

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**June 5, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, June 5 ~ Sue's Ordination**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (shortened time)

11:15 am ~ Luncheon (fellowship hall)

### **Monday, June 6**

10:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team

### **Tuesday, June 7**

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

### **Wednesday, June 8**

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

### **Thursday, June 9**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Sunday, June 12**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

10:45 am ~ Zion 101

## Office News

~ Office hours for Dan this week

~ Dan's phone is 574-238-1883 and his email is danm.zionmc@gmail.com

~ Sue will be out of the office at AMBS June 6-10th.

~ Bethany will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday through the summer. Barb Yoder will be covering the office most Mondays.

## Happy Anniversary:

**June 9** - Steven & Julia Nafziger (38)

**June 10** - John & Joy Betts (44)

**June 11** - Wendell & Bonnie Beck (57)

## Happy Birthday:

**June 5** - Mara Weaver Boshart

**June 6** - Ruth Lange

**June 9** - Nichole Aeschliman, Brenna Creighton

**June 10** - Michele Nafziger

**June 11** - Carrie Grieser, Meleah Plank

## Order of Service

Prelude ~ 1AD

Welcome & Announcements ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Interlude ~ 1AD

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Corben Weaver Boshart

Hymns of Praise ~ Mark Nafziger & Roth Trumpet Trio

“Come Thou Almighty King” (HWB 41)

“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” (HWB 46)

Scripture Reading ~ John 14:8-17, 25-27

Offertory Prayer/Music ~ Corben/1AD

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Suz Wirick

Sermon ~ Acts 2:1-13 ~ Rachel Miller Jacobs

Hymn ~ 1AD ~ “Here I Am Lord” (HWB 395)

Ordination Ceremony for Sue Short ~ Tony Doehrmann

Blessing from the Congregation ~ Bonnie Stuckey,

Mark Nafziger, Barb Yoder, Mike Zimmerman

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Sending Song ~ 1AD ~ “Lead Me To The Rock”



**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, June 5th** - Celebrating Sue's ordination: shortened Sunday school time and a provided luncheon following.

**Sunday, June 12th** - Zion 101

**Sunday, June 19th** - Synopsis of Special Delegate Session

**Sunday, June 26th** - Honoring Corben & Mara on their last Sunday.

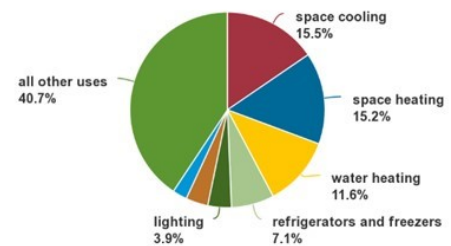
## Zion Greenie

### **How To Cut Your Summer Energy Bills** ~ Sarah Lozanova ([earth911.com](http://earth911.com))

Do you dread opening your summer electric bills? If you're like many U.S. residents and rely on air conditioning to stay cool over the summer, the corresponding increase in your utility bills can be frightening. But keeping cool in the summer doesn't have to empty your bank account. There are lots of little things we can do to promote home **energy efficiency and summer comfort**.

Look at the Big Picture Let's start by exploring how energy is used in the average home. According to the [U.S. Energy Information Administration](http://www.eia.doe.gov) (EIA), heating and cooling the home accounts for the greatest percentage of energy consumption in the residential sector. Some of the other major home energy uses are broken down in the EIA's chart. What do you know about energy use in your home? Some utilities have programs that show real-time home energy use. Gaining an understanding of how your home uses energy is really helpful in boosting efficiency. [The New York Times](http://www.nytimes.com) provides a **handy guide** to how each state generates its electricity. Check it to see whether your local utilities are burning coal, a source of CO2 emissions, or if it relies on renewable resources like wind or hydropower. It will help you understand how your changes to electric usage can improve the environment.

U.S. residential sector electricity consumption by major end uses, 2021



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2022*, Table 4, March 2022

Note: Space heating includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps

All other uses includes miscellaneous appliances, clothes washers and dryers, computers and related equipment, stoves, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors not included in other uses.

**Shade Out the Summer Sun** Having **window treatments** that block out the summer sun can save energy. Notice which windows get direct sun in the summer and use window treatments to help keep your home cooler. This is especially helpful in east, west, and south-facing windows (in the Northern Hemisphere).

**Use a Fan, Keep the AC Down** Whenever possible, keep the air conditioner turned on low or off. If nighttime temperatures dip in your area, turn off the air conditioner at night when possible. If fans will do the trick, save energy by turning off your cooling system. Because **fans** help circulate the air, they make it feel cooler in the home. Be sure to turn them off when you aren't in the room unless you are using them to draw in cooler outside air.

**Line Dry the Laundry** Not only does **line drying the laundry** help reduce your summer energy bills, but it also extends the life of your clothes. Air drying is gentler on clothes and doesn't cause stains to set in as much.

**Use a Power Strip for Electronics** Your home office equipment and entertainment center may draw a trickle of electricity when these gadgets are in standby mode, even if they are not in use. Put these items on a **power strip** and turn off the strip when not in use.

**Install Water-Saving Plumbing Fixtures & Appliances** Many times, water conservation and water heating go hand in hand. If you can reduce the amount of water flowing out of your shower, it will also save energy by heating less water. By installing a **water-saving showerhead**, you can use just 1.5 gallons per minute of water while showering. Putting an **aerator** on your sink faucet can restrict water flow to just 0.5 gallons of water per minute. These changes result in big energy and water savings. There are **front-loading washers** that use one-third of the water, energy, and detergent of a top-loading washer. And an **energy-saving dishwasher** uses significantly **less water and energy** than washing your dishes by hand.

**Swap Out Inefficient Light Bulbs** If you have any incandescent or halogen light bulbs, replace them with **LED bulbs**. Inefficient light bulbs produce heat in addition to light, wasting energy. This is especially wasteful in the summer when you want to keep your home cool.

## Dan's Reflection on Donuts...

There were such good conversations in that two weeks of Donuts with Dan. I tend to genuinely like people and find people at Zion likeable. Thinking back over the groups, I am intrigued by some mysteries. For example, a question in each group was, "Is there a gift you received out of the conflict resolution work several years ago?" Some mentioned that information is now shared more transparently in the congregation. Some mentioned the vulnerable and fruitful work of reconciliation. Others mentioned more patience and not needing to agree in order to care for each other. Still others about the improved energy they feel in the fellowship hall on Sundays. I didn't take notes during the conversations, but I did record a few things afterward. And an interesting trend caught my eye.

- 56% of participants were very positive about changes resulting from the hard work, even if there were disappointments.
- 10% of participants expressed overall dissatisfaction.
- 34% of participants were mostly quiet.

This third group intrigues me, because I find silence hard to interpret, so there is a mystery there. I wish I'd paid attention during the conversations rather than after they were done. Are those who were quiet the people who dislike conflict so much it's hard to talk about it? Do the quiet ones feel disconnected from congregational life for some reason (maybe being gone for long periods of time)? Are people too polite to say something negative? Or still waiting to decide?

Maybe you have an idea . . . .

## New Announcements

**Mennonite Women** will meet Wednesday, June 8. Mara Weaver Boshart will lead devotions at 11:30 am. The noon meal will be provided.

**MCC Great Lakes launches new initiative: Churches Engaging on Climate Change (CECC):** In light of MCC's commitment to care for God's creation and accompany marginalized communities harmed by climate change, MCC is looking for congregations interested in engaging in climate change in their own communities. CECC offers education and advocacy opportunities, connections with local partners and seed grants. Learn more and sign up for additional information at [mcc.org/churches-climate-change](http://mcc.org/churches-climate-change).

**Sons & Daughters of Thunder** is an Emmy® nominated and award-winning docudrama showcased at the Fayette Opera House on Saturday, June 25. Doors open at 1:00PM. The event is sponsored by Bean Creek Valley History Center. Tickets can be purchased by calling 419-237-2721 and are 10 dollars or group tickets (over 10) for 8 dollars. Sons & Daughters of Thunder is based on the play by Earlene Hawley and Curtis Heeter, and tells the unforgettable true story of the beginning of the end of slavery in America.

**Update on Special Delegate Session:** Last weekend, delegates Mike Zimmerman, Ilse Goertz, and Sue Short, along with Corben Weaver Boshart (present, but not a delegate), attended the Special Delegate Session in Kansas City. Delegates were each assigned to table groups with others from around the country. There was a wide range of perspectives represented at each table, as well as an attitude of respectful and healthy dialogue throughout the weekend. The Resolution for Justice in the Criminal Legal System was presented at this gathering for study and processing around tables. The Accessibility Resolution passed unanimously. The Membership Guidelines Resolution passed by 82.8% (to retire). The Resolution for Repentance and Transformation passed by 55.7%. **We plan to offer a synopsis of the delegate session during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, June 19th.** We will likely not need the entire hour, so classes can choose to meet during the second half, if they wish.

## Don't Forget

**FISH Pantry:** June is Zion's month to bring in food to stock the FISH food pantry's shelves! See the back of today's order of service for a list of needs, or pick up a half sheet from the table outside the office. Food items can be left on the same table. Monetary donations can be left in the office or through the offering, just mark so on your envelope. Zion will be collecting items through the month of June.

**Zion 101:** Recognizing that we have a number of new persons who have been participating in the life of our congregation, the pastors have been talking about offering a one session class that would serve as an orientation or introduction to Zion. Since Corben's last Sunday with us has moved up a few weeks, we'd like to do this sooner rather than later. While the class is geared toward those who are new to Zion, anyone else from the congregation who is interested is also welcome. Zion 101 will be offered on Sunday, June 12th in the MYF room during the Sunday School hour. Contact Corben or Sue if you have any questions.

## Don't Forget continued..

**MCC in need of material resources:** MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. ***We need comforters and relief, hygiene, school, dignity, infant care and sewing kits, as well as soap and towels.*** Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

**It's My Coins Count time again at Zion!** Last year Zion raised \$1,835.22! Your collections will help provide clean water to families around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and its partners funding projects like building cisterns in [Bolivia](#), latrines in [DR Congo](#), and drilling wells in Ethiopia and Mozambique. Families are invited to bring coins to add to the collection at the church, on **Sunday June 19th**, which will be dropped off and counted at the Care and Share Home Store on Sat., June 25. Adults can support the drive by offering to match the amount collected by the children! Access to clean water helps children remain healthy, go to school, eat better food, helps families stay together, and reduces community conflicts. Thank you for making a difference in the world through MyCC and MCC!

## Faith on the Move

This is the story of our journey learning about French culture, communities and churches through our work and ministry with the Paris Mennonite Center. Working for Conflict Transformation and Restorative Justice

### **Working for Conflict Transformation and Restorative Justice**

One of the projects we are helping to coordinate is the launch of a [Center for Justice and Peace \(CFJP\)](#), whose goal is to provide theological training for individuals, communities and churches in the French-speaking world, in the areas of peace, justice and reconciliation. Matthew has been asked to chair the project's coordinating committee. During the last week of February, 20 persons gathered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast to create a Master's level curriculum in the areas of Conflict Transformation and Restorative Justice.

The persons participating represented the countries of Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, France, Guadeloupe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Switzerland, and the US. We were energized by the wealth of biblical wisdom, academic conviction, and spiritual fortitude of those present who included, professors and pastors, missionaries and activists, diplomats and mediators.

### **Women's Resilience in the Face of Generational Trauma**

During the meeting, a professor and academic dean from the Eastern Congo talked about the 25 years of conflict in her region and how it has caused generational trauma at every level of society. She spoke specifically of the violence many women have been subjugated to but also to the critical role women have played in bringing about change in her city. Despite the many scars of protracted conflict, the resilience of women has enabled the community to experience transformation it might not have been able to otherwise. She also implored us to meet the needs of the church—that biblical and theological education in the areas of peace, justice and reconciliation are sorely needed if the community is to continue to heal, and to help others to do the same.

### **Confronting Political Violence against Christians and Muslims**

Another pastor and professor from Chad talked about his role in government-level mediation work. In a country that recently experienced a bloodless coup, Chad is presently governed by 15 generals, whose rule is feared across Christian and Muslim communities. Quite recently, this pastor was specifically asked to be involved in government-level mediation efforts between various communities in conflict; he was asked to do so by Muslim generals, not simply because of his mediation skills, but because of his Christian integrity. In the face of political corruption, unmet social and economic promises, and a deteriorating medical and educational system, he has been forced to not simply be a neutral mediator but to speak truth to power, confront authorities when necessary and retain a critical distance from lucrative financial gain—all at the risk of his personal safety as well as his family's.

Lastly, the meetings unfolded at the same time as Russian tanks were invading Ukraine, reminding everyone of the impending horrors of war and the need for divine intervention on the part of our Lord and Savior, the Prince of Peace.

We thank God for each of you, your prayers and gifts in support of our ministry make our work with leaders in Christian peacebuilding and justice work in Europe and Africa possible. Please continue to pray for us, our partners in this project and our work in developing this program to serve the Church.

Grace and Peace, Matthew and Toni Krabill (Paris Mennonite Center)