

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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March 2, 2025

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

10:00 am ~ AAMA (off campus)
6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-5th)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th: off campus)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (After Ash Wednesday Service)
7:00 pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday/Saturday (March 7-8)

Ohio Conference Annual Assembly (Berlin, OH)

Sunday, March 9 ~ Daylight Savings

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (No preschool-12th)

Nursery Workers

March 2: Brad & Rachel Short

March 9: Deb Zimmerman & Grace Hastings

Happy Birthday

March 2 ~ Clint Wirick

March 3 ~ Joyce Frey

March 4 ~ John Baer

March 4 ~ Sharon Stuckey

March 6 ~ Barnaby Wyse

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Barb Yoder

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Choir

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Barb Yoder

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“We Are People Of God's Peace” (VT 797)

Offering/Offertory ~ Barb/Bonnie

Story For The Young-At-Heart ~ Barb Yoder

Reading ~ Psalm 22:25-31

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“For The Healing Of The Nations” (VT 705)

Scripture ~ John 15:1-12

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Song of Response ~ Julia Richer

“Thou True Vine That Heals” (VT 373)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Heart With Loving Heart United” (VT 813)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker



Attendance & Offering

February 23: 85 ~ \$9,295

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

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 our students during their week of spring break. May their travels be safe and they return to campus eager to complete the remainder of the semester.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for creativity, confidence and endurance for everyone involved in the Hillcrest Academy spring drama production, March 7-8.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the prospective students who visit Hesston College during the Fly or Drive Visit Weekend, March 7-8. Pray these students have a great experience learning more about the opportunities available to them at Hesston College, as they interact with current HC students and faculty.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for safe travels for the EMU Chamber Singers during their tour through Virginia and Pennsylvania, that they may arrive at each destination without trouble and return home safely.

Mennonite Mission Network: Toni and Matthew Krabill, who are serving in Ghana with Mennonite Mission Network, will begin their two-month North American ministry this month. Pray for their good health and safe travels and that God's Spirit will guide their speaking and conversations, as they update congregations about what God is doing through their ministries. Pray for renewal, as they reconnect with family and friends.

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

GOT MAIL? Come join us in room 310 during the Sunday school hour as we discuss Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the book of 1 Corinthians. The discussion will be led by Randy Stuckey.

The Archbold Community Garden has a lot of great opportunities coming up this spring! Mark your calendars and get registered today by visiting www.archboldcommunitygarden.org/events. Interested in volunteering? See Abby to talk more!

- **Thursday, March 20** - *Fruit Tree Maintenance Class*, 6:00-7:00pm at the Archbold Community Garden
- **Saturday, March 22** - *Gardening Basics Class*, 9:00-10:30am at Pettisville Missionary Church, Expanse Room
- **Sunday, June 1** - *2nd Annual Community-Wide Blossom Bash* - 5:00-7:00pm at the Archbold Community Garden

An updated letter from the Prknovi family is posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

Zion is hosting a blood drive on March 10th, from 12-6pm. Please consider signing up and donating blood through the Red Cross. To register, call (1-800-RedCross) or go online (RedCrossBlood.org) and use keyword ZIONMENN see the back page or bulletin boards for more information.

Join MCC for two free webinars: MCC has various curriculums that can be used by churches and constituents in a variety of ways. In this series of virtual workshops, MCC staff will showcase these curriculums and give examples of how they might benefit congregations.

- **Loaded Conversations & Fear Not - March 6 from 9-11:30 a.m. EST:** In a culture that is dominated by fear, division and violence, churches are grappling with how to talk about and think about gun ownership and gun use. *A Loaded Conversation* invites churches to explore a faithful response to this reality of violence involving guns. *Fear Not: Creating a plan to respond to active violence* helps congregations in the U.S. consider what they believe about situations of active violence and how they can respond effectively and faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. Register at: mcc.org/loaded-fear-webinar
- **Embracing Beloved Community - March 6 from 1-3:30 p.m. EST:** Embracing Beloved Community dives into the ways God calls the church to embrace diversity. The curriculum is designed for congregations new to this topic to journey together in an exploration of the sin of racism and Christ's vision for the Kingdom of God on Earth. Register at: mcc.org/embracing-beloved-webinar

Don't Forget

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 Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: mcc.org/appalachia-build

