

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**August 6, 2023**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### Sunday, August 6 - Baptism Sunday

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Baptism @ Weldy's pond

### Monday, August 7

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, August 8

7:00 pm ~ Church Council

### Wednesday, August 9

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

### Thursday, August 10

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

6:30 pm ~ Canning Class

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### Friday, August 11 ~ Office closed

### Sunday, August 13

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

## Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Dan Miller

Interlude

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Dan Miller

Opening Songs ~ Julia Richer

“Come Let Us Unite To Sing” (HWB 12)

“Wonderful Grace Of Jesus” (HWB 150)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Offering/Offertory ~ Bonnie/Dan

“My Soul Is Filled With Joy” (STJ 13)

Baptism Reflections

Communion

Prayer of Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song ~ Julia Richer

“God Loves All His Many People” (HWB 397)

## Office News

~ Bethany will be on vacation this week. A big thanks to those who are filling in for her!!

## Happy Anniversary

August 6 - Duane & Barb Short (57)

August 9 - Randy & Karen Stuckey (48)

August 11 - Dan & Deb Nofziger (44)

## Happy Birthday:

August 6 ~ Naomi Richer

August 7 ~ Rosemary Baer

August 8 ~ Chris Richer

August 9 ~ Tim Wagler

August 10 ~ Tim Grieser

August 11 ~ Cecilia Wyse



**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.**

## Upcoming Worship

- **Sunday, August 6th:** Baptism Sunday! Join us as we celebrate with Creighton Aeschliman, Reiss Creighton, Grace Hastings, Naomi Richer, and Leah Roth. Following worship, we'll walk down to Weldy's pond for the baptisms, and conclude back in the fellowship hall for refreshments and time together.
- **Sunday, August 13th - Sunday, September 3rd :** *"Welcome to the Campfire!"* Our usual August 'Front Porch' with a new twist! You are invited to dress casually and comfortably. Come hear stories from one another about faith, seeing God in creation, camping, and life.

## New Announcements

**Builders Sunday School** will not meet for class on Sunday, August 6th.

**Mennonite Women** will meet Wednesday August 9, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm. Sister Andrea from Project Hope will lead our meditation at 11:30 am. A noon meal will be provided. Mennonite Women will again be collecting school supplies for MCC's school kit drive. Required items may be found online at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>, the note to the right, or pick up an item list from the table outside the church office where kit items may be placed. Note that the church provides the metal pencil sharpeners.

**Builders class** will meet for breakfast at the Essen Haus on August 15 at 9:30 am.

**37<sup>th</sup> CPC Steps for Life Walkathon, 5K & Family Fun Day:** Walkathon, 5K run, and 1 Mile Fun Run: 8:00 am – 10:00 am Sat., Sept 16, 2023 (MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena, 601 Townline Road, Bryan) Sign up at <https://cpcnwo.org/events/37th-annual-walkathon-and-5k/> To receive a walkathon packet to help record donations, call 419-636-5692. If you have any questions about the event, please let us know. Thank you for your kindness.

### **School Kits**

From August until September 10th, Mennonite Women will collect supplies for school kits. Items can be left on the table near the church office.

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8x10x10.5/70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- **Mennonite women will supply the metal pencil sharpeners for the school kits**

More details can be found at **mcc.org**. Monetary donations are also welcome.

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the faculty and staff at Hesston College as they gather for a time of retreat, training, and planning. May this time cultivate a culture of increased student support within the 2023-2024 academic year ahead.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our student leaders and athletes who are moving onto campus early this week for trainings and practice. May they embrace Bluffton's mission of responsible citizenship and service to all peoples for God's universal kingdom.

Eastern Mennonite School (Va.): Please pray for EMS faculty and staff as they convene for their Fall Conference and strategic goal focus areas for the 23-24 year around the topics of school culture, community engagement, and curriculum development.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for staff at Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) as they prepare to begin their two-week summer training session in South Korea. Pray for fruitful relationship building and learning as NARPI brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan.

## Don't Forget

**Teachers & Helpers needed:** There is a sign up sheet on the table across from the mailboxes with opportunities to teach and help with children and youth this fall during Sunday School or on Wednesday evenings.

**Project Respect annual golf outing:** Project Respect is an abstinence education program that is part of the CPC Women's Health Resource. The Project Respect Golf Outing serves as our only annual fundraiser for the program. Proceeds from the golf outing help enable us to serve students in schools in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Williams Counties. Last year we presented our 5-day abstinence program to more than 3500 students in these counties! We are still in need of more golfers for this year's outing, on August 19, at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. The cost is \$80 per golfer (\$320 per team). We would love to have a team from your church join us! For more information please visit our website at [cpcnwo.org/events/13th-annual-project-respect-golf-outing/](http://cpcnwo.org/events/13th-annual-project-respect-golf-outing/), OR contact [brenda@projectrespectnwo.org](mailto:brenda@projectrespectnwo.org)

**Picture Wall:** As we look forward to John David Thacker coming to Zion, now is a great time to get new or updated photos on the church family picture bulletin board located in the fellowship hall. Anyone is welcome to submit a picture and room will be made for all pictures. John David can use this as a tool for getting to know our church family and it can also help others as well! Please put your 4x6 (or smaller) pictures in Rachel (Brad) Short's mailbox. If you have questions, Rachel can be contacted at 419-572-9922 or [rmshort67@gmail.com](mailto:rmshort67@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **THE LAST PAGE...**

#### **...but never the last word**

Baptism Sunday!

A person's public profession of faith in Jesus is reason to celebrate.

Humans enjoy special events most when we actively invest ourselves. Are there ways that help you bring yourself more fully to the morning? I mean, it's ok to just come and enjoy the day. And, it might be more meaningful to invest something in it.

Some ideas I've brainstormed are:

Recall your own baptism. What did it mean then?

What does it mean now? Spend time praying for a person who is being baptized this Sunday.

Write a card to one or more of them, expressing your gratitude for their presence and their faith, sharing a prayer or a scripture that's been meaningful for you in your walk with Jesus.

Do you know their favorite food? What about dropping it off at their house next week "in celebration?"

Take them to Lulu's for ice cream!

Hopefully that primes the pump.

See you for Baptism Sunday!

~ Dan

**On the Level announcement:** The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear from a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3DlnAQX>

**It's time for the MCC School Kit Challenge!** Help us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

**To Zion Ministry Teams:** Stewardship Ministry Team will begin working on Zion's budget next month - August. Stewardship requests budget needs/considerations for next year's budget. 9/1/23-8/31/23, be turned in to Cal Britsch or Dan Ruth by Saturday 8/5/23. If any team needs information or consultation, contact Cal. Thanks, Dan Ruth.

**Burgers & Magic:** Friday, August 4 -Ruibley Park Archbold. Burger Bash 5:30 – 7 in the pavilion and just after 7 Jim Barron Comedy Magic Show under the bandstand. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Free-will donations all benefit Growing Hope Globally. See the bulletin board for more information.