

# 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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**January 9, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### Sunday, January 9

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

### Monday, January 10

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

4:30 pm ~ SLT

### Tuesday, January 11

6:00 pm ~ Church Council

### Wednesday, January 12

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS

7:00 pm ~ MYF

### Thursday, January 13

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

### Sunday, January 16

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

5:00 pm ~ Fellowship Hall Reserved

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Interlude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Call to Worship** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Based on Psalm 8 by Leslie Brandt

**Offering** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Offertory** ~ Mark Nafziger & Abby Pennington

**Scripture** ~ Genesis 1:26-28, Colossians 1:15-20

**Sermon** ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

**Communion** ~ "Welcome Holy Spirit" (pre-recorded)

**Prayer for the Church and World** ~ Sue Short

**Song** ~ "Blessed Assurance"

Abby Pennington, Mara Weaver Boshart, Mark Nafziger

**Benediction** ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

**Sending Song** ~ "Because He Lives" by Chris Tomlin

Abby Pennington, Mara Weaver Boshart, Mark Nafziger

## Office News

~ Sue will be taking 2 classes this semester, with both of them requiring sessions on Zoom each week. One class is on Tuesday mornings, and the other is Tuesday afternoons. Beginning this week, January 11, she will not be in the office on Tuesdays.

## Happy Birthday:

January 15 - James Beck



## Upcoming Worship

### *Why am I here? The Role of Humanity*

Why am I here? What is my purpose in life? What about the role of my church? What does God's word have to say about this? Over the next six weeks, we will see how the Bible equips us to understand one of the deepest questions we have about life. Come along as God reveals his role for humanity from the very beginning through today!

**January 9 ~ Genesis: Humanity's Role in Creation** (*Genesis 1-2, Psalm 8, Colossians 1:15-20*)

**January 16 ~ Torah: A Priestly Kingdom (part 1)** (*Genesis 12:1-3, Exodus 19:3-8, 32:11-14, 34:29-35*)

**January 23 ~ Prophets: A Priestly Kingdom (part 2)** (*1 Samuel 16:6-13, 17:31-37, 2 Samuel 7:12-16,*

## Thank You

Dear Church Friends, I want to thank you all so very much for the prayers, cards, and calls while I was dealing with Covid. It was a long process for me, and knowing that I was being remembered helped so much. Until Covid settles down, I have become a homebody, but I do enjoy the sermons on Vimeo. Thank you again, Ruth Grieser

## New Announcements

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, January 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bonnie Stuckey will share a meditation. Please bring your own lunch.

**Peacebuilders Training: A hands-on learning experience for young adults (ages 18-30) on March 6-11:**

MCC U.S. is hosting a Young Adult Peacebuilders Training in Colorado this Spring! Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to participate in a rich, week-long experience that will provide opportunity to build new relationships, visit organizations doing powerful work in and around Colorado Springs, and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will serve as a home base for participants, offering a beautiful and relaxing space to rest, study and have fun together as a group. The participant fee

### **We Are Overdue!**

**By now, you've probably noticed the Zion church family picture board in the southwest corner of the fellowship hall is very outdated. During the month of January, Rachel Short will be collecting new pictures of our church families to "renovate" that space.**

**Please email your family/individual picture (.pdf or .jpg format preferred) to [rmshort67@gmail.com](mailto:rmshort67@gmail.com). If digital isn't an option, please put a print in Rachel and Brad Short's church mailbox.**

**Questions? You can email Rachel at the address listed above or call/text 419-572-9922.**

**Thank you!**

## **SLT Minutes December 14, 2021**

Corben and Sue surprised us with supper as a thank you for covering for them while at Couples Retreat but also to spend a little time together before we leave for various holiday gatherings with our families. At the end of the evening they presented a demitasse mug created by Mark Nafziger to each of us. We closed the evening celebrating the Lord's Supper together. It was a very meaningful way to end the last meeting of the year 2021.

The SLT met to review information regarding the relationship between Ohio Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Church USA. We would like to plan a time for the congregation to hear more information and to learn about opportunities to engage the process. Dick Barrett, OMC Conference Minister, has offered to come to congregations to review the history of the denomination and summarize recent information. We plan to invite Dick to come to Zion in February, prior to the Annual Conference Assembly being held in March here at Zion.

Sue informed us she is continuing to move forward with the ordination process. The next step is a full psychological profile and gifts assessment required by the Conference for ordination candidates. This has been scheduled for the end of January. A couple weeks later she will have a follow-up meeting to review the results.

In January both Corben and Sue will be gone January 28th thru the 30th. The SLT will look into finding a guest preacher for that Sunday.

On Sunday December 12th, Lonnie Short and Suz Wirick were available in the church office for congregants to comment on the issues of Baptism and Membership. There were no responses. It was decided to announce at the beginning of the service on December 19th that Greg Nofziger and Mike Zimmerman will be available in the office for anyone who would still like to ask questions or make comments.

We decided for the year 2022 the SLT will meet on the second Monday of each month from 4:30-6:00pm.

The SLT has been trying to set up a retreat to seek a clear direction for the Spiritual Leadership Team as we move forward. We are proposing a retreat for Saturday March 19, 2022 at the Rufenacht Cabin.

Pastoral Concerns were reviewed.

Respectfully Submitted – Suz Wirick