

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 15, 2024

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, September 15

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)
11:30 am ~ LAMP Spaghetti Fundraiser

Monday, September 16

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

4:30 pm ~ SLT
7:00 pm ~ Bible Study: Revelation 1-2

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, September 19

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
10:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Tedrow
6:30 pm ~ OH Conference Cluster (Toledo Men.)
7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, September 22

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 ~ Kathy Beck
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Kathy Beck
Hymns of Praise ~ Cheryl Britsch
"Jesus, Be The Center" (VT 584)
"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous" (VT 590)
Offering/Offertory ~ Kathy/Karen
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
"Who Now Would Follow Christ" (VT 576)
Scripture ~ Mark 8:27-38
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" (VT 443)
Prayer for Church & World ~ John David Thacker
Closing Song ~ Cheryl Britsch
"O Christ, Impart Your Teaching" (VT 583)
Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Attendance & Offering

September 8: 117 ~ \$2,595

Nursery Workers

September 15: Josiah & Lydia Dahl
September 22: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

September 15 ~ LouAnn Kanagy,
September 15 ~ Holly Liechty
September 15 ~ Jan Cobb Nofziger
September 16 ~ Ladonna Andres
September 16 ~ Elias Frankenfield
September 17 ~ Brenda Aeschliman
September 17 ~ Joe Legato
September 17 ~ Ben Wheeler
September 20 ~ Lynette Bontrager
September 20 ~ Pete Rodriguez
September 21 ~ Karmin Brooks

Happy Anniversary

September 17 ~ Bill & Kathy Beck (46 years)

Office News

~ Annual Reports are due. If you were the chair of a committee please turn your report into the office. Thanks!



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.

Midweek Service & Class Info

On **Thursdays at 7 PM:** No class this week due to Oh Conference Cluster for the delegates.

Tuesday, Sep. 17, 7 PM: John David will begin a weekly Bible Study on Revelation. We will be studying chapters 1-2. This series will run through the end of the year and will be accompanied by a sermon series on Revelation later this fall.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: It's Service Day at Bethel College. Pray for the students, coaches, staff, and faculty who are building relationships and serving the college and community through service.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our first-year students as they focus on the question "Who am I?" in their first-year seminar class, Becoming a Scholar. May they reflect on the varied paths their futures hold at Bluffton and beyond.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Our mission here at Hesston College states we "educate and nurture each student within a Christ-centered community, integrating thought, life, and faith for service to others in the church and the world." During this school year, pray that all of the employees at the college live into this mission and strive to make this a daily goal and purpose of our work here.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure participants are learning to live in new households, integrating into their hosting congregations and settling into their service assignments. Pray for the participants, as well as Samir Knego, leader of the unit in Anchorage, Alaska, and Christian and Leigha Stoltzfus, who are leading the Colorado Springs unit in Colorado.

New Announcements

Family Meal!! Wednesday, September 25th will be our first family meal for the new church year. Put the date on your calendar and come and enjoy a meal and fellowship around the table. No need to sign up. Guests are always welcome. The meal will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, applesauce and cookies.

SAVE the DATE: Shalom Counseling's Annual Fall Fundraiser is Sunday, October 13th, 2024, at Ruihley Park in Archbold, OH. We will be serving your choice of a BBQ chicken or a pulled pork meal by donation from 11am-1:30pm. Come support us in providing compassionate Christ centered care and Mental Health services to surrounding communities.

Don't Forget

The Builders class is inviting anyone to join their class. They will begin the year with a study on Esther. Class begins around 11 am and meets in room 310.

The Zion choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday evening, September 26. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 in the sanctuary. The choir sings during worship once a month and sings a Sunday evening program in December and April. Duane Beck will be the director again this year. Anyone who would like to sing is very welcome. Talk with one of the choir committee members, Mark Nafziger, Karen Ruth, Cheryl Britsch, Bonnie Stuckey or Duane if you want more information or are interested in singing.

EMU Visit to Zion Sept. 15 - We welcome Eastern Mennonite University Admissions Counselor Hannah Beck, **who will worship with us Sunday, Sept. 15.** Hannah will have an information table set up in the narthex and will meet informally with our MYFers and any interested youth during the Sunday School time.

This year's Reach Up Banquet will be held at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold on Saturday, September 21, 2004, starting at 12 pm. We prayerfully ask all who have supported the ministry of Reach Up, Inc. in the past and those who would like to this year, to consider sponsoring a table of 8 for the same amount as last year \$125. Individual seats are also available to anyone not at a reserved table. Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon with good food, music and testimonials. Our speaker this year is CCNO correctional Officer Lisa Osborne. The Zion Builder Sunday School class has been a sponsor of this men's ministry at CCNO for many years. If you wish to attend, RSVP to either Chaplain John Cattell at 419-439-3783, or to Pat Miller at 419-237-6953, no later than September 14. If you are coming as a guest of a table sponsor, no response is needed. Your table sponsor will report on your attendance.

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.