

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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January 8, 2023

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary and zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (John Roth meeting with MYF)
4:00 pm ~ John Roth presentation (sanctuary and zoom)

Monday, January 9

9:30 am ~ Staff meeting
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers
5:00 pm ~ SLT (MYF room)

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 pm ~ Church Council

Wednesday, January 11

4:00 pm ~ MCC Comforter Bash at Central
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (at Zion)

Thursday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 15

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary and zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Upcoming for MYF/CHAOS

~ **MYF** will meet with John D. Roth during the Sunday school hour on January 8th.
~ **MYF** will meet at the MCC comforter bash at Central on January 11th.
~ **CHAOS** will meet at Zion on January 11th.

Pastoral Search Team Update

The Elders are pleased to announce that the search team is complete and will be meeting soon to begin their work. We invite you to hold the search team members up in prayer in the months to come: Nichole Aeschliman, Micah Frankenfield, Sara Nafziger, Phil Nofziger, Chris Richer, Jordan Rodriguez, and Suz Wirick (elder rep). Additionally, please pray for our Regional Pastor, Tony Doehrmann, as he offers support and guidance from Ohio Conference.



Office News

~ **Dan is available** on his cell phone whether in Archbold or Goshen. He will be in the office Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Tom Stuckey
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Tom Stuckey
Hymns ~ Eric Lehman
“Great God We Sing” (HWB 639)
“I Sing With Exultation” (HWB 438)
Offering/Offertory ~ Tom/Bonnie
Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
“We Are People of God's Peace” (HWB 407)
Scripture ~ Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Corinthians 3:11
Sermon ~ John D. Roth ~ “By Whose Authority?
Christian Witness in a Skeptical World”
Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
“The Work Is Thine, O Christ” (HWB 396)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Lonnie Short
Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
“Joy To The World” (HWB 318)
Benediction ~ John D. Roth

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 & Events

Sunday, January 8th: 9:30am worship in sanctuary and on zoom; John Roth preaching and meeting with the MYF during the Sunday School hour.

Sunday January 8th: 4:00pm - John Roth presentation in sanctuary and on zoom (we will be sending a different zoom link for this). Come join friends from the other area Mennonite congregations as we host John here at Zion. Learn more about the resources being created for the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025!

New Announcements

A reminder to men, women, & children about the upcoming MCC “Comforter Bash” which will be held at Central Mennonite Church on Wednesday, January 11, from 4 - 7 pm. Mennonite Women from Zion, Central & Lockport are hosting this cooperative effort among area Mennonite Churches. A light supper will be served from 6 - 7 pm; Nadine Miller, material resource manager for Great Lakes MCC in Goshen, will be meeting with the MYF members to present stories from recipients of comforters. She will also be circulating among the busy “knotters” to answer questions and share additional stories re: the value of comforter creation & distribution. Area MYF members and their sponsors will be attending this event; it would be helpful for food preparation for all others to RSVP to Chris Wyse at 419-516-4164. You may refer to the flyer across from the mailboxes or see LouAnn Kanagy or Karen Short if you have further questions.

Ohio Conference review process: The Nov/Dec issue of the Ohio Evangel was distributed with a Friday email in November. It included a November 7 letter from Ohio Conference leadership describing what has happened so far and the next steps in the review process. That letter is again attached to this email. Zion delegates to Ohio Conference will attend a cluster meeting on January 19. Following that meeting the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) is planning two sessions to update the congregation and receive wisdom for delegates as they prepare to attend Annual Conference Assembly on March 3-4 in Kidron. Watch for further details.

SLT Minutes ~ December 12, 2022

Opening: Greg opened our meeting by asking for prayer requests and prayed for the concerns. We have a tradition of a light meal at our December meeting to celebrate the season together. Sue and Dan supplied the very enjoyable meal in appreciation of all our work this past year.

Pastoral Tasks Information Survey: Lonnie posed the question to Tony Doehrmann, our Regional Pastor, on whether the elders and the pastors participate in filling out the survey on 24 pastoral tasks that the congregation completed. His response was yes for elders, and no for pastors.

Search Committee Updates: As of this meeting, six persons who were asked responded positively. We anticipate that the team will be ready to begin the search process in early January 2023.

Review progress on Congregational Information Form: The sub-group of Dan, Lonnie and Barb met prior to our meeting to review and compile the information collected from the final Bridge Sunday and to incorporate the results into the CIF form. A final version will be made available in the office for anyone who is interested in having a copy.

Select an elder to represent us on the Search Committee: Suz Wirick has volunteered to fill this position. Tony Doehrmann will meet with the Search Committee as well.

Upcoming Delegate Meetings: The January 19th Delegate Cluster Meeting will be held at Toledo Mennonite Church. Ohio Conference’s Annual Conference Assembly will be held at Central Christian School in Kidron on March 3rd & 4th.

Ohio Conference review process: Following the January 19th Ohio Conference Delegate Cluster Meeting, we want to provide several opportunities to share updates and hear wisdom from the congregation for Zion’s delegates ahead of Annual Conference Assembly in early March. Dates will be announced once they are finalized.

Pastoral Concerns: Several concerns were discussed and acted upon.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2023 – 5:00pm –MYF Room

Devotions: Lonnie Short