

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 24, 2022

Zion Activities this Week

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

Monday, April 25

- 10:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 26

- 10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27

- 9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Zion
- 5:30 pm ~ Family Meal
- 7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (7th & 8th)
- 7:00 pm ~ MYF (High school)

Thursday, April 28

- 6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
- 7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, May 1

- 9:30 am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)
- 10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Mark Nafziger

Mission Moment ~ Lori Bontrager

Interlude ~ Worship Band

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Mark Nafziger

Opening Song ~ Worship Band

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (HWB 307)

Offertory Prayer & Music ~ Abby Pennington,

Mara Weaver Boshart, Mark Nafziger

“Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus”

Scripture ~ Job 38:1-7, 25-38; James 5:7-12

Sermon ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Song of Response ~ Worship Band

“Walking Free” Micah Tyler

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Mike Zimmerman

Congregational Song ~ Worship Band

Benediction ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Sending Song ~ Worship Band

“Rain Down” (STJ 49)

Office News

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

Happy Birthday:

April 27 - Jim King

Happy Anniversary:

April 27 - Brad & Rachel Short (31)



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 Events

Sunday, May 1st - Our intentional interim pastor, Dan Miller, will join us for worship and begin his work at Zion. We'll provide name tags at each entrance for the next couple of Sundays, and encourage each person to wear one to help Dan become acquainted with us.

Sunday, May 8th - Tony Doehrmann, our Regional Pastor, will be here to officially install Dan.

Sunday, May 15th - Celebrating our high school graduating seniors

Sunday, May 22nd - Celebrating baptisms

Sunday, June 5th - Celebrating Sue's ordination

New Announcements

Funeral Meal Pies: If you would like to help with pies for memorial meals, you can give money to Bethany in the church office. The cost of a pie at this time is \$12. Thank you for responding to providing pies for memorial meals. Funeral Meal Coordinators - Bonnie Stuckey & Glora Belle Yoder

MDS opportunity: Enjoy a week at Camp Amigo while also volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Service. This July, MDS offers the Family Program, a 4 or 5 day summertime experience for the whole family. During your stay for the Family Program, your family will enjoy the beauty, and serenity of the Amigo Centre and participate in age-appropriate maintenance and building projects on the property in response to a storm that hit in August 2021. [Click here to learn more - mds.org/amigo](https://mds.org/amigo).

Johnstown Christian School Tour Choir and Bell Choir will be performing at West Clinton on **Thursday, April 28 at 7 PM**. Join us for an evening of music!

***On the Level* Announcement:** The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn how families can volunteer and serve together, read about MDS volunteers and how they've made long-term changes in Marianna, Florida, and find about volunteers heading to British Columbia to assist wildfire survivors in British Columbia. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3jXVYYw>

Burger Bash – Sunday, May 15, Ruidley Park, Archbold: The Community's Burger Bash is returning to Archbold's Ruidley Park on Sunday, May 15 serving from 11-1. Please stop in to enjoy a burger and make the world a better place. The free-will donations will fund two critical projects in Haiti. Local cattle feeders have an on-going relationship (and a board seat) with Growing Hope Globally, the international organization that not only sends money to areas in need, but knowledgeable people to work and walk beside community members. The Haiti project aims to improve agricultural practices to create healthier crops and animals for a brighter tomorrow. Please join us to help fund this effort for our struggling neighbors to the south.

Don't Forget

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.

Today

Today 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! Attached to the Friday email are handouts from Dick Barrett, as well as the two resolutions we will be focusing on.

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!

Thank You

"We want to extend our sincere thanks to the Zion congregation for the love and support you have provided us as we grieve the loss of our mother. The generosity and kindness you showed to us as we planned her memorial service was immeasurable. The Zion church family has played such a profound role in mother's faith and life ... and in our family's foundation. We are forever grateful." -----The family of Fern Schrock

Missions & Service Team (MiST)

MiST (missions in service team) is asking all who might be interested in seeing [Zion sponsor an immigrant family in our community to meet for 2-3 minutes by the organ in our sanctuary IMMEDIATELY following worship this Sunday](#). Doors may be opening for this to be more of a feasible possibility than what has been possible the past several years. We have a "Big picture" view of what this might entail, but we felt it's time to learn of YOUR interests before we go further.

Also, be on the lookout in the newsletter and on the website for regular upcoming earth care tidbits!

Lastly (for now!), there is a need for folks to drive Zion members to appointments. If you are willing to do this (you set your days, times), please contact Bethany in the office directly. Thanks for considering.

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.