

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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February 26, 2023

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, February 26

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
10:45 am ~ Mission in Service meeting (office)
11:45 am ~ Baptism lunch/class (MYF room)
1:30 pm ~ Movie "Hidden Figures" (FH)

Monday, February 27

9:30 am ~ Staff (zoom)
6:30 pm ~ Preschool Board meeting (basement)

Wednesday, March 1

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-5th)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)
7:00 pm ~ Lenten Prayer Service (sanctuary)

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday-Saturday, March 3-4

Ohio Conference Annual Assembly in Kidron, OH

Sunday, March 5

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
11:45 am ~ Baptism lunch/class (MYF room)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Karen Ruth
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Karen Ruth
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
"God Is Here Among Us" (HWB 16)
Offering/Offertory ~ Karen/Karen
Scripture ~ Psalm 32
Confession ~ Karen Ruth
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
"Create In Me A Clean Heart" (SNC 49)
Scripture ~ Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon ~ Dan Miller
Testimony ~ Sandy Short
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
"I Am Weak And I Need Thy Strength" (HWB 553)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Lonnie Short
Benediction ~ Dan Miller
Sending Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
"Mayenziwe, Your Will Be Done" (STJ 57)

Praise

~ for God's faithful love across the ups and downs of life.



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 Birthday:

February 26 - Kerry Beck, Randy Stuckey ~ **February 27** - Chad Aeschliman
March 1 - Joyce Nafziger, Ronald Nofziger ~ **March 2** - Clint Wirick
March 3 - Joyce Frey ~ **March 4** - John Baer, Steven Ringenberg, Sharon Stuckey

Lent Worship Series 2023

Created in the Image of God - Shaped by Jesus

Lent is a fitting season of the church year to focus our attention on some foundational questions - What does it mean to be images of the God who created us? What does it mean to be called by Jesus, and shaped by Jesus as we follow? What is the Spirit's role within us and among us?

Lent 1 - Sunday, February 26 - *"Shaped by Testing"* (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11)

Lent 2 - Sunday, March 5 - *"Shaped by New Birth"* (Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-4, 13-17; John 3:1-17)

Lent 3 - Sunday, March 12 - *"Shaped through Thirst"* (Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42)

Lent 4 - Sunday, March 19 - *"Called to the Light"* (1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41)

Lent 5 - Sunday, March 26 - *"Called to Life"* (Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45)

Lent 6 - Palm Sunday, April 2 - *"Called to Worship"* (Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11)

February Refugee Support Team Update

The **Glushko** family continues to adjust to so many new things. Igor started working at Nofziger Door. He has his driving permit and is trying to get driving experience. If you are willing to assist him, please let us know!

The **Skopych** family, Andrii, Iryna, Maksim (11), and Veronika (4), arrived on February 14. They live in a home in Wauseon. Maksim is in the process of enrolling in school at Wauseon.

We are trying to find work for Andrii. He is a truck driver. He has an international license but will need to be licensed in Ohio. This will take several months.

A special offering occurred last Sunday. Donations can still be given Sunday, February 26. Designated contributions can be dropped at the church office.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with money and time!

Members of the RST group are Lori Bontrager, Karmin Brooks, Elizabeth Miller, Stan Short, Jana Wheeler, and Larry Wyse from Zion and Bill Holdsworth, Dave Elkins, Kelsey King, Laura Nafziger, Jenny Nichols, Ami Richer, and Steve Sauder from Central Mennonite.

New Announcements

Anabaptist World Magazine: It is time to once again renew your Anabaptist World subscription! If you are a current customer, let me know if you would like to renew. Anyone is welcome to join the subscription as well. **Let the office know by Monday, February 27th!**

Sunday afternoon movie: Ella Richer and Dan Miller invite anyone from the congregation to join us at 1:30pm on Sunday, February 26, to watch *Hidden Figures*, a movie about a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. We will watch in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows. There will be a few comfy chairs available. And don't forget to bring a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you!

Lenten Prayer Service: We will have a Lenten prayer service in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Part of the service will include prayers for decision-making at Ohio Conference Annual Assembly and for our delegates who will be a part of that process.

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...but never the last word

The sermon on leadership two weeks ago didn't address the importance of women in leadership. I am a strong believer in having a mix of men and women in leadership. I believe a good mix better reflects the fullness of God and increases the breadth of perspective on the team.

Friederike Fabritius, neuroscientist and author of [*The Brain-Friendly Workplace*](#), believes having women in leadership benefits companies. She also believes in having a variety of cultural perspectives. Rather than aiming at diversity targets though, she says the way to work at diversity is in seeking a balanced mix of the four brain types identified in her book. I wondered if she would say more about her rationale or about how this approach worked in real world situations, but didn't find anything.

Fabritius interviewed Dr John Medina on research showing that having power changes the brain. Women need to be as aware of this dynamic as men. I wondered whether brain changes would be the same for women and men. Apparently power impacts everyone's brain in similar ways. There is an article in the July/August 2017 issue of *The Atlantic* titled ["Power Causes Brain Damage,"](#) that gives another description of research findings.

-Dan

Request for Help Event Planning

Nancy Roynon Beck would like to invite anyone who is interested to help her plan a "Raw Tools" event for NW Ohio, at or near Central Mennonite. Nancy writes: "Wayne Short and I have been teaching the *Fear Not* curriculum which was created by Jes Buller of MCC and Mike Martin of Raw Tools. With gun violence on the rise, and the information we have encountered in the class, it seems imperative that we assist with healing wounds created by this violence. I have spoken with Mike Martin, Jess Buller, and Shalom here in Archbold, and they are all willing to help. Now, I would like to find a few others to be able to put together an event similar to the one Toledo Mennonite hosted several years ago." Raw Tools has a "Swords to Plowshares" program which receives weapons confiscated from violent crimes, or donations of guns from individuals, and melts them down into gardening tools, jewelry, and other gift items. Learn more at their website: <https://rawtools.org/> Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining the planning group for this event. 419-446-2967 or nancyroynon@gmail.com

Don't Forget

Eastern Mennonite Chamber Singers in Concert and Hosts Needed: Come enjoy an evening of music as this group of talented vocalists stops at Zion on their spring break tour. The concert will be held on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Jacob Horsley, an admissions counselor from EMU, will also be in the fellowship hall before and after the concert at a display table to answer questions or offer information for prospective students or their families. **We are also looking for persons to provide overnight housing** for groups of either two or three students. Please contact Bethany in the church office if you are willing to host.

Zion is responsible for two more community meals this year. Would your small group or Sunday School class take on one. Contact someone from Mission in Service for details and available dates! Thanks!

The office has been looking for ways to dispose of batteries (not rechargeable ones) – AAA, AA, C, D, 9v – and have found a place that recycles batteries. We hope to keep batteries out of the trash. If you have a few used batteries lying around the house we welcome you to help fill the 66-pound box. There are specific instructions on how the batteries need to be packaged for them to be safely disposed of. Bring your batteries in during office hours or reach out to Bethany for more information.

On the Level Announcement: The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>

MCC is seeking a Project Coordinator for the Dismukes Project in Kimball, West Virginia: MCC continues to work to uncover the forgotten history and honor the legacy of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician and surgeon in Appalachia in the 1930s. This full-time role is great for someone looking to put their innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness to use by collaborating with the local community and SWAP staff to build the program from the ground up. **Apply online by February 28** at mcc.org/dismukes-project-coordinator. For more information, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.