

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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.

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November 14, 2021

Child's World Preschool: 419-445-6034

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, November 14

9:30am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)

10:45 am ~ Elder led congregational meeting

Monday, November 15

4:30 pm ~ SLT

6:00 pm ~ Formation

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team

Tuesday, November 16

8:30 am ~ Staff

Wednesday, November 17

10:00 am ~ Bible Study (Zoom)

12-5 pm ~ Builders Class reserved FH/Kitchen

5:30 pm ~ ZOW Thanksgiving (Preschool-6th)

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (7th-8th)

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, November 18

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, November 21

9:30am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School



Office News

~ Sue will not be available on Thursday mornings during fall semester to attend a weekly seminary class on Zoom.

~ Corben & Mara and Sue & Stan will be gone this weekend, November 12th - November 14th, to attend an Ohio Conference pastor-spouse retreat. The elders will plan and participate in next week's (Nov 14th) worship.

Happy Birthday:

November 16 - Marlene Yoder

November 18 - Larry Short

November 19 - Verlan Klinger

Happy Anniversary:

November 16 - Ed & Elaine Swartzbaugh (25)

November 17 - John & Karmin Brooks (9)

November 19 - Clint & Suz Wirick (33)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Lori Bontrager

Welcome & Announcements ~ Suz Wirick

Dialog on Congregational Care Teams

~ Suz Wirick & Karen Short

Interlude ~ Lori Bontrager

Call to Worship ~ Julia Richer ~ "The Lord is My Holy Temple"

Sermonette ~ Suz Wirick

Offering Prayer/Offerory ~ Suz Wirick/Lori Bontrager

Sermonette ~ Lonnie Short (Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 15:4,13)

Song ~ Julia Richer ~ "My Hope is Built" (HWB 343)

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Chris Liechty

Sermonette ~ Mike Zimmerman (Romans 7&8)

Communion ~ Greg Nofziger

Song by Girl Named Tom

Hymn ~ Julia Richer ~ "The Lord is His Holy Temple" (HWB 38)

Benediction ~ Mike Zimmerman

Sending Song ~ Julia Richer

Upcoming Worship



Sunday, Oct 24th - Nov 21st: "Dinner with Jesus: Peace around the Table." More than any of the other gospels, Luke emphasizes table fellowship. Luke portrays Jesus eating with those considered 'unclean' and living at the margins of society, such as tax collectors, prostitutes, and 'sinners.' Jesus also dined with the Pharisees and those in positions of power. But sharing dinner around the table with Jesus was more than just a meal - it became a living enactment of the Kingdom of God. It welcomed (and continues to welcome) all people, drawing them toward repentance and inviting them to become a part of God's new family. Jesus used the occasion of a meal to demonstrate love and acceptance, as well as to challenge cultural stereotypes and human 'wisdom.' The practice of sitting around the table together embodies peace with one another and peace with God. Pull up a chair! There's room at the table for you.

Thank You

We would like to express our gratitude for all the cards and prayers. ~ Doug & Ruth Meyer

Many thanks to CHAOS (7th/8th grade youth) for making yummy cookies for us. You are the best!

~ Corben, Sue & Bethany

New Announcements

Funeral Meal Coordinator Update: For many years, Charlene Beck, with the cooperation of Mennonite Women, coordinated providing a meal following funerals held at Zion. Recently, she requested to be relieved of the responsibility. Mennonite Women, the pastors, and Gifts Discernment collaborated to clarify expectations for the role of "Funeral Meal Coordinator."

Using several predefined meal options, the pastors, in consultation with the coordinators will clarify expectations with family members as part of overall planning for a memorial service. The available options may be limited due to public health guidelines published by the Fulton County Health Department.

Gloria Belle Yoder and Bonnie Stuckey recently agreed to serve as Funeral Meal Coordinators; they have been affirmed by Church Council. In the future, the role with a two-year term, will be included in the nomination slate brought annually by Gifts Discernment to the congregation for affirmation. - Gifts Discernment Ministry Team

MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Church Engagement Intern: This intern will support a church engagement survey process to grow the partnerships between MCC and churches in our region. This includes connecting with congregations via phone and email, along with compiling and analyzing survey data to identify how we can be most helpful in sharing about the work of MCC. This 10-week paid internship (starting in January) is for students enrolled in or having recently completed a college, university or seminary program. Location is flexible, but office space is available in the MCC Great Lakes office in Goshen, Ind. Apply online for this opening by November 24 at mcc.org/gl-church-intern. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

ZOW (Zion on Wednesday) will start with a meal at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 17th.

Giving Tuesday

This year is an exciting year for Giving Tuesday, as Childs World Preschool & Project Hope were chosen as Difference Makers. For more information or to register online for the November 30th event, go to <https://www.everence.com/landing-pages/core-market/michiana/givingtuesday419>. Even if you do not plan to attend, you can still give financial support.

Library News

A Cloud of Witnesses: Celebrating Indonesian Mennonites by John D. Roth. “Learn the history and identity of Mennonites in Indonesia as well as practical travel tips, recipes, reference notes on culture and language and tourist sites in this perfect accompaniment for those traveling to Indonesia for Mennonite World Conference in the summer of 2022.”

Dear White Peacemakers by Osheta Moore “is a textbook of tender tenacity; never shaming, always truthful. Not content to be convicting without a way forward, Osheta is committed to seeing everyone around her as God’s Beloved (even those who remain committed to a life of violence and prejudice against her), and this perspective will change your own lens for viewing the world” writes Erin Hicks Moon, senior creative for The Podcast Media Group and resident Bible scholar on The Bible Bingo podcast.

Don’t Forget

Update from Zion agreement #5: In your mailboxes, are copies of Zion agreement #5, Caring for Pastors and Staff. This is also attached to the Friday email for your review. ~ Task Force members: Julia Richer, Glora Belle Yoder, Keith Lehman, Bonnie Stuckey

Organist Concert: We are excited to be hosting a renowned organist, Dan Boyle, for a concert at Archbold UMC on November 14 at 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the concert, and a free will offering will be taken. Please direct any questions to Tracey Wilder (419) 445-5566. See the bulletin board for more information.

Ways to give this Holiday Season

***Christmas Cheer:** Christmas Cheer will continue their outreach this year. Once again, we will have our tree by the **West** door, decorated with tags - tags for specific foods, gifts, and even for cash which is always welcome to increase the buying power Cheer has when buying in bulk. Pick off as many tags as you wish and bring back what you've chosen by **December 5th**.

***Sunshine 2021 Christmas Wish List:** The list has been **posted on bulletin boards** and baskets placed near the **north and west doors** to receive your donated gifts. Residents of Sunshine Communities vary in ages and needs. Or, you may also make a direct financial donation to *Sunshine Communities - Holiday Gift Fund at 7223 Maumee Western Rd., Maumee, OH 43537*. **Any new, unwrapped gifts donated here will be delivered to Sunshine on December 10.** Thank you for giving this year.

***MLK Kitchen for the Poor** will accept gifts under the big tree near the (un)coffee bar. Gifts are to be for newborns thru 8th grade; please leave them unwrapped. Monetary donations are welcome as well for the Center to buy the gifts.

***Adriel:** It’s almost that time of year again! As we look forward to the holiday season, Adriel needs your help in bringing the Christmas spirit to our foster families. **Each \$25 donation will sponsor a Christmas gift** for an Adriel foster youth or Bridges young adult. Please help us reach our \$5000 goal to assure that each Adriel foster child and Bridges young adult receive their Christmas gift in time for the holiday. **2021 marks Adriel’s 125 year anniversary caring for children. Consider supporting gifts for 5 children with a \$125 dollar donation in celebration of our anniversary.** Visit <https://Adriel.networkforgood.com/projects/142000-adriel-christmas-angel-tree-2021> to make an online donation or mail a check with the memo “Angel Tree” to PO Box 188 West Liberty, OH 43357. As always, thank you for your continued support of our organization and generosity toward the children and families we serve!

A big thank you for helping touch the lives of people in our area for the holidays.
~ ***Missions in Service Team (MiST)***