

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**July 17, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, July 17**

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

### **Monday, July 18**

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers  
6:00 pm ~ Formation Team

### **Thursday, July 21**

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

### **Sunday, July 24**

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** ~ Jan Cobb Nofziger  
**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Jan Cobb Nofziger  
**Hymns** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
    "Come We That Love The Lord" (HWB 14)  
    "Praise The Lord Sing Hallelujah" (HWB 50)  
**Offering/Offertory** ~ Jan/Bonnie  
**Scripture** ~ Mark 12:28-34  
**Sermon** ~ Dan Miller  
**Song of Response** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
    "Renew Your Church" (HWB 363)  
**Prayer for the Church and World** ~ Mike Zimmerman  
**Benediction** ~ Dan Miller  
**Sending Song** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
    "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" (HWB 95)

## Happy Anniversary:

July 17 - Micah & Sarah Frankenfield (12)  
July 19 - Keith & Jackie Lehman (42)

## Happy Birthday:

July 17 - Max Aeschliman  
July 19 - Elaine Schmitkey  
July 21 - Ella Richer

## Office News

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

## Outdoor Hymn Sing Next Sunday.

We wanted to have a Sunday morning of singing. Because some of us are uncomfortable singing that much indoors right now we decided to try an experiment and meet outside. People keep mentioning how great the singing was under the carport at the office entrance. So let's plan to meet there. The carport offers some good shade and is an even surface for walking. Bring lawn chairs and a water bottle to stay hydrated. We look forward to singing next Sunday, July 24th!



**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.' See page one of the newsletter for more info about our July 24th hymn sing.

**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. The Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) is planning a worship and dialog Sunday for August 21. Watch for details in coming weeks. You won't want to miss out!

## New Announcements

**Congregational Caregivers** will meet on Monday, July 18th, at 11 am.

**Formation Team** will meet Monday, July 18th, at 6 pm.

**MCC webinar on July 26: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers:** When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC for a free webinar on Tuesday, July 26, at 2 p.m. EDT to learn about ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them, to offer creative housing solutions. We will hear from panelists involved with the Asylum Seekers Housing Network (ASHN), the Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE), Reservoir Hill House of Peace (RHHP), Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) and more. Learn more and register at: [mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions](http://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions).

**I Don't Understand What's Going On!** During the Sunday School hour on July 31, Dan Miller will talk about items that often come up for congregations during a pastoral transition. He will also share some of the ways the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) is approaching these items, and how they are working to set up the pastoral search team for a successful search.

## Blood Drive Coordinated By Ella Richer

I'm hosting a Red Cross Leaders Save Lives blood drive in the multipurpose room at church on August 8. My goal is 25 units, so I would appreciate it if you could sign up to donate! To make an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or contact me at [24ericher@pettisvilleschools.org](mailto:24ericher@pettisvilleschools.org). Thank you so much! Please spread the word to family and friends who may be interested!

~ Ella Richer

## Don't Forget

**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](http://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.

**Relief Kits:** provide needed supplies for a family of four, and are given to those whose lives have been disrupted by disaster or crisis. Please purchase NEW items only: (4) large bars of bath soap, left in wrapper; (1-2) shampoo, totaling no more than 20 oz, and placed in resealable plastic bag; (4) bars of laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands; (4) adult-sized toothbrushes in packaging; (4) new bath towels, medium weight, in dark/bright colors, approx 29x60 inches; (2) wide-toothed combs, 6-8 inch size; (1) nail clipper, good quality; (1) box of adhesive bandages, minimum 40 count, assorted sizes; sanitary pads, THIN, 1-2 packages, minimum 28 pads total.

**School Kits:** (4) spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8x10 - 70 sheets); (8) new unsharpened pencils; (1) ruler, flat, good quality, must have 30 cm. Inch markings optional; (2) new black or blue ballpoint pens; MW will provide the all-metal pencil sharpeners that are to be included in these kits.

**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.

**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/r4qnd>. 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.