

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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June 18, 2023

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, June 18 ~ *Father's Day*

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Wednesday, June 21

9:00 am ~ Neighborhood Garage Sale

Thursday, June 22

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

9:00 am ~ Neighborhood Garage Sale

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, June 23 ~ *Office closed*

Church reserved for a wedding setup

Saturday, June 24

Church reserved for a wedding

3:30 pm ~ Meet and greet session #1

4:45 pm ~ Meet and greet session #2

6:00 pm ~ Meet and greet session #3

Sunday, June 25

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School: John David sharing
faith journey & life story

Church reserved for a wedding

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Kate Roth

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Kate Roth

Shifting Perspective Story 1

Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Lift Every Voice And Sing” (HWB 579)

“You Are Salt For The Earth” (HWB 226)

Offering/Offertory ~ Kate/Bonnie

Shifting Perspective Story 2

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“For We Are Strangers No More” (HWB 322)

Scripture ~ Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon ~ Dan Miller

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Guide My Feet” (HWB 546)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Sending Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“For The Healing Of The Nations” (HWB 367)

Office News

~ Dan will be on vacation June 19th through July 2nd.

~ The office will be closed July 3rd and 4th for the holiday.

Happy Birthday:

June 20 ~ Eric Creighton

June 22 ~ John Brooks

June 23 ~ Darlene King

Happy Anniversary

June 19 - Robert & Joyce Frey (58)

June 20 - Roger & Mableann Crossgrove (52)



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.

Collaborative Ministry Team Pastor-Candidate Weekend- June 24th & 25th

Saturday June 24th

- Meet & Greets for anyone interested- Sign-Ups on Table in Fellowship Hall (Please sign-up to attend only one of these)
 - o Meet and greet session #1 3:30pm- 4:30pm
 - o Meet and greet Session #2 4:45pm- 5:45pm
 - o Meet and greet session #3 6:00pm- 7:00pm

Sunday June 25th

- 9:30am- Worship in Sanctuary- John David giving the message
- 10:45am- John David Sharing Faith Journey & Life Story
 - o Time will be reserved for Q&A

Procedure for voting:

- A congregational vote on extending an invitation to John David to join the Collaborative Ministry Team will take place at the end of the worship service on Sunday July 2nd.
 - o You may vote in person by completing a ballot and turning it in at the end of the service.
 - o You may vote in person, by placing your ballot in the box on the table in the fellowship hall.
 - o You may vote via telephone by calling the church office and leaving a message on the voicemail.
 - o You may vote via telephone by calling Micah Frankenfield at 215-896-5329.
- Voting will close at Noon on Sunday July 9th
- Votes will be tabulated, and results announced in the Newsletter on July 13th

Meet John David Thacker

I am a graduate of Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. I was pastor of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Anchorage, Alaska for 14 years, and I have served with many Mennonite organizations including Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Disaster Service, Meserete Kristos College (Ethiopia), Camp Luz, Drift Creek Camp, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Laurelville Retreat Center, and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

I have received training from and participated in the Sent Network, a church-planting initiative of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN), as well as MMN's Missional Discipleship Initiative.

Youth development is another special focus for me. In addition to my work in church camping ministries, I have worked for or volunteered with youth-serving organizations like Volunteers of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, and Parachutes Teen Club.

I am currently serving in a year-long chaplaincy residency at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. I will complete four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in August 2023.

The Gospels, especially the Sermon on Mount, are core texts for me. They show us the vision that Jesus has for bringing healing and hope to the world. They also show us our place in that mission—as disciples of Jesus and ministers of reconciliation. We are called to be a people of God and a community centered in Jesus.

I believe that as a pastor, my calling is to teach and preach from the scriptures, to model a life of discipleship and to make disciples, to tend to the needs of the congregation and the people and families who make up that congregation. It has also been important to me to be active in the local community; the church is called to serve its neighbors and to witness to the love that God has for the world—in the way we treat one another and in the love we show to others..

I look forward to meeting you soon and learning more about Zion and Archbold. God bless you and keep you.



Worship Today

Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's resource team focusing on racial reconciliation, has invited Ohio Conference (OC) congregations to set aside this Sunday, June 18, as Social Justice Sunday in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday the following day. The theme for this year's Social Justice Sunday is "Race as it relates to freedom."

Thank you

Zion, Thank you so much for the bowl, I can't wait to use it at college. I am so thankful for all of the memories I have gotten to make growing up at Zion. I will always be reminded of all of you while I'm at college. Thank you for all of your prayers. I'm so grateful for everything. Thanks again for all of your support. ~ Ellie Grieser

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for the Goshen College students taking summer classes.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for the alumni gatherings taking place across the country over the next few weeks. Pray for safe travels and that the time together in fellowship is meaningful and informative.

EMU (Va.) The "Discovery" group of students and adults from EMS are visiting Mountain View Mennonite Church, Kalispell, Mont., today. Pray that meaningful connections will be made between the congregation and the school group.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Robin Gingerich, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students, faculty and staff from around the world.

Don't Forget

Nursery Help: You still have an opportunity to help our little ones by volunteering to help a couple of times in the nursery on Sunday mornings. There is a signup sheet on the table across from the library. Thank you

Strawberry festival: Salem Church is hosting a Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 17th from 4-7 pm. Lots of food to eat and entertainment. You also have the option to join the talent tent. Salem is located at 13751 s. Tripp Rd (Waldren, MI). See the bulletin board across from the bathrooms for more information and on how to sign up to be a part of the talent tent.

Garage Sale

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. Good selling items include: children's and youth clothing and toys, games, sports equipment, books, shoes, boots, coats, kitchen items, small furniture items (that could fit in the back of a car), arts and craft supplies, etc...Because we will need to put everything back inside the church overnight, and then get it out again in the morning, please do not donate very large or heavy items. **You can bring your items to the fellowship hall on Sunday, June 18th until Tuesday, June 20th by noon. Please do not bring your items before June 18th because of other scheduled events using the building. Contact the church office if you can help.**

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

THE LAST PAGE...

...but never the last word

“The best thing a person can bring to leadership is his or her own transforming self.”

Spiritual Leadership Team is going through *Pursuing God's Will Together*, Ruth Haley Barton's book on discernment. We came across this statement this week. Barton repeats this idea throughout her writings, and I keep growing in my appreciation of it.

I observed in my younger years that leaders in a congregation tended to take on characteristic of the lead pastor: hairstyle, clothing, mannerisms, way of relating. One clear example of this was in Pentecostal groups where leaders had the same hairstyle as the pastor. But it's true in lots of settings, even Mennonite congregations! I began to understand that “people follow their leaders.” Now humans are complicated social animals so we don't move in lockstep, but something is going on. A light-hearted example: back in the days when my suspenders were more obvious, suspenders tended to appear in a congregation while I was there. But I also observed how a leader's critical tone could spread through a whole organization.

What does she mean by “transforming?” I think of it as continuing to grow, to deepen one's character. In *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*, this same author writes,

“Only those who have been brave enough to ride their own monsters of anger and greed, jealousy and narcissism, fear and violence all the way down to the bottom will find a truer energy with which to lead.”

Applying this understanding to the quote above, a leader continuing to deepen their character (transforming) influences others in the organization to deepen their character. Growing as a disciple of Christ influences others to grow as disciples.

What do you think about this? What examples have you observed?

Dan