

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**September 22, 2024**

## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, September 22**

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

### **Tuesday, September 24**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm ~ Bible Study: Revelation 3-4 (310)

### **Wednesday, September 25**

5:30 pm ~ Family Meal  
6:30 pm ~ Worship Team  
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS  
7:00 pm ~ MYF

### **Thursday, September 26**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer  
7:00 pm ~ Contemplative Worship (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm ~ AA

### **Sunday, September 29**

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

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Mark Nafziger  
**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Call to Worship** ~ Mark Nafziger  
**Hymns of Praise** ~ Julia Richer  
"I Saw A Tree By The Riverside" (VT 514)  
**Prayer** ~ Mark Nafziger  
**Reading/Song** ~ "The Love Of God" (VT 162)  
**Offering/Offertory** ~ Mark/Bonnie  
**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer  
"When We Walk With The Lord" (VT 570)  
**Scripture** ~ Matthew 22:34-40  
**Sermon** ~ Rachel Ringenberg Miller  
**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer  
"Gravity Of Love" (VT 494)  
**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Barb Yoder  
**Closing Song** ~ Julia Richer  
"How Can We Be Silent" (VT 790)  
**Benediction** ~ Rachel Ringenberg Miller

## Attendance & Offering

September 15: 108 ~ \$3,163.00

## Nursery Workers

September 22: Eric & Marcia Lehman

September 29: Josiah & Lydia Dahl

## Happy Birthday

September 23 ~ Mark Matthews

September 23 ~ Roger Nafziger

September 24 ~ Karen Rodriguez

September 25 ~ Walt Polasek

September 27 ~ Cara Ulrich

## Happy Anniversary

September 26 ~ Max & Brenda Aeschliman (48 years)

## Office News

~ John David will be attending Ohio Mennonite Conference's New Pastor Orientation on Monday, Sep. 23, and will be out of the office.

~ 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

**Tuesdays at 7 PM:** There will be a Bible Study on Revelation. We will be studying chapters 3-4 this week. This series will run through the end of the year and will be accompanied by a sermon series on Revelation later this fall.

On **Thursdays at 7 PM:** 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.

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton's adult students who are balancing family responsibilities, career obligations and their studies. We pray that advanced education will make a difference in their lives and in the well-being of their communities.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for our community in the ongoing search for the next president of Hesston College. Pray the next leader for Hesston College is found and they are the right person for this important and transformative time in the history of the college community.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Euclides Bauza, a Mennonite church leader in Venezuela, who served as an election observer in the country's disputed presidential election in July. Pray for Bauza's safety, the families mourning the deaths of loved ones, protection for those who have been arrested and that Venezuelan authorities will care for the needs of citizens.

## Book Nook

If you are studying Revelation, you may want to pick up one of these books: *Apocalypse and Allegiance* by J. Nelson Kraybill; *The Revelation of John* by William Barclay; *Revelation - Tyndale N. Testament Commentary* by Ian Paul; *The Broadman Bible Commentary*, Hebrews to Revelation

## New Announcements

**We will offer the Safe Church training** on Wednesday, September 25 after the family meal. This is for everyone who will work with children from nursery through high school.

**The congregational meeting** is scheduled for October 20th during the Sunday School hour.

**St. John Lutheran Church is hosting** their annual Country Corner Craft show on Saturday, November 2 from 9 am – 3 pm. See the bulletin board for more information.

**Care & Share Thrift Shops and Ten Thousand Villages** would like to invite you to join our family of volunteers. We have volunteer opportunities in many areas including clerking, receiving, pricing, and sorting, all with flexible hours. You will make a difference in our community and around the world as we support the mission of Mennonite Central Committee's relief and development efforts. For an application or additional information, please contact Kathy (x2) or Karen (x5) at 419-445-1926 (Thrift Shops), or Elizabeth (TTV) at 419-445-1310. Thank you for considering Care & Share Thrift/TTV!

**Our September edition of *On the Level* is now available.** In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares the power of prayer, learn how volunteers are keeping our fleet rolling, and volunteers look back on a year of MDS service.

**Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3ZtD4Pd>

**SAVE the DATE:** Shalom Counseling's Annual Fall is Sunday, October 13th, 2024, at Rühley Park in Archbold. We will be serving your choice of a BBQ chicken or a pulled pork meal by donation from 11am-1:30pm. Help us help others in need of mental health services.

## Don't Forget

**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.

**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.