

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**May 1, 2022**

## Zion Activities this week

### Sunday, May 1

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

### Monday, May 2

10:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, May 3

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

### Wednesday, May 4

6:00 pm ~ ZOW

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

7:00 pm ~ MYF (High school)

### Thursday, May 5

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

### Friday, May 6

Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary Reserved for wedding setup

### Saturday, May 7

7:00 am ~ FH/Kitchen/Sanctuary Reserved (wedding)

### Sunday, May 8~ *Mothers Day/Dan's Installation*

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Larry Wyse

**Interlude/Call to Worship** ~ Julia Richer

"I saw a tree by the riverside" (handout)

**Prayer** ~ Larry Wyse

**Scripture** ~ Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**Opening Song** ~ Julia Richer

"We give thanks unto you" (HWB 161)

**Scripture** ~ Jeremiah 25:15-19, 26-27

**Offering** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Scripture** ~ John 18:1-11

**Sermon** ~ "Who will drink the cup?" Corben Weaver Boshart

**Song of Response** ~ Julia Richer

"I Am"

**Prayer for the Church and World** ~ Lonnie Short

**Congregational Song** ~ Julia Richer

"O Lord, hear my prayer" (HWB 348)

**Benediction** ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

**Sending Song** ~ Julia Richer

"Praise God from whom" (HWB 118)

## Office News

~ Sue and Stan will be out of town on vacation from Saturday, April 30th - Saturday, May 7th. This week is Sue's break in-between spring semester and summer semester.

~ LAST CHANCE to clean out your mailboxes before they will be moved! It will be much easier if the mailboxes are empty. Thanks!

## Happy Birthday:

May 2 - Lisa Nofziger, Duane Short

May 3 - Tom Short

May 5 - Jordan Rodriguez

May 7 - Elijah Grieser

## Happy Anniversary:

May 3 - Ron & Dianne Lantz (47)

May 6 - Galen & Sherri Plank (33)



**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

**Hospitality Hosts Needed:** Zion enjoys being able to open our building as rental space for special events for those from outside the congregation. For regular Zion meetings and activities planned by those within the congregation, the persons directly involved typically take care of their own needs, or ask others for help. It would be helpful to have several hosts who could serve as a point of contact for persons from outside the congregation using our space, particularly for events such as non-member rehearsals/ weddings held on Friday evenings or on Saturdays. This would likely be only a couple of times per year. We are looking for a hospitable person, or a small group of persons, who'd be willing to help with the following:

- Serving as the point person, in coordination with the church office, to be present to greet those using the building when they arrive, answer questions about the building, and locate items that may be needed for events.
- Making sure the group has the names/phone numbers of the host(s) and trustees, in case they are needed during an event.
- Being available to lock/unlock the building, if needed
- Stopping back in after a Friday evening or Saturday event is over to make sure things are back in place for Sunday morning.

If you are interested in serving in this hospitality host ministry, please leave your name with Bethany in the church office. **There is a first opportunity for this coming up May 6th and 7th for a wedding. Contact the office for more details if you are interested.**

**The East Garden cookouts** are happening again this summer. Would there be interest in Zion providing the meal on **June 23**? If you are interested in helping please contact Lori Bontrager (419-966-0275).

## Don't Forget

**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).

**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.

## 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

A special thanks to the CHAOS kids and Jodi, their leader, for serving and cleaning up on Wednesday night for Family Meal. You did a great job and your help was very much appreciated.

~ Fellowship committee

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rmshort67@gmail.com)). We want to keep this growing!

## Missions & Service Team (MiST)

Be on the lookout in the newsletter and on the website for regular upcoming earth care tidbits!

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.

## Ordination and Seminary Update

It has been a number of years since Zion has celebrated the ordination of one of its pastors, so I thought it might be helpful to write about what ordination means. A pastor beginning in ministry is licensed by their Conference to serve in a congregation. The licensing period typically lasts between 2-5 years. During this time, both the pastor and the congregation are testing out the pastor's gifts and calling toward long-term pastoral ministry. Usually an evaluation of the pastor by the congregation occurs during this period also. (The PCRC did this in 2020.) As the end of the licensing period approaches, the pastor discerns whether to move forward to ordination, or to leave ministry to pursue something else. If ordination is discerned, the elders seek feedback from the congregation about the pastor's calling toward ordination (this was done in 2021). If affirmed, the elders begin the process by writing a letter of recommendation to the Conference to request ordination for the pastor. This is followed by letters of recommendation from their Regional Pastor (Tony Doehrmann), and also from the person serving as the pastor's mentor. (for Sue, this is Paula Snyder Belousek, pastor of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida). When a pastor is licensed, it can be thought of as a 'trial period' for ministry. Submitting to the process of ordination means that a pastor desires to make a lifetime commitment to ministry. It is intended to be an important step, and one that is not taken lightly.

The pastor also has work to complete during the ordination process, including scheduling the required psychological evaluation and gifts assessment, and writing responses to a series of questions which are submitted to the Conference's credentialing ministry team. The process ends with the pastor's in-person interview with the credentialing team. Last week, I passed my interview, and so on Sunday, June 5th, Tony Doehrmann will be present during worship to do all the official functions of recognizing the ordination, and then we'll celebrate! :)

Some of you have asked about how seminary is going, what I am studying, and when I will be finished. I am studying for a Master of Divinity degree, with a concentration in Pastoral Ministry. My program is designed to offer a broad overview of many subjects that pastors use in their work, such as courses in Bible, theology, worship, preaching, formation, spirituality, ethics, pastoral care, etc... It's an 80 credit hour degree program, and full time students typically finish in 3-3.5 years. Since I am studying part time, it will take me 6-6.5 years to complete. I am currently close to the 4.5 year mark, so I have another two years to go. I anticipate being able to participate in graduation in the spring of 2024, and then I will spend that summer finishing up a ministry experience class and final paper. I hope to be completely finished in July 2024.

I am deeply grateful for all of your support, encouragement, and continued prayers!

- Sue Short