

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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November 13, 2022

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, November 13

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
9:30 am ~ Worship
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
11:00 am ~ Mission in Service Team (office)

Monday, November 14

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting
10:30 am ~ MYF room reserved
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers
5:00 pm ~ SLT
6:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, November 16

5:30 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-5th)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, November 17

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
9:00 am ~ Host Pastor Peer
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, November 20 ~ *Bridge Sunday #4*

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
9:30 am ~ Worship and converstaion
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (preschool-8th)
12:00 pm ~ Celebration lunch
7:00 pm ~ Choir Hymn Sing with JCS

Office News

~ Dan is available on his cell phone. He will be in the office Monday, Thursday and Friday; he will work from Goshen on Wednesday. (Tuesday is a day off.)

~ Sue will be out of the office on Monday, November 14th and Wednesday, November 16th.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Duane Sauder
Giving Tuesday Announcement ~ Shari Beck
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Duane Sauder
Opening Songs ~ Anita Roth
"Here In This Place" (HWB 6)
"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God" (HWB 46)
Offering Prayer & Offertory ~ Duane/Karen
Children's Story ~ Karen Rodriguez
Scripture ~ James 5:13-20
Sermon ~ Sue Short
Communion ~ Sue Short
Communion Song ~ Anita Roth
"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (HWB 307)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick
Prayer Song ~ Anita Roth
"Lord, Listen To Your Children" (HWB 353)
Benediction ~ Sue Short
Sending Song ~ Anita Roth
"We Will Walk With God" (STJ 78)



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.

Happy Anniversary

November 16 ~ Ed & Elaine Swartzbaugh (29)

November 17 ~ John & Karmin Brooks (10)

November 19 ~ Clint & Suz Wirick (34)

Happy Birthday:

November 13 - Lincoln Aeschliman

November 18 - Larry Short

November 19 - Verlan Klinger

Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

Mon, November 14: James 3-4

Tues, November 15: James 5

Wed, November 16: 1 Peter 1-2

Thurs, November 17: 1 Peter 3-4

Fri, November 18: 1 Peter 5

Sat, November 19: 2 Peter 1-3

Upcoming Worship

Next Sunday, November 20th is the **FINAL Bridge Sunday!** Who would have thought it would go so fast, with good conversation and good food! SLT is bringing the final section of the Congregational Information Form for feedback. Using feedback from October 30, SLT is drafting a ministry description for the new pastor on the team, and welcomes responses before finalizing that as well. Fellowship Team announces a pizza party and salad for lunch, PLUS pie and ice cream to celebrate the completion of our work on Bridge Sundays. You won't want to miss it!

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)

November 20th worship: Bridge Sunday #4

November 23rd worship: Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Martin's Lutheran at 7:00 pm.

November 27th worship: Advent begins

Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to the CHAOS youth group and sponsors for raking the leaves in my yard last week. I really appreciate it! God bless your willingness to help others. ~ Ilva King

Care & Share THANKS the Zion MYF & Sponsors for their service night on Wednesday. 26 Christmas trees were set up in an hour. That was 16 hours of service. Thanks again for giving of your time to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee, you have given the gift of Hope to many persons around the world. ~ Care & Share Staff

Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center 20th Annual Fall Fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came by and shared in the fun and gave to help Shalom help others seeking healing & hope through mental health services. We served 500 meals and received \$15,700. Thank you!

New Announcements

UPDATE on settling immigrants in our area: Many have been asking for a status update. Thank you for staying in touch and for your continued support! In September when we worshiped with Central Mennonite Church, we made an announcement with an appeal for housing leads. The next day, a team from Central contacted Lori with interest in meeting together to see if it made sense to collaborate, as they had begun exploring sponsoring refugees. In addition, the group from Central has housing leads! Long story short, we have been meeting together and exploring working together. The past couple weeks the pace of our progress has sped up remarkably!

We are excited to be collaborating with Central with refugee resettlement. We originally were looking at asylum seekers. However, we found that Ukrainian refugees, known as “humanitarian parolees,” are an easier path to start and “get our feet wet.” Both groups of people are in dire need of sponsors to settle in a new community. Please continue to think about opportunities for refugee housing. Also consider ways in which you can help as refugee sponsorship becomes a reality.

Over 30 people from Zion stepped up to offer support in a variety of ways, which is significant and a positive outreach. It's important that we hear your ideas. If you have questions or concerns please contact one of us by Wednesday 11/16. Concerns or support can be shared with members of Mission in Service Team (Stan Short, Abby Pennington, Duane Wyse, Ilse Goertz and Elaine Short), or Lori Bontrager, Karmin Brooks, Jana Wheeler, Larry Wyse, and Elizabeth Miller. Thanks so much!

Book release and signing! *What To Do When God Shows Up* is a story of faith, helping young readers recognize God in moments big and little, happy and sad, because God is always present and always wants what is best for us. This book is written by Teresa Aeschliman and illustrated by Barbara Johnson, both previous attendees of Zion. This book is available for purchase for \$18 at the signing on November 26th, from 2-5 pm at the Gathering Room at Heritage Inn in Archbold.

Free resource: Learning about generosity with MCC Make talking about generosity with your children easy by using this free resource. The printable worksheets help kids explore the basics of generosity at an elementary school level. The resource contains downloadable worksheets, activity ideas, a story about how generosity makes a difference, make-your-own bookmark craft and alternative Christmas gift ideas. Sign up to receive this free resource at: mcc.org/generosity. Learn more about gifts that changes lives this Christmas at: mcc.org/Christmas.

MCC is seeking a Human Resources Assistant: This role is designed for someone to grow their human resources skills and assist the department in recruiting, human resources information systems, orientation, as well as a variety of administrative services. The position requires advanced proficiency in Spanish, a basic proficiency in English, and the candidate to be able to commit eight weeks a year of orientation support in Akron. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, PA, but can accommodate employment in any state that MCC is currently registered as an employer. Apply online for this opening by November 19 at mcc.org/human-resources-assistant. For more information contact Wesley Wilder at 316-836-5055 or WesleyWilder@mcc.org.

You're invited to a special celebration of 50 years of MCC Thrift on November 22! This live, virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network, which has raised more than \$250 million over the last 50 years for the work of MCC at home and around the world. All while providing affordable secondhand goods and community connection. Let's celebrate that legacy! The virtual event will take place at 8 p.m. EST / 7 p.m. CST. Register online to reserve your spot today at thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50

Don't Forget

Congregational Caregivers will be meeting at 11:00 am on Monday, November 14 in room 310.

MCC is seeking a Constituency Engagement Manager: This new role is designed to help the MCC's in the U.S. plan and implement a cohesive engagement strategy for specific priority audiences including alumni, churches, congregations of color, plain communities and young adults. With a focus on convening and strategizing, this person will be part of the Communications and Donor Relations network and will work in close collaboration with other departments and regional MCC's. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, Pa., but location is flexible within any MCC office in the U.S. Apply online for this opening by November 18 at mcc.org/constituency-engagement-manager. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Opportunities to Give for the Christmas Season



Christmas Cheer Tags

Tree Tags for Cheer will be available on the Christmas tree outside of the church office beginning Sunday, November 6th through Sunday, December 4th. 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. Missions in Service Team (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 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!

Adriel: Angel Tree Project It's almost that time of year again! As we look forward to the approaching holiday season, you can Be the One to bring the Christmas spirit to our foster families. Each \$25 donation will sponsor a Christmas gift for an Adriel foster youth or Bridges young adult. Please help us reach our \$5000 goal to assure that each Adriel foster child and Bridges young adult receive a Christmas gift from their wishlist in time for the holiday. Visit <https://Adriel.networkforgood.com/projects/172319-adriel-christmas-angel-tree-2022> to make an online donation or mail a check with the memo "Angel Tree" to PO Box 188 West Liberty, OH 43357. *As always, thank you for your continued support of our organization and generosity toward the children and families we serve!*

Sunshine: Please consider a donation to support individuals with developmental disabilities. You may purchase items from the Holiday Wish list (posted on the bulletin boards or contact the office for a copy) or through making a donation. Items should be delivered to Sunshine (see address below), new and unwrapped, by December 6th. If you would like your gift picked up call 419-794-1388. A \$40 dollar donation will purchase a gift for one individual and \$500 would purchase gifts for 8, with a shared item for the living area. Donations can be made online at <https://www.sunshine.org/donate-2/sunshine-holiday-wishlist/> or by mail at Sunshine Communities—Holiday Gift Fund, 7223 Maumee Western Rd., Maumee, OH 43537

MCC: This Christmas choose gifts that give comfort and joy to those who need it most. A gift of hope changes lives in so many ways. Give the gift of a backpack full of school supplies (\$14.00) or invest in women by providing a sewing machine (\$150.00) for start-up businesses. Perhaps you can provide blankets, clothing, and other infant items. A gift of \$20.00 will give mothers and babies around the world hope, as well as practical help. This Christmas season, MCC invites you to participate and choose a gift from one of the MCC Christmas giving projects. Choose from projects online at <https://mcc.org/christmas#!> or request a printed booklet by calling 888-563-4676.

Request a free, downloadable resource that helps families to talk with children about generosity and MCC Christmas giving. The resource includes printable pages with activities, a story, a craft to make and gift ideas at mcc.org/free-resource-learning-about-generosity-mcc