

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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March 12, 2023

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, March 12 ~ *Daylight Savings*

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
(No CHAOS, MYF or primary)

Monday, March 13

9:30 am ~ Staff
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)
5:00 pm ~ SLT (MYF Room)

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study
7:00 pm ~ Church Council

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
(No CHAOS, MYF or primary)

Happy Birthday:

March 12 - Sophie Wyse
March 13 - Larry Wyse
March 14 - Robert Frey, Greg Nafziger
March 16 - Barb Short
March 18 - Dan Miller

Office News

~ Bethany will be out of the office Thursday & Friday, March 16-17. **Please have anything you need for the newsletter turned into the office by first thing Wednesday (March 15) morning!**

~ Sue will be out of town from Friday morning, March 10th through Sunday afternoon, March 12th to attend a retreat and learning weekend with her mentee.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Trevor Short
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Trevor Short
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"Sing Praise To God Who Reigns" (HWB 59)
Offering/Offertory ~ Trevor/Karen
Confession ~ Trevor Short
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"The Peace Of The Earth Be With You" (STJ 77)
Scripture ~ John 4:5-42
Sermon ~ Dan Miller
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"O Let All Who Thirst" (HWB 495)
Communion
Testimony ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder
Benediction ~ Dan Miller
Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth
"Water Has Held Us" (SJ 82)



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.

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 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)

Update from Krabills

Dear Pastors Dan and Sue, and Zion family,

Matthew and I returned to Paris last month after two wonderful months in the US. We spent two busy but good months preaching and speaking at eight churches in seven cities. It was a great time connecting with churches, family, and friends including our visit to Zion in November.

Another highlight was hearing from several churches about the transitions they have been through during and after the pandemic and how they are working to serve their local communities in new and creative ways. We were encouraged by great conversations during Sunday School and shared meals with pastors, elders, Mission Commissions, and congregations.

Thank you for your financial support of our work with the Paris Mennonite Center. We deeply appreciate your partnership. A primary area of our work in the next two years will be dedicated to launching a Master's in Conflict Transformation that will be housed at an interdenominational university in Ivory Coast. The target populations for this degree are Christian leaders (pastors, teachers, and laypersons) who seek to impact and transform their communities. This means that persons who receive this training will be able to form others in their villages, towns, and cities across their respective regions.

Our peacebuilding work with churches and seminaries would not be possible without your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Thank you for partnering with us.

Grace and peace,
Toni (and Matthew)

Thank you

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, gifts of food, and ongoing support given to our family during the recent weeks and throughout the last year. We are grateful for the love and kindness expressed in so many ways. ~ Charlene Beck & Family

I would like to thank the congregation for their prayers during my surgery. ~ Frank Ulrich

New Announcements

Flowers today are in MEMORY OF ROD FREY, Who passed away 7 years ago March 10th, 2016. Given by Butch & Sharon Frey, Joy, Augusto, Lyon, Bastian & Cielle.

Gospel of John Lent Read-Thru: Sue would like to invite you to join her in reading through John in the weeks leading up to Easter. We'll begin next Monday, March 20th, reading one chapter per day. Come join in!

On March 22 at 7 p.m., we will hold a Taize service in the sanctuary. This will be the monthly Life Planning meeting for youth and advocates, but the entire congregation is invited. Come and experience prayer and worship in a contemplative way.

Don't Forget

Congregational Caregivers will meet Monday, March 13 at 11:00 am in room 310.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner sign up sheets are on the table across from the mailboxes. There are 2 separate sign up sheets...one for if you are willing to host and one for being a guest! Dinner will take place on April 23.