

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 3, 2022

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, April 3 ~ *Church School Sunday*

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

6:30 pm ~ Lenten Prayer Service (in-person & Zoom)

Monday, April 4

10:00 am ~ Staff

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 5

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, April 6

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

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

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, April 7

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, April 10 ~ *Palm Sunday*

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Abby Pennington

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Abby Pennington

Opening Songs ~ Julia Richer

Scripture ~ Isaiah 43:18-21

Children's Time ~ Karen Rodriguez

Offertory Prayer ~ Abby Pennington

Sermon ~ Rachel Swartzendruber Miller

Lenten Prayer of Confession & Assurance

~ Abby Pennington

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Sue Short

Congregational Song ~ Julia Richer

Benediction ~ Rachel Swartzendruber Miller

Sending Song ~ Julia Richer

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

Office News

~ Corben is preaching at Lockport Mennonite Church this morning.

Happy Anniversary:

April 6 - Duane & Cecilia Wyse (48)

Happy Birthday:

April 4 - Don Oesch

April 5 - Phil Bontrager (Lori)

April 6 - Andy Sauder



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

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

Thursday, April 14th - Maundy Thursday: 6:00pm (fellowship hall and zoom) Soup Supper, followed by a short worship reflection, and footwashing/handwashing (after Jesus' example in John 13:1-17)

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. Please bring a simple finger food to share. Worship at 9:30am (sanctuary and zoom).

Today

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 & CHAOSers during the Sunday School hour and will be available after Sunday School to meet with parents & others. 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, Sr., Bluffton University (BU), Elijah Zimmerman, Jr. (BU), and Quinn Wyse, Frosh, Goshen College.

~ College Financial Aid Committee

Church Website Help: Abby Pennington will be at church this coming Sunday, April 3 from **8:30 am to 11:00 am** to offer assistance to those interested in creating a membership login through the new church website. *A laptop will be provided. Creating a membership login will allow you to easily access digital copies of church directories and newsletters, as well as submit prayer requests and website update requests online. If you would like to create an account on your own, use the following link: <https://www.zionmennonitechurch.com/membership-login/>

We will have another Lenten Prayer service on Sunday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The focus of this service will be praying for peace in Ukraine and around the world.

Thank You

"As I look forward to graduation this coming spring, I would like to express my gratitude for the support that I have received from Zion over the years, financially and otherwise. While at Goshen, I have had a wide variety of invaluable experiences like studying in Tanzania, living and learning at Goshen College's environmental learning center, Merry Lea, writing for the "funnies" section of our campus newspaper, playing on the Men's soccer team, spending lots of hours in the ceramic studio, and much more. I am very grateful for the meaningful relationships that I have made over the past four years, the space that Goshen created for me to grow as a person, and the continually emerging opportunities that Goshen has created for me. The Zion Scholarship was a big factor in my choosing to go to a Mennonite institution, and I am grateful that Zion has such a strong program such as this one. Thank you!" ~ Denver Beck

New Announcements

10th Annual Archbold Senior Citizen Luncheon - Friday, April 29th: Luncheon will take place from 11:00am - 12:30pm in the High School Gymnasium. This event is free and open to any senior citizen living in the Archbold School District. Please contact Andrea Oyer to make your lunch reservation: email: aoyer@archboldschools.org or by phone 419-445-5579 ext. 1205. All reservations must be received by Monday, April 18 at noon.

Webinar: Welcoming refugees in your community on Tuesday, April 12, 2-3 p.m. EDT: Join MCC and Church World Service (CWS) to learn more about welcoming refugees in the United States. During the webinar, Charity Stowell, MCC U.S. Newcomer Connections Coordinator, and Ted Blessing, CWS Community Engagement Organizer, will address questions such as: Who are refugees and how do they come to the U.S.? What does the refugee resettlement process look like? Learn about the challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. More information and registration at mcc.org/welcoming-refugees-webinar.

New Announcements Continued...

Community sponsorship connections with MCC: Are you interested in learning more about how you can welcome a refugee or asylum-seeking family into your community, or is your congregation already welcoming newcomers? Through welcoming, congregations can gain a greater sense of community, extend and receive hospitality, and develop a deeper understanding of God's love for all people. MCC will provide resources, education and support as congregations welcome a family together. To learn more visit mcc.org/community-sponsorship or contact welcome@mcc.org.

MCC is looking for a project coordinator for the Dismukes Project in Kimball, West Virginia as we seek to uncover the forgotten history and honor the legacy of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician and surgeon in Appalachia in the 1930s. This full-time role is great for someone looking to put their innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness to use by collaborating with the local community and SWAP staff to build the program from the ground up. Apply online for this opening by April 6 at mcc.org/dismukes-project-coordinator. For more information contact Amber Falcon at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Building Bridges Event Summary

MiST is happy to report on the Building Bridges event held last week at Zion. Randy Stuckey, with his Lombard reconciliation skills, adeptly guided our group of 12 through questions which brought to light how we view things differently. The participants came from our community, with one even coming from Detroit to join us. Daemian is committed to gathering with folks who differ from him, and it was an honor to have him with us. As you've heard, listening is key to these events, and that was palpable through the evening. Much time was spent on 'freedom' – how we determine what that means for each of us. I will share several thoughts/questions that came up, without disclosing confidentiality.

*There's a difference between 'freedom' and a 'right.' And **responsibility** must come right alongside any freedom. Would we rather win an argument or win a friend? Who gets to decide what's right, or what's 'real'? Can we extend grace and respect even to those who think completely opposite of us, or do we only respect and relate with those who think like us? "You may be the only Bible someone reads." We must engage in our learning, look for the biases, ask questions (not just talk) to listen to several angles.*

Our hope is that this would stir your own thoughts and encourage you to open up to getting with someone who thinks differently. This is one thing we CAN do to strengthen our community. Thank you, Zion, for supporting this kind of dialogue.

Don't Forget

Gospel of John Lenten Read-Through: (*This was such a good experience last year, let's do it again!*) Sue would like to invite you to join her in reading through the Gospel of John during the remaining weeks of Lent. **Beginning Monday, March 28th, read one chapter of John each day, finishing on Easter Sunday.** As an added challenge, consider using a journal to write down what you are noticing as you read. What stands out to you? What are you learning?

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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.

CPC Women's Health Resource is happy to invite you and your church family to our 36th Anniversary Spring Benefit celebration, "Pro-Life and Unashamed." To promote this event, we have enclosed flyers. Please accept our personal invitation and consider how you can help save babies from abortion. Our speaker is Mike Spencer, president of Project Life-Voice. The event will be held at Archbold High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 26th beginning at 5:30 with hors d'ouvres at 5:30 pm with the program at 7:00 pm. The event is free and registration is requested but not required. To register, please go to www.cpcnwo.org or contact the business office at 419-636-5692.