

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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## March 6, 2022

### Zion Activities this week

#### Sunday, March 6

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

12-2 pm ~ FH/Kitchen Reserved

#### Monday, March 7

10:00 am ~ Staff

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

#### Tuesday, March 8

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

#### Wednesday, March 9

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (Preschool-6th grade)

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS

7:00 pm ~ MYF

#### Thursday, March 10

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

#### Sunday, March 13 ~ *Daylight Savings*

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

### Order of Service

Prelude ~ Anita Roth

Welcome & Announcements ~ Jackie Lehman

Interlude ~ Anita & Kate Roth

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Jackie Lehman

Opening Song ~ Quartet

“O For A Thousand Tongues” (HWB 110)

Scripture ~ Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Children's Time ~ Karen Rodriguez

Offertory Prayer ~ Jackie Lehman

Scripture ~ Luke 4:1-13

Sermon ~ Karen Ruth

Hymn of Response ~ Quartet

“I Am Leaning On The Lord” (HWB 532)

Lenten Prayer of Confession & Assurance ~ Jackie Lehman

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Lonnie Short

Congregational Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“The Lord Lift You Up” (STJ 73)

Benediction ~ Karen Ruth

Sending Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

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

Quartet: Bruce Whiteman, Eric & Marcia Lehman, Cheryl Britsch

### 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 6 - Barnaby Wyse

March 7 - Hannah Short

March 9 - Bailey Short-Dickman

March 10 - Phil Nofziger

March 10 - Reid Pennington

March 11 - Ilse Goertz

March 11 - Ginny Liechty

March 11 - Ruth Meyer

March 12 - Sophie Wyse



*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 6:** “*From Security to Generosity*” - Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13.

**Sunday, March 13:** “*From Fear to Compassion*” - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35; Philippians 3:17-4:1

**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

## Thank You

Dearest Zion Family: Caleb, Joshua, Bekah, and I thank you with all hearts and minds for the outpouring of love and support we’ve received since coming to Zion twenty-two years ago. You’ve walked alongside us through the good times and the difficult times. As you know, the past five years have been especially challenging since Chris’ diagnosis of that nasty, rare tumor called chordoma. You’ve spoken prayers to our amazing God on our behalf. You’ve responded to the nudgings to visit, send cards and messages, provide good food, patiently listened, and give thoughtful gifts. Chris and I often marveled how God goes before us, filling our every need through medical professionals and therapists for our mental health, and the many skilled and meaningful kindnesses given us through our Brothers and Sisters in Christ and community. Please continue to honor Chris by sharing stories and savoring pie together.

~ With love and respect, in gratitude, Holly, for the Liechty Family

Thank you to each one who so generously helped with the community meal on Tuesday evening. Your support and donations were very much appreciated. God’s blessings to all of you.

~ Thanks again, Arlene Short

## New Announcements

**Flowers from Sharon:** The flowers this morning are in Memory of Rod Frey, who passed away 6 years ago on March 10th, 2016. Given by Butch & Sharon Frey, Joy, Augusto, Lyon, Bastian & Cielle

**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.

**Meals for Ed & Elaine:** If you can help support Elaine and Ed Swartzbaugh by taking them a meal there is a schedule set up on the Take Them a Meal website. Go to Take Them a Meal it will ask for the last name and the password is 8397. You can also contact Carol Short at 419-445-9216.

**Mennonite Women** will be meeting Wednesday, March 9 from 9 am – 3 pm. Lunch will be provided, Ella Nafziger will have the meditation.

**Congregational Caregivers** will meet Monday, March 14 at 11:00 am in the Builder’s classroom.

**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](http://mcc.org/ukraine).

## Don't Forget

**Upcoming Choir Concerts at Zion:** Coming up in March, we have the opportunity to enjoy two choirs who are traveling through our area. On **Friday, March 18th, in the sanctuary at 7:00pm**, we will be welcoming **Hesston's Bel Canto Choir**. On **Thursday, March 31st, also in the sanctuary at 7:00pm**, we'll welcome **Bethany Christian High School's select choir**. The Bel Canto choir has arranged to stay elsewhere, but we will need to provide housing for the 11 students and several accompanying adults in Bethany Christian High School's choir after the concert. All of the participants in both choirs are fully vaccinated. Bethany Christian High School requests that their students stay overnight in homes in which the household is also vaccinated. **Contact the church office if you would be interested in housing students, and the number you can host.**

**Fairlawn Update:** Fairlawn has provided the congregation with a community update that is posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. They also have the following volunteer opportunities:

~ Traditionally Zion has volunteered to help with BINGO for the residents 2-3 sessions a year. This involves bringing some very small prizes to distribute (ie. Candy bars, individual bags of chips, small hand lotion, word search book etc). If you are interested in volunteering, or being in charge of finding volunteers for Zion, please contact Mari Yoder (567.444.5086).

~ Fairlawn is specifically looking to fill BINGO volunteers for March 8 from 2-3 pm, as that is a current gap with what other churches have signed up for. There are a couple Fairlawn staff available to help out and get volunteers what they need.

**MCC is seeking to fill several SWAP positions: SWAP Location Coordinators in Hindman, Kentucky and SWAP Summer Staff in both Kimball, West Virginia and Harlan, Kentucky.** MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families.

~ **The Hindman Location Coordinators** will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. MCC is also looking to connect with other ministries related to economic development and/or food security and would welcome location coordinators with these interests and backgrounds. The Location Coordinators will report directly to the Appalachia Program Coordinator. Apply online for this opening at [mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators](http://mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

~ **SWAP Summer Staff** support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-staff](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-staff) or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at 606-634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

**Impact 2022:** Do you care about helping Mennonite Central Committee make an impact in the U.S. and around the world? If so, we want to listen to you. Your input can help fulfill MCC's desire to find the best ways of responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. Share your ideas in this short survey: [surveymonkey.com/r/MCCImpact2022-Media](https://surveymonkey.com/r/MCCImpact2022-Media). Thank you for caring.