

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**October 9, 2022**

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## Zion Activities this week

### Sunday, October 9

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

### Monday, October 10

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting  
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers  
5:00 pm ~ SLT  
6:30 pm ~ Worship Team

### Tuesday, October 11

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study  
7:00 pm ~ Church Council

### Wednesday, October 12

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women  
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6-8th)  
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

### Thursday, October 13

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

### Sunday, October 16

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School  
9:00 am ~ Choir  
9:30 am ~ Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (all ages)

## Happy Birthday:

October 9 - Mark Frey, Alex Short

October 11 - Julia Nafziger

October 13 - Jada Frankenfield

October 14 - Reiss Creighton

## Office News

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

~ Newsletter will be finalized Thursday next week (October 13). Please have anything into Bethany by Wednesday the 12th!

## Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Jackie Lehman

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Jackie Lehman

Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship” (HWB 8)

“God Of The Bible” (STJ 27)

Offering Prayer & Offertory ~ Jackie/Karen

Children's Story ~ Karen Rodriguez

Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” (STJ 17)

Scripture ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon ~ Dan Miller

Song of Response ~ Cheryl Britsch

“God Of Grace And God Of Glory” (HWB 366)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Dan Miller

Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Sending Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Go Now In Peace” (HWB 429)

## Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

Mon, October 9: Colossians 3-4

Tues, October 10: 1 Thessalonians 1-2

Wed, October 11: 2 1 Thessalonians 3-4

Thurs, October 12: 1 Thessalonians 5

Fri, October 13: 2 Thessalonians 1-2

Sat, October 14: 2 Thessalonians 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 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

## New Announcements

**Zoom Bible study** is restarting. Mark your calendars for Tuesdays at 10 am. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. Hop on to the zoom through the worship link.

**Mennonite Women** will meet on Wednesday, October 12th. Ilse Goertz will give the meditation and lunch will be provided.

**Congregational Caregivers** meet Monday, October 10th in room 310 at 11 am.

**Next Sunday is the Shalom Ministries' Annual Fall Fundraiser, which is on Sunday, October 16 at St John's Christian Church** at Archbold's St. John's Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St. Archbold, OH. **Drive Thru Pick Up your choice -BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork Dinner from 11:30am-1:00 p.m.** Please note the change in location. 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. For more information, call Shalom Ministries at 419-445-1552 or 419-636-1713 or e-mail to [lnarker@shalomworks.org](mailto:lnarker@shalomworks.org) or [aclark@shalomworks.org](mailto:aclark@shalomworks.org) also on the web at [www.shalomworks.org](http://www.shalomworks.org)

## Don't Forget

**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.

**Two weeks ago 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](http://mccbuckets.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.

## SLT Minutes

August 29, 2022

Suz opened with devotions using the passage from Matthew 11:28-30. She referenced a book "Gentle and Lowly, the Heart of Christ" by Dane Ortland.

**Old Business:** We reviewed the August 21st Bridge Sunday and discussed plans for the September 25th session. We compiled the data collected from the "Wisdom Sheets" that were placed on each table for group discussion, and Dan agreed to summarize the information. The Bridge Sunday on September 25th will focus on Zion's Vision Statement and how it connects to our House of Peace. We decided to incorporate the elders into the worship portion of these remaining sessions, in addition to overseeing table discussions. Outlaw Bar-B-Q food truck will supply the meal, with costs covered by Zion. The Fellowship Team is overseeing this portion of the event. October 30th will be the third Bridge Sunday, with the final one on November 20th. The SLT continues to collect the data required to complete the extensive Congregational Information Form. It was decided six persons will be asked to be on the pastoral search committee. The SLT continues to intentionally pray for divine guidance in selecting this committee. The fall SLT Retreat will be Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Rufenacht Cabin. This will be a time to pray for God's guidance and explore ways to strengthen our discernment together as the SLT.

**New Business:** The schedule for 'Prayer for the Church and the World' and the rotation for elders to lead in SLT meeting devotions were handed out for the year 2022-2023. The topic of different ways to observe communion is being discussed for the new church year.

**Other Items:** The delegates and pastors were reminded to register for the upcoming Ohio Conference cluster meeting held on September 27th at West Clinton Mennonite Church. We decided to add an additional SLT Meeting for September 19<sup>th</sup> to go over the plans for Bridge Sunday on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Congregational concerns were discussed**

**Respectfully Submitted:** Suz Wirick