

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 11, 2022

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 11

9:30 am ~ **Worship @ Central** (zoom provided)

Monday, September 12

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers

Tuesday, September 13

6:00 pm ~ Church Council

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS

7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, September 15

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

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, September 18

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship

10:45 am ~ Sunday School for all ages

Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

If you've started our read through the New Testament, keep going! If not, we encourage you to jump on in! If you find it difficult to read, or regularly spend time driving, or just prefer to listen, feel welcome to use an audio Bible version of these chapters each day.

Mon, September 12: 1 Corinthians 1-2

Tues, September 13: 1 Corinthians 3-4

Wed, September 14: 1 Corinthians 5-6

Thurs, September 15: 1 Corinthians 7-8

Fri, September 16: 1 Corinthians 9-10

Sat, September 17: 1 Corinthians 11-12

Offering this Sunday

For those bringing an offering to the joint worship service this Sunday. Central does not take up an offering during their worship service. Instead there is a box outside the sanctuary where offerings can be dropped off. This Sunday there will be two boxes, one marked Central and the other marked Zion. You can put your offering in the box as you enter the sanctuary.

Office News

~ Sue will be out of the office Friday afternoon, September 9th through Sunday afternoon, September 11th to attend a required learning weekend/retreat with one of her mentees.

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

Happy Birthday:

September 12 - Sally Beck, Mabel Ann Klinger

September 13 - Richard Nyce

September 14 - Kenneth Rufenacht, Julia Richer

September 15 - Lou Ann Kanagy, Holly Liechty, Jan Cobb Nofziger

September 16 - Ladonna Andres, Elias Frankenfield

September 17 - Joe Legato, Brenda Aeschliman

Happy Anniversary:

September 13 ~ Gerald & Karen Short (53)

September 17 - Bill & Kathy Beck (44)



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

***Dwelling in the Word* Fall Worship Series:** This summer, we were invited to join other congregations around Ohio Conference in reading through the entire New Testament together using the same Bible reading schedule. **Starting September 18th**, we'll be using scripture texts from this Bible reading schedule each week as a way to deepen our thinking about what we've been reading. We'll reflect together on questions such as "What does this text reveal about Jesus?" and "How does this text reflect the House of Peace?" and "What are we being invited toward in this text?"

If you've already been reading along, keep it up! If you haven't started yet, we encourage you to jump in at today's date on the schedule. (There are extra paper copies of the entire Bible reading schedule on the table across from the mailboxes. Or, contact the office and we can email one to you.) If you fall behind, pop back in when you can and restart with the reading for today's date. **Whether you complete the entire New Testament, or just read straight through a book or two, the important thing is to just keep going and to experience larger sections of scripture in their context together.**

*"With my whole heart, I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you."* (Psalm 119:10-11, NRSV)

September 11th: Combined worship **at Central** (Since 1AD will be providing music for Central Mennonite's worship service on September 11, Duane Beck invited us to come over to worship with them for a combined Central-Zion service. Dan Miller will be serving as the worship leader, and Central's pastor, David Elkins, will be preaching) We will provide zoom access to this service using our usual Worship zoom link.

September 18th worship: "Dwelling in the Word" series begins

September 25th: Bridge Sunday #2 (worship, conversation, and a special lunch) & annual business meeting.

September 25th: Joe Springer, curator of the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College, will be **offering a presentation called, "Past as Prologue: Montbeliard traditions replanted in Fulton County soil" at 4 pm here at Zion.** Joe has done extensive research for the past 25 years on the congregation in Montbeliard, France, the home congregation for many Amish Mennonite immigrants to Fulton County. He will speak about factors that may have led to immigration, and some of the religious and cultural traditions that were brought along to our area. There will be opportunity for questions following the illustrated presentation. **This event is free and open to all.** Zoom is available for those who cannot be present. Email the Zion church office to receive the Zoom link: church.zionmc@gmail.com

October 2nd worship: "Dwelling in the Word" series and World Communion Sunday (moving our usual 2nd Sunday communion to this week)

Upcoming Fall 'Bridge Sundays'

The goals for this fall series of monthly Bridge Sundays are to:

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

Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) has set dates for the final two Bridge Sundays this fall. Be sure to mark your calendar for the remaining Bridge Sunday events. Plan to engage in nourishing worship, energizing conversation - and of course a great lunch!

Upcoming Bridge Sunday Dates: September 25, October 30, & November 20

Wondering what you missed at the first one? Ask someone to tell you about it..

Phone & Address Directories

Phone and address directories are posted for you to review on a table in the fellowship hall. If any changes are needed, please contact the office by phone or email. If you are not listed and would like to be, check in with the office also. Directories will be available for review for a few weeks.

New Announcements

Congregational Caregivers will meet Monday, September 12th at 11 am in room 310.

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, September 14th from 9am-3pm. Janice Nafziger will have the devotional. The noon meal will be provided.

MiST is looking for housing leads for 1 or 2 immigrant families. A motivated and resourceful group here at Zion has committed to welcome 1 or 2 immigrant families to the area and help them get settled. Finding housing is the next big step. If you have leads on possible housing, please contact Lori Bontrager.

EMU visit: Jacoby Horsley, EMU admissions counselor, will be at Zion on September 18th, meeting with youth during the Sunday School hour.

MCC Comforter Bash: Make plans to join us on November 11 and 12 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knit comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach at 574.538.9629. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

Ladies Night Out Solid Rock Community Church would like to invite the ladies of your church to join us for a very special ladies' night out on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 6pm for The Unknown Tour. The Unknown Tour is a ladies' night out packed with comedy, music, worship and 2 speaking sessions. They focus on navigating life's unknowns through God's word with humor and heart. If you need to laugh, this event is for you! If you need to be filled up, this event is for you. If you need encouragement on how to choose faith over fear in the unknown, this event is tailor made for you. Early bird tickets are available now with a price break for groups of 10+. Tickets can be purchased online

Child's World Preschool Tuition Scholarship Fund Child's World Preschool offers families with financial difficulties to apply for a tuition scholarship. The preschool is looking for individuals or Sunday school classes that would be willing to help cover the cost of tuition if a family would need the scholarship. If you are interested in potentially sponsoring a student please contact the office.

Don't Forget

Coffee Bar Sign Up: There is a new sign up sheet on the coffee bar if you would enjoy making coffee on Sunday mornings. You can sign up for a month at a time. If you would like to sign up and need assistance using the coffee system, or have more questions, contact Glora Belle Yoder (419.551.8205).

CHAOS will kick off on Wednesday, September 14 from 7-8:30 at the church. We are excited to see all the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!

Missional Discipleship Groups. For the last several years, Missional Discipleship Groups of two to four people have been meeting regularly for Bible study and prayer. Corben coordinated these groups; now Ilse Goertz and Bonnie Stuckey will be fulfilling that role. Going forward the same format will be used and current groups are encouraged to continue. If you are not presently in a group and would like to participate or have questions, contact Ilse (419-799-9109 or igoertz@frontier.com) or Bonnie (419-551-6847 or bonitastuckey@gmail.com).

~ Ilse Goertz and Bonnie Stuckey, Missional Discipleship Groups Coordinators

Fairlawn is experiencing a large surge of COVID for both residents and staff. We are permitted to continue allowing visitors, but it is important that each visitor register at the front desk upon arrival. Due to the importance of this issue and the limited staff available, Fairlawn is looking for some volunteers to help over the next two weeks to welcome visitors and ensure that they sign in. Could you help reach out to others in your congregation that might be willing to give a few hours over the next two weeks. Fairlawn will provide N95 masks to protect them. The most significant times needed are evening from 4-7 and Saturday and Sunday from 9-6 (3 hour shifts). Great candidates would be people that are vaccinated and/or recently recovered from COVID. If you or someone you know is able to help, have them contact Sarah Barton Smith at 567.444.5064 or sbarton@fairlawnarchbold.com