

# 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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**February 6, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this week

### Sunday, February 6

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

### Monday, February 7

10:00 am ~ Staff

### Tuesday, February

6:00 pm ~ Church Council

### Wednesday, February 9

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (7th & 8th grade)

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

### Thursday, February 10

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team

7:00 pm ~ AA

### Sunday, February 13

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

10:45 am ~ Ohio Conference presentation

## Mennonite Women

Mennonite Women will meet February 9th.  
Elaine Short will have the meditation and the meal will be provided.

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Mike Zimmerman

**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Call to Worship** ~ Mike Zimmerman

**Reflection Song** ~ Julia Richer

**Offering** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Scripture** ~ Luke 6:12-19, 1 Corinthians 3:11-16

**Sermon** ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

**Reflection Song** ~ Julia Richer

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

**Congregational Song** ~ Julia Richer

“My hope is built on nothing less” (HWB 343)

**Benediction** ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

**Sending Song** ~ Julia Richer

“All hail the power of Jesus' name” (HWB 285)

## Office News

~ Sue will be taking 2 classes this semester, with both of them requiring sessions on Zoom each week (Tuesday mornings and Tuesday afternoons). She will not be in the office on Tuesdays.

## Thank You

Thanks for the many cards, prayers, meals and positive thoughts. It truly is a blessing to be part of this caring family of Zion. There is still work ahead but the prospects of full recovery are here. Mary & Ned Gisel

## Happy Anniversary:

February 11 - Kenneth & Evon Rufenacht (61)

## Happy Birthday:

February 10 - Barb Yoder

February 12 - Bill Beck, Lori Bontrager, Ellie Grieser, Ron Lantz



## 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 few 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!

#### **February 6 ~ Gospel: Humanity Restored**

*~ God enters the world through his chosen people Israel in Jesus Christ. Jesus fulfills humanity's role and intercedes for all people on the cross, overcoming the powers of sin and death to re-establish God's administration.*

#### **February 13 ~ Acts: Humanity's Role in the New Creation**

*~ Jesus sends out his faithful brothers and sisters, children of God, to fulfill humanity's role by the power of his Spirit. The church's identity is in Christ who gives us authority over the powers of sin and death.*

#### **February 20 ~ Revelation: Zion's Role in the New Creation**

*~ Emphasis is on (a) our identity and authority in Christ and/or (b) our call to and the power of prayer as the primary means of administering God's reign.*

## Ohio Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Church USA

You may or may not be following recent news from Mennonite Church USA regarding the denomination's membership guidelines. There are two resolutions regarding MCUSA's membership guidelines that will be open for discernment at a special delegate session in May. Ohio Mennonite Conference Minister Dick Barrett has offered to come to congregations in Ohio Conference to summarize these resolutions and how they could impact the conference. **Next Sunday, February 13, during the Sunday School hour** Dick will present this summary at Zion, answer any questions we have, and help to give us a sense for how Zion can participate in the process. We hope to see you as we welcome Dick to our congregation!

## Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) January minutes

Lonnie led us in the devotional using Richard Rohr's meditation, "Praying for Wisdom".

Since both Corben and Sue will be out of town on Sunday January 30, Tony Doehrmann, our Regional Pastor, has agreed to preach that Sunday. Last month, we discussed the possibility of inviting our Conference Minister, Dick Barrett, to come to Zion to speak about the Ohio Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Church USA, so that we could all hear more information and learn about opportunities to engage the upcoming process. He has agreed to come on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> and will speak during the Sunday School Hour. There will be a time for questions and participation from the congregation.

The elders received feedback about our process of distributing the two documents on baptism and membership, noting that the documents did not feel as accessible in the office. This was helpful feedback that led us to place the documents on the table across from the mailboxes. Moving forward, we want to be more sensitive to how documents are presented when seeking congregational discernment. It is duly noted in the SLT Minutes that the Spiritual Leadership Team has approved the two documents on baptism and membership. The final documents remain available in the church office and across from the mailboxes.

We spent time organizing the schedule for "Prayer for the Church and the World". Some elder's will be vacationing in the next couple months and we wanted to be certain that all Sundays will be covered. Lonnie will be on vacation from January 14 to February 13. Mike Zimmerman agreed to fill in as elder chair in his absence.

Pastoral/Congregational concerns were reviewed: Pastors have been in touch with congregants, the elders have also been making contacts, and the Congregational Caregivers continue to meet monthly with Sue and Corben, offering their help and seeking guidance. The congregation is contributing by continuing to lift fellow congregants up in prayer. We hear expressions of gratitude as those prayers are being felt; you all play an integral part.

Respectfully Submitted – Suz Wirick