

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 13, 2024

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, October 13

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 am ~ Shalom's Fall Fundraiser (Ruihley Park Pavilion)

Monday, October 14

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)
5:30 pm ~ SLT Meeting (MYF Room)

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 pm ~ Bible Study: Rev. 7-8 (310)

Wednesday, October 16

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (pre-5th)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, October 17

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (310)
10:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Tedrow
7:00 pm ~ Contemplative Worship (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, October 20

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Annual Congregational Meeting

Nursery Workers

October 13: Hastings Family
October 20: Eric & Marcia Lehman

Happy Birthday

October 13 ~ Jada Frankenfield
October 14 ~ Reiss Creighton
October 16 ~ Ilva King

Happy Anniversary

October 16 ~ Tim & Carrie Grieser (31 years)
October 16 ~ Cork & Patsy Nofziger (58 years)
October 17 ~ Michael & Angie Short (26 years)
October 19 ~ Greg & Michele Nafziger (39 years)

Attendance & Offering

October 6: 109 ~ \$17,759.21

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ John Baer
Choir
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ John Baer
Songs of Praise ~ Julia Richer & Duane Beck
"Come, Now Is The Time" (VT 29)
"Build My Life" (VT 92)
"Your Love Is Amazing" (VT 96)
"10,000 Reasons/Bless The Lord" (VT 111)
Offering/Offertory ~ John/Karen
Scripture ~ Revelation 1:1-8
Sermon ~ John David
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" (VT 364)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger
Closing Song ~ Julia Richer
"Shout To The Lord" (VT 125)
Benediction ~ John David Thacker



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.

Revelation Worship Series

October 13: Revelation 1-3.

- ◆ What are some common symbols used to communicate values and ideals in North American politics and culture?
- ◆ What would Jesus say to the Church at Archbold today?

October 20: Read Revelation 4-6 (sermon: Revelation 4:1-6,5:1-8)

- ◆ Make 4:8b and 4:11 your daily prayer for the week.
- ◆ What is surprising about the description of the Lion of Judah in 5:5-6? What qualities do you associate with lions and lambs?

October 27: Read Revelation 7-11 (sermon: Revelation 7:9-17)

- ◆ What gives you hope in chapter 7?
- ◆ Compare the seven trumpets with the ten plagues of Exodus 7-12.

November 3: Read Revelation 12-14 (sermon: Revelation 13:1-4)

- ◆ Compare with other birth stories and wilderness stories in the Bible. (Genesis 21, 1 Kings 17, Luke 2, Exodus 16)
- ◆ How can empires be like beasts?

November 10: Read Revelation 15-19 (sermon: Revelation 19:11-16)

- ◆ Where is the sword of the White Rider? What is the most effective weapon against evil?
- ◆ Describe the battle in 19:19-20.

November 17: Read Revelation 20-22 (sermon: Revelation 21:1-8)

- ◆ What does the description of the city of God teach us about God's desires for us?
- ◆ How does this book give us hope?

Midweek Service & Class Info

Tuesdays at 7 PM: There will be a Bible Study on Revelation. We will be studying chapters 7-8 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:

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College students as they enjoy a much-needed fall break, Oct. 14-18.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week first-year students at Bluffton are in the Great Smoky Mountains for the Great Adventure. Please pray for them as they come together to contemplate the big questions in life such as “Who am I?” and “What values do I live by?”

Mennonite Mission Network: On Tuesday, participants will embark on Mennonite Mission Network’s first Just Peace Pilgrimage to South Africa. Pray for them as, for the next two-plus weeks, they will immerse themselves in the country’s struggle against apartheid and wrestle with the church’s role in upholding racial segregation in South Africa and the United States.

Ukrainian Families' Update

Both the Hlushko and Skopych families have applied and been approved for the offered 2 year extension in their program. Both families are doing well. Bogdan Hlushko is in 6th grade. His brother Emmanuel is going to be turning one soon and is happy and healthy. Maxim Skopych is in 7th grade and sister Veronika started kindergarten this year. All children are enrolled at Archbold Schools. Please pray that these families continue to do well and that their family members back in Ukraine continue to stay safe.

Book Nook

New Book: *My Life's Journey, Responding to God's Call* by Arlene Sauder Horst, is a book about the life of Roy Sauder, who pastored at Tedrow Mennonite Church.

New Announcements

Congregational Caregivers will meet Monday, October 14th in room 310.

Don't go home yet....Sunday Dinner Is Prepared! Come to the Shalom Counseling's Annual Fall Fundraiser at Rauhley Park in Archbold. We will be serving your choice of a BBQ chicken or a pulled pork meal by donation from 11am-1:30pm. Carry out will be available. Event proceeds help cover the cost for the clients who can't pay their full fees for counseling. Thank you for attending and making Shalom Ministries possible through your generous support.

Honey for Hurricane Relief: There will be honey at church on Sunday for a free will donation to MCC or MDS's work of hurricane relief. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Wyse.

Greetings from Mennonite Education Agency! Mennonite Education Agency has partnered with Mennonite Public Educators to offer an exciting opportunity for all public-school educators to gather virtually for a time of mutual support, encouragement and learning! The next meeting is Thursday, October 17 at 7p.m. ET on Zoom. This meeting's theme is: **How do we, as educators and peacemakers, live out our values in a polarized political environment during an election year?** Registration for this event can be found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MD8Ey8yu0Y4Fh7tZVfpuN7y3Jt-0nItF2Pc8JkoboGs/viewform?ts=66f86630&edit_requested=true

Don't Forget

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. **Please pray** for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. Visit [MDS.org](https://www.mds.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line.

1 Voice will be doing a hymn sing at the Old Union Church in Pettisville on October 13 at 6:30. These hymn sings have been such a blessing to our community and we want to invite anyone who wants to come worship our Lord with these timeless songs! The address for the church is 262 Chestnut St., Pettisville, OH 43553. Parking at the school and a half of block walk to the church. Shuttles will be available for those who need it.

Responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza: Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and **provide relief today**. MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at [mcc.org/palestine-israel](https://www.mcc.org/palestine-israel)

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