

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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December 25, 2022

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, December 25 ~ Merry Christmas

9:30 am ~ Worship (simple service; sanctuary only)
No Sunday school today.

Monday, December 26 ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 ~ Office Closed

Thursday, December 29

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

Sunday, January 1 ~ Happy New Year

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary and zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (for MYF & CHAOS)

Office News

~ The office will be closed Monday (26th) AND Tuesday (27th), and Monday, January 2nd.
~ The newsletter will go out on Thursday, December 28th. Please have all items for it turned in by Wednesday, December 27th.
~ Dan is available on his cell phone whether in Archbold or Goshen. He will be working from home (Goshen) this week.

Happy Birthday:

December 25 - Elinor Conrad
December 30 - Nedra Sauder
December 31 - Kathy Beck

Happy Anniversary

December 25
Eric & Marcia Lehman (40)
December 26
Ned & Mary Gisel (51)
December 26
David & Lou Ann Kanagy (58)
December 28
Scott & Barb Yoder (31)
December 30
Kelvin Friesen & Karen Rodriguez (5)
December 31
Al & Ginny Liechty (50)

Order of Service

There is no order of service for this week. The Christmas Day service will be simple and will not be on zoom. Merry Christmas to everyone!



Upcoming Worship

Christmas Eve Service: December 24th (Sanctuary and Zoom @ 7:00pm) - Bring your family and friends and join us for a worship service of scripture, favorite Christmas hymns, a Children's Time, concluding with our annual "Silent Night" sung by candlelight. The CHAOS (6th-8th grade youth) will be participating in the service, and have prepared goodie bags for everyone to take home. We'll also enjoy some special music by an MYF ensemble. Come be a part of this special evening!

Sunday, December 25th (Sanctuary only @ 9:30am) - A simple and short service of scripture and music. We will not be utilizing Zoom for this service.

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.

Thank You

Special thanks to Nichole Aeschliman, Kellie Creighton (and family), Mark Nafziger, Jodi Nofziger, MYF and CHAOS for the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

New Announcements

Project Coordinator-Burkina Faso: MCC is seeking a Project Coordinator responsible for mentoring and building capacity of local partners towards greater independence and sustainability and, alongside the MCC Burkina Faso Country Representatives, will assist in all planning, monitoring, and evaluating activities for various projects related to conservation agriculture, peace building, education, health, and emergency assistance. If you or someone you know might be interested, learn more and apply by December 31 at mcc.org/burkina.

Seed Guatemala-El Salvador Coordinator (Español abajo): MCC is seeking a Seed Coordinator who will coordinate the second SEED Cohort for Guatemala and El Salvador. This position involves the planning, organization and implementation of a service, reflection and peacebuilding program with an intercultural team of young adults in the complex and enriching context of Guatemala and El Salvador. This position will be based in Guatemala and will be supervised by the MCC Representatives for Guatemala and El Salvador. If you or someone you know might be interested, learn more and apply by December 31 at mcc.org/seed-guatemala.

***On the Level* Announcement:** The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: find out why some disaster survivors may think it's absurd for MDS volunteers to help rebuild and restore; celebrate six home dedications in time for the holidays in Crisfield, MD; and get more details on how to register for the MDS annual celebration in Pennsylvania in February. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3Whz2F8>

Don't Forget

The Disciples Sunday School class will make their annual trip to Little Eden for Snow Camp on January 13 – 16, 2023. We would like to invite you to join us for fun, fellowship, food, and snow. Come and enjoy the Northern Michigan scenery, games, and snacks! See Randy Stuckey for registration forms and further information.

"**Warm greetings** to our church family. Phil and I have been in Seattle since mid-October, experiencing a very different holiday hustle and bustle here! As we won't be back before Xmas, we wanted to extend the holiday peace to each of you from here. May it pour over you to warm your spirits, and may sprinkles of joy dance with you, even if you're having hard days. Thank you each for being part of our family in various ways. Peace to you all. Lori and Phil Bontrager"

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 5th from 12-5 pm. The Red Cross invited Ella Richer to host again at Zion, thanks in part to the willing donors and the kindness of all who helped set up and bring food. Ella's goal is to collect a minimum of 25 units, so please spread the word outside of church as well. We would love to help her hit this goal. Please email or talk to Ella or Julia Richer (julia.rich.1001@gmail.com) to sign up to donate, or to contribute snacks to the drive. [Snack sign-up here](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ZIONMENN) **Register here:** <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ZIONMENN>

The Stewardship Team is taking grant requests for the Zion endowment fund. Forms can be turned into the office or to Dan Ruth's box. Deadline for the applications is January 1, 2023. ~ Stewardship Team: Dan Ruth, Cal Britsch, Crystal Rodriguez, Larry Short, and Phil (Lynette) Bontrager