

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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January 19, 2025

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no class for PreK - High School)

Monday, January 20 ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
7:00 pm ~ Anabaptist History & Theology class (310/zoom)

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 pm ~ Church Family Meal
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning

Thursday, January 23

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, January 26

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
3:00 pm ~ Global Anabaptist Stories with Elizabeth Miller

Nursery Workers

January 19: Joe Graber & Ben Wheeler
January 26: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

Happy Birthday

January 22 ~ Robert Grieser
January 24 ~ Joyce Shehorn

Office News

The office will be closed Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Attendance & Offering

January 12: 82 ~ \$12,004.15

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Lynn Roth
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Lynn Roth
Hymns ~ Anita Roth
 "God Of Our Strength" (VT 47)
 "Come Gracious Spirit" (VT 371)
Offering/Offertory ~ Lynn/Bonnie
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "I Sought The Lord" (VT 161)
Scripture ~ Luke 3:15-22
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "Beloved, God's Chosen" (VT 164)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short
Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "The Love Of God" (VT 162)
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.

Upcoming Worship

January 26th - Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday: This January marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of the Anabaptist movement. We're planning a celebration to commemorate this occasion on Sunday, January 26th. Elizabeth Miller, Director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism and professor of history at Goshen College, will be preaching during worship and the Zion Choir will be singing. **Elizabeth will also share recent stories of hope and faith from global Anabaptist communities in an event open to the community in the afternoon at 3:00pm.** Don't miss this Sunday!

Feb 4, 9, 16, 23, Mar 2 - Anabaptist Texts: In the Sundays leading up to Lent, we'll look at texts and themes important to the early Anabaptists, exploring topics such as 'Jesus as the Foundation'; 'Communion and Ordinances'; 'Gelassenheit (yieldedness)'; 'Love for Enemies'; and 'Community and Discipleship.'

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

For many of our Mennonite Colleges (Bethel, EMU, Goshen, Hesston & Bluffton) that have varying celebrations of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the "Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival" event, happening today (Sunday) at 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. This community-wide event is part of the worldwide celebrations commemorating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. The hymn festival also coincides with the release of the Anabaptist Community Bible.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for the South American celebration of Anabaptism at 500, taking place in Cusco, Peru. Pray that during these five days of worship, learning and fellowship, Anabaptists will experience renewed inspiration to carry their rich spiritual legacy into current contexts.

Anabaptist History and Theology Class

On January 21, 1525, outside Zurich, Switzerland, a group of young adults were baptized upon their confession of faith in Jesus, breaking with the state church. This started a reform movement within Christianity that has endured—often through persecution and hardship—for 500 years.

As part of Zion Mennonite Church's commemoration of 500 years of Anabaptism, John David will teach a series of weekly classes on Anabaptist history and theology **beginning on January 21, 2025**. Classes will last an hour and will be offered on **most Tuesdays at 7PM** at Zion Mennonite Church in Room 310. A schedule of the classes is attached to the weekly email. **The class will be available on Zoom at:** <http://tiny.cc/zionclass>

Thank You

"Dear Zion Family, Thank you all for your prayers, meals provided, and words of encouragement and support during and following my surgery last month. It was all very much appreciated! I'm happy to report that my post-op rehab and therapy sessions are going well so far and, with some patience and hard work, I should eventually be able to return to full strength." Chris Richer

"Deb and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to the Zion family and the many ways you have loved us in the last month. We are so grateful for all the cards, meals, visits, but especially the prayers we received for the last month. We are blessed to be a part of a great Christ-like family that loves us. Again many thanks for all the support.

My recovery is coming along nicely and hope to be back to doing many things by the end of January and biking in the spring!" ~ Mike and Deb Zimmerman

"Fulton County Christmas Cheer appreciates Zion's donations! Christmas cheer helps between 500-700 families each year. With the donations, each family was blessed to receive a starter box of cleaning supplies and hygiene items, large package of toilet paper, favorite nonperishable grocery items, blankets, towels, first aid kits, gift cards and brand new toys for Christmas for their children. Over 400 volunteers were also fed the week of the Holiday Giveaway Project." ~ Thanks again, from the Fulton County Christmas Cheer Holiday Project Team

New Announcements

January Church Family Meal: Next Wednesday, January 22nd will be our regular monthly Family Meal. We will be having a soup meal together, with a choice of three different soups, bread, and dessert. Come any time between 5:30-6:30pm and share a meal with your church family!

MCC Comforter Bash Update: Approximately 85-100 people came together in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, January 8th for the third annual NW Ohio Comforter Bash, completing 50 comforters. This event is part of a much bigger story of love, warmth and comfort around the world. MCC, Mennonite Central Committee, has a lofty goal of collecting 7,000 comforters by March 31, 2025! Last year, MCC donated 53,601 comforters to Ukraine, El Salvador, Malawi, Zambia, and many more places where the warmth of a comforter can be life-sustaining, in many cases. If you would like more information, you can find it here: mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up

There were many, many people planning from various churches and getting ready for months to make this happen. Many things happened behind the scenes, but we would be remiss if we did not give a shout out to Zion's fellowship committee who provided a great meal! Thank you. -The NW Ohio Comforter Bash Committee

Anabaptism at 500 Opportunities: Beginning Saturday, January 18th through Tuesday, January 21st, there will be a video streaming on the [Anabaptism at 500 Facebook page](#) of the **Global Anabaptist Read-a-thon**. This is a unique collaboration of voices from around the world reading through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. *Sue Short* and *Bonnie Stuckey* each recorded readings for this project. Bonnie read 1 Samuel chapters 15-16. Sue read Hebrews chapters 7-9. Additionally, on Tuesday evening, January 21st at 7:00pm, there will be a **livestream worship service** also on the [Anabaptism at 500 Facebook page](#) to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, and officially launch the Anabaptist Community Bible. This service will feature music from the choirs of Goshen College, which includes our own *Kate Roth*.

Human Trafficking Awareness Event on **January 26th** from **4:00 - 6:00pm**, hosted by West Clinton Mennonite Church, 18029 County Road C Wauseon, Ohio. We will be showing the movie *unDEFILED*. Invite a friend and plan to attend this powerful film that is inspired by true events. *Parents please note this movie is rated for ages 16 and older, childcare will be provided. Contact our office at 419-445-1195 for more information and to register for childcare.

Community Movie Night: PEACE Mennonite Church is hosting a women and girls movie night on Saturday evening, January 25th at 6:30pm to watch Disney's "Young Woman and the Sea," the true story of Trudy Ederle. The movie will be shown at Katrina Wyse's house (26550 County Road DE). See the flyer on the bulletin board for directions and more information.

Join MCC for a free webinar exploring Peaceful Practices curriculum: Conflict is a normal part of life. It arises in our workplaces, in our churches and with our families. *Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict* invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other. On Friday, January 31, from 9-11:30 am. EST, this webinar will introduce this curriculum and give examples of how it might benefit congregations. **Learn more and register at mcc.org/peaceful-practices-webinar**

On the Level announcement: Our January edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires, a new job opportunity with MDS, plus all the details for the upcoming MDS 75th Anniversary Celebration. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/40gJGz2>

Don't Forget

Little Eden Kids Camps: Sign up today for one of Little Eden's summer kids camps! Located in beautiful NW Michigan, *Junior High Camp* is June 8-13, and *Boys & Girls Camp and High School Camp* is June 15-20. Brochures are located on the table across from the mailboxes or can be downloaded at <https://www.littleeden.org/kids-camps.html>

A note from Cynthia Yoder: "I wanted to let you know that I'll be in Ethiopia with MCC for a short term English teaching assignment. I'll be at Meserete Kristos Seminary for Spring Semester, January to May. Thank you in advance for your prayers."