

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 2, 2023

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, July 2 ~ *Voting opens*

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, July 3 ~ *Office Closed*

Tuesday, July 4 ~ *Office Closed*

Wednesday, July 5

9:00 am ~ Quilting in room 303

Thursday, July 6

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, July 7 ~ *Office closed*

Sunday, July 9

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

12:00 pm ~ Voting closes

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Marcia Lehman

Interlude

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Eric & Marcia Lehman

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“Shall We Gather At The River” (HWB 615)

“Wade In The Water” (HWB 446)

Offering/Offertory ~ Marcia/Karen

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“Oh Have You Not Heard” (HWB 606)

Scripture ~ Revelation 22:1-9

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Song of Response ~ Eric Lehman

“As I Went Down To The River” (STJ 79)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Lonnie Short

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“I've Got A River Of Life” (Slide)

Office News

~ Dan will be on vacation through July 2nd.

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

~ Voting for the pastoral candidate opens Sunday, July 2nd and closes Sunday, July 9th at noon.

~ Sue will be out of town from Sunday afternoon, July 2nd through Saturday evening, July 8th, for a few days away with Stan for their anniversary, and also to attend MCUSA Convention in Kansas City.

Happy Birthday:

July 2 ~ Phil (Lynette) Bontrager

July 5 ~ Kathy (Artie) Short, Micah Frankenfield

July 7 ~ Mary Gisel, Maggie Short

Happy Anniversary

July 2 - Chad & Nichole Aeschliman (18)



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

Vote- July 2nd to July 9th at Noon

A congregational vote on extending an invitation to John David to join the Collaborative Ministry Team will begin at the end of the worship service on Sunday July 2nd.

Who Should Vote?:

- o Those who are actively engaged in the life of Zion Mennonite Church (Members and Non-Members)

When to Vote?:

- o Voting will begin at the end of service on Sunday July 2nd and close at Noon on Sunday July 9th

How To Vote?:

- 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.

What's Next?:

- o Votes will be tabulated once voting has closed and results announced in the Newsletter on July 13th

Questions?: If you have questions about the voting process or John David Thacker, please feel free to reach out to a member of the search team.

July Worship - "*Come to the Water*"

Many of us enjoy spending time on or near the water in the summer. There's something calming about water which seems to ground us and connect us to God's presence. We know our physical bodies need water to survive, but perhaps our souls do, as well. This summer, we'll look at a few of the themes involving water that are present in scripture. How does water represent God's good creation, God's protection, and God's intention for shalom? What is our relationship to water today? Our scripture focus for July 2nd is Revelation 22:1-9.

Thank you

To Zion Church: Thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts and for every hug or word of condolence. Your support during our sad time made us feel truly blessed. ~ Elizabeth Miller & Larry Wyse

A HUGE thank you for all the donated items (and the water bottles) for the neighborhood garage sale this week! We had an outstanding assortment of treasures. I am so grateful for all of the willing and hard workers who helped to make this sale a success - those who spent hours organizing the donations, those who showed up to carry all the tables and items outside in the morning or back in the evening, those who cheerfully staffed the sale, and those who helped load and transport the leftover items to Care and Share. It was such a fun experience to meet and interact with folks from the neighborhood and the community! ~ Sue Short

New Announcements

HELP IS NEEDED AT CARE & SHARE THRIFT SHOPS: Care & Share is looking for someone to manage the pick up and delivery part of our furniture area. This would be approx. 15-20 hours per week. Part of the hours would be working in the store, preparing furniture for sale, as well as helping out wherever needed. Contact Pat King, Furniture Coordinator 419 445 1926 Ext 202 or Kathy Nofziger General Mgr. Ext 100

Don't Forget

On the Level announcement: The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: volunteer work in Red Lake, Minnesota is empowering Native American homeowners; a new video features a unique program at Lancaster Mennonite School; and with open arms, there are new accommodations for volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3PnlVBu>

Homemade Ice Cream Social: Zion Lutheran Church is having an ice cream social on July 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Menu includes hot chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, pie & cake, beverages, and of course ice cream! Food is by a freewill donation and carryout is available. (20-141 County Road X, Ridgeville Corners)

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for students who are on campus as they draw to a close Maple Scholars and Hickory Scholars summer research programs.

Bethel College, North Newton (Kan.) & Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg (Va.) : Join us in prayer for an uplifting of faith and fellowship at MennoCon23.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those traveling to MennoCon, the four-day MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, that begins tomorrow. Pray for Mission Network staff and partners as they present youth service opportunities and talk about the church's response to immigrants and displaced people, violence in South Africa, and global climate change.

Spiritual Leadership Team Minutes

June 12

Opening and Prayer:

Dan led a discussion of Chapter 6 of the book, "Pursuing God's Will Together." Our conversation centered around the question of what it might mean to be our 'own transforming self.' We wondered about how we would share our transforming selves with others. Also, how do we continue to be transformed? We used the evening prayer suggested in Chapter 6 as we began our meeting, and ended the meeting with the night closing prayer.

Pastoral candidate weekend:

Since the SLT already had an opportunity to meet with the candidate previously, we discussed whether the SLT wanted or needed to meet with the candidate as a group when he is here on June 24-25. The feeling was that it wasn't necessary to meet with him as a group again, but we could check to see if he would like to meet with us again. We talked about the importance of the search team clarifying the structure of the candidate weekend for the congregation, and also clarifying the voting procedure.

Fall retreat

The consensus was that it would be good to do an SLT retreat again. The start date of a new pastor could impact the time of holding a retreat. No firm decisions were made on a possible time, but we would like it to be off-site, and it would be great to have an outside person take leadership of the retreat. We can start checking our calendars to see which dates might work.

Process for supporting new ideas:

Barb gave a brief report on what she and Dan had discussed. Barb and Mike will meet in the next few weeks to continue discussion, and more info will be reported at the next meeting

Sharing and listening time: We shared joys and concerns in our personal lives.

New business:

We discussed some of the logistics of communion. We may skip communion the second Sunday of July, with the next one on the first Sunday in August, (August 6) with youth being baptized on that day. We also discussed increasing the size of bread for communion, as well as placing the cups a little further apart in the trays, so that they are easier for people to pick up.

Setting next meeting date and time:

Discussed meeting on the 10th or 17th next month, due to schedule conflicts. We will check with those who could not be present before setting a date. Barb is next on devotions list. If we decide to meet on the 10th, Lonnie will do devotions.