

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 20, 2024

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, October 20

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

Monday, October 21

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 pm ~ Bible Study: Rev. 9-10 (310)

Wednesday, October 23

5:30 pm ~ Church Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning

Thursday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 27

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

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Suz Wirick
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Suz Wirick
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah" (VT 95)
Offering/Offertory ~ Suz/Bonnie
Sabbatical Learnings ~ Sue Short
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"Holy, Holy, Holy" (VT 76)
Scripture ~ Revelation 4:1-6; 5:1-8
Sermon ~ Sue Short
Song ~ audio recording
"Revelation Song" (VT 415)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Chris Richer
Closing Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"Joy To The World" v. 2 (VT 240)
Benediction ~ Sue Short

Attendance & Offering

October 13: 115 ~ \$3,911.12

Nursery Workers

October 20: Eric & Marcia Lehman
October 27: Sarah Frankenfield & Reiss Creighton

Happy Birthday

October 20 ~ Sarah Frankenfield
October 21 ~ Karen Nafziger
October 22 ~ Arlene Short, Greg Short
October 25 ~ Galen Plank

Happy Anniversary

October 21 ~ Roger "Butch" & Sharon Frey (52 years)
October 24 ~ Greg & Jodi Nofziger (37 years)
October 26 ~ Josiah & Lydia Dahl (5 years)



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 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 9-10 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:** 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:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for the students, employees, and community members who are rehearsing "The Lightning Thief" musical and that they do it all for God's glory.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for our board, administration, and faculty/staff representatives as they gather on campus this week for the fall Hesston College Board of Directors meetings taking place October 24-26. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and vision for each person involved in these important meetings.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Tena Alonzo and Mollie Heiden, who will present on dementia care at Bethel College's 2nd biennial Senses & Aging Symposium this evening.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for continually carrying Laura Schlabach, of Mennonite Mission Network, through challenging situations in Mongolia, while she serves outside of her comfort zone on JCS International's three-person executive director team — which is looking for a third person. Pray that JCS will find a full-time executive director and that Laura will find time for rest and renewal.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for caring for our family as we remembered the life of Steven. Your love and support is so appreciated by us.

Karen Ringenberg
Rachel Ringenberg Miller and family
Shem Ringenberg and family

Zion congregation, we'd like to thank you again for your great gift for the sanctuary. May the blessing of the Lord continue to overflow and touch each one of you.

In Christ Love, Good Shepherd Mennonite Church (Luke 6:38)

Hurricane Relief

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is encouraging monetary donations as an effective way to ensure that needed supplies reach victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton. MDS is already present on location and partnering with homeowners long-term to clean up and rebuild. Donate online at this link: <https://mds.org/donate-usa/>

St John's Christian Church is collecting hurricane relief items to fill a delivery truck. See the flyer on the bulletin board across from the church mailboxes for more information.

Book Nook

New Book (donated by Duane and Nedra Sauder): *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

Wednesday evening at 5:30 plan on eating dinner at Zion! For our Church Family Meal this month we will have Hay Stacks and Apple Crisp. No need to sign up, just stop in and fellowship around the table. Hope to see you there!

Exploring Baptism: We would like to offer an upcoming *Exploring Baptism* class for any high school student or adult who is interested. Through readings, spiritual practices, and group discussion, we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus, and to engage with the ongoing story of God at work in us and in our world. Participation in the class does not *require* baptism. We are committed, initially, to meeting together to learn more. Each class member will be asked at the conclusion to decide whether they are ready to commit themselves to be baptized. See Sue or John David if you'd like to join the class.

Good Shepherd Mennonite Church BBQ Fundraiser will be held on October 25th at Lugbill Supply Center from 2:30 until sold out. Chicken halves or dinners (includes 2 sides and dessert) will be available. It is a freewill donation and all proceeds go to the reconstruction of the church sanctuary.

On the Level announcement: Our October edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus, learn the latest on the MDS response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and see how wall hangings can provide colors of hope. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3A1Xft6>

A Red Cross blood drive will be held **Tuesday, October 29th** from 11am until 5pm at Ruhley Park pavilion.

Don't Forget

Honey for Hurricane Relief: There will be honey at church on Sunday for a freewill 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