

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**October 27, 2024**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, October 27**

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

### **Monday, October 28**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm ~ Worship Team

### **Tuesday, October 29**

7:00 pm ~ Bible Study: Rev. 11-12 (310)

### **Wednesday, October 30**

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

### **Thursday, October 31**

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, November 3 ~ Daylight Savings Ends**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School  
11:30 am ~ Sojourners Lunch

## Attendance & Offering

October 20: 85 ~ \$5,110.65

## Nursery Workers

**October 27:** Sarah Frankenfield & Reiss Creighton  
**November 3:** Duane & Cecilia Wyse

## Happy Birthday

**October 27** ~ Michael Short  
**October 30** ~ Butch Frey  
**October 30** ~ Sue Short

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Eric Creighton  
**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Eric Creighton  
**Hymn** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
    "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (VT 126)  
    "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name" (VT 411)  
**Offering/Offertory** ~ Eric/Bonnie  
**Hymn** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
    "Who are These" (VT 360)  
**Scripture** ~ Revelation 7:9-17  
**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker  
**Song** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
    "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (VT 65)  
**Prayer for Church & World** ~ John David Thacker  
**Closing Hymn** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
    "We Praise Thee O God" (VT 91)  
**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 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?

**Special guests next Sunday, November 3rd:** We have the unique opportunity to learn more about the arsenic poisoning crisis in Bangladesh, called one of the worst in the world. Bill and Carole Schumacher, from Sharon Mennonite Church (Plain City, OH), assist an organization called the *Society of International Mission (SIM) Bangladesh* in their efforts to educate, treat symptoms, and prevent arsenic poisoning from wells. Bill and Carole were one of the mission speakers at Ohio Conference Annual Assembly 2023, and often visit churches to talk about their experiences. The Schumachers are excited to share with us about their recent trip to Bangladesh to see the progress of the program. **They'll offer a short introduction to their work as a "mission moment" during worship, and also invite anyone who is interested in learning more to join them during the Sunday School hour.**

## Midweek Service & Class Info

**Tuesdays at 7 PM:** There will be a Bible Study on Revelation. We will be studying chapters 11-12 this week. This series will run through the end of the year.

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.

## 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.

## Pastoral Review

The Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) is patterning the upcoming pastoral review after the review document that was used in 2020, along with some updates. The PCRC has conferred with the Interim Conference Minister, Dan Miller, to look over the survey before releasing it to the congregation to be completed. The PCRC will also ask the pastors to fill out a form about themselves, which will be compared to the congregation's feedback. Both John David and Sue were asked if there was anything they would like to see added to the survey before the final draft is completed.

The review process timeline will be as follows:

- **November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Surveys are available for completion and will close on December 10th.
- **December/ January:** PCRC will compile and evaluate the responses to the survey.
- **January/ February:** PCRC will review a summary of the evaluation and responses with Pastors and Elders
- **February/March:** PCRC will provide the Congregation with a summary of results.

Electronic survey responses are encouraged via Google Docs and a link will be provided. Paper surveys will be available on the table across the mailboxes, and PCRC members would also be willing to have face-to-face sit-downs to receive direct input from congregants and a sign-up sheet will be available for those on the table.

If you have questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact one of the PCRC members: Micah Frankenfield, Bonnie Stuckey, Rachel Short and Larry Short

## New Announcements

**Fundraising Benefit:** Esther Boylan will be holding an Enchilada Dinner Fundraiser, to help with family medical expenses, on Friday, November 15th at Zion Mennonite Church. Dinner includes 2 beef enchiladas, rice and beans with a side of mild salsa for \$7 a plate. Carryout only from 11:30 am-1 pm and 3-6pm. Call ahead to pre-order more than 5 plates. See the bulletin boards for more information.

**The November 2024 Mennonite Mission Network PRAYER VINE** is now available for download. <https://assets.mennonites.org/Downloads/PV.DL.2024.11.pdf>

## Don't Forget

**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 Ruibley Park pavilion.

**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.



**We would love to add your individual/family picture to the church family bulletin board!**

**Please put a 4x6 (or smaller) print in Rachel (Brad) Short's mailbox. You are also welcome to turn in an updated picture if you want a current picture swapped out.**

**Questions?  
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