

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 17, 2022

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, April 17 ~ **EASTER**

8:30 am ~ Hymn Sing

8:45 am ~ Refreshments & Fellowship

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

Monday, April 18 ~ **Office Closed**

Tuesday, April 19

9:30 am ~ Fellowship Hall Reserved

Wednesday, April 20

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

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

7:00 pm ~ MYF (High school)

Thursday, April 21

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, April 24

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

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

10:30 am ~ SLT Congregational Meeting

5:00 pm ~ Young Families Gathering

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Sue Short

Opening Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Low In The Grave He Lay” (HWB 273)

“Lift Your Glad Voices” (HWB 275)

Scripture ~ Isaiah 65:17-25

Children's Time ~ Karen Rodriguez

Offertory Prayer ~ “Because He Lives”

Scripture ~ Luke 24:36-49

Sermon ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Greg Nofziger

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Christ Who Left His Home” (HWB 283)

Benediction ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Sending Song ~ Julia Richer

“Praise God From Whom” (HWB 118)

Office News

~ The office will be closed Monday, April 18th for Easter Monday.

~ The order of the mailboxes will be changing as name were temporarily placed. Please clean out your mailbox so the items in it do not get mixed up.

Happy Birthday:

April 17 - Kaylee Rodriguez

April 18 - Kevin Sauder

April 19 - Marlene Nofziger

April 21 - Juliene Wise

April 21 - Keegan Wyse

April 22 - Lynn Short

April 23 - Travis Pennington



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.

Holy Week Worship

Friday, April 15th - Good Friday Service: 7:00pm (sanctuary and zoom) A service of scripture, song, images, and sounds for reflection.

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday: Hymn Sing at 8:30am. Breakfast refreshments in the fellowship hall from 8:45-9:15 am. Please bring a simple finger food to share. Worship at 9:30am (sanctuary and zoom).

New Announcements

Next Sunday, April 24 during the Sunday School hour the Spiritual Leadership Team will host a listening session in advance of Mennonite Church USA's special delegate assembly May 27-30 in Kansas City. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform the congregation about the resolutions being proposed that our delegates will be voting on. There will be a time for questions and counsel from the congregation. Our hope is that this listening session will better equip our delegates as they engage in the discernment process with the broader church. We hope to see you next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall!

Adriel Fundraising: Thanks to the generosity of lead givers who kick-started Adriel's Yoder Activity Center Capital Campaign, we have raised 36% of our fundraising goal! **Now we need your help to reach our total goal!**

For 35 years the Yoder Activity Center has provided a learning environment for education, a community space for fellowship, a gymnasium for team building activities, and more! **Would you consider contributing a \$35 donation to continue this legacy?** Your donation enables the Yoder Activity Center to continue to serve Adriel and our foster families as well as the West Liberty community at large. Donations to this Capital Campaign will be used to make improvements to the building including replacing the roof and heating system.

Visit <https://adriel.networkforgood.com/> to learn more or to make your online donation today. Or make your check payable to Adriel Foundation, include the memo "Capital Projects Fund, Yoder Building", and mail to PO Box 188 West Liberty, OH 43357.

Gifts Discernment Ministry Team

The Gifts Discernment Ministry Team has begun to prepare the Affirmation Slate for the next church year, which begins in September. A form with additional information, soliciting your nominations for individuals to serve in Zion's various Ministry Teams, is attached this week to Zion's weekly email; a copy has also been placed in your mailbox for each individual in your household (high school age and above). Please complete the form and place in the designated box across from the church mailboxes **by May 1**. Alternatively, you may scan and email the completed forms to phil.bontrager@gmail.com. --*Gifts Discernment Ministry Team*

Picture Wall

We would like to continue to add more individual and family pictures to the "Church Family" bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you would like to be included, please put a 4"x6" print in Rachel (and Brad) Short's mailbox or you can email a digital copy to her (rmshort67@gmail.com). We want to keep this growing!

March Spiritual Leader Team (SLT) Minutes

Devotions: Suz led in devotions using the phrase “Lord Is It I” found in Matthew 26:20-25.

Old Business: Time was spent reviewing comments we heard from the congregation concerning Corben’s announcement of ending his time here at Zion. Sadness and surprise, excitement for Corben and Mara, and the sentiment that Zion will be okay seemed to be the common threads. * We revisited the issue of hiring an interim pastor and decided we need to determine his salary, housing and establish a timeline before making any detailed announcement to the congregation. We felt it to be necessary to include the following people to meet with the likely interim to work out the logistics: Tom Stuckey, stewardship; Tony Doehrmann, Regional Pastor; Rachel Aeschliman, PCRC; Randy Stuckey, Council; Mike Zimmerman and Lonnie Short, elders. They will meet in the next week or so, prior to our bringing detailed information to the congregation. It is our intention to announce the interim pastor to the congregation on Sunday April 10, 2022. * Zion’s Relationship with MCUSA and the issues coming before the delegates at the MCUSA meeting in late May were discussed. The delegates, who attended the Annual Conference here at Zion, reported that the Ohio Conference is planning to hire an outside consultant to lead a review process of the Conference’s affiliation with MCUSA in the coming year or two. We want to support our delegates as well as keep the congregation current on what is transpiring. We are processing suggested ideas and plans to provide the congregation with more information and time for questions, as well as a way to provide counsel to our delegates.

Sue’s Upcoming Ordination: Sue informed us she completed the psychological assessments and gifts discernment required by the Conference, as well as the written responses for the ordination interview.. The responses will go to the Credentialing Ministry Team for their review. On April 21, 2022 she will go with Tony Doehrmann to be interviewed by the Credentialing Ministry Team as a candidate for ordination. Upon their approval, her ordination and celebration will take place during worship on June 5th .

Congregational Concerns: A few continue, nothing new added at this time.

Respectfully Submitted – Suz Wirick

Don’t Forget

Tour of Israel: Have you ever dreamed of walking where Jesus walked? Of seeing where Jesus died? Of sailing the Sea of Galilee like Jesus and His disciples? Now you have the opportunity! In partnership with Friendship Tours (friendshiptours.com), Pastor Ryan Harker (West Clinton Mennonite) will be leading a group on a 10-day tour of Israel on April 18-27, 2023. On this extraordinary journey you'll visit the region of Galilee. After a stop in Nazareth and Cana, we'll sail on a boat ride as the disciples did on the Sea of Galilee, visit Caesarea Philippi and Capernaum, stand on the Mount of Beatitudes and imagine listening to Jesus give the Sermon on the Mount. We'll then travel to the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. We'll then spend several days experiencing the Old City of Jerusalem. We'll also visit Masada, the Dead Sea, Qumran, and Megiddo. Join us on an experience of a lifetime! **If interested in learning more, please plan to join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 at West Clinton. If you live at a distance but are interested in learning more, contact Pastor Ryan at pastor.ryan@westclinton.church.**

Join us for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on April 22-23! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Kidron Community Park to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash. **Dates: Friday, April 22 (11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, April 23 (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Location: Kidron Community Park Recreational Building - 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636**

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.

Elders update on short-term pastor joining CMT.

04/10/2022

I'm Greg Nofziger, on behalf of the elders, I want to give you an update on what has transpired since our last report two weeks ago.

With the help of Tony Doehrmann (our Regional Pastor), we have identified Dan Miller to work with our pastoral team at Zion on a short-term basis. PCRC is finalizing the agreement with Dan, which should be completed shortly. Dan will be here both before and after Corben leaves. The elders want to assure you that Dan is aware of where we are as a congregation at this time. With the congregation's help and support, we have made good progress over the past few years. We want to celebrate that we are nearing completion of the Lombard project, which has put us in a positive position to move forward. It has taught us how to deal with change and anxiety, and through it we have thrived and grown.



Our expectation is that Dan will help us to continue to move in a positive direction. We feel that having Dan work alongside Corben and Sue for a few months in a part time role will allow him to better understand the culture of our congregation, and the how our pastors have collaborated together. It should allow us to continue the forward momentum we are now experiencing between the time of Corben's departure and the calling of a new long-term pastor.

We are planning to have Dan begin his time with us the first of May on a half time basis and then begin full time when Corben leaves. His primary role will be to help us continue with the progress that has been made, and to help us live into our new mission and vision statement calling us to be a true house of peace in our community where we share Christ's love and grace to all.

I would like to share some information that Dan provided to us highlighting who he is and some of the experiences he has had.

Dan spent most of his growing up years in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Early jobs included a paper route, working in a local hardware store, walking beans and detasseling corn. He had short stints in Hesston, Kansas and Cairo, Nebraska before ending up in Goshen, Indiana.

Dan enjoys reading and watching science fiction. Walking outdoors is a great way for him to relax and refresh.

Following college, Dan worked several years in mental health settings and was interested in connections between faith and mental health. He went to seminary with the idea of pursuing this interest, and after seminary, found that he enjoyed transitional ministry, working with congregations between long-term pastors. He served in 9 congregations over 16 years. During that time, he was part of establishing a transitional pastor support network and a Mennonite training event in the Great Lakes area. He also co-led a series of refocusing networks for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IMMC) pastors. In 2009, IMMC called Dan as conference pastor. He was there through June 2021. He thinks of his time with conference as a transition from the way conference and churches previously functioned, and toward the way they will function moving forward.

Dan works in a collaborative style with leaders. He is especially passionate about the church's call to spiritual practices, and about healthy leadership practices.

Dan looks forward to meeting those who are part of Zion Mennonite Church. Because of the compactness of Dan's time with Zion, and the agenda we (elders) are asking him to tend during this time of pastoral change, he wants to spend time at the beginning getting acquainted with individuals and families. The Collaborative Ministry Team is determining good ways to work at that. Watch for more details and plan to participate.

As always, the elders welcome any questions or concerns you might have. We are asking for your continued prayers asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in this process, so that God's will, as opposed to our will, can be carried out as we move forward.

Thank you elders:

Mike Zimmerman, Greg Nofziger, Suz Wirick, Lonnie Short

A copy of this statement is also available on the table across from the mail boxes.