

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**July 3, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, July 3**

8:30 am ~ No Sojourners Class

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

### **Monday, July 4 ~ Office Closed**

Happy Independence Day

### **Thursday, July 7**

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

9:30 am ~ Staff

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Sunday, July 10**

8:30 am ~ No Sojourners Class

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

10:45 am ~ Sunday School & concert in sanctuary

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Rachel Aeschliman

**Interlude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Rachel Aeschliman

**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” (HWB 285)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Rachel/Karen

**Prayer for the Church and World** ~ Suz Wirick

**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“Blessed Savior We Adore Thee” (HWB 107)

**Scripture** ~ Revelation 7:9-17

**Sermon** ~ Dan Miller

**Response of Anointing** ~ Julia Richer

“Jesus, Be The Center” (Handout)

**Benediction** ~ Dan Miller

**Sending Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“The Lord Lift You Up” (STJ 73)

## Happy Birthday:

**July 5** - Kathy (Artie) Short, Micah Frankenfield

**July 7** - Mary Gisel, Maggie Short

**July 8** - Connie Short

**July 9** - Mark Nafziger

## Office News

~ Dan will be in the office Thursday and Friday this week.

## For worship this Sunday

Since it's a holiday this seems like a great opportunity to try something new. The worship planners are inviting those present this Sunday to participate in two experiments.

First, we invite everyone to sit in the chairs in the front of the sanctuary or in the wings. We wonder what it would be like to sit where we can see each other. It might be tricky as we figure out how to observe physical distancing. If it feels too close, we encourage people to spread out so they feel comfortable.

Second, after the sermon there will be an invitation to come for anointing with oil. Dan will be preaching from Rev 7:9-17 which speaks of no more hunger, thirst, or scorching heat. Instead, “the lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd” who will guide them to springs of the water of life. Is there some way you need Jesus, the lamb at the center of the throne, to be your shepherd? If so, we invite you to come for anointing at any one of the stations as a response to the sermon.



*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](http://hermandvince.com))

**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.

## 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

## New Announcements

**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](mailto:danm.zionmc@gmail.com), or leave a message at the office and I will get back with you. ~ Dan Miller

## 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.

Dear Zion, we want to thank you for all of your prayers and support during our recent loss. We also want to thank Sue, Corben and Dan for helping us get through this difficult time. ~ Ruth Meyer Family

Thanks to the many hands that helped serve a picnic to East Garden last week. We're so glad to be part of such a willing congregation! ~ Lori Bontrager for MiST

## Don't Forget

**Golf Benefit:** Adriel is having a benefit golf scramble on September 12th at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. See the bulletin board across from the bathrooms for more information.