

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, August 25

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Monday, August 26

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 28

6:00 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, August 29

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

5:30 pm ~ Preschool Open House

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Office News

~ Normal office hours (Monday–Friday from 8-12) will resume Monday, August 26th.

~ John David will be out of the office on Wednesday, August 28. He will be attending the Ohio Mennonite Conference Credentialed Leaders Bible Study in Upper Sandusky.

Order of Service

Come to the Lakeshore

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Worship Leader ~ Jackie Lehman

Song Leader ~ 1AD

Piano ~ 1AD

Prayer for the Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger

Faith Story Interview

~ Jackie Lehman & Jodi Nofziger

Attendance & Offering

August 18: 72 ~ \$6,759.83

Nursery Workers

August 25: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

Happy Birthday

August 26 ~ Jackie Lehman

August 27 ~ Elaine Swartzbaugh

August 28 ~ Patsy Nofziger

August 28 ~ Karen Ringenberg

Happy Anniversary

August 25 ~ Lynn & Bonnie Short (62 years)

August 30 ~ Merrill & Jan Cobb Nofziger Spiess (8 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 25 "Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac"

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan: Pray for the steering committee of Life Enrichment, a weekly program for older adults at Bethel College, as the fall schedule kicks off today.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for a day of fellowship as students build community and friendships during "school day out" today – a long-running tradition at EMS that happens the first week of school.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University students, faculty, and staff as the fall 2024 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities, and experience a world of opportunity.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for those students abroad taking part in Goshen College Study-Service Terms.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for the 25 congregations that make up Colombia Mennonite Church (IMCOL). Pray that IMCOL will realize its goals of strengthening its Anabaptist identity and organizational capacity.

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers offered on my behalf during my hip replacement and recovery. ~ Nedra Sauder

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Elijah Zimmerman & Meredith Zeiter who were married August 4th. Their address will be 9507 County Road S, Napoleon OH 43545

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.

More children's books that relate to our theme of the lakeshore that are available to borrow: *Three Days On A River In A Red Canoe*, *In the Small Small Pond*, *Noah's Ark*, *Make Way for Ducklings*, *A Man Who Rippled the Waters*, *The Seagoing Cowboy*, *Grandfather's Journey*.

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.



New Announcements

Mennonite College Student Aid - As our students return to class at the Mennonite colleges in the coming weeks, we welcome your contributions to Zion's student aid fund, either as fulfillment of an existing pledge or as a new contribution. Your support of this important ministry of Zion is much appreciated. Our six students this semester are Kate Roth and Keegan & Quinn Wyse at Goshen College, and Ella Richer and Rachel & Sarah Wheeler at Eastern Mennonite University. College Financial Aid Committee

Update from Gifts Discernment Ministry Team: We received a total of 77 responses (60 paper, 17 electronic) to the recent proposed slate of candidates to serve on Zion's various Ministry Teams, beginning in the new church year on September 1. The overall affirmation rate was 99.6%. An updated list of Zion's Ministry Team members will be included with the new 2024 Church documents that will be made available soon. Thank you to all who responded to the Affirmation Slate and to those who have agreed to serve on the various Ministry Teams. – *Gifts Discernment Ministry Team*

Mennonite Women update: We had an exciting day at Mennonite Women last Wednesday. David Tijerina related his life story and talked about 1 Corinthians 10. We invited Good Shephard to join us and 5 ladies came as well as 3 ladies from Peace Mennonite Church. We completed over 200 school kits and packed them in boxes and took them to Care & Share. Thanks to all of you who contributed items for the school bags. We had a good lunch as well. We want to welcome any ladies to join us on the second Wednesday of every month for the program at 11:30 and the lunch at 12.

Zion has walkers, wheelchairs, transport chairs, and a knee scooter available to borrow. Sign them out from the closet at the carport entrance.

Friday, August 30 is the last day to contribute through Zion to the rebuilding of Good Shepherd Mennonite's sanctuary. Please designate any checks to Good Shepherd in the memo field. Contributions can still be made directly to Good Shepherd.

Following worship on September 15, LAMP (Logistic Assistance for Migrant People) will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall. This meal is a fundraiser for their ministry to immigrants in northwest Ohio. The meal will be by free-will offering.

On the Level announcement: Our August Edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares our need for volunteers at our warehouse in Mississippi, read the latest on our flood response in Vermont, meet an inspirational 22 year-old volunteer and get the back story on a popular MDS photo. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/46Ym9WM>

Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on October 9-13: This learning tour provides a unique experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900's. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers, learn about MCC's work to preserve Black history in the area and attend the Dismukes Gala featuring John Ellison. Learn more and register at mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour. Tickets are also available separately for the Dismukes Gala on October 12 at mcc.org/dismukes-gala.

Don't Forget

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.