

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 7, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, July 7

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

Monday, July 8

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

Wednesday, July 10

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

Thursday, July 11

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
7:00 pm ~ AA

Friday, July 12

2:00 pm ~ Kitchen/FH reserved

Sunday, July 14

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

Summer office hours are Mon-Thurs from 8am-12pm. Please have all newsletter items to the office by Wednesdays.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Leah Roth
Welcome & Announcements ~ Lonnie Short
Interlude ~ Leah Roth
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Lonnie Short
Opening Songs ~ Eric Lehman
"Lead Me, Guide Me" (VT 601)
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (VT 610)
Offering/Offertory ~ Lonnie/Leah
Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee" (VT 743)
Scripture ~ 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Song of Response ~ Eric Lehman
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (VT 628)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger
Benediction ~ John David Thacker
Closing Song ~ Eric Lehman
"Go, My Children" (VT 830)

Attendance & Offering

June 30: 93 ~ \$7,930

Nursery Workers

July 7: Lonnie & Carol Short
July 14: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

July 7 ~ Mary Gisel
July 7 ~ Maggie Short
July 9 ~ Mark Nafziger
July 10 ~ Cork Nofziger
July 11 ~ Wendell Beck
July 12 ~ Cathi Baer
July 12 ~ Cal Britsch
July 12 ~ Dianne Lantz
July 12 ~ Miriam Richer
July 12 ~ Carolyn Sauder

Happy Anniversary

July 10 ~ Kevin Sauder & Patricia Kramer (3 years)
July 12 ~ Barnaby & Michelle Wyse (27 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:

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: The Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit is on July 13 at the Kalona Golf Course. Pray for good weather and that it be a time when alumni and friends can enjoy being together at the golf course, all while supporting our school.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for the young athletes on Bluffton's campus during the summer months attending day camps, basketball shootouts, and training sessions. May they stay healthy and active and grow as team members and friends.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for our seniors who just graduated and are starting their new beginning.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Bethel College students working at Camp Mennoscah in Murdock, Kan., and other Mennonite camps this summer.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for the health and safety of all those participating in summer camps.

Mennonite Mission Network: Participants from Belmont Mennonite Church, in Elkhart, Indiana, have just returned from a week-long Mennonite Mission Network-sponsored Just Peace Pilgrimage (JPP). Pray for them as they discern what Jesus' response is for their congregation, after witnessing the reality of life along the Mexico-United States border in southern Texas.

Ukrainian Families Update

It has been a while since any update was given. Both families are approaching two years in the US. They are required to re-apply with the government for their status as Humanitarian Parolees. There is a large fee per person attached to the applications. The Zion and Central Resettlement Support Team are assisting them with the applications and plan to help with the fees as needed.

Skopych Family

The Skopych family moved from Wauseon to an apartment in Archbold last October and there have been some adjustments. Overall it has been a good thing. Veronika, who is five-years-old, is enrolled in kindergarten for this fall. She surprised her mother by speaking fluent English during her registration. Maksim will be in the seventh grade this fall. Andrii completed a course and has his US CDL to drive automatic semis. He has a job driving that is keeping him busy. Iryna works a day or so a week at the Heritage Inn.

Hlushko (Glushko) Family

Emmanuel, who was born on October 22 is doing very well. Karina is back to working three nights a week at the Doughbox bakery. Igor continues to work for Nofziger Door doing installations. Bogdan will be in the sixth grade this fall. They live in an apartment in Archbold.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the Skopych and Hlushko families!



Upcoming Worship

This summer, we've been exploring themes in texts from the lectionary. We invite you to read ahead to prepare for worship.

Sunday, July 7: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sunday, July 14: Amos 7:7-15

Sunday, July 21: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 28: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

New Announcements

Congregational Caregivers will meet Monday, July 8, at 11:00 am in room 310.

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, July 10 from 9 am to 3 pm in the fellowship room. Karen Ruth will lead us in a devotional time, a noon meal will be provided. Visitors are most welcome.

Don't Forget

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.

2024 Senior Saint Concert – Thursday, July 11th, 11:00AM @ St. John's Christian Church (SJCC) The Senior Saints, an energetic group of 71 retirees from 31 churches in the greater Fort Wayne area, will present Way to Go! This program is a musical about methods of travel throughout the ages and their own experiences with them. The program includes songs, narration, and amusing and heart-warming personal experiences about travel. Songs in this program include Wait for the Wagon, Cruising Down the River, Wabash Cannon Ball, Bicycle Built for Two, and in My Merry Oldsmobile. Songs of faith and our walk with Jesus include Life's Railway to Heaven, Walking with the King, Just a Closer Walk, Precious Lord Take My Hand, Jesus Led Me All the Way and I'll Fly Away. Accompaniment is provided on piano with woodwind and brass instruments. Way to Go! will celebrate through music and stories the fact that Jesus travels with us in our journey through life and has made a way for us to travel to heaven to a relationship that will last for eternity. This event is free and open to all – it will be held in the sanctuary at SJCC.

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.