

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 25, 2022

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 25 ~ *Bridge Sunday 2*

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship & Conversation (fellowship hall)

10:30 am ~ Sunday School for preschool-8th

4:00 pm ~ Menno History Presentation

by Joe Springer (Sanctuary & Zoom)

Monday, September 26

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at West Clinton

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS

7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning

Thursday, September 29

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

7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, October 2

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)

10:30 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)

Order of Service

Songs of Zion's History ~ Cheryl Britsch (begins 9:20am)

Welcome & Announcements ~ Suz Wirick & Dan Miller

Interlude ~ Cheryl Britsch

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Suz Wirick

Table Interaction I ~ Dan Miller

Brain Break ~ Barb Yoder

Offering ~ Suz Wirick

Worship ~ Psalm 23 ~ Sue Short

Table Interaction II ~ Dan Miller

Brain Break ~ Barb Yoder

Song & Prayers ~ Mike Zimmerman

Business Meeting ~ Randy Stuckey

Brain Break ~ Barb Yoder

Wrap-Up ~ Dan Miller

Sending Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

Benediction ~ Suz Wirick

Office News

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

Happy Birthday:

September 25 - Walter Polasek

September 27 - Cara Ulrich

October 1 - Bonnie Short (Lynn)

Happy Anniversary:

September 26 ~ Max & Brenda Aeschliman (46)

Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

Mon, September 26: 2 Corinthians 9-10

Tues, September 27: 2 Corinthians 11-12

Wed, September 28: 2 Corinthians 13

Thurs, September 29: Galatians 1-2

Fri, September 30: Galatians 3-4

Sat, October 1: Galatians 5-6



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 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 25th: Bridge Sunday #2 the Elders will share parts of the Congregational Information Form as a step of transparency about what will be sent to potential candidates. It is also a way of giving us all a picture of who Zion is now. Second, we will see if we can find a bridge between Zion's heritage and the future. The Annual Business Meeting will be part of the morning, too. Lunch will be Outlaw Barbecue and soft-serve ice cream. **Songs of Zions history start at 9:20 am.**

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. The Zoom link for this event will be emailed out and will be a different link than the one we use for worship.

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

New Announcements

Life Planning this Wednesday is life planning at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Youth and mentors with birthdays in January and February please bring a snack to share.

SAVE the DATE: Shalom Fall Fundraiser is Sunday, October 16, 2022. Shalom Ministries' 20th Annual Fall Fundraiser, (Formerly known as Shalom Hog Roast) is Sunday, October 16. Please note the change in location. This year the Fall Fundraiser will be held at Archbold's St. John's Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St. Archbold, OH. Drive Thru Pick up, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Please plan now to attend. All Proceeds will go to support Crime Victims Services and the Shalom Benevolent Fund.

On the Level Announcement: The September edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares lessons learned while hiking, learn about the need for volunteers this fall plus details of a new MDS warehouse in California.

Jan 2-7, 2023: Peace for the Weary at Camp Deerpark: Calling young adults living in metropolitan areas to take a break from daily life and join MCC for a transformational week of connection and learning. During this experience, you will gain tools for understanding trauma and develop strategies for self-care and healing through the lens of restorative justice to bring back to your city. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at mcc.org/peace-for-the-weary. More information about peace camps: mcc.org/peace-camps.

Nov 6-11: Puerto Rico Peace Camp: Young adults are invited to join MCC on November 6-11 on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico as we discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This week-long experience will be filled with practical learning about deconstructing oppressive systems, building community, participating in spaces of healing and commitment to hospitality. This experience will be facilitated in Spanish; a minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at mcc.org/campamento-de-paz. More information about peace camps: mcc.org/peace-camps.

Thank You

Thank you to my caring church family for all the prayers offered for my healing in the last week. The cards, phone calls, and visits were greatly appreciated as well. May God continue to bless each of you. ~ Ron Nofziger

Address Change

Ed Yoder's new address is 831 Ringenberg Dr. Archbold, OH 43502
His landline and cell remains the same 419.445.9361 and cell is 419.572.1909.
He has a new email address: etyoder34@gmail.com

Fall Health Update

We want to recognize and say thank you to everyone for Zion's good response of caring for one another in healthy ways over the past two years. As we enter the fall and winter months, it's a good time to begin thinking about how we can continue to demonstrate care by helping to keep Zion a healthy place to be. For example, we can show our love for others by staying home when feeling ill or running a fever, washing our hands often, covering a cough/sneeze, and by practicing other good health habits.

The pastors, elder chair, and church council chair, along with perspectives offered by our local health professionals, recently met for an initial conversation about Covid, Influenza, and other viruses which have the potential to increase in frequency or severity during the upcoming season indoors. This group will meet as needed, look at changes in guidance and local conditions, and communicate with the congregation.

-Dan Miller and Sue Short (pastors), Lonnie Short (elder chair), and Randy Stuckey (church council chair)

Another note from the Zion Mission team!

We have entered an exuberant attempt to create a community garden. We know several others have tried to get one going in the past; we're hoping our area may be ripe for the idea now. Our vision is simply to provide opportunity for growing community involvement through sustainable growth and beauty, through a garden. We're in the brainstorming phase, but already it is taking solid shape to create a beautiful space in the (hopefully!) 2-acre lot behind the Archbold Food Pantry. We've begun talking with residents from East Garden re their interest in having access to more fresh produce during the summer, and our hope is some will feel inspired, along with other community members, to help prepare, weed, harvest the garden, as well as take classes we aim to offer for specific aspects of this. Of course, many hands make light work, so we're hoping to structure this venture so no one feels overwhelmed.

We are so excited to get this off the ground – come join an even small portion of the efforts! Stay tuned! And feel free to be in touch at ANY point. It's all welcome!

MiST, specifically Abby and Lori (no, I'm not still chair of MiST! I offered to Stan to be one of the core movers for the time being)

Don't Forget

Teachers needed: the primary department is still in need of some teachers. Contact Sarah Frankenfield (419-615-3937, sarahfrankenfield@gmail.com) for more information or if you are interested.

Zion Choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 29 from 7:00 to 8:30. If you're interested in singing or have questions contact Bonnie Stuckey (419-551-6847 or bonitastuckey@gmail.com) or Duane Beck, the director. All singers are welcome!

Message from Church Council regarding Memorial Service Meals. After discussion of various options, the church council has decided that Zion Church will be paying for meals or refreshments at the church after a funeral or memorial service. Council encourages donations toward a memorial fund for these meals/refreshments. Donations can be given in the church office or placed in the offering designated for funeral meals. The church council is encouraging the Funeral Meal Coordinators to have suggested menus for simple meals or refreshments. If you have questions, speak with a church council member or one of the Funeral Meal Coordinators, Glora Belle Yoder and Bonnie Stuckey.

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.