

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 10, 2022

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, July 10

8:30 am ~ No Sojourners Class
9:30 am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School & concert in sanctuary

Monday, July 11

4:30 pm ~ SLT

Wednesday, July 13

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (fellowship hall)

Thursday, July 14

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, July 15

11:00 am ~ Esther Boylan Fundraiser (carry out only)

Sunday, July 17

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class
9:30 am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Bruce Whiteman

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Bruce Whiteman

Hymns ~ Herm & Vince

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (HWB 616)

“I've Come on Home”

Offering/Offertory ~ Bruce/Herm & Vince

Scripture ~ Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Communion ~ Sue Short

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Greg Nofziger

Song of Response ~ Herm & Vince

“Hope For Tomorrow”

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Sending Song ~ Herm & Vince

“It's A Wonderful World”

Office News

~ Dan's typical weekly schedule will be Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Happy Anniversary:

July 12 - Barnaby & Michelle Wyse (25)

Happy Birthday:

July 10 - Cork Nofziger

July 11 - Wendell Beck

July 12 - Miriam Richer, Cathi Beck, Cal Britsch,
Dianne Lantz, Carolyn Sauder

July 16 - Phil Rich, Artie Short



*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

July Worship: In July, we'll center ourselves in a variety of scripture texts, either from the lectionary, or as a 'pastor's choice.' **On Sunday, July 10th**, come enjoy the music of Herm Weaver and Vince Buckwalter during worship, and in concert in the sanctuary during the second hour. The lifelong friends and singer-songwriters reunite after meeting in 1977 at Hesston College (Kan.) The duo performs original vocals, mixed in with acoustic guitar and piano. Songs come from music written long ago and brand new compositions. (Check out their music at hermandvince.com) **We invite you to consider contributing toward Herm and Vince's travel expenses and supporting their music ministry.** There will be baskets at the back of the sanctuary and near the wing door. If you'd like to write a check, make it out to "Simple Songs." Or, visit their website (hermandvince.com) and click the "donations" tab at the top give online.

August Worship: During August, we'll return to our Front Porch to hear faith stories from one another, and reflect on ways in which God has been present during times of change and transition. You are invited to dress casually for worship, bring your coffee, and embrace these last few weeks of summer.

New Announcements

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, July 13, from 9 am to 3 pm in the fellowship room. Nadine Zook Miller (Dan's wife) will be with us at 11:30 to describe her work in Goshen, IN as Materials Resource Coordinator with MCC Great Lakes. Visitors are welcome to hear her presentation and join us for the noon meal, which follows.

During the months of July and August, Mennonite Women are **supporting the request by MCC for two kits currently in short supply: relief kits and school kits.** Itemized lists necessary for each kit may be found on the table across from the library or can be found online at www.mcc.org. Bring any items you wish to contribute in a bag or box and they will be packaged and delivered to a MCC pick up location. Items for MCC kits can be placed on the table immediately outside the church office.

Stewardship is beginning to work on budgets. If you are in charge of a budget, please turn it in by July 17th to Cal Britsch.

Fundraising Enchilada Dinner cooked by Esther Boylan will be on Friday, July 15th. Meal includes 1 Tamale, 2 Beef Enchiladas, Rice and beans, side of mild salsa. Carryout only at Esther's home from 11am-1pm, 3pm-5:30pm at \$8 per meal. Please call ahead for orders of more than 5 meals. See the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information.

Meals for Josiah and Lydia: A meal train has been created to provide meals for Lydia and Josiah as they transition into a family of three. You can sign up by going to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r4qnnnd>. The goal is to provide 2 meals a week starting Tuesday, July 11 and going through Thursday, July 28. If you would like to send a meal but are not confident in navigating the website, please contact Abby Pennington at 419-572-1345.

Thank You

We want to thank all the children and adults at **Zion Mennonite** for your generosity and enthusiasm in collecting coins to support MCC water projects through **My Coins Count**. Your contribution totaled **\$654.42** this year. When clean water is available, children are healthier and have time and energy to go to school. Access to water allows families to stay together and grow healthy food and generate income for expenses. Communities are more peaceful when not fighting over scarce resources. Thank you for joining with Mennonite Central Committee to assist our partners around the world in meeting the basic needs of children and families in the name of Christ.

~ Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC GL Constituent Engagement Coordinator.

Don't Forget

Donuts with Dan, Phase II: After checking with several people and thinking it over, the simplest way to continue getting acquainted might be meeting with households as they are available. Let's set up a time. I am available afternoons on Mon, Wed, Thur., Friday; and evenings on Sun, Mon, Wed, Thur. Contact me at 574.238.1883, danm.zionmc@gmail.com, or leave a message at the office and I will get back with you. ~ Dan Miller

Pastoral Care Update

As Corben completed his time on June 26, and Dan shifts to full-time on July 1, we (Sue and Dan) wish to state that pastoral care remains a priority for the two of us.

1. We commit to walking with folks during crisis moments. You can contact either one of us directly, whether or not we are currently in the office. We will listen and pray with you over the phone, as that is desired. The pastors will work with you to determine who is best situated to respond beyond the initial contact. Even if Dan is in Goshen at the time, he is only two hours away if he needs to be physically present. Contact information for the pastors is listed weekly at the top of Zion's newsletter.
2. People have ownership of their own story. If you become aware of a challenging situation someone else is facing, you can encourage that person to talk with a pastor. You can also offer to share information with a pastor if the person is open to that.
3. Elders understand their role in the congregation includes pastoral care. Contact information for elders can be found at the top of the Zion weekly newsletter.
4. We commit to being in touch with congregational caregivers so the congregation can offer care in practical and helpful ways.

There can be hiccups when roles change, so we ask that you inform us when we falter, and for your patience as we work together. We know people's preferences differ about how and when they wish to receive care from pastors. We depend strongly on your direct communication with us.

We want to give special appreciation to the Elders for the two months we (Sue and Dan) have had working together and getting to know one another. It feels like it gave us a head start for this time.

If there are questions, please connect with one of us.

~ Collaborative Ministry Team – Sue Short and Dan Miller

Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) Minutes

June 2022

Present: Corben Weaver Boshart, Dan Miller, Greg Nofziger, Lonnie Short, Sue Short, Suz Wirick and Mike Zimmerman via zoom. Guest participant: Micah Frankenfield.

Opening: We met for a light meal, as it was our last SLT meeting with Corben. Greg gave a testimonial called "Life is a Curve Ball," reflecting back to his days of playing baseball and experiencing a curve ball which caused him to strike out.

Old Business: Micah Frankenfield came to review Agreement #8 – Structures and Leadership. Their team wanted the SLT's opinion on how this document has been working for the SLT after being in effect for nine months. The Structures and Leadership team are looking to give better definition between Spiritual Leadership Team and Church Council. He asked what church programs or initiatives we feel weakened or strengthened over the last 12 months. In summary, the SLT sees that leadership at Zion has changed, and has noticed people are recognizing opportunities and moving forward on their own initiative. We also finalized plans for Corben and Mara's last Sunday, on June 26th.

New Business - Timeline for Forming Search Committee. We addressed what SLT needs to do prior to selecting a search committee. Dan designed a plan on how to set up the committee for a successful pastoral search. It includes congregational participation through the fall. He recognizes that Zion has done significant work on structure and conflict, and a vision statement is in place, which is very helpful in presenting who Zion is to a new candidate. He had a diagram highlighting five areas congregations address during significant leadership changes: 1. Heritage: grief, celebration, retell narrative and vision, and establish a Handbook; 2. Mission/Vision: what still resonates, guidelines for emerging initiatives; 3. Connections: MCUSA, Ohio Conference; 4. Leadership: watch for people to tap, and 5. Future: Covid, remind people of stance going forward. Dan explained that candidates are more eager to accept a pastoral position if they see the congregation continuing to move forward, and experimenting with new things and ideas. From his past experiences, Dan finds it to be more beneficial if the Spiritual Leadership Team fills out the Congregational Information Form that is needed to begin the search, rather than the search committee. This method is different from past processes used at Zion, but the SLT is more familiar with the information needed. It is helpful for the candidate to know the definition of the pastoral team. Once that is defined and passed on to the search committee, the committee is better equipped to move forward in the process. It was decided that on Sunday morning June 19th Lonnie would make a preliminary announcement stating the elders are in the process of preparing for a formal search committee. We will be forthcoming on our progress, hoping to have a team in place and ready to begin their work by the first of next year, paving the way for a House of Peace.

Congregational concerns: were light.

~ Respectfully Submitted by Suz Wirick