

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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August 18, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, August 18

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Monday, August 19

5:00 pm ~ SLT Meeting

8:00 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (basement)

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 am ~ Staff meeting

Thursday, August 15

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, August 25

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.

Nursery Workers

August 18: LouAnn Kanagy & Brenda Aeschliman

August 25: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

Office News

~ Normal office hours (Monday–Friday from 8-12) will resume starting the week of Monday, August 26.

Order of Service

Come to the Lakeshore

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Worship Leader ~ Steve Hastings

Song Leader ~ Anita Roth

Piano ~ Karen Stuckey

Prayer for the Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Faith Story Interview

~ John David Thacker & Abby Pennington

Attendance & Offering

August 11: 76 ~ \$3,311

Happy Birthday

August 18 ~ Fred Baer, Allen Liechty, Elijah Zimmerman

August 19 ~ Helen Weldy

August 20 ~ Karen Short

August 22 ~ Kirk Beck, Rowyn Pennington

August 23 ~ Vivienne Legato

August 23 ~ Sara Nafziger, Guinevere Brooks

Happy Anniversary

August 18 ~ Jim & Darlene King (45 years)

August 21 ~ Mark & Ruth Matthews (42 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.

Upcoming Worship

August Worship

We invite you to "Come to the Lakeshore" for worship during August. Our stories will center on New Testament events that happened on or along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Our worship will be informal and maybe a little unexpected.

August 18 "Jesus Walks on the Water"

August 25 "Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac"

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan: As the 2024- 25 school year begins, pray for new employees at Bethel College, especially faculty in math and music, and staff in student life and athletics.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our entire Hillcrest Academy school community as we begin classes today, that we will come together with joy, grace, and unity.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill, who are preparing to serve as directors of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray that God and God's people will provide all the necessary resources, so that the Woodward-Breckbill family can begin ministry this month.

Thank You

Thank you Zion family for the love and kindness shown to me during my hospital stay and since I've been home. Your visits, calls, prayers, food and rides to appointments were such a blessing to me. I am very grateful. ~ Linda Nafziger

New Announcements

Budget Update: Stewardship expects to be about \$15,000 over budget by the end of August. We thank the congregation for a year of solid financial support. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Dan Ruth, Cal Britsch, Lynn Roth, or Crystal Rodriguez.

Job openings with MCC Appalachia Build: MCC has two exciting positions available with our Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) program in Kimball, West Virginia. Focused on home repairs for low-income households, Appalachia Build is an MCC program that provides week-long service and learning opportunities.

1. **Site Manager** to serve as an overall construction project lead. They choose projects and then schedule and oversee the work.
2. **Hospitality Manager** to provide overall responsibility for hosting volunteers and guests.

Application deadlines are September 2, and you can find both opportunities at mcc.org/careers.

Hey, kids! The activity bags have been refreshed and restocked. If you would like to have one during the worship service, they can be found near both the rear and west wing sanctuary doors.



Book Nook

So We and Our Children May Live, Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Change, by Sarah Augustine & Sheri Hostetler is published by Herald Press. These authors challenge us to get involved in helping to change the laws and policies that hurt and enslave people and the earth. Collective action is what is needed to change the world. We find the right answers together. We must plan and organize and work across multiple generations.

Children's books that relate to our theme of the lakeshore that are available to borrow: *The River and the Rain*, *The Storm Book*, *Tales from the Ark*, *Lighthouse*, *The Ark*, *Waters*, *God Speaks to Us in Water Stories*.

Don't Forget

Interested in ordering the *Anabaptist Community Bible*? We will be taking orders in the church office. **Please contact Bethany in the office by August 18th if you wish to preorder with the church.** Pre-ordering ensures you a copy at a discounted rate, but you will not receive it early. Shipment is expected for January.