

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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## April 9, 2023

### Zion Activities this week

#### Sunday, April 9 ~ *Easter Sunday*

8:30 am ~ Breakfast  
9:00 am ~ Hymn Sing  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
No Sunday School Today!!

#### Monday, April 10 ~ *Easter Monday*

Office closed today

#### Tuesday, April 11

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

#### Wednesday, April 12

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women  
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS  
7:00 pm ~ MYF

#### Thursday, April 13

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

#### 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

### Office News

~ The office will be closed Monday for Easter Monday.

~ Dan will be in the office Thursday this week. He will be working from Goshen the beginning of the week and out for a training Friday & Saturday.

### Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Longing For Light” (STJ 54 verses 1 & 5)

Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short

Interlude ~ Trumpet Trio ~ Anita, Kate & Leah Roth

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” (HWB 280)

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Mark Nafziger

Reading ~ Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ~ Sue Short

Offering/Offertory ~ Sue/Karen

Hymn ~ Julia Richer ~ Trumpet solo

“Low In The Grave He Lay” (HWB 273)

Scripture ~ Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon ~ Dan Miller

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Taste And See” (STJ 86)

Communion

Prayer for Church & World ~ Lonnie Short

Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Sending Song ~ Julia Richer

“Praise God From Whom” (HWB 118)

### Happy Birthday:

April 10 - Brier Stabler

April 11 - Bonnie Beck

April 13 - Crystal Rodriguez, Gareth Short

April 14 - Dan Nafziger, Ed Swartzbaugh

April 15 - Josiah Dahl

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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.**



## Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 9th - Easter Celebration.** "Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Allelujah!" On Resurrection morning, we invite you to bring a finger food to share for a light breakfast in the fellowship hall, starting at 8:30am. Hymn Sing at 9:00am. Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

## 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.

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

A sign up sheets are on the table across from the mail-boxes. 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.

## New Announcements

**Mennonite Women** will be meeting on Wednesday from 9-2. Joyce Nafziger will give the devotional. Last names starting M-Z should bring food to share.

**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 where you'll find contagious joy and new found freedom! You'll experience the Good News of the Gospel message through worship, Bible study, and cutting-edge fitness that meets you right where you're at. This is for EVERY body shape and size, and every fitness level. Experience the fullness of joy that happens when bodies move and minds renew as we hear God's Word. This is a one-of-a-kind weekend of worship that must be experienced. Grab a friend or two and come "taste and see." Come lose what's weighing you down and get free! You don't want to miss this freedom party! More information and Tickets : [www.revelationwellness.org/rotr](http://www.revelationwellness.org/rotr) / Tickets are \$20

**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).

Dates: Friday, April 21 (10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, April 22 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Location: Kidron Community Park Recreational Building - 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

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

Saturday before Easter is the last day of Lent, and Easter Sunday is the first Sunday of the Easter Season, which goes through Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is May 28th this year. Growing up, the church I was part of did not pay attention to the church year. At home we had an Advent calendar that we opened each day, and that was about it. I had never heard of Lent back then.

As an adult (and a pastor) I have come to appreciate the seasons of the church year in the same way I appreciate the seasons of the calendar year. I like the weeks of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter. It's a good practice to reflect on our sins, sometimes called "missing the mark."

Then I like the celebration of resurrection on Easter and the gift of life extended to humanity through Jesus' living, dying and rising. Sundays from Easter to Pentecost provide a different habit of focusing on God's abundant gift of salvation and life. During these weeks, if there is a confession in the worship service it is usually a statement about God's goodness or a confession of faith. And on Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

This Easter Sunday begins a worship series at Zion focusing on resurrection. As we begin I wonder how it will feel to live into the resurrection for multiple weeks. Paul writes that the power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us as followers of Jesus. What does that mean? Planners and preachers will invite each person to pay attention to how resurrection power is at work in them.

I look forward to beginning.

Dan

## **Don't Forget**

**Change of Address:** Ruth Grieser has a new address of 341 Sawmill Court, Archbold. Her phone remains the same. Please update your directories to reflect the change.

**Anabaptist World** subscription payments are now being accepted! Please make your payment of \$39! Checks can be made payable to Zion.

**Ohio MCC Bike Ride:** You're invited to join a group of riders as they gather on July 15-16 near Columbus, Ohio, to bike 100 miles over two days (approximately 50 miles each day) to help support MCC's peace projects around the world. Base camp and overnight camping will be at the Prairie Grass Trailhead on the Ohio to Erie Trail in London, Ohio. We will head north towards Columbus one day, while heading south towards Cedarville the other. For more information about registering as a rider or making a donation, visit [mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride](http://mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride).

