

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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November 20, 2022

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, November 20 ~ *Bridge Sunday #4*

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

Monday, November 21

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 pm ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service @ St. Martins

Thursday, November 24 ~ *Office Closed*

Happy Thanksgiving

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, November 25 ~ *Office Closed*

Sunday, November 27

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Office News

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

~ The office will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 24-25) for the Thanksgiving holiday. Early deadline for the newsletter is first thing Wednesday morning, November 24.

Happy Anniversary

November 22 ~ Troy & Jan Roth (32)

November 24 ~ James & Charlene Beck (67)

November 25 ~ Eric & Marcia Lehman (40)

Happy Birthday:

November 23 - Quinn Wyse, Sarah Hastings

November 25 - Elinor Conrad

Order of Service

Munchies & drinks at 9:00 am

Gathering Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Come, Walk With Us” (SJ 2)

Welcome & Announcements ~ Greg Nofziger

Interlude ~ “Come We That Love The Lord”

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Greg Nofziger

A Zion Story ~ Ella Richer

Scripture ~ Psalm 46

Table Interaction I

Song & Offering

Scripture ~ Karen Ruth ~ Psalm 46:4-7

Table Interaction II

Prayer around the tables

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Lonnie Short

Table Interaction III

Brain Break ~ Barb Yoder

Reflection

Sending Song ~ “Rain Down” (SJ 49)

Benediction



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.

Dwelling in the Word Weekly Schedule

Mon, November 21: John 1-2

Tues, November 22: John 3-4

Wed, November 23: John 5-6

Thurs, November 24: John 7-8

Fri, November 25: John 9-10

Sat, November 26: John 11-12

Upcoming Worship

This Sunday is the FINAL Bridge Sunday! Thank you for all the energetic conversation and valuable counsel! Munchies and drinks will be available beginning at 9. Everyone is welcome to visit over snacks. 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. Agenda this week is the final section of the Congregational Information Form and a draft ministry description for the new pastor on the team. SLT looks forward to receiving your feedback – and asks for your prayers – as it finalizes both documents this fall.

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

We would to express our sincere gratitude for the generous support our church family provided for the Enchilada Dinner fundraiser on November 4th, as well as your prayers and encouragement for the ongoing health struggles Pete continues to face. Due to the overwhelming support we sold out of food not only once, but three times as she had to make a second batch Friday and more to fill remaining pre-orders on Saturday. We could not ask for a better church family to carry us through tough times. Pete continues to struggle with extreme tiredness and "just not feeling right", and will be undergoing additional tests over the coming weeks, so your continued prayers are appreciated.

- Pete, Crystal, Jordan and Kaylee Rodriguez

Spiritual Leadership Team minutes

October 10, 2022

Opening: Dan used Psalms 23 for his devotion.

Update on Congregational Information Form: We decided to put a sub-group together, consisting of Dan, Lonnie and Barb, to expedite the progress of completing the form. Each elder will supply the information they were responsible for collecting to them by October 17th.

Agenda for SLT Retreat – October 15th: Dan had the agenda put together and sent us each a copy. He encouraged us to spend time reflecting on the two preparation questions prior to our gathering.

Discuss Upcoming Bridge Sunday: We met on October 27th to finalize the October 30th Bridge Sunday. Our goal was to present the remaining information to the congregation at that gathering with the exception of the "Interpretation" section of the form, which is still being finished.

Membership Request: Sue reported that she has been contacted by persons interested in transferring their membership to Zion.

Sojourners Sunday School Class: Lonnie reported that his Sunday school class is considering being a part of the "Anabaptist Bible Project." 2025 is the 500th anniversary of the birth of the Anabaptist movement. In honor of this, groups such as Sunday School class or small groups are invited to consider submitting notes for a new study Bible to be released in 2025. Study notes from 500 groups across the broader church will be included. Each group would be given a short text to study. The Sojourners would like to invite John Roth to come to Zion to share information on this project, and also his expertise on Anabaptist history.

Pastoral Concerns: Several concerns were brought to our attention and acted on.

Additional Meeting Added: On November 7th we added a zoom meeting to finish readying the "Interpretive" section of the CIF Form to submit to the sub-group. We will finalize this at the upcoming SLT Meeting on November 14th. This will be presented at the final bridge meeting on November 20th. We also began discerning a list of names for the Search Committee.

Respectfully Submitted: Suz Wirick

New Announcements

The Formation Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help staff the nursery on Sunday mornings. This could be two adults or an MYF youth and an adult (advocate or parent/grandparent). If you would be willing to help please contact Bethany in the church office or Carol Short by phone/text 419-572-9855 or email carol-short@rteceexpress.net. Thank you for helping to show care for our families with young children.

Refugee Update: The joint group from Zion and Central also known as the Refugee Support Team (RST) has worked through Welsome.us to find a match for a family. We have made contact with a family and they are working to make their way to the U.S.

See attached photo. Igor works in tech, Karina is a stay-at-home mom, and their son Bogdan is 10 years old. They are Christians. They speak limited English. They fled their home in Luhansk in eastern Ukraine. This area is currently occupied by Russia. They traveled to far western Ukraine and had been living in a temporary shelter in a Baptist church in Chernivtsi. They recently traveled to Romania and applied as refugees with the Romanian government. They will live in a basement apartment at Jen (Sauder) Nichols. They could arrive within the next few weeks!

Sponsored refugees need full assistance until paperwork goes through. This can take one to three months. Once paperwork is processed they are able to apply for work and receive benefits such as SNAP. The goal is for the family to become independent.

We will need folks to help with meals, clothing, transportation to appointments, groceries or trips to grocery stores, and hospitality. Thanks for considering ways that you can help.

Join us as we help Fairlawn "Light Up the Night" Dec. 11th. Flickering for Fairlawn is a luminary event that will raise funds to assist in the purchase of a new nurse call system for the Care Center and also remember all those that need our help as they age. Each kit has 10 luminaries. Order forms can be found on the Fairlawn Facebook page or (**wherever you will have them**). This is the one and only fundraiser of the year for Fairlawn (in place of the annual spring auction). Let's show how much we care.

Don't Forget

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

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: The Christmas Wish List for Sunshine Community residents has been posted on the bulletin boards at both entrances. New and unwrapped gifts from the list should be placed in the containers provided at each door. The gifts we've collected are to be delivered to Sunshine by December 6. Sorry about the late notice but the list was only recently received. See David Kanagy if you have questions.

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