

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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February 16, 2025

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no preschool-high school)

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 pm ~ Anabaptist History & Theology class (310/zoom)

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
10:00 am ~ Pastor Peer
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no preschool-high school)



Nursery Workers

February 16: Lonnie & Carol Short
February 23: Duane & Cecilia Wyse

Happy Birthday

February 19 ~ Judith Short
February 22 ~ Deb Nofziger

Office News

Sue will be out of town Monday, February 17th - Wednesday, February 19th for the Pastors and Leaders conference at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Attendance & Offering

February 9: 102 ~ \$2,427

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ LouAnn Kanagy
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Choir
Call to Worship ~ LouAnn Kanagy
Prayer of Invocation ~ LouAnn Kanagy
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "I Owe The Lord A Morning Song" (VT 496)
Offering/Offertory ~ LouAnn/Bonnie
Story For The Young-At-Heart ~ Barb Yoder
Scripture ~ Matthew 18:1-5
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "God, Give Me Faith Like A Child" (VT 519)
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Response ~ Anita Roth
 "Take My Life, And Let It Be" (VT 759)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short/Anita Roth
Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "Go, My Children" (VT 830)
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

Feb 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.'

Anabaptist History and Theology Class

As part of Zion's commemoration of 500 years of Anabaptism, John David is teaching a series of weekly classes on Anabaptist history and theology on most **Tuesdays at 7 PM** in Room 310. The class will be available on Zoom at: <http://tiny.cc/zionclass>. They will be uploaded to Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11544458>

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Candidates for president of Bluffton University's student senate will debate one another Tuesday during Forum. Please pray for our student leaders this week, as they help guide Bluffton University into the future.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for the Goshen College students who are tackling faith-related, socially relevant contemporary issues in the C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest on Tuesday.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for members of Bethel College's Diversity Council, as they plan for, organize and lead the annual Black Excellence Celebration Friday evening.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Saturday is the International Food Festival, which brings together students, faculty and community members from different types of backgrounds, as they break bread together and share the foods of their native cultures. Pray for forged connections, deeper understandings of the differences that make us special, and for the broader world to follow in this example of unity building.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Hesston College baseball, softball, flag football, golf, indoor track and powerlifting teams, as they begin their respective seasons. Pray for all athletes and coaches, as they train, practice, team build and compete. Pray for safety for all, as they travel and play and to help each athlete strive for excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

Housewarmer Project

In celebration of Mennonite Disaster Service's 75th anniversary, we are inviting church sewing circles and individuals who enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting, or weaving to join us by creating wall hangings or prayer shawls for our Housewarmer Project during the month of February!

The Housewarmer Project provides quilted wall hangings and prayer shawls to disaster survivors whose homes have been rebuilt or restored by Mennonite Disaster Service. The wall hangings and prayer shawls are presented to the homeowner at the dedication of the home. These handmade gifts are a lasting symbol of compassion and of coming home.

Housewarmer Project information, guidelines, and mailing instructions for completed wall hangings and prayer shawls can be found at mds.org/housewarmer-project

New Announcements

Come join your church family for a meal on Wednesday, February 19th. We will be having macaroni and cheese, vegetables and dessert.

CHAOS is planning a coffee bar takeover fundraiser on Sunday February 23. There will be snacks and drinks available for donation. Thank you for supporting CHAOS!

Rejoices have been placed in mailboxes. If you typically get one and did not, please let Bethany in the office know. If you are interested in starting to receive this publication quarterly, also contact Bethany in the office.

Upcoming Community Meals at St. John's: Two groups from Zion will be cooking and serving an upcoming Tuesday Community Meal. Zion's Mission in Service Team has the meal this coming Tuesday, February 18th. The Sojourners Sunday School Class will have the meal the following Tuesday, February, 25th. The Community Meal is held at St John's Christian Church from 5:00-6:00pm.

Mennonite Church USA has joined over 20 Christian and Jewish denominations in a lawsuit challenging the recent reversal of the Department of Homeland Security "sensitive locations" policy that had restricted Immigration and Customs Enforcement from conducting immigration raids, arrests, and other enforcement actions at places of worship. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/mcusanews>

Openings are still available for Just Peace Pilgrimage and Youth Venture trips this spring and registration deadlines are approaching. To learn more about these Just Peace Pilgrimages, visit:

- ◆ Just Peace Pilgrimages: MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace
- ◆ Youth Venture: MennoniteMission.net/YV

For any inquiries or to register, contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Don't Forget

Note from the Stewardship Committee: We no longer are running year end giving statements. But we are happy to run them upon request. If you would like one, contact a stewardship team member (Dan Ruth, Cal Britsch, Lynn Roth, and Crystal Rodriguez).

A slideshow is being put together to show the ways people at Zion have given time to work with service agencies throughout the years. If you have worked on a service/mission activity and would be able to provide a picture that represents that activity, it will be included. Examples would include, but are not limited to: MDS, MCC, PAX,

Appalachian Build/SWAP, SOOP, church camps, etc. The presentation would be used at a Life Planning meeting and may be shown during the morning service as well.

More information will follow about ways to submit pictures. Contact Barb Yoder with any questions.

St. Martin's Concert Series is proud to present the Chardon Polka Band on Sunday, February 23 at 3pm. The Chardon Polka Band was founded by high school students at Chardon High School in 2003. Today, over twenty years later, the group has become a staple of Northeast Ohio and innovators within the polka genre. The band's musical selections blend elements of polka, blues, rock, gospel, folk, and more to create their unique sound. The Chardon Polka Band has been featured on CBS The Morning, ESPN's First Take, the Travel Channel's Trip Flip, and on their very own PBS show, The World According to Polka.

You will be able to drop off items at the drop off locations during normal business hours beginning February 1, 2025.

If you have a large donations, please contact us at 419-445-0366 to schedule a drop off.



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Annual Show the Love Drive

Help us keep our personal care items stocked for our clients

Requested Items:

18 oz Shampoo	Toothpaste
18 oz Conditioner	Liquid Hand Soap
Women's Deodorant	Feminine Products
Men's Deodorant	Bar Soap
	Body Wash

Items can be dropped off at any of our drop off locations including:

- Lugbill Supply
- Scrapbook Korner
- Studio 66
- Temar Accounting
- NWOESC
- NEF, Ltd