

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**May 29, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, May 29**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

### **Monday, May 30 ~ Memorial Day**

Office closed

### **Thursday, June 2**

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

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **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)

## Office News

~ Office hours for Dan this week will start midmorning on Thursday (June 2). He will also be in Friday (June 3).

~ Sue & Corben will be out of the office at the delegate session Friday, May 27th, through Monday, May 30th.

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

## Happy Anniversary:

**June 2** - Lowell & Mary Ann Yoder (60)

**June 3** - Phil & Lisa Nofziger (39)

**June 3** - Howard & Carolyn Snyder (61)

## Happy Birthday:

**May 30** - Jan Roth

**May 30** - Angie Short

**May 30** - Connor Wyse

**May 30** - Ty Aeschliman

**June 1** - Donabell Nofziger

**June 1** - Brad Short

**June 1** - Bruce Whiteman

## Service of Psalms

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Randy Stuckey

**Psalms Teach Us to Get Ready to Listen to and Talk with God**

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman ~ "Be Still And Know" (handout)

**Psalms Teach Us to Hear God's Invitation to Listen to and Talk with God**

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Randy Stuckey

**Psalms Teach Us to Sing Praise to God**

Hymn of Praise ~ Eric Lehman ~ "Praise The Lord" (HWB 50)

**Psalms Teach Us to Remember Good Things God Has Done**

Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 105

Reading ~ Psalm 22:1-11

Song ~ "Where Are You Now" (Recording)

**Psalms Teach Us to Hear God's Promise: "I Love You"**

Reading ~ Psalm 103:1-14

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman ~ "O Bless The Lord, My Soul" (HWB 600)

**Psalms Teach Us to Say "Thank You, Lord"**

Reading ~ Psalm 116:12-19

**Psalms Teach Us to Listen to God's Word**

Sermon/Meditation ~ Dan Miller ~ *Not Just For Kids And Funerals*

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman ~ "Shepherd Me, O God" (HWB 519)

**Psalms Teach Us to Ask for God's Help**

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Greg Nofziger

**Psalms Teach Us to Offer Gifts to God**

Offertory Prayer/Music ~ Randy Stuckey/Karen Stuckey

**The Psalms Teach Us to Choose God's Path**

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman ~ "Thy Word" (SNC 86)

**The Psalms Teach Us to Receive God's Blessing**

Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman ~ "Go, My Children" (HWB 433)

## Memorial Day Weekend

### Pastoral Care Coverage

Memorial Day Weekend Pastoral Care Coverage: Corben and Sue will be in Kansas City over the weekend attending the Special Delegate session. In the event of an emergency, you can contact Dan Miller (574-238-1883), who will be in town on Friday and Sunday mornings, Lonnie Short (419-583-9567), available Saturday through Monday, or Greg Nofziger (419-583-6769), available all weekend.

**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

**Friday, May 27th– Monday, May 30th** - MCUSA Special Delegate Session in Kansas City.

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

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

## Donuts with Dan Update

Thanks to the 48 more individuals who participated this week, for a total of 96 in this round of Donuts with Dan. I've enjoyed the conversations and getting to know Zion people in a beginning way. My goal is to be able to greet people by name on Sunday morning. Mistakes will be made of course, and that is part of the learning process. For any I have not met yet, I am open to other options.

Again this week, here are a few reflections:

- People have asked about my wife; apparently, I didn't do a very good job of sharing information about her.
- What draws us to a church in the beginning may not be the reasons we stay during the hard times.
- Varying intensity of grief over Corben's (and Mara's) upcoming departure from Zion.
- Several individuals commented that parts of the building are now larger than currently needed and wondered about new ways to utilize the space.
- Affirmation for increased transparency in decision-making processes, such as the recent sprinkler system repair.

~ Dan Miller

## New Announcements

**Immigrant Support meeting** in the sanctuary following the worship service today, Sunday May 29th. For those who cannot make it we will zoom Tuesday, May 31st, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in learning more about sponsoring immigrants and have not signed up, please contact Lori Bontrager, 419-966-0275.

## 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.

**A Call to Prayer:** Ohio Conference invited congregations to pray, beginning last Sunday and continuing through Memorial Day, for our Conference, for credentialed ministry leaders, for Ohio Conference delegates, and for all MC USA delegates. The Conference also invites those who are physically able to consider a time of fasting during next week as they pray. MC USA created a prayer guide with scripture and reflections for each day next week. Click this link to access the resource: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Delegate-Assembly-Prayer-Guide.pdf>

**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!

## Missions & Service Team (MiST)

I'd like to add a plea from MiST to anyone/any group (SS, family group, friend group, etc) to consider making a **community meal** some time during the summer or fall. Again, St John's will provide the labor for setting up, serving and cleaning up. They would appreciate relief from making the meal once in awhile! We only have to transport it (and MiST can help find help for that, if that's a barrier for you!). Thanks, and you can contact Lori Bontrager [419.966.0275] for MiST.

## Spiritual Leadership Minutes May 7, 2022

Present: Corben Weaver Boshart, Dan Miller, Lonnie Short, Sue Short, Suz Wirick, Mike Zimmerman. Absent Greg Nofziger

**Opening:** We met on Sunday May 7, 2022 after Sunday school so Dan could be present. Corben used Romans 8:26-38 referring to God's providence. Asking is it the broader church or our moving forward and reminding us that our plan was predestined before we even knew. He ended with a quote saying "all will be well, all will be well, and all manner of things will be well."

**Old Business: \* MCUSA Special Delegate Session:** Corben Weaver Boshart, attending but not as a delegate; Sue Short, Ilse Goertz and Mike Zimmerman are the four attending the conference leaving May 27, 2022. We reviewed the "listening session" with the congregation, it noted widespread affirmation that we change our guidelines to suit our practices. Mike is going to prepare a summary of the counsel received from the meeting for the congregation. **\* Update on Housing for Dan:** At this point Dan feels comfortable with the Zimmerman apartment but would like to visit the other apartment before making a final decision. **\* Update on Corben's exit plans:** Corben's primary concern is he wants everything done well for Zion and he wants what feels good for both Sue and Dan. He asked the elders what they feel needs to be done before he leaves. Following a time of discussion, it was determined that June 26, 2022 will be the "Farewell Sunday" for Corben and Mara. On Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> he will bring more detailed information to Zion's congregants. He also talked about his desire to find opportunities to reflect on good things he sees at Zion since his beginning, such as the Lombard process and where Zion is today. He wondered aloud about how Zion would describe the kind of community they have become and what the phrase, "all people are invited"; from our vision statement means to them. Corben asked for ways he can be most useful at Zion until his exit. It was suggested he summarize the information for the delegates for the Zion's record and give us a conference report upon his return from convention.

**New Business: \* Sue's Ordination:** June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with Sue! **\* Donut's with Dan:** after some planning we decided that Dan will determine what questions he would like to ask when meeting with groups of up to eight people, which can include children, teenagers and adults of all ages. He feels this will be very helpful for him to put faces with names. **\*Senior Sunday:** May 15, 2022 **\* Baptismal Service:** May 22, 2022, the participants chose to have it at the Weldy/Yoder pond weather permitting. **\*Other:** The elders were to suggest possible candidates for the position of elder to fill the open position left by Chris Liechty's passing. Many names were suggested and will be passed on to Gifts Discernment Team.

**Pastoral Concerns:** We reviewed various care concerns in the congregation.

**Next Meeting:** June 13, 2022 -4:30pm. **Agenda Items: a.** Micah Frankenfield will be sharing with the SLT the final draft on Agreement #8. **Devotions – Greg Nofziger**

**Respectfully Submitted :** Suz Wirick