

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 2, 2022

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, October 2

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
9:30 am ~ Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)

Monday, October 3

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 5

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-5th)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, October 6

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

Sunday, October 9

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
9:30 am ~ Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Elaine Short

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Elaine Short

Song ~ Eric Lehman

“For God So Loved Us” (HWB 167)

Offering Prayer & Offertory ~ Elaine/Karen

Children's Story ~ Karen Rodriguez

Song ~ Eric Lehman

“O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic” (HWB 112)

Scripture ~ Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon ~ Sue Short

World Communion

Song of Response ~ Eric Lehman

“The Love Of God” (MH 538)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Lonnie Short

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Sending Song ~ Eric Lehman

“The Lord Lift You Up” (STJ 73)

Office News

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

~ Sue will be out of the office on Monday, October 3rd.

Happy Birthday:

October 3 - Corey Roth, Lydia Hastings

October 4 - Merrill Spiess

October 5 - Carol Beck, Eric Lehman

October 6 - Kelvin Friesen, Bonnie Stuckey

October 8 - Mary Oesch, Daniel Hastings

Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

Mon, October 3: Ephesians 1-2

Tues, October 4: 2 Ephesians 3-4

Wed, October 5: 2 Ephesians 5-6

Thurs, October 6: Philippians 1-2

Fri, October 7: Philippians 3-4

Sat, October 8: Colossians 1-2



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)

October 2nd worship: Ephesians 3:14-21 (faithful disciples are 'rooted and grounded in love'); World Communion Sunday

October 9th worship: 1 Thess 1:1-10 (faithful disciples are examples/imitate Christ)

October 16th worship: Mark 8:31-38 (faithful disciples deny themselves & follow Jesus/count the cost)

October 23rd worship: 2 Tim 1:1-14 (faithful disciples disciple others)

October 30th worship: Bridge Sunday #3

November 6th worship: Hebrews 11:8-16 (faithful disciples remain steadfast in faith); All Saints Day

November 13th worship: James 5:13-19 (faithful disciples are accountable to one another/faithful in prayer); communion

November 20th worship: Bridge Sunday #4

November 27th worship: Advent begins

Thank You

Thank you Zion family for your acts of kindness during my recovery the past few weeks. The prayers, visits, phone calls, food and cards were very much appreciated. I'm so grateful to be part of this loving congregation.

~ Blessings, Linda Nafziger

We want to give a shout out to the C.H.O.A.S. youth and sponsors for their service night at Care & Share. The nine of you did a great job cleaning, vacuuming and wiping out storage containers, vacuuming carpets, all with **enthusiasm**. Thank you for being a part of our mission here at Care & Share. You each have helped to touched the lives of many around the world. We are so grateful.

~Care & Share Staff

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)

New Announcements

This is the last week that the directories will be posted for review. Please check your information! Changes will then be made and the directories distributed.

Attention builders class - we will have a Sunday school breakfast at the essen house Wednesday, October 19th at 9 am. Please let Mabelann Klinger know if you plan to attend at 419.906.7245, by Sunday, October 16th.

Last Sunday was Zion's second Bridge Sunday. Two more remain, on October 30 and November 20. Don't miss the fun and good food! Everyone's participation and perspective is valuable!

Attention Quilters: Ruby Wyse's king-sized quilt is set up at Zion in room 303 (in the multipurpose room, between the CHAOS and MYF rooms). Please stop by between 8:30am-4:00pm to quilt on it for Mennonite Women.

MCC Buckets of Thanks: This Thanksgiving, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information, including supply lists and a ready-to-use curriculum for children, visit: mccbuckets.org.

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 at 700 S. Defiance St, Archbold OH. Drive Thru Pick up, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Please plan now to attend. Event Proceeds will go to support Crime Victims Services and the Shalom Benevolent Fund. Your donation will provide assistance to persons who have no insurance and who need financial help for counseling services. Shalom Ministries has two locations: 22251 St. Rt 2; Archbold and 5030 County Road 15; Bryan. For more information, call Shalom Ministries at 419-445-1552 or 419-636-1713 or e-mail to lnartker@shalomworks.org or aclark@shalomworks.org also on the web at www.shalomworks.org.

Weeping Willow Florist along with the Pettisville Man Cave Ministries invites you to ***Holy Tears, a widow/ widower event***, that will take place on Tues. Oct. 25 at Pettisville Missionary Church from 5p-8p. The evening will include appetizers, dinner, a fresh floral take-home vase, and a program presented by the staff of Weeping Willow Florist. This event is free to the widows & widowers of our community. Reservations must be made for the event by calling Weeping Willow at 419-445-7773. Registrations must be received BY Oct. 15. If you have any questions, please contact Weeping Willow Florist M-F 9a-5p.

Everence Financial® is hosting a **FREE educational Medicare workshop** next week (Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.). Everence Medicare Supplement Specialist will host this educational event. **As you approach retirement, you may have some questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security.** During Medicare Mondays, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including: Enrollment details and deadlines; Social Security - when do I start?; Prescription drug coverage; Plans that supplement Medicare.

Oct. 3 - 6:30 p.m. | **in-person workshop** *Click on the location below to register.*

<https://www.everence.com/everence-events/michiana/archbold/20221003-medicare-monday-workshop-archbold>

Register and learn more about Medicare Mondays at everence.com/medicare-mondays .

Don't Forget

***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.