

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 26, 2024

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, May 26

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
No Sunday School

Monday, May 27 ~ Memorial Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)
6:30 pm ~ Worship Team
7:00 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (basement)

Wednesday, May 29

Kitchen Reserved

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

Fellowship Hall and Kitchen reserved all day

Sunday, June 2

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

Nursery Workers

May 26: Lonnie & Carol Short

June 2: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

May 28 ~ Linda Nafziger

May 28 ~ Dave Wheeler

May 30 ~ Ty Aeschliman

May 30 ~ Jan Roth

May 30 ~ Angie Short

June 1 ~ Donabell Nofziger

June 1 ~ Brad Short

Happy Anniversary

May 27 ~ Steve & Sarah Hastings (18 years)

Attendance & Offering

May 19th: 116

April offering was \$32,636

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Barb Yoder

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Barb Yoder

Opening Songs ~ Julia Richer

“Waterfall” (VT 763)

“All Who Are Thirsty” (VT 49)

“How Great Is Our God” (VT 116)

Scripture ~ Psalm 77:11-20

Offering Prayer ~ Barb Yoder

Offertory ~ Duane Beck & Julia Richer

“Walk Down The Mountain” (Bebo Norman)

Scripture ~ Exodus 2:23-3:12

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Song of Response ~ Julia Richer

“God Of The Bible” (VT 420)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Mike Zimmerman

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Closing Song ~ Julia Richer

“Go Ye Now In Peace” (VT 839)

Office News

~ Summer office hours will start June 3. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8am-12pm. The office will be closed on Fridays

~ John David will be on vacation May 26 to June 8.



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.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, May 26: Remembering who we are as we recall God's faithfulness

Psalm 77:11-20 and Exodus 2:23-3:12 (Sue Short)

Sunday, June 2: Yoking ourselves to Christ

Matthew 11:28-30 (Mike Zimmerman)

Sunday, June 9: Hymn Sing Sunday

a casual summer service of prayer, scripture, communion, and song.

Weeknight Classes

Tuesday and Thursday classes are finished for the summer.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig are serving in Chad, with their three children, through Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Christy as she works as a nurse-midwife and for Peter as he teaches at Shalom: Evangelical Theological Seminary. Pray also for the children as they build relationships with their neighbors.

Thank You

Thank you to our caring church family for the prayers, visits, cards, and calls during Walt's recent hospitalization and recovery. We are encountering life changes with dialysis three times weekly. Your thoughts and prayers are a great support. Thank you again. - Walt & Darlene Polasek

Dear Zion Mennonite Church, I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for the recent donation to Adriel Foundation. Your support will directly benefit the 180 young people in foster care and the 150 foster families! Your belief in our cause is appreciated, and we are thankful you are choosing Adriel with your gift; it will make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. God bless, Jenn Butler

Book Nook

My University Of The World by Neill McKee is a book of creative nonfiction reflecting the memories of the author's career as an international film and media producer. He takes you to many countries like Sri Lanka, China, Bangladesh, India, Russia, South Africa, Ethiopia and many more. He talks about sustainable development and interesting history in these countries.

The Bible Or The Axe by William O. Levi is a book about one man's dramatic escape from persecution in the Sudan. Learn the depths of forgiveness and the power of Christ's love to triumph in the most desperate of circumstances.

New Announcements

Forgot your coins for our noisy offering last Sunday? No worries. You can still drop them off in the church office until 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!

Burger Bash Recap- Because of the wonderful support of this community, almost \$10,000 was given in free-will donations at the Burger Bash in the park on Sunday, May 5. That fund kicks off the new mission year. Last year's Burger Bash plus the sale of our project steers allowed the treasurer to send \$42,848 to Growing Hope Globally for the efforts of this past project year which brings the total local ecumenical gift over 18 years to \$729,721!

Zion Budget Update

Thank you for your generous budget support! Zion's 2023-24 budget is \$416,400. Divided by 12 months, the offerings needed average \$34,700 per month. Zion ended 2023 on a strong note. However, since January of 2024, the monthly totals have decreased by \$11,000 on average. With 5 months remaining in the budget year, Zion needs to average \$29,000 per month to meet the budget. Please check in with stewardship members if you have questions or concerns.

~ Dan Ruth, Cal Britsch, Lynn Roth, Crystal Rodriguez

April offerings (5 Sundays)	\$32,636.00
Average monthly budget	<u>34,700.00</u>
	-2,064.00
Year to date Offerings (Budgeted)	\$277,600
Year to date Offerings (Actual)	<u>\$305,370</u>
Surplus Offerings	+\$ 27,770

Don't Forget

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.

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.

Ohio MCC Bike Ride: You're invited to join a group of bicycle riders as they gather on July 13-14 near Kidron, Ohio, to bike 100 miles over two days (approximately 50 miles each day) to help support MCC's Gaza relief fund. Base camp and overnight camping will be in Kidron with the route on Saturday making a stop at the Ohio MCC Relief Sale in Mt. Hope. For more information about registering as a rider or making a donation, visit mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride or email OhioBikeRide@gmail.com

On the Level announcement: The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King introduces you to some of our national partners, learn how MDS is helping those who help the homeless in Selma, Alabama, and take a look at the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4akQLBQ>

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.