

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 31, 2022

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, July 31

- 8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class
- 9:30 am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)
- 10:45 am ~ "I don't understand what's going on!" with Dan Miller. See announcement.

Thursday, August 4

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

Friday, August 5

- 5:30 pm ~ fellowship hall & kitchen reserved

Sunday, August 7

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

Office News

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

Order of Service

- Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
- Welcome & Announcements ~ Steve Hastings
- Interlude ~ Worship Band
- Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Steve Hastings
- Hymns ~ Worship Band
 - "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (CH #337)
- Offering/Offertory ~ Worship Band/Steve
- Scripture ~ Luke 10:25-37
- Sermon ~ Dan Miller ~ "Called to be Neighbors"
- Song of Response ~ Worship Band
 - "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (HWB 307)
- Prayer for the Church and World ~ Suz Wirick
 - "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (HWB 348)
- Benediction ~ Dan Miller
- Sending Song ~ Worship Band
 - "Lord I Need You" (screen)

Happy Birthday:

- July 31 - Cheryl Britsch
- August 1 - Duane Sauder
- August 2 - Grace Hastings
- August 4 - Sharon Frey, Anita Roth
- August 5 - Ty Yoder
- August 6 - Naomi Richer

Happy Anniversary:

- July 31 - Frank & Cara Ulrich (68)
- August 1 - Corey Roth & Rachel Aeschliman (10)
- August 3 ~ Dale & Arlene Short (59)
- August 3 ~ Travis & Abby Pennington (3)
- August 4 ~ Gareth & Judith Short (49)
- August 4 ~ Tom & Bonnie Stuckey (49)
- August 5 ~ Dan & Karen Ruth (44)
- August 6 ~ Duane & Barb Short (56)



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.'

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!

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

Mon, July 25: Acts 1-2

Tues, July 26: Acts 3-4

Wed, July 27: Acts 5-6

Thurs, July 28: Acts 7-8

Fri, July 29: Acts 9-10

Sat, July 30: Acts 11-12

During Sunday School Today

I Don't Understand What's Going On! During the Sunday School hour on July 31, Dan Miller will talk in the fellowship hall 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.

Mark Your Calendars

The SLT is holding a series of monthly "Bridge Sundays" through the fall. The first two are scheduled for August 21st and September 18th. October and November dates TBD. The August 21st meeting will be in the fellowship hall, and the morning will weave together elements of worship, prayer and conversation. Planners are currently looking at ways to incorporate children at the beginning and then activities for them for the remainder of the morning. The Fellowship Ministry Team is planning a special noon lunch, and each month will be different. August will be a charcuterie board or table, and September will be a food truck!

The goals 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 welcome!

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

How can we possibly express the gratitude we feel for the outpouring of caring upon the unexpected death of our son, Nels: cards, flowers, food, notes, visits, caring/comforting comments of pastors and financial donations to the designated charities. We are indeed a member of a caring "family" at Zion. Thank you. ~ LouAnn & David Kanagy

Thank you for your kind expressions of cards, prayers, food, and concerns these past months. Ron is healed and at peace now. Blessings and love to each of you. ~ The Ron Wise family

New Announcements

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.

Church Website Help: Abby Pennington will be at church **Sunday, July 31 from 10:30am to 11:00am** to offer assistance with membership logins through the new church website. *A laptop will be provided. Creating a membership login will allow you to easily access digital copies of church directories, logos, decision making guide and newsletters, as well as submit prayer requests and website update requests online. If you would like to create an account on your own, use the following link: <https://www.zionmennonitechurch.com/membership-login/> Contact Abby at abby.short12@gmail.com for more information.

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

Don't Forget

Choir is Returning! The Zion Choir is planning to begin rehearsing in late September on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30. Anyone with questions is welcome to talk with any of the choir committee members, Kevin Sauder, Karen Ruth, Cheryl Britsch, and Bonnie Stuckey, or director, Duane Beck (419-551-7143, dbeck@pettisvilleschools.org). The choir typically sings once a month at the beginning of the Sunday morning worship service. They also sing a Christmas and a spring program. The choir welcomes new members, whether they attend Zion or another church.

Continuing Community Meal: Pastor Erich is assessing how much support he has for continuing the community meals this fall/next year. An average of 60-90 have been coming consistently. We have provided 4 meals since April. Do any of you have interest in continuing with this? I would need concrete names or groups please. I'm not forcing the issue, but I do want to make you aware of the opportunity. And I don't want to commit without coming to you first; even though we would not be signing up to set up, serve and clean up (though you're welcome to do so!), we would have the *meal to provide and transport* to St John's Church. Pastor Erich is trying to decide if it remains a weekly event or every other week. Please let me know if you're interested and able to do a meal, or get a group together to do one or two, so I can give him an idea what he could expect from Zion. Thank you! Lori Bontrager for MiST 419.966.0275

On the Level Announcement: The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King invites you to take a short quiz to see how much you know about MDS and you can read more about the latest work by volunteers in Paradise, California. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3oiFRqp>

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)