

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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March 20, 2022

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, March 20

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Monday, March 21

10:00 am ~ Staff

Tuesday, March 22

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

7:00 pm ~ Building Bridges Event (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 23

9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Good Shepherd

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool - 6th)

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

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, March 24

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, March 27

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Trevor Short

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Trevor Short

Opening Song ~ Anita Roth

“We Are People Of God's Peace” (HWB 407)

“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” (HWB 46)

Scripture ~ Isaiah 55:1-5

Children's Time ~ Karen Rodriguez

Offertory Prayer ~ Trevor Short

Scripture ~ Isaiah 55:6-12

Sermon ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Song of Response ~ Anita Roth

“Come To The Water” (HWB 495)

Lenten Prayer of Confession & Assurance ~ Trevor Short

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Lonnie Short

Congregational Song ~ Anita Roth

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (HWB 589)

Benediction ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Sending Song ~ Anita Roth

“We Shall Go Out With Joy” (HWB 427)

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.

Happy Birthday:

March 21 - Mike Zimmerman

March 22 - Barb Aeschliman

March 23 - Greg Nofziger



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

Lent 2022: "Seeking God's Ways" - This season, our Lent worship resources center on a focal text from Isaiah 55:8, "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.*" Lent is a time to repent, which means to turn away from our ways and recommit ourselves to the ways of God, as revealed in Jesus. How might we be called to greater faithfulness as we seek God's ways? What might it mean for us to follow God's ways, rather than our own?

Sunday, March 20: "*From Earning to Receiving*" - Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Sunday, March 27: "*From Exceptionalism to Inclusion*" - Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sunday, April 3: "*From Scarcity to Abundance*" - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:4b-14

Sunday, April 10: "*From Power Over to Power With*" - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Luke 22:14-23:56; Philippians 2:5-11

Thank You

Thanks to Arlene Short for her interest in having Zion participate in the community meals at St John's in Some Fashion again. While we don't have the volunteers to host meals at this point, they would welcome us providing a meal occasionally; they are even happy to provide the setup, serving and clean up crews. Arlene and a few others prepared and transported a meal March 2nd. It was greatly appreciated.
~ MiST Team

Dear friends at Zion Mennonite, On behalf of Ohio Conference, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your warm hospitality in hosting our Annual Conference Assembly and Missional Conference this year. Many of you were involved and we want to extend a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you that had a part in making the weekend such a positive experience. Everyone involved did a fabulous job and capably handled all the logistics and many details with grace. The evaluations reflected great appreciation for your kind hospitality and the weekend wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many of you. Thanks so much for your willingness to serve. May you be richly blessed!
~ Sincerely, Judy King for the Ohio Conference staff and Leadership Team

New Announcements

Church School Day: Sunday, April 3 is our annual Church School Day at Zion. We are delighted to have Rachel Swartzendruber Miller, Vice President of Advancement at Hesston College, providing the sermon that day. Rachel will also spend time with our MYFers during the Sunday School hour. All are welcome to make pledges and contributions to our student aid fund for the benefit of our students at Mennonite colleges for the coming academic year. Our three students graduating from Mennonite colleges this spring are Denver Beck, Connor Wyse, and Ben Zimmerman, all from Goshen College. Our students next year will be Eli Grieser, Jr., Bluffton University (BU), Elijah Zimmerman, Soph, (BU), and Quinn Wyse, Frosh, Goshen College.
~ College Financial Aid Committee

Anabaptist World Magazine: It is once again time to renew your membership with Anabaptist World. If you are currently receiving a magazine through the group subscription, **please let the office know whether you would like to renew or not!** If you are not on the group subscription and would like to be, contact the church office to be added to the group. The magazine will be \$39 for the year.

On the Level: The March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the partnership between Fraser Valley Church and MDS Canada in response to last year's devastating flood, read about MDS volunteers making a difference for hurricane survivors in Louisiana, and find out how one volunteer went the extra mile to restore a banjo for a flood survivor. Click on this link to read more:
<https://conta.cc/3CM4P89>

Library Reviews

The Beginning by Beverly Lewis: Suzie Mast's Amish life in Lancaster Co has been shaped by events beyond her control. With the tragic death of her Dat and close in age brother casting long shadows. Now 22, Suzie remains unmarried despite her longtime affection for friend Olie Yoder.

Forgiving Paris by Karen Kingsbury: In Indiana, Ashley Baxter Blake and her husband are about to take an anniversary trip to Paris, where a French gallery will show her paintings. But Ashley is hesitant. More than two decades ago, she made her most grievous mistake in Paris. She has never forgiven herself for what happened to her and she still harbors secrets that she's afraid will come to light. Just before the trip Ashley gets a call from her niece. Jesse explains that her boyfriend's mother Alice remembers working at a bakery with an American named Ashley. "Could that be you?" When Alice and Ashley meet, a flood of memories comes for both women, taking Ashley back to a reckless affair and an unexpected pregnancy and Alice to the night she nearly ended it all. Can this reunion bring healing and closure? Maybe it is finally time for Ashley to forgive herself...and Paris.

Don't Forget

MiST will be hosting a second Building Bridges event the evening of March 22nd at Zion. This is to bring folks with differing views to the table to accomplish LISTENING to each other with respect and no judgment. Our hope is to continue hosting these events perhaps monthly, with various groups of people, to begin to break down polarized walls in our community. Hopefully people will be inspired and moved to continue this open sharing beyond the events. This is a nationwide effort taking root in many communities. We on MiST believe this can help our nation heal, one conversation at a time. If you're interested in participating sometime, not necessarily this one (we will keep the groups to no more than 12), please let one of us know. Lori, Duane Wyse, LouAnn Kanagy, Cara or Frank Ulrich, Ilse Goertz. [There will be no 'listening gallery' this time]

Bethany Christian High School Choir Concert at Zion on Thursday, March 31st, in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. A freewill donation will be taken to help cover travel expenses.

Family Meal: Mark your calendar — Wednesday, March 30 at 5:30 for the family meal. Then at 6:30, let's have fun with our pastors, Sue and Corben. Plan to be there.

Community Meals: Might we consider providing a meal, say, every other month? Is anyone interested and willing to step into this? They're serving between 55 - 90 each week. Please contact any of the MiST (Lori Bontrager, Duane Wyse, LouAnn Kanagy, Cara or Frank Ulrich, Ilse Goertz). Thank you! Lori

Little Eden Youth Camps: Sign up today for one of Little Eden's summer youth camps! Located in beautiful NW Michigan, *Junior High Youth Camp* is June 12-17, and *Boys & Girls Camp and High School Camp* is June 19-24. Brochures are located on the table across from the mailboxes or can be downloaded at www.littleeden.org. Contact Kathi (KJ) Oom at operations@littleeden.org or 231.889.4294 for questions.

Virtual Visit - War and Peace: MCC's peacebuilding work and response to conflict: In this special live session, MCC staff and alumni will share stories about what peacebuilding work looks like in the midst of conflict in Ukraine, Colombia and DPRK (North Korea). They'll explore questions like: What does peace look like in the middle of war? And, how do we embody a peace perspective? Join the live virtual visit on Wednesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. EST / 7 p.m. CST. For more information and registration, visit mcc.org/webinars.

Respond to the crisis in Ukraine: MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. "Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people," says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today at mcc.org/ukraine.