

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 29, 2024

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, September 29

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

Tuesday, October 1

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
7:00 pm ~ Bible Study: Revelation 5-6 (310)

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 pm ~ ZOW
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, October 3

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
7:00 pm ~ Contemplative Worship (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, October 6

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 ~ Karen Rodriguez
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Hymn Of Gathering ~ Anita Roth
"Summoned By The God Who Made Us" (VT 1)
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Karen Rodriguez
Hymn of Praise ~ Anita Roth
"Come And See" (VT 282)
Offering/Offertory ~ Karen/Karen
Children's Story ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"What Is The World Like" (VT 298)
Scripture ~ Luke 15:11-32
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"Far, Far Away" (VT 300)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ruth
Closing Song ~ Anita Roth
"Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (VT 544)
Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Attendance & Offering

September 22: 117 ~ \$9,677

Nursery Workers

September 29: Josiah & Lydia Dahl
October 6: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

Happy Birthday

October 1 ~ Bonnie Short
October 3 ~ Lydia Hastings
October 3 ~ Corey Roth
October 4 ~ Merrill Spiess
October 5 ~ Carol Beck
October 5 ~ Eric Lehman

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

Tuesdays at 7 PM: There will be a Bible Study on Revelation. We will be studying chapters 5-6 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:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Join the Bethel College community in giving thanks for 50 years of outstanding social work education, and pray for Sarah Augustine as she gives the 50th anniversary lecture on October 5th.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for our prospective students, admissions team, and the whole campus community during the first Roar Session of the year.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University as we celebrate 125 years, Oct. 4-6, at our Homecoming. May we continue our mission to prepare students for life as well as vocation.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Anicka Fast, as she fosters collaborations that cross academic disciplines and national boundaries, and as she teaches global church history and archiving skills throughout Africa. Pray for her as she edits a new Mennonite World Conference Global Anabaptist-Mennonite history series, in addition to teaching and traveling.

Book Nook

New Books: *Revelation for the Rest of Us* by Scot McKnight; **for lighter reading:** *A Lineage of Grace* (5 stories of Biblical Women) by Francine Rivers; *A Run at Love* by Toni Shiloh; *Her Secret* by Shelley Shepard Gray; *A Choice Considered* by Tracie Peterson

Donated books: *An Amish Quilting Bee* by Fuller Gray Clipston; *The Secret Ingredient* by Nancy Naigle; *Apple of His Eye* by Kelly Caldwell.

End Of Sue's Sabbatical

"Hello Zion! I'm looking forward to reconnecting with you. My first day back in the office is coming up on October 1st. It's been a restful and busy and wonderful two months, and I'm excited to share more about my sabbatical with you soon. In the meantime, I invite you to check out my blog, if you haven't already, to read what I've been reflecting on and experiencing during this time. <https://tinyjesusadventures.substack.com/>

I am so grateful to each of you for this gift of space. Thanks for your prayers as I transition back into my pastoral role. See you soon!" ~Sue Short

Don't Forget

SAVE the DATE: Shalom Counseling's Annual Fall Fundraiser is Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Ruibley 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.

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 (ext 2) or Karen (ext 5) at 419-445-1926 (Thrift Shops), or Elizabeth (ITV) at 419-445-1310. Thank you for considering Care & Share Thrift/ITV!

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>