

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**April 16, 2023**

## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, April 16**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School (Young Adults meet)

11:45 am ~ Exploring Baptism class

### **Monday, April 17**

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers

### **Tuesday, April 18**

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

10a-12p ~ Fellowship Hall Reserved

7:00 pm ~ Church Council

### **Wednesday, April 19**

5:30 pm ~ Family Meal

6:00 pm ~ ZOW

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS

7:00 pm ~ MYF

### **Thursday, April 20**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

6:00 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Sunday, April 23**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners

9:00 am ~ Choir

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

11:45 am ~ Exploring Baptism class

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

## Office News

~ Dan is attending Lombard's Advanced Clergy Clinic this week on Monday-Wednesday. He is available by phone, text and email when not in Archbold.

## Thank you

Thanks to all who helped with Lenten services. And a special thanks to the kids who drew pictures. Please check them out. They are posted on the windows at the back of the sanctuary.

## Upcoming Sunday Events

~ **April 23rd:** Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (various locations)

~ **April 30:** Zion Choir concert @ 7:00pm

~ **May 7th:** CHAOS Sunday (6th-8th grade youth) & MYF Taco Bar fundraiser (for lunch)

~ **May 14th:** Graduation Sunday (celebrating our high school seniors)

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Abby Pennington

**Interlude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Hymns** ~ Anita Roth

“All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name” (HWB 285)

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King” (HWB 288)

**Children's Time** ~ Abby Pennington

**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Abby Pennington

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Abby/Karen

**Hymn** ~ Anita Roth

“Jesus, Stand Among Us” (HWB 25)

**Scripture** ~ John 20:19-31

**Sermon** ~ Sue Short

**Response Hymn** ~ Anita Roth

“We Walk By Faith” (HWB 570)

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Mike Zimmerman

**Benediction** ~ Sue Short

**Sending Song** ~ Anita Roth

“Go Now In Peace” (HWB 429)

## Happy Birthday:

**April 16** - Frank Ulrich

**April 17** - Kaylee Rodriguez

**April 18** - Kevin Sauder

**April 19** - Marlene Nofziger

**April 21** - Juliene Wise, Keegan Wyse

**April 22** - Lynn Short

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**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.**



## Living the Resurrection Worship Series

For our worship series from Easter to Pentecost, we'll explore this idea of living as Resurrection people.

Through resurrection, God has begun something in human history. Easter worship celebrates what God accomplished in Jesus. The invitation is to pay attention to how the resurrection is working in the world and in us. Two over-arching questions will guide Zion's regular worship services through the end of May:

- ~ Toward what am I being drawn?
- ~ What am I resisting?

Do not move too quickly to judge yourself. Do not jump into action. Rather, observe what energizes or drains you. The scriptures and sermons each week will offer a different lens through which to consider these questions. We hope that every week you will take SOME time to reflect and become aware of resurrection.

## New Announcements

**Don't forget about the family meal** this Wednesday, April 19th at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome, no sign up is necessary and you are always welcome to bring friends. Menu will be salad, scalloped potatoes and ham with éclair dessert. Hope to see you there!

**MYF is having a fundraiser** to provide funds for MYF activities this year. One of our upcoming events we are excited about is Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City. **We will be providing lunch for the congregation on May 7th** after Sunday school. A free will donation will be accepted. The lunch will consist of a Taco Bar. Save the date in your calendars now. Please take note of our signs around the church made by our very own creative MYF.

**Bangladesh clean water project:** Bill and Carole Schumacher are members at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City, Ohio and are initiating a small project to help address the problem of arsenic poisoning in Bangladesh.

In the 1980's many service agencies in Bangladesh, including Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), encouraged the use of shallow wells instead of surface water for cooking, cleaning and irrigation. At that time arsenic testing was not regularly done. But by 1993 arsenic was being found in many shallow wells. Arsenic is absorbed by crops such as rice, so people are consuming arsenic in their water and their food. The World Health Organization (WHO) calls this "the largest human poisoning in world history."

Bill and Carole seek to raise \$80,000 to support a 3-year project in southern Bangladesh. Because this is a sister congregation in Ohio Conference we (Mission and Service Team and pastors) want to let you know about this opportunity to help financially. This would be a great opportunity for a Small Group, Sunday School Class, or individuals. A brochure is attached to the weekly email and you can visit Schumachers' website at [www.arsenicbangladesh.com](http://www.arsenicbangladesh.com) to find out more.

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Today, April 16th, is the last day to sign up to attend this event! The sign up sheet is across from the mailboxes.



## Refugee Support Team Update

In an effort to move them toward independence, the Glushko family moved to their own apartment in Archbold. Igor passed his driving test and driver's license. Karina started working about two nights each week at the Doughbox Bakery. They continue to do well and adjust to a new culture.

For the Skopych family, Andrii started working for Boyer Construction. They live in a home in Wauseon. Maksim is doing well in school at Wauseon.

Thanks again for each person who has given of their time in many ways! Thank you also for the financial support as we sponsor these two families!

Members of the Resettlement Support Team 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.

## Don't Forget

**Rev On The Road** : June 23-24: For Men and Women, All Ages, and for our Surrounding Community! Revelation Wellness and their team are coming to AEC! Rev on the Road is a two-day wellness event for your mind, body, and spirit. This is for EVERY body shape and size, and every fitness level. More information and Tickets : [www.revelationwellness.org/rotr](http://www.revelationwellness.org/rotr) / Tickets are \$20 (See also the bulletin boards)

**Join us for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash** on April 21-22! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Kidron Community Park to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information, visit [mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash). Friday, April 21 (10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, April 22 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at Kidron Community Park Recreational Building - 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

## **THE LAST PAGE...**

## **...but never the last word**

Sometimes, in spite of salvation being a gift of grace, I think we still get wrapped up in earning or being good enough to deserve salvation. Isn't it interesting how we can turn salvation on its head and injure ourselves in the process? You might not remember the sermon where I talked about bronze people who look so fit and healthy and wealthy and put-together. I have thought back to the idea of bronze people a number of times since. I'm just a kid from Iowa, not really bronze; but I am easily trapped in pursuing images of perfection.

I have posted a Reinhold Niebuhr quote in my office. It speaks to me about this striving and this trap. He strikes a helpful balance of truth and grace. I come back to it regularly and want to share it with you.

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;  
therefore, we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;  
therefore, we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;  
therefore, we must be saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as from our own standpoint;  
therefore, we must be saved by that final form of love, which is forgiveness.

Dan

PS –One of the things I am enjoying as we walk together is having movie times. So far we have had two movies, and I'm contemplating some more. I wonder what movies others of you might recommend.