

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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January 5, 2025

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, January 5

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

Monday, January 6

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

10:00 am ~ AAMA (off campus)
3:00 pm ~ Comforter Bash
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 12

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

Nursery Workers

January 5: Lonnie & Carol Short
January 12: Glora Belle Yoder & Sonja Wheeler

Happy Birthday

January 6 ~ Ron Grieser

Attendance & Offering

December 29: 103 ~ \$12,669

Office News

Bethany will be out of the office Thursday through Monday (9th-13th). Please have any newsletter items to the office on Wednesday (8th) by 10 am. Thanks!

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Abby Pennington
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Mission Moment ~ Eric & Marcia Lehman
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Abby Pennington
Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
 "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" (VT 269)
 "Love Has Come" (VT 258)
Candle Lighting ~ Abby Pennington
Offering/Offertory ~ Abby/Bonnie
Time for young and young at heart ~ Steve Hastings
Scripture ~ Psalm 2
Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
 "What Child Is This" (VT 267)
Scripture ~ Luke 2:41-52
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn of Response ~ Eric Lehman
 "Longing For Light" (VT 715)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick
Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
 "We Will Follow" (VT 566)
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.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton's adult and graduate students, who are resuming classes this week. May advanced education make a difference in their lives, the management of their organizations and the wellbeing of their communities.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students, who will return to school this month.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for the Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center, as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging.

Thank You

Dear Zion friends – thank you for the birthday and Christmas greetings, the visits, flowers and tasty treats. I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of this caring fellowship. Ginny Doehrmann

A Note from Phil & Lori Bontrager

"Dear Zion family, We sneak out of our somewhat crazy lives to pause and spend a moment with you all. We have not done well to keep up; we've missed you! I'm afraid this is what has happened with all of our moves, sadly. I yearn for all the connections yet... I need some energy for investing where we are, too.

We've mostly been in Seattle the past year, traveling some, enjoying a couple major reunions, and settling into a vibrant church community here (Presbyterian). We love getting to know more nuances of each of the grandchildren's personalities - and you can celebrate with us that Darin and his wife Amy are expecting their first in May!

It's fun to see some of you in Goshen when I'm there, as I was this fall more. That was warming. We wish you all a holiday full of rich memory-making and warmth. Love, Lori and Phil (Our cell #s are the same)"

Book Nook

Full Moon Over Pleiku by Allen Stuckey and Terry Stuckey is a story of near death, visions, life and resurrection as a volunteer physician in South Vietnam. He also tells about traumatic losses of important people in his life and in his family.

New Announcements

Comforter bash for ALL ages of men, women and youth. It's making a square knot and if you are unsure how to do that there will be many available to teach you. We will have sit down and stand-up stations to accommodate all ages and abilities. Bring a friend(s)! **Wednesday, January 8th from 3-8:00 pm at Zion Mennonite Church.** *This time replaces our regular monthly morning sewing for Mennonite Women, so come at 3:00 pm.*

There will be a light meal provided (with donation) at 5 and 6:30.

Come and be a part of helping those around the world with the warmth of a comforter.

Any questions, contact Chris Wyse @ 609-280-1817 or cwyseg@gmail.com

Don't Forget

Upcoming address directory: An updated address directory will be coming after the new year. If you think your information may have changed since the last one, feel free to double check with the office to make sure your information is up to date!