

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**February 23, 2025**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, February 23**

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

### **Monday, February 24**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 25**

5:00 pm ~ Zion providing Community Meal (St. Johns)  
7:00 pm ~ Anabaptist History & Theology class (310/zoom)

### **Wednesday, February 26**

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)  
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning

### **Thursday, February 27**

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

### **Sunday, March 2**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)  
9:00 am ~ Choir  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

## Nursery Workers

**February 23:** Duane & Cecilia Wyse  
**March 2:** Brad & Rachel Short

## Happy Birthday

**February 23** ~ Charlene Beck  
**February 23** ~ John Betts  
**February 23** ~ Karen Graber  
**February 25** ~ Kate Roth  
**February 26** ~ Randy Stuckey  
**February 27** ~ Chad Aeschliman  
**March 1** ~ Joyce Nafziger  
**March 1** ~ Ronald Nofziger

## Attendance & Offering

**February 16:** 62 ~ \$8,781.95

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey  
**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Mark Nafziger  
**Interlude** ~ Karen Stuckey  
**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Mark Nafziger  
**Hymns** ~ Kate Roth  
    "Could It Be That God Is Singing" (VT 42)  
    "Teach Me Thy Truth" (VT 776)  
**Offering/Offertory** ~ Mark/Karen  
**Story For The Young-At-Heart** ~ Barb Yoder  
**Reading** ~ Psalm 119:33-40  
**Hymn** ~ Kate Roth  
    "Between Darkness And Light" (VT 808)  
**Scripture** ~ Matthew 5:43-48  
**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker  
**Prayer of Confession** ~ VT 894  
**Song of Response** ~ Kate Roth  
    "We Dream Of A Turning" (VT 209)  
**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Barb Yoder  
**Sending Hymn** ~ Kate Roth  
    "Put Peace Into Each Others Hands" (VT 485)  
**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 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.'



### **Lent 2025 - "Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share"**

The world feels heavy—divided and uncertain. Hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. Amid injustice and tragedies, we remember we must first gather around the table for strength so we can respond with love and grace. This Lent, let us gather together to break bread, savor the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the Bread of Life. The table is open. Come, be renewed.

**Ash Wednesday Service - March 5th @ 7:00pm.** Come begin the season of Lent at our annual observance in the sanctuary. Some of the MYFers will be helping us prepare our hearts for the Lenten season during this brief service. Theme: "Not By Bread Alone."

**Lent 1 - Sunday, March 9th:** "Bread of Life" - John 6:25-40 (I am the Bread of Life)

**Lent 2 - Sunday, March 16th:** "Bread for Growth" - Luke 13:18-21 (Parable of the Yeast)

**Lent 3 - Sunday, March 23rd:** "Bread for Each Day" - Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's Prayer)

**Lent 4 - Sunday, March 30th:** "Bread for Sharing" - Luke 14:7-14 (Parable of the Great Banquet)

**Lent 5 - Sunday, April 6th:** "Bread for Community" - Luke 19:1-10 (Dinner with Zacchaeus)

**Lent 6 - Sunday, April 13th:** "Bread for the Road" - John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40 (Triumphal Entry)

## 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: Please pray for the student artists at Bluffton, whose work will be featured in both senior exhibits and the annual juried student exhibit this semester. Please pray for inspiration and resilience for their artistic endeavors and aspirations.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for Hillcrest Academy's student athletes who are playing basketball. As they practice, compete and travel through the winter season, pray for the continued health and safety of the teams and coaches, spectators coming onto campus, and fans.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for members of Bethel College's and Kansas State University's Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation teams participating in a virtual Racial Healing Circle® today.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Please pray for rest and renewal of our students, as they start spring break today. Pray that they may find peace and refreshment after their hard work in school. May this break be a time of joy, fun, and meaningful connections with family and friends

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

## 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](https://mds.org/housewarmer-project)

## New Announcements

**CHAOS is planning a coffee bar takeover fundraiser TODAY!!** There will be snacks and drinks available for donation. Thank you for supporting CHAOS!

**Have you noticed a comforter** set up by the elevator in the foyer? **Mennonite Women are encouraging everyone to sit a while and tie a bit.** If you have a few minutes while you're here, please help out by tying some square knots. We have 10 comforters to keep replacing one as you complete them. So many people around the world are grateful for your help in keeping them warm. ~ Mennonite Women

**On the Level announcement:** Our February edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires and recent flooding in Kentucky plus a recap of our 75th Anniversary celebration last week in Wichita, KS. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3X9niXI>

**Please pray for MCC staff and the communities in Kentucky and West Virginia that are experiencing catastrophic flooding.** Torrential rain last weekend filled creeks and rivers, causing significant flooding. Our staff report that most residents are without power and water. Appalachia Build staff are working with partner churches at our sites in Kimball, West Virginia, and Elkhorn City, Kentucky, that are serving as temporary shelters. Support MCC's efforts in the region: [mcc.org/donate-appalachia](https://mcc.org/donate-appalachia) Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: [mcc.org/appalachia-build](https://mcc.org/appalachia-build)

## Don't Forget

**St. Martin's Concert Series** is proud to present the Chardon Polka Band on Sunday, February 23 @ 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.

**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 Meal at St. John's:** 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](https://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace)
- ◆ Youth Venture: [MennoniteMission.net/YV](https://MennoniteMission.net/YV)

For any inquiries or to register, contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).