

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 14, 2023

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, May 14 ~ *HS Senior Sunday*

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

Tuesday, May 16

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, May 17

5:30 pm ~ Family Meal
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 21

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (Young Adults meet)

Office News

~ Sue will have class beginning Monday, May 15, on zoom, every morning (M-F) until Thursday, May 25.

~ Summer office hours start the week of May 29th. See the announcement section of the newsletter for more information.



Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Karen Ruth
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Karen Ruth
Opening Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” (HWB 343)
Introduction of Seniors ~ Sue Short
Offering/Offertory ~ Karen/Kate & Anita Roth
Scripture (chosen by Kate Roth) ~ Matthew 6:34
Hymn ~ Kate Roth
“Blessed Assurance” (HWB 332)
Scripture (chosen by Sarah Wheeler) ~ Jeremiah 29:11
Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
“When We Walk With The Lord” (HWB 544)
Scripture for the Journey ~ Philippians 4:6-9
Meditation ~ Sue Short
Communion
Hymn ~ Eric Lehman
“Take Thou My Hand, O Father” (HWB 581)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick
Benediction Blessing ~
Sending hymn ~ Eric Lehman
“Be Thou My Vision” (HWB 545)

Happy Birthday:

May 15 - Elaine Short
May 17 - Orville Doehrmann
May 17 ~ Ella Nafziger
May 18 ~ Creighton Aeschliman

Happy Anniversary

May 17 - Todd & Sarah Berry (26)

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.

Today

May 14th: Graduation Sunday (celebrating our high school seniors): Ellie Grieser (unable to be present), Kate Roth and Sarah Wheeler. Reception following in the fellowship hall.

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

Zion Office Hours Changing for the Summer (In Three Weeks) Beginning in June, the church office will be open Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. Hours will remain the same from 8am until 12pm. We anticipate the biggest change will be with the newsletter, which will come out on Thursdays. This means all newsletter items will be due by Wednesday noon. To get into this habit, we ask that you go ahead and start turning in any items for the newsletter by Wednesdays.

FISH Pantry: June is Zion's month to bring in food to stock the FISH food pantry's shelves! See the table across from the mailboxes for a list of needs, or pick up a half sheet from the table outside the office. Food items can be left on the same table. Monetary donations can be left in the office or through the offering, just mark so on your envelope. Zion will be collecting items through the month of June.

Family Meal: Everyone is welcome for the family meal on Wednesday, May 17th, at 5:30 pm at the church. You will have your choice of hotdogs with all the toppings or a pulled pork sandwich. There will be relishes, scalloped corn and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Come and fellowship around the table. Guests are always welcome. This will be the last family meal until September.

The Mennonite Women's group at Zion invites you to donate 100% cotton fabric to be used for MCC knotted comforters. Cotton fabric ½ yard in length or larger would be the ideal size for this project. You may contact Karen Short at 419-438-3699 or Brenda Aeschliman at 419-966-5166 with any questions concerning fabric you have for this project. Thank you.

MCC School Kit Challenge: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can't get the education they desperately need. Enter, the **School Kit Challenge:** 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. Plus, we've got a fun activity for Sunday School and VBS students! Download our free School Kit Challenge activity resource full of challenges for kids to learn how school supplies help children receive a tangible message of God's love. **To learn more about this challenge and to download this free guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge**

The Gifts Discernment Ministry Team has begun their work for the church year beginning September 1, 2023. We encourage you to consider how your gifts and the gifts of others in the congregation might support our mission of building a House of Peace. A "*Service Opportunities at Zion*" is attached to this week's email; also, copies for the adults and high-school aged youth in your household are in your mailbox (if you do not have a mailbox, there are extra copies on the table across from the mailboxes by the box to return them). Please complete the form and place it in the marked box across from the mailboxes by Sunday, May 21.

Don't Forget

Reminder of mission-centered Burger Bash in Rauhley Park Pavilion, Sunday on May 21. Free-will donations make a lasting impact changing despair to hope in third world countries. Serving burgers, beans, slaw, chips and ice cream from 11-1.

When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Ohio Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2023 is July 11, with the final registration deadline on August 8, 2023. For more information visit www.ambc.edu/journey, or contact your pastor, or Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or 937-935-2549.

The Archbold Fish Pantry is looking for a new coordinator. Please see the bulletin board for more information about what the position is about or contact the church office!

Shalom Golf Scramble: The 19th annual golf scramble is scheduled for Saturday May 20th. To register go online at www.shalomworks.org, email info@shalomworks.org, or call 419-445-1552. **Registration deadline is May 15th.** See the bulletin board for more information or pick up a registration form on the table across from the mailboxes.

REACH Up Fundraiser is being held at Mancino's on May 20th. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean tables. 3 people for the lunch hour (11:30-1:30) and 4 people for the supper hour (5-7:30) are needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Shirly G. at 419-446-2348. Otherwise, come on out and eat some food to help support the cause.

THE LAST PAGE...

...but never the last word

In his sermon at Athens (Acts 17:22-30) Paul quotes Epimenides, a Greek poet and scholar from the 7th or 6th century BC – “in him we live and move and have our being” – which Paul then applies to YHWH, the Jewish God. I love that phrase. It seems so Easter-like, our very existence and activity connected to God where being and doing are connected. That's what I like about the following quote from noted biblical scholar and preacher Corben Boshart speaking about God's big picture intention for humanity.

“Priest” is not really in our Mennonite vernacular. And yet this is the invitation. We are all called to this ministering role to the people around us. And as we do so the story of the Bible reveals to us, and the story of Jesus reveals, that is where we find our purpose and our deepest meaning. It's ministering – being priests to the people around us – using the creative ability we've been given to subdue chaos and evil and to bring forth things that are good and beautiful of sight in God's eyes. And we have the Spirit of God – just like it came mightily upon David, and fulfilled humanity's role in Jesus – also equipping us and leading us forth in this human role. . . .

May you each in the week to come have opportunity to reflect on just how high you are in God's eyes, how strongly and powerfully equipped you are to fulfill his purposes. And may we all as a congregation think about that as a House of Peace together.” Corben Boshart, 2022-02-23

For us as Christ-followers, resurrection power fills our living such that we are people of God's peace, we are reflections of Christ's glory, we are enlivened by the Holy Spirit's power. The mundane becomes holy. At least that is my hope. The way we treat others becomes a reflection of our walk with Jesus.

Dan