

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 1, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Monday, September 2 ~ *Office Closed*

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 5

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ Contemplative Worship Service

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, September 8

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Marcia Lehman

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Marcia Lehman

Hymns of Praise ~ Eric Lehman

“Sing A New World Into Being” (VT 809)

“Take My Life, And Let It Be” (VT 759)

Offering/Offertory ~ Marcia/Karen

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“What Does The Lord Require Of You ” (VT 207)

Scripture ~ Mark 7:1-23

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“Create In Me A Clean Heart ” (screen)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ruth

Closing Song ~ Eric Lehman

“I Bind My Heart This Tide” (VT 556)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Attendance & Offering

August 25: 133 ~ \$17,486

Nursery Workers

September 8: Brenda Aeschliman

Happy Birthday

September 1 ~ Steve Nafziger, Sonya Wheeler

September 3 ~ Howard Snyder

September 4 ~ Leah Roth, Carolyn Snyder

September 5 ~ Dan Ruth

Happy Anniversary

September 4 ~ Bob & Luanne Aschliman (53 years)

September 6 ~ Joe & Karin Legato (16 years)

September 7 ~ Fred & Elizabeth Baer (28 years)

Office News

~ Normal office hours (Monday–Friday from 8-12) have resumed.

Prayer Requests

~ For the families of Janice Jackson (Jackie Lehman's mother) and Monica Gross (Cheryl Britsch's mother) and they grieve their passing.

~ For Ron Grieser as he recovers from a fall and hip surgery.

~ For Steven and Karen Ringenberg, as Steven receives hospice care at Fairlawn.

~ For those recovering from illness, surgery, other needs: Martha Yoder, Linda Nafziger, Walt Polasek, Eric Duepen.

~ For the unfolding situations in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Ecuador, Haiti and other places where there is war and violence.

Praise

~ We praise God for cleansing us through Jesus Christ, who takes away the sins of the world.

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:

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for our new students as many of them are experiencing the joys and challenges of being away from home for the first time in their lives. Pray they adjust well to life away from home, parents, and friends and that their new relationships are meaningful and fulfilling.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for the health and safety of our Ravens fall student athletes, as they practice, travel, and compete.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for the successful sing-through of the Voices Together hymnal, September 6-8. The event is raising funds for the Chamber Singers tour through Europe in May.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff as Bluffton University's fall 2024 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities, and better the world together.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today is the Day of Prayer for Creation, promoted by Season of Creation, an ecumenical organization of prayer and action. Mennonite Church USA and Mission Network are members of this global community. Join in lamenting the harm human beings have inflicted on the Earth, and pray that we will discover unity, as we work together as caretakers of God's creation.

New Announcements

The Sojourners Sunday school class will meet next Sunday, September 8, at 8:30 AM in Room 310. The *Anabaptist World* magazine is used for curriculum, with the focus for September 8 being "Not cured, but healed" on page 40 of the August 2024 issue. **Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the classes.**

Greetings from Barnaby, Michelle and Jodi. We are the Mennonite Youth Fellowship sponsors for this year's group of youth and wanted to let you know we are excited to get started with our MYF year! Our goals for this year are to grow spiritually through faith night, participate in service projects, connect through games, fun activities, and other general outings. Thank you for sharing your youth with us this year on Wednesdays from 7-8:30. We are excited to get to know each one of your children through MYF.

Good news for preschool to senior students. Sunday School starts again September 8. See you there.

The fellowship committee is happy to provide the coffee for before and after worship. As we are starting our new fiscal year, a sign sheet is on the coffee bar. **Your help is needed!! Please consider signing up to help make the coffee.**

Oct. 13-15, The Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, Ohio is offering a Spiritual Formation Retreat with Zion member Joyce Nafziger providing art activities and reflections on "The Imprint of Christ."

You are invited to celebrate Sunshine Communities' 75th Anniversary at a free concert in downtown Maumee on Saturday, September 7. As a gift to the community that has supported Sunshine in its mission to support people with developmental disabilities, we invite you to join us for a live, free performance in the streets of uptown Maumee. **Girl Named Tom will play at 7:15 p.m.** with opening act Chloe & the Steel Strings at 5:30. The concert stage will be at the intersection of Conant and Dudley Streets. Food trucks will be available on Dudley Street. Please note that it is standing room only or feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. No tickets are needed.

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. Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, at mcc.org/dismukes.

Thank You

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

Thanks to all involved in the Come to the Lakeshore series this month. Special thanks to Helen Weldy, Keith Lehman, Abby Pennington and Jodi Nofziger for sharing their faith stories. Thanks to Kellie Creighton and Nicole Aeschliman for the lake setting. Thanks to all who sent photos to share. Thanks to all who participated in the services. This is truly a collaborative community! Worship Team

Contemplative Worship Service

On **Thursday, Sep. 5th, at 7 PM** a Contemplative Worship Service in Sanctuary will start. This fall, John David will be leading a service of prayer and silence and scripture on Thursday evenings. Quiet yourself and be refreshed during this time of contemplative worship.

Don't Forget

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

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.

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>

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