

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**October 30, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### 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

### Monday, October 31

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, November 1

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study  
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

### Wednesday, November 2

10:00 am ~ Host AAMA  
7:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-5th)  
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6-8th)  
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

### Thursday, November 3

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

### Friday, November 4

11:30 am-6:00pm ~ Enchilada Meal Fundraiser

### Sunday, November 6 ~ *Daylight Savings*

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School  
9:30 am ~ Worship  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

## Happy Anniversary:

October 21 ~ Roger & Sharon Frey (50)  
\*\*Correction from a previous week\*\*

## Happy Birthday:

October 30 - Roger Frey, Kelly Matthews,  
Ron Reynolds, Sue Short  
November 3 - Marcia Lehman  
November 4 - Stan Short

## Office News

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

## Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

Mon, October 31: 2 Timothy 3-4  
Tues, November 1: Titus 1-2  
Wed, November 2: Titus 3  
Thurs, November 3: Philemon  
Fri, November 4: Hebrews 1-2  
Sat, November 5: Hebrews 3-4



## Order of Service

Prelude ~ 1AD (begins 9:20am)  
Welcome & Announcements ~ Lonnie Short  
Interlude ~ Come We That Love The Lord  
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Lonnie Short  
First Story  
Table Interaction I  
Song & Offering  
Scripture ~ Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Second Story  
Table Interaction II  
Song & Prayers  
Prayer for the Church and World ~ Mike Zimmerman  
Table Interaction III  
Brain Break ~ Barb Yoder  
Reflection  
Song for Prayer ~ Great God, The Giver Of All Good  
Benediction ~ Lonnie Short

**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.**

## Bridge Sunday #3 October 30th

Today, 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. Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) 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 cupcakes by Maggie Short.

## 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 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

I would like to thank the C.H.A.O.S. youth and their sponsors for raking my leaves on Wednesday night. I really appreciated you thinking of me and your willingness to do a night of service. Blessings to each one of you. ~ Donabell Nofziger

Zion Family, I just wanted to send a thank you note to show a small token of my deep appreciation for all of the love, kindness, generosity, and support you all have shown me my entire life, and especially these last four years. From financially supporting me for my gap year, the college fund, and these last couple of months after some unfortunate events. Not only financially though, but also through so many cards, care packages, text messages, DMs and just general interest in me and my life. Plus, all of the love, advice, and support throughout my childhood. These things did not go unnoted and I am forever grateful and humbled by all of you. This card of words cannot even come close to the debt I owe and how truly thankful I am for my Zion Family :) I hope that I can one day be able to return at least a fraction of the generosity that has been shown and received in my life! ~ Much Love, Ben Zimmerman



## Christmas Cheer Tags

Tree Tags for Cheer will be available on the Christmas tree outside of the church office beginning Monday, November 1 through Monday, December 5. Grab as many tags with specific needs from Cheer off the tree as you wish to purchase, then return your items to the church. A table will be set up outside the church office for donated items. MiST will deliver all donated items to Fulton County Christmas Cheer.

With the help of our donations along with other area donors, 1,200 Fulton County families will be invited to participate in the personalized shopping experience in the Junior Fair building in Wauseon. Families may shop for anything from canned goods and detergents to hats, gloves, towels, and more.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may do so online through Christmas Cheer's website [fultoncountychristmascheer.org](http://fultoncountychristmascheer.org) or by sending a check to: Cheer, Peg Hines 209 Burke St., Archbold, OH 43502

Let's continue to show our support for an organization who has helped unite the entire county in serving those in need for the last 40 years. Thank you for your support!

## New Announcements

**Fundraising Meal:** There will be a carryout enchilada dinner at the church on Friday, November 4th from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm cooked by Esther Boylan. The dinner is a fundraiser to provide assistance to Pete and Crystal Rodriguez for expenses related to his gallbladder surgery, week long hospital stay, and ongoing medical challenges. Call ahead for orders of more than 5. See bulletin boards for more details.

**Christmas Cheer leaders** would like to know if a group from Zion would **provide lunch for 75 volunteers** at Christmas Cheer on Thursday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Please talk to Cheryl Britsch if you are interested.

**The annual meeting of the Western Ohio Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** will be held at Central Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio on Saturday, November 12, 2022; 8:30 AM -12:45 PM. A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch are included. All are invited and encouraged to attend to learn about MDS and the local, regional, and binational responses to natural disasters, and discover the multiple ways to engage with MDS. To plan for food and facility, RSVP is requested. Please email [wounds@gmail.com](mailto:wounds@gmail.com) with your name, church name, and number attending.

**Save the date for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on April 21-22!** A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Kidron Community Park to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. We invite you to make comforter tops (60" x 80") and backs (65" x 85") for use at the Comforter Bash. Comforter backs and tops should be dropped off at the MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road). For more information, visit [mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash).

**Dates:** Friday, April 21 (10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, April 22 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

**Location:** Kidron Community Park Recreational Building - 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

## Don't Forget

**The MYF** have pumpkins, 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](mailto:hope_im@yahoo.com)**

**Blood Drive at Ruyhley 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](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: RUIHLEYPARK. See the bulletin board for more information.