

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 28, 2023

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, May 28

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

12:00 pm ~ Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Reserved

Monday, May 29 ~ *Memorial Day*

Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31

9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer

Thursday, June 1

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment (CHAOS room)

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, June 2 ~ Office closed

Sunday, June 4

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Office News

~ Dan will be working from Goshen this week.

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

Happy Birthday:

May 28 - Linda Nafziger

May 30 ~ Jan Roth, Angie Short, Ty Aeschliman

June 1 ~ Donabell Nofziger, Brad (Rachel) Short

June 3 ~ Mike (Sandy) Short

Happy Anniversary

June 2 - Lowell & Mary Ann Yoder (61)

June 3 - Phil & Lisa Nofziger (40)

June 3 - Howard & Carolyn Snyder (62)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Randy Stuckey

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Randy Stuckey

Hymns ~ Anita Roth

“Holy Spirit, Come With Power” (HWB 26)

“My Soul Is Filled With Joy” (STJ 13)

Offering/Offertory ~ Randy/Karen

Scripture ~ John 20:19-23

Sermon ~ Dan Miller

Affirming Our Faith

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Move In Our Midst” (HWB 418)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Mike Zimmerman

Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Now Go In Peace” (STJ 74)

Benediction ~ Dan Miller



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

Today is the birthday of the church as described in Acts 2, Pentecost. For this final Sunday of our worship series, Living the Resurrection, **we invited you to wear fire colors to represent the “tongues as of fire”** that descended on those gathered to pray on Pentecost.

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. For our worship series from Easter to Pentecost, we have been exploring the idea of living as Resurrection people.

Card Shower

The family of Donabell Nofziger invites you to help her celebrate her birthday. We ask that you shower her with cards for this upcoming birthday. Donabell will turn 95 on June 1st! Please send cards to her at 205 Short-Buehrer Rd, Archbold, OH 43502.

New Announcements

Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive at Zion on July 28, which is about 9 weeks away. If you're a regular donor, you might consider signing up soon! If you're new to the donation process we would appreciate if you'd give it a chance. One unit can save up to three lives! We would love to get 35 or more donors this time! ~ Thank you, Ella and Julia Richer

Quilters: Attention all area quilters. We will be quilting every Wednesday 9:00 am- 3:00 pm in room 303. Please use the side west door. For any questions call Mable Crossgrove 419-966-6675 or Marlene Nofziger 419-572-1302.

Child's World Preschool Update: Another year of preschool is in the books! We had an awesome year learning, growing and playing together. We had 50 students this year spread between 3 classes, and registration numbers for next year look similar. There are 4 spots available in the PM Pre-Kinder class for 4-5 year olds, so if you know anyone looking for a preschool placement, please send them our way! Due to a grant the preschool was able to purchase some additional playground equipment to add to the existing playground. Work will be done in August. We will be saying good-bye to Angel (Huerta) Huffman, as she has chosen to stay home with her new baby boy! Therefore, we are looking to hire a part-time teaching assistant. **This position is 2.5 days/week. Experience working with children or a teaching education/background preferred, but not required! Contact us at childsworldpreschool@gmail.com if you or someone you know is interested!**

Thank you for your support of Child's World Preschool! We appreciate your prayers, donations, facilities more than you know! ~ Gretchen King

MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director: This role is responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs and church engagement. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches, groups, and partner organizations to work together and advance the mission of MCC. The full-time position will preferably be located at one of the main Great Lakes offices, but the location is flexible within the region where MCC is an authorized employer. Bilingual fluency in Spanish and English is preferred. Apply online by June 25 at mcc.org/gl-program-director. For more information, contact Wesley Wilder at WesleyWilder@mcc.org.

THE HOLY LAND Travel Opportunity: When I recently attended a Lombard Mennonite Peace Center event, Richard Blackburn mentioned that several Zion folks had expressed interest in the Holy Land tour he was putting together. (A Peacemaker's Pilgrimage: January 19 – February 1, 2024) Information is now available in case anyone would like to go. (see flyer on the bulletin board or at <https://lightlina.com/pilgrimage/the-holy-land-a-peacemakers-pilgrimage/>) Dan Miller

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Continue to keep in your hearts our Bluffton University students. Pray for safe travel and learning while they return from their cross-cultural experiences.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. Pray that courses on trauma healing will equip church leaders to respond with compassion and skill to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and homes due to Russia's invasion.

Don't Forget

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/3o6Ll1>

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.

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 LAST PAGE...

...but never the last word

I like celebrating the birthday of the church on Pentecost. Partly, we need to find as many reasons to celebrate as we can. Celebration is a spiritual discipline. Celebration develops a habit of looking for possibilities, choices, empowerment.

In the spirit of a party, here are some trivia questions:

1. What was Pentecost before it became a Christian celebration?
2. What does joy feel like?
3. Is the church "the society for the preservation of the memory of Jesus Christ"? Why?
4. What phrase did Jesus say to the disciples twice in Sunday's passage?
5. What representation of the Holy Spirit is included in the logo for Mennonite Church USA?
6. What would you wish for if you were blowing out the candles on the (universal) church's birthday cake?
7. What country will win when we gather in heaven's throne room to worship the One Who Sits on the Throne and the Lamb?

Dan

June is our month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. Below is a current list of needed items, but all items are welcome. Monetary donations are also welcome.

- Pineapple
- Mandarin oranges
- Diced tomatoes*
- Tomato paste*
- Mushrooms
- Canola or vegetable oil
- Refried beans
- Spaghetti sauce*
- Canned meat
- Sugar
- Crackers
- Sugar-free items
- Gluten-free items
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Dish soap
- Paper towel
- Cleaning supplies*

* Desperately needed item



It is the goal of the Archbold Fish Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's love and grace. All of the households receiving assistance have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold Fish Pantry. We continue to make home deliveries, offer no-contact pickup at the pantry, and only allow a few shoppers at one time into the pantry to choose their own items on pantry days. We also help families with rent, utility payments, car repairs, or prescriptions. The Archbold Fish Pantry is completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need.

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