

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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June 30, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, June 30

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

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

Thursday, July 4 ~ *Office Closed*

Happy 4th of July

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, July 7

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 ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Tim Wagler
Fairlawn Haven Update
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Tim Wagler
Opening Songs ~ Anita Roth
“Summoned By The God Who Made Us” (VT 1)
“Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah” (VT 95)
Offering/Offertory ~ Tim/Bonnie
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
“We Come” (VT 225)
Children's Time ~ John David Thacker
Scripture ~ Mark 5:21-43
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Song of Response ~ Anita Roth
“Healer Of Our Every Ill” (VT 644)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick
Benediction ~ John David Thacker
Closing Song ~ Anita Roth
“Go Now In Peace” (VT 835)

Attendance & Offering

June 23: 83 ~ \$25,571.73

Nursery Workers

June 30: Lonnie & Carol Short

July 7: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

July 2 ~ Phil Bontrager (Lynette)

July 4 ~ Jill Dahl

July 5 ~ Micah Frankenfield

July 5 ~ Kathy Short

July 6 ~ John David Thacker

Happy Anniversary

June 30 ~ Stan & Sue Short (34 years)

July 1 ~ Phil & Lynette Bontrager (35 years)

July 1 ~ Chris & Julia Richer (24 years)

July 2 ~ Chad & Nichole Aeschliman (19 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: Looking forward to the summer, pray that our faculty and staff enjoy their time out of the classroom, but that we are mindful that the summer months will allow for time to plan for new aspects of the coming school year.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the Hesston College presidential search committee as they continue their search process. May the Lord guide them to find new leadership for our campus to help us continue to grow and improve.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our students as they continue to enjoy their summer vacation. May they use this time to relax and allow themselves to grow personally, professionally, and spiritually.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Kate Widmer, as she helps extend the community outreach ministries of La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite Church in France, through a café, a bookstore and building relationships in the Muslim neighborhood in which she lives. Pray for renewal of energy and spiritual insight, as she pours herself out in service.

Thank You

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

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!



New Announcements

Everence Toolkit: Please see the electronic version of the latest Everence Toolkit with the attached PDF for some interesting tips & tidbits. Click the link to sign up to receive this resource to your email. [Tool Kit Sign Up Link](#)

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.

Don't Forget

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 Nofziger

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>

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. **Last day for pick up is Monday, July 1st.**

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.