

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 21, 2021

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, November 21

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Monday, November 22

4:30 pm ~ SLT

Tuesday, November 23

8:30 am ~ Staff

Wednesday, November 24

7:00 pm ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 25 ~ Office Closed

THANKSGIVING DAY ~ Kitchen, Fellowship

Hall, Multipurpose Room reserved

7:00 pm ~ AA

Friday, November 26 ~ Office Closed

Saturday, November 27

Kitchen & Fellowship Hall reserved

Sunday, November 28

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Lori Bontrager

Welcome & Announcements ~ Elaine Short

Interlude ~ Cheryl Britsch (*Here In This Place*)

Opening Prayer ~ Elaine Short

Call to Worship ~ Cheryl Britsch (*Here In This Place*)

Drama ~ Stan Short & Mark Nafziger

Scripture ~ Luke 22:14-20

Offertory ~ Lori Bontrager

Offering ~ Elaine Short

Scripture ~ Revelation 19:5-9

Sermon ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

The Marriage Supper

Response ~ Cheryl Britsch (*Here In This Place*)

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Suz Wirick

Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch

“O God, Who Gives Us Life” (HWB 483)

“Come Ye Thankful People” (HWB 94)

Benediction ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Sending Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“My Soul Is Filled With Joy” (STJ 13)

Office News

~ Corben will be out of the office Wednesday, November 24th, through Sunday, November 28th.

~ The office will be closed November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.

Please turn in anything for the newsletter by Tuesday, November 23rd.

Happy Birthday:

November 22 - Virginia Doehrmann

November 26 - Michelle Wyse

Happy Anniversary:

November 23 - Tim & Sherry Wagler (36)

November 25 - Phil & Lori Bontrager (43)



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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: It is Zion's turn to host our annual joint worship service with our friends from St. Martin's Lutheran Church on **Wednesday evening in the sanctuary, and on Zoom, at 7:00pm. (Note: the Zoom link that will be sent out is different than our usual Sunday worship link).** The MYF has baked cookies and other goodies for us to enjoy afterward. These will be available to "grab and go," or to eat here with others, if you wish.

Advent 2021 - "Dare to Imagine": The first Sunday of Advent is November 28th. This season, we'll shift our attention to the natural world, particularly the wonder of the heavens, as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. The writers of this year's materials describe their theme in this way: "So much [in our lives] has been put on hold or turned upside down that we need to listen and respond to God's presence with new ears and renewed hearts and minds. As we anticipate a new year ahead, let's dare to imagine our path forward with God toward God's good dream for our world."

New Announcements

During the worship service on Sunday, the Communication and Decision-Making Task Force will provide a short explanation of the work they have done around increasing communication among various committees within the church and between committees and the congregation.

Give gifts of comfort and joy with MCC! Delight your loved ones and share God's love with our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, clean water, fruit trees, books and many more. Give at mcc.org/delight or call 888.563.4676.

Join Fairlawn as we celebrate the joy of Christmas and honor those we love. Purchase a Luminary Kit to place outside your home on December 12th. Flickering For Fairlawn is a way show you holiday spirit and to support the important work of caring for the elderly. For more information visit www.fairlawnarchbold.com Order forms are available on the table across from the mailboxes.

Send a message to your youth group and Sunday School Classes—this would be a great service project...Fairlawn needs volunteers to help set up luminaries around Fairlawn. I am looking for 20-25 people to help. They will need to put the sand and candles in the bags, place them along the road and then come back through to light them. It is definitely something individuals or families can help do. Volunteers can contact Mari Yoder at myoder@fairlawnarchbold.com or call 567.444.5086. Fairlawn staff will pick up all the bags on Monday morning. **Set up will begin at 3pm Sunday, December 12th and with enough help all the candles should be lit by 5:30!**

Giving Tuesday

This year is an exciting year for Giving Tuesday, as **Childs World Preschool & Project Hope were chosen as Difference Makers.** By attending the event, and making a donation there, you are allowing your donation to go further due to a match that Everence secured for the event. There are still seats available if you wish to attend!! 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 by giving directly to the nonprofit, or by contacting Everence.

Thank You

Many thanks to CHAOS (7th/8th grade youth) for making yummy cookies for us. You are the best!
~ Corben, Sue & Bethany

Don't Forget

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.

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. **Deadline for bringing gifts is December 15th.**

***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)*