

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Child's World Preschool: 419-445-6034
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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, October 23

- 8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
- 9:30 am ~ Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 10:45 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)
- 5:00 pm ~ Kitchen & Fellowship Hall reserved

Monday, October 24

- 9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 25

- 10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 30 ~ *Bridge Sunday #3*

- 8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
- 9:30 am ~ Worship & Conversation (fellowship hall)
- 10:30 am ~ Sunday School (preschool—8th)
- 12:00 pm ~ Celebration lunch

Prayer Requests

- ~ For Kathy and Bob Mansfield and their family (Stan Short's sister and brother-in-law) as Bob remains in the ICU at UTMC following a brain bleed and stroke last week.
- ~ For Ron Grieser as he begins chemo.
- ~ For those who are mourning the recent loss of loved ones.
- ~ For those recovering from Covid.
- ~ For those continuing to recover from treatments, illness, and medical procedures, and illness: Elaine & Ed Swartzbaugh, Helen Weldy.
- ~ For those suffering loss and damage from Hurricane Ian.
- ~ For places around the world where there is violence and unrest.

Praise

- ~ The gift of the Holy Spirit.

Office News

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

Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

- Mon, October 24: Mark 13-14
- Tues, October 25: Mark 15-16
- Wed, October 26: 1 Timothy 1-2
- Thurs, October 27: 1 Timothy 3-4
- Fri, October 28: 1 Timothy 5-6
- Sat, October 29: 2 Timothy 1-2

Happy Birthday:

- October 25 - Galen Plank
- October 27 - Mike Short

Happy Anniversary:

- October 24 ~ Greg & Jodi Nofziger (35)
- October 26 ~ Josiah & Lydia Dahl (3)



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

October 30th worship: Bridge Sunday #3: Agenda includes a few questions on the Congregational Information Form (CIF). And an enchilada lunch by Ester Boylan.

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

Bridge Sunday

Next Sunday, October 30th, is the third Bridge Sunday. Thank you for the energetic engagement and helpful perspective shared with the Spiritual Leadership Team on the previous two Bridge Sundays. Elders will again seek feedback on sections of the Congregational Information Form (CIF). Engaging the congregation in discussion helps us all be more current about who Zion is today, and promotes transparency about information that interested potential candidates will see. This time, lunch is an enchilada meal prepared by Ester Boylan. (And don't forget to thank the Fellowship Ministry Team for the great way they are taking care of us!)

Thank You

Thank you for the many prayers on our behalf after the loss of my brother and sister less than 2 months apart. God has blessed us with so many beautiful people in the Zion church family. We thank you for all the ways you have supported us in this time of our loss. May God bless you. ~ Arlene & Dale Short

New Announcements

The MYF have pumpkins, carved or uncarved, available for donation by the north entrance!

Come celebrate with the new citizens! Due to Covid, Project Hope's New Citizen's Reception was last held in November, 2019. After a three year pause, it's time to celebrate those who have received their citizenship from 2020 through this year on Saturday, November 12th at 4:00pm. The program honoring the new citizens will be held in the sanctuary, with a meal provided in the fellowship hall afterward. There are 39 new citizens to celebrate, so **due to the larger than usual crowd expected, Project Hope would appreciate an RSVP for the meal. Please respond with the number of persons who will be attending by Saturday, October 29th. RSVP to 419-445-0728 or via email: hope_im@yahoo.com**

Blood Drive at RUIHLEY PARK Pavilion on Tuesday, November 1 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: RUIHLEYPARK. See the bulletin board for more information.