation. Things he has been focusing on or thinking about include:

- Hearing God’s voice; discerning God’s will; appreciative inquiry;
- Being curious about what’s happening in the life of the congregation;
- Looking at where Zion is ready to grow;
- Wondering what people value, and what is a strength that could continue to be built on;
- Ways of encouraging people to talk about their faith. (He is finding that people are more inclined to talk about how they see *others* showing the love of Jesus, than talking about their own faith. He wonders about ways for teaching/modeling how to have these types of God conversations)

A theme that is rising from these conversations with the congregation is that people see strong community at Zion and feel safe and supported.

Pastoral concerns were discussed. A few additional items were tabled until our next meeting due to lack of time for discussion

**Next meeting will be on June 17 at 5:00.**