

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 21, 2023

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, May 21

8:30 am ~ Sojourners (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (Young Adults meet)

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (downstairs)

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning

Thursday, May 25

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

Saturday, May 27

8:00 am ~ Fellowship Hall/Kitchen reserved

Sunday, May 28

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
12:00 pm ~ Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Reserved

Office News

~ Sue will be on zoom for her class each morning this week through Thursday, May 25th

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

Happy Birthday:

May 23 - Eileen Nyce, Sherri Plank

May 24 - Ruth Matthews

May 25 ~ Luanne Aschliman, Joy Betts

Happy Anniversary

May 27 - Steve & Sarah Hastings (17)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Lonnie Short

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Lonnie Short

Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Lift Your Glad Voices” (HWB 275)

“To God Be The Glory” (HWB 102)

Offering/Offertory ~ Lonnie/Bonnie

Scripture ~ John 17:1-11

Sermon ~ Dan Miller

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“I Know Not Why God's Wondrous” (HWB 338)

Confession of Faith ~ HWB 710

Prayer for Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger

Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Sending hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“God Sent His Son” (HWB 345)



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

Today's the day: Burger Bash in Ruibley Park serving 11-1. Your free-will donations are part of the bigger project known internationally as Growing Hope Globally. Our community has played and continues to play a significant role in the ecumenical mission-centered organization. Take-out is available.

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.**

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

Next Sunday (May 28) is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church as described in Acts 2. For this final Sunday of our worship series, Living the Resurrection, **we invite you to wear fire colors to represent the "tongues as of fire"** that descended on those gathered to pray on Pentecost.

On the Level Announcement: The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: a West Virginia family finds a safe haven in an MDS-built home; a disaster survivor shares the terror of riding out Hurricane Fiona; and cooks share the joys and challenges of feeding an MDS crew. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3o6Lls1>

Garage Sale Coming Soon: Zion will be joining our neighborhood garage sale this summer! The sale lasts for three days, but participants can choose which of those days they'd like to be open. Our sale will be held under the carport near the church office on Wednesday, June 21st and Thursday, June 22nd. Begin hunting for treasures that you can donate, and watch upcoming newsletters for information on when to bring in your items. Everything will be offered for a donation, with proceeds benefiting Child's World Preschool and the Archbold Community Garden.

Don't Forget

Zion Office Hours Changing for the Summer 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. All newsletter items will be due by Wednesday noon. To get into this habit, we ask that you follow the Wednesday deadline now. Thanks!

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. 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.

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.