

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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June 4, 2023

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, June 4

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

Monday, June 5

9:30 am ~ Staff

Thursday, June 8

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

Friday, June 9 ~ Office closed

Saturday, June 10

9:00 am ~ Building reserved

Sunday, June 11

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



Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Mark Nafziger
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“Come Gracious Spirit” (HWB 303)
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Mark Nafziger
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“We Are People Of God's Peace” (HWB 407)
Offering/Offertory ~ Mark/Karen
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“Oh Worship The Lord” (HWB 124)
Scripture ~ Romans 12:1-8
Sermon ~ Dan Miller
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“There Are Many Gifts” (HWB 304)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick
Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“Sizohamba Naye” (STJ 78)
Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Office News

~ Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. Please have newsletter items to the office by Wednesday.

Happy Birthday:

June 6 ~ Ruth Lange

June 8 ~ Sandy Short

June 9 ~ Nicole Aeschliman, Brenna Creighton

June 10 ~ Michele Nafziger

Happy Anniversary

June 9 - Steven & Julia Nofziger (39)

June 10 - John & Joy Betts (45)

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.

New Announcements

Archbold Care & Share, Gift & Thrift Stores, are in the process of purchasing a good used cargo van for transporting goods to & from Toledo. It will also be used for other purposes as well. The older pick-up truck that they've been using will continue to be used for pulling the trailer to transport furniture. Because of the van's capacity, it will allow fewer trips to be made, saving money on fuel. It also helps in ease of loading, since loading the pick-up required someone to crawl on their hands & knees to load it! **If individuals or Sunday school classes would like to donate toward this**, please contact Kathy Nofziger at Care & Share. 419-445-1926, ext. # 1

MCC Virtual Visit to the DR Congo on June 5: Learn about the impact a clean water project has had in the Democratic Republic of the Congo—and how you can help bring it to more communities. In this virtual visit, we will hear from Jacob Yoder, country representative, and Gracia Falo, program assistant, about the need in DR Congo, and their hope for its future. Linda Espenshade and Christy Kauffman will share stories and photos from a recent trip. Join us for this free webinar on Monday, June 5 at 12 p.m. EDT / 11 a.m. CDT. Register for the Zoom link at mcc.org/dr-congo-webinar.

Thank you

Thank you for your offerings of encouragement with cards, phone calls, and prayers on my behalf during my recovery from recent surgery. May God bless you. ~ Gerald Short

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for faculty and staff as they prepare for the next school year. Pray that their summer is filled with learning and rejuvenation and is also life-giving.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Pray for our incoming students who are preparing to enter college during orientations this month. May they find their vocations, develop lasting friendships, and strengthen their faith.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for all participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, as they bring closure to their assignments in the coming weeks. Pray for these young adults as they discern God's leadings and as they integrate what they have learned and experienced into the next seasons of their lives.

Don't Forget

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.

FISH Pantry: June is Zion's month to bring in food to stock the FISH food pantry's shelves! 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.

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

Don't Forget

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

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. 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.**

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!

THE LAST PAGE...

...but never the last word

Thanks to everyone for helping with the Pentecost celebration last Sunday. It was a good morning!

For most of my adult life I have tried to maintain a weekly Sabbath day. I am reading *Embracing Rhythms of Work and Rest* by Ruth Haley Barton, where she presents her theology and practice of Sabbath. Barton has spent years in spiritual formation and leadership consulting. She begins one chapter with this Tilden Edwards quote:

The church's primary social and psychological task is to help people manage their experienced dependency upon God in such a way that they are better able to care effectively for the world. These two dimensions of dependency and caring define the needed human rhythm of life. The church is the only large-scale institution in society that is accountable for and capable of fostering such an authentic rhythm.

This description has a ring of truth. I have wondered if a lot of today's dissatisfaction and anxiety results from having only one response to limits – fighting them. But I trip over the last sentence. My first response is, "But the Christian church has less influence than it had, can it still foster such a rhythm?" And my second is, "smaller churches seem to be the hotbed for work in Christian formation. Are humble congregations better places to focus on authentic rhythms?"

I'd be glad to hear your thoughts. What do you identify with as you read this quote? What do you want to argue with?