

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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August 7, 2022

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, August 7

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

Monday, August 8 ~ *Red Cross Blood Drive*

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)
4:30 pm ~ SLT (MYF room)

Wednesday, August 10

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (fellowship hall)

Thursday, August 11

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

Sunday, August 14

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 ~ Larry Wyse

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Larry Wyse

Opening Hymns ~ Eric Lehman

“Praise The Lord, Sing Halleluiah” (HWB 50)

“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross” (HWB 617)

Scripture ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Offering/Offertory ~ Bonnie/Larry

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Sue Short

Congregational Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (HWB 555)

Scripture ~ John 14:1-3

Sermon From the Porch

~ Dan Miller with Max & Brenda Aeschliman

Hymn of Response ~ Eric Lehman

“Precious Lord Take My Hand” (HWB 575)

Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“Bless'd Be The Tie That Binds” (HWB 421)

Happy Birthday:

August 7 - Rosemary Baer

August 8 - Chris Richer

August 9 - Tim Wagler

August 10 - Tim Grieser

August 11 - Cecilia Wyse.

August 13 - Suz Wirick

Happy Anniversary:

August 9 ~ Randy & Karen Stuckey (47)

August 11 - Dan & Deb Nofziger (43)

August 13 ~ Don & Mary Oesch (60)

Office News

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

~ Bethany will be on vacation next week, August 8-12.
The office will be open and staffed every day.



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

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. See below for more details. You won't want to miss out!

****Next Sunday, August 14, we will celebrate Back to School Sunday for students and teachers returning to the classroom this fall.** Students and teachers who have bookbags or backpacks are welcome to bring them to worship.**

Upcoming Bridge Sundays

The first "Bridge Sunday" is coming on August 21. The morning will begin with warm cinnamon rolls. September's focus will be heritage. Heritage includes a group's God-given personality and how the group faces into events. Reflection on where a group has come from brings awareness of these characteristics and sheds light on how the group is likely to face events going forward. Lunch will be a charcuterie board or table.

The goals for this fall series are to:

- accomplish some significant work,
- have fun, and
- set up a pastoral search committee for a successful search.

Everyone's participation and perspective is valuable!

Please note, the September Bridge Sunday is switched from the 18th to the 25th.

Dwelling in the Word

Bible Reading Schedule for the coming week: Join us in reading through the New Testament!

Mon, August 8: Acts 13-14

Tues, August 9: Acts 15-16

Wed, August 10: Acts 17-18

Thurs, August 11: Acts 19-20

Fri, August 12: Acts 21-22

Sat, August 13: Acts 23-24

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 or contact me at 24ericher@pettisvilleschools.org Thank you so much! Please spread the word to family and friends who may be interested!

~ Ella Richer

Thank You

Hello, I would like to say thank you to everyone who came, got me a gift, and has been so kind to me. Growing up in Zion has been a blessing. I am so blessed and grateful for the past 17 years I've been at Zion. Going to Goshen College knowing that I have a whole community praying and thinking about me, is truly a blessing to me. ~ With love Meleah Plank

Zion we want to thank those who sent cards and brought in meals as we transition into a family of three. We appreciate the love, support and generosity of Zion! Thank You! ~The Dahl Family: Josiah, Lydia & Jill

New Announcements

Congregational Caregiver Meeting will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, August 8, (in the Builders classroom).

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, August 10 from 9 am – 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Dan Miller will lead the meditation.

The next Zion Young Families gathering will be on Sunday Aug 14 at 4pm at Rachel Aeschliman and Corey Roth's pond. There will be a picnic style supper around 5:30. Feel free to bring food to share and yard games. Their address is 2823 County Road 24 Archbold. Rachel can be reached at 419-906-7459 if anyone has questions or wants to know more.

Shalom is looking for an advocate from the church to represent Shalom to the congregation. This is a program Shalom had before and is now looking to reinstate. The advocate would meet 2-3 times a year and be responsible for getting information out to the congregation about things happening with Shalom. If you are interested in this, please let the office know.

Have you ever dreamed of walking where Jesus walked? Of seeing where Jesus died? Of sailing the Sea of Galilee like Jesus and His disciples? Now you have the opportunity! **In partnership with Friendship Tours (friendshiptours.com), Pastor Ryan Harker (West Clinton Mennonite) will be leading a group on a 10-day tour of Israel on April 18-27, 2023.** On this extraordinary journey you'll visit the region of Galilee. After a stop in Nazareth and Cana, we'll sail on a boat ride as the disciples did on the Sea of Galilee, visit Caesarea Philippi and Capernaum, stand on the Mount of Beatitudes and imagine listening to Jesus give the Sermon on the Mount. We'll then travel to the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. We'll then spend several days experiencing the Old City of Jerusalem. We'll also visit Masada, the Dead Sea, Qumran, and Megiddo. Join us on an experience of a lifetime! **Informational meeting August 18th at 7pm.**

Don't Forget

The Formation Team is looking for an adult team to lead the Chaos group (grades 6-8) on Wednesday evenings during the fall, winter and spring - beginning after Labor Day. The time would be spent with scripture/lesson studies, simple service projects, and socializing within the group. Please contact Cecilia Wyse (ceciliawyse@gmail.com, 419-705-8778) if you have interest in working with this wonderful group of youth.

The Affirmation Slate prepared by Gifts Discernment for the up-coming terms for members of Zion's Ministry Teams is attached to this week's Newsletter. Please respond by completing an on-line response (a link to the form is included in the electronic copy distributed with this newsletter) **OR** by completing a paper copy of the form and placing it in the designated box across from the mailboxes. Please respond by Sunday, August 14. Thank you! -- Gifts Discernment

Project Respect's 12th Annual Golf Outing will be held Aug. 20 at 8:00a.m. at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. In-person registration begins at 7:00a.m. The cost is \$320 per team of 4 players or \$80 per individual. Registration includes 18 holes, golf cart, and lunch. To register as a team or as an individual, visit the events tab at <https://projectrespectnwo.org/> or call 419-636-5692. Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. Proceeds from the event help fund positive character education in our local communities. Project Respect is the educational program of CPC Women's Health Resource.

Crusade the musical: is a modern day musical based out of Nashville. It is called The Crusade. It is about the life of Billy Graham and the events and relationships that helped shape his faith as he became one of the most iconic evangelists in the world. Coming to NWO/MI this fall. The musical will be at Pettisville Missionary Church on Sept 24 and Sept 25. www.crusadethemusical.com

Back to School Prayer Walks: The Archbold Area Ministerial Association is again sponsoring Prayer Walks through our local schools to pray for the students, teachers, administrators, and staff as they prepare for a new school year. We encourage you to bring your families and be a part of this meaningful event!

~ Pettisville School: Thursday, August 11 at 7 pm. Meet in the Atrium. (Pastor Kent Norr leading)

~ Archbold School: Wednesday, August 17 at 7 pm. Meet in the High School Parking Lot. (Pastor Jason Sharp leading)

Ongoing Opportunities to Give

During 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.

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, as-sorted 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.

****Just a reminder that this weekend, August 5-7, is tax free weekend in Ohio. This would be a great time to buy items for school kits if you were planning to.****

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 for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

Spiritual Leadership Team minutes

July 2022

Present: Dan Miller, Greg Nofziger (via zoom), Lonnie Short, Sue Short, Suz Wirick, Mike Zimmerman

Opening: Lonnie used I Corinthians 13:1-13 as his devotional. He also referenced Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward*, in which the author reflects on what he calls the two halves of life - the years leading up to middle age, and middle age through old age.

Membership Requests: The SLT processed several membership requests and are arranging for conversations with interested persons.

Dan's Education Expenses: Dan will participate in a program on "Family Systems" from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. It includes three sessions. SLT approved this as a professional expense.

Funeral Meals: Sue brought up the issue of paying for funeral meals. Historically, the family of the deceased typically pays for the meat, and the remainder is covered by Zion. She and Dan reported a conversation they had with one of the funeral home directors. They learned that area churches handle funeral meals in a variety of different ways. The pastors would like to ask if Council would consider revisiting this issue and looking at other possibilities.

Implementation of "Listening Session": Dan restated 5 focal points that come up during pastoral transitions: Heritage, Mission/Vision, Connections, Leadership, and Future. He recognizes some work has already been done, or is in progress. It takes a lot of working together to reach our goals, and we need to celebrate our accomplishments. Dan suggests we meet to have one conversation per month, tying it in with worship, and ending with a different celebration meal each time. The first two interactions will be on August 21st and September 25th. This first session will focus on Zion's heritage, and ways to build on it. The October and November dates and format are to be determined. On Sunday, July 31, during the Sunday school hour, Dan will introduce the five focal points, some common realities of pastoral search processes, and how the SLT is structuring the fall. This is an important prerequisite prior to selecting a search committee, in order to prepare them for success.

Congregational Concerns: were light.

Respectfully submitted: Suz Wirick