

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 4, 2022

Child's World Preschool: 419-445-6034

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 4

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & Zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (Builders)

Monday, September 5 ~ *Labor Day*

Office Closed

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, September 8

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

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, September 11

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

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Sid Ramirez

Opening ~ Trevor Short

Music ~ Wendell Beck and family

Offertory

Music ~ Wendell Beck and family

Scripture ~ Matthew 7:1-5

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Music ~ Wendell Beck and family

Front Porch Conversation

~ Sue Short with Lonnie Short

Music ~ Wendell Beck and family

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Sending Song ~ Wendell Beck and family

Happy Anniversary:

September 4 ~ Bob & Luanne Aschliman (51)

September 6 - Joe & Karin Legato (14)

September 7 - Fred & Elizabeth Baer (26)

Happy Birthday:

September 4 - Carolyn Snyder, Leah Roth

September 5 - Dan Ruth

September 9 - Lydia Dahl, Wendell Nofziger

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 5: Romans 5-6

Tues, September 6: Romans 7-8

Wed, September 7: Romans 9-10

Thurs, September 8: Romans 11-12

Fri, September 9: Romans 13-14

Sat, September 10: Romans 15-16

Office News

~ The office will be closed Monday, September 5th

~ Sue will be out of the office on Tuesday, Sept 6th. She will also 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 Wednesday-Friday.



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 4th worship: Last Front Porch conversation

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)

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

Update from the FISH Food Pantry: It's been a while since I have updated you on the happenings at the Archbold Fish Pantry. I need to start off by saying that we have been very blessed the past few years, even throughout the pandemic, with incredible volunteers and a very generous community. So many have stepped up their financial contributions and canned good donations to help Archbold Fish provide for the needs of local families.

The majority of the clients that now come to the pantry for food are people on fixed incomes - the elderly and disabled, which is a change since 2020. We still provide home deliveries when needed. There are about 50 households coming to the pantry each month for food assistance. The increased cost of food and gas, as well as employees off work for health-related issues, have greatly affected the number of households asking us for assistance with rent and utility bills.

Because of the supply shortage, all pantries are struggling to get product for their shelves. For years, we had been getting food, including frozen meat and fresh produce, from the Toledo Food Bank. Unfortunately, the Food Bank is unable to hire enough drivers to collect product from Walmart, Kroger, and Meijer, so pantries like ours are unable to get those items to distribute to our clients. The Archbold Fish Pantry purchased gift cards to Archbold Super Valu and handed them out to the clients who came to the pantry in May. We are doing this again in August for those who want to get meat or fresh produce.

We were very excited to be able to purchase our building from the Farmers and Merchants State Bank last year, and we are now moving forward to make several much-needed improvements to the facility. A few items on the to-do list include energy efficient windows, an automatic sliding front door, siding, and insulation. The work will begin sometime this fall and shouldn't interfere with our regular food distribution.

Thank you for taking your turn to collect canned goods for the pantry, and thank you for your financial support as well. We truly appreciate your partnering with us as we serve those in need in our community.

Sincerely,

Lynn Lehman
Archbold Fish Pantry Coordinator

Child's World Preschool Update

Child's World Preschool is excited to begin their school year, starting with Open House on Thursday, September 1 and the 1st day of school on Monday, September 12! There are 52 children enrolled this year. The preschool has a few needs & would love to involve Zion in helping! Thank you for the help in assembling the new bookcases that were purchased for the basement hallway. Some items needed are dress up clothes, baby doll clothes, styrofoam meat trays, and clean toilet paper or paper towel rolls. We also appreciate your prayers for a great start to the school year! Thank you so much for all your support! ~ Mrs. King

New Announcements

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@fairlawnarachbold.com.

Don't Forget

Update from Gifts Discernment Ministry Team: We received a total of 80 responses (57 paper, 23 electronic) to the recent proposed slate of candidates to serve on Zion's various Ministry Teams, beginning in the new church year on September 1. The overall affirmation rate was 99%, with all candidates affirmed by 95%, or greater. An updated list of Zion's Ministry Team members will be made available soon. Thank you to all who have agreed to serve and to those who responded to the Affirmation slate. – *Gifts Discernment Ministry Team*

SUNSHINE! The 25th annual Roll & Stroll event is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th from 11am -2pm on Sunshine's main campus (7223 Maumee Western Road). Come enjoy a little exercise, live music, family friendly activities and even food trucks if you want to have lunch! Check the bulletin board for more information.

I wanted to let my Zion friends know that I'll be spending a semester as a volunteer at Meserete Kristos College and Seminary in Ethiopia. I'll be teaching English from September to January. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to teach full-time again, help out where there is a need, be in a Mennonite environment, and be in a country that has been dear to my heart since college when I made life-long Ethiopian friends. It's always hard to be far from my parents, but I trust they will be OK. Bob will be staying in Mexico with the possibility of visiting me at some point. I appreciate your prayers for me, Bob, and the students I will have. In peace, Cynthia Yoder

West Clinton Mennonite's pastor, Ryan Harker, is hosting a tour of the Holy Lands April 18-27, 2023 for anyone interested. He will hold an informational meeting about the tour on Sept. 15 at 7 PM in West Clinton's sanctuary. Come with any questions you may have about the tour. First deposits of \$300 are due by October 1 with final payments due January 10.