

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 7, 2023

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, May 7 ~ *CHAOS Sunday*

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (Young Adults meet)
~ Denver Beck will be sharing
11:45 am ~ MYF Taco Fundraiser

Monday, May 8

9:30 am ~ Staff meeting
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers
5:00 pm ~ SLT
7:00 pm ~ Formation Team meeting

Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

6:30 pm ~ Preschool Graduation Program

Sunday, May 14 ~ *HS Senior Sunday*

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

Office News

~ Sue will be at AMBS on Thursday, May 11 and Friday May 12 for the beginning of her May term class. Beginning Monday, May 15, she will be on a class zoom every morning (M-F) until Thursday, May 25.

Happy Birthday:

May 7 - Elijah Grieser

May 8 - Abby Pennington, Rachel Aeschliman

May 11 ~ Tom Stuckey

May 12 ~ Kellie Creighton

May 13 ~ Todd Berry

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey & Miriam Richer

Choir

Welcome & Intro of CHAOS Students & Leaders

Announcements ~ Miriam Richer

Introduction of Denver Beck ~ Isaiahs Gracia

Call to Worship ~ Lincoln Aeschliman

Opening Prayer ~ Viv Legato

Opening Song ~ Julia Richer

“Rain Down” (STJ 49)

Offering/Offertory ~ Sam Hastings/Miriam Richer

Children's Time

~ Steve Hastings, Lincoln Aeschliman, Isaiahs Gracia

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Guide My Feet” (HWB 546)

Scripture ~ Mark 5:21-43

Sermon Conversation ~ Sophie Wyse & Sue Short

Song of Response ~ Julia Richer

“Longing For Light” (STJ 54)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Benediction ~ CHAOS

Sending Song ~ Julia Richer

“You Shall Go Out With Joy” (HWB 427)



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

During Worship: Today is CHAOS Sunday and the 6th-8th grade youth will be participating in the service.

During the Sunday School Hour: Denver Beck will be sharing during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary about participating in the Climate Ride across the US. If you will be joining on zoom for worship, you can just remain on zoom to watch Denver's presentation.

The MYF is having a fundraising Taco Bar today after Sunday School. The funds are for MYF activities this year. One of our upcoming events we are excited about is Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City. A free will donation will be accepted.

Upcoming Sunday Events

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

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.

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.

Congregational Caregivers will meet May 8 at 11:00 am.

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, May 10 from 9 am – 3 pm. Elaine Schnitkey will lead us in a meditation, the noon meal will be provided.

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.ams.edu/journey, or contact your pastor, or Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or 937-935-2549.

Happy Belated Anniversary

Happy belated anniversary to Ron & Dianne Lantz who celebrated 48 years of marriage on May 3, but was missed in the newsletter last week. Sorry it was missed!

Don't Forget

Update from Corben & Mara: "Dear Zion, I would like to share with you all that I have accepted a Bible teaching position at Hillcrest Academy (formerly Iowa Mennonite School). I'm excited for this opportunity! I'll be leaving my current position to begin this role in August. I am very thankful for your prayers and the supportive role you all have played in my teaching journey. On another note, Mara and I also plan to move to a new home in nearby Sharon Center in June. We miss you all and think of you often! Blessings to our beloved House of Peace, Corben and Mara."

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.

Denver Beck will be sharing his experience about Climate Ride across the US he has been participating in after becoming a student at Goshen College during the Sunday school hour on May 7th.

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.

Thank you for making the 2023 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash a great success! We surpassed our goal and knotted a total of 220 comforters thanks to the help of 240 volunteers on Friday and 135 volunteers on Saturday. MCC is grateful for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world. Save the date for next year's event on March 8-9, 2024, at a new location at Fairlawn Mennonite Church in Apple Creek.

SLT announcement about extending Dan's time

Dan Miller began here at Zion on May 1, 2022. When the Spiritual Leadership Team began talking with Dan, he shared with us that he doesn't go to a congregation for less than one year, and generally doesn't stay longer than two years. The second year gets negotiated in three-month chunks. This gives all parties greater ability to adjust to progress in the pastoral search process, or when the work we want to do together is complete.

After evaluating the work we have done together in the last year, and hearing Dan's reflections about the year, SLT and Dan have extended our time together for the next three months. That takes us to the end of July. SLT will continue to monitor what is happening with the pastoral search process and in congregational life, and discuss possible further extensions as the time comes.

Comments and questions can be shared with any elder - Lonnie Short, Barb Yoder, Greg Nofziger, Mike Zimmerman, or Suz Wirick.

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...but never the last word

I hope people are finding it useful to reflect on the two questions we've offered during this worship series "Living the Resurrection." Placing your tablet somewhere that's in the way can be a good reminder to reflect and write. It's strange. But it works!

Toward what am I being drawn?

What am I resisting?

Would you like to share your reflections with someone? Is there a friend or mentor who could be a sounding board? Sue or I would be glad to listen, but this doesn't need to be a pastor.

Here's a gem from Sue preaching on January 16, 2022 about the role of humanity in God's creation during the "Why Am I Here?" worship series:

Brothers and sisters, I want to suggest to you that each one of you are ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Each one of you has been called and equipped for service in His name. Each one of you has been given gifts through the Holy Spirit to use for the building up of Christ's church, and to minister to a hurting world. (Sue Short, 2022-01-16)

Yes, each one! Resurrection power working through Zionites to reconcile all of creation. And when we work in our areas of gift and passion we work more efficiently and more effectively with less effort and with more joy. Where are your gifts and passions? Don't rush to make changes. Simply receive the resurrection at work in you.

Dan