

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 23, 2023

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, July 23

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Monday, July 24

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 am ~ Quilting in room 303

Thursday, July 27

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, July 28 ~ Office closed

11am-5pm ~ Blood Drive

Sunday, July 30

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

12:00 pm ~ Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Reserved

5:00 pm ~ Movie: [Temple Grandin](#)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Kathy Beck

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship, Water Ritual & Prayer ~

Kathy Beck

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Yonder Come Day” (STJ 115)

“Come, Ye Disconsolate” (HWB 497)

Offering/Offertory ~ Kathy/Bonnie

Scripture ~ 2 Kings 5:1-14

Sermon ~ Dan Miller

Hymn of Response ~ Julia Richer

“O Let All Who Thirst” (HWB 495)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Lonnie Short

Benediction ~ Dan Miller

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“When Peace Like A River” (HWB 336)

Office News

~ Dan will be working from Goshen for most of this coming week. He is available by phone/text and email.

~ It is time to be ordering Sunday school materials for the fall. If your class is interested in having the office order for you, please contact Bethany by phone or email (419.445.3796, church.zionmc@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday:

July 26 ~ Ned Gisel

July 27 ~ Carol Short

Happy Anniversary

July 28 - Mark & Joyce Nafziger (44)

July 29 - Orville & Ginny Doehrmann (68)



Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our faculty and staff as they prepare for the 2023-24 academic year. May they fulfill Bluffton's mission to prepare students of all backgrounds for life and for vocation...and for the purposes of God's universal kingdom.

Mennonite Mission Network: rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Banzaro and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.

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 Update

Sunday July 9th concluded our voting process for John David Thacker. The Search team is pleased to report that John David was affirmed with a 93% vote of confidence. 133 votes were received in total, 124 were "yes" votes and 9 were "no" votes.

John David has formally accepted Zion's call to serve as a full time equivalent on the Collaborative Ministry Team. A covenant for his first term will be worked on in the coming weeks.

The search team and the SLT are currently working on plans for when John David will officially join Zion's Collaborative Ministry Team, as well as when Dan Miller's term with Zion will wrap up. The transition is likely to begin this fall and be completed before the end of the year. As more details are available they will be shared. Thank You everyone for your participation in the search process.

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 23rd is 2 Kings 5:1-14.

New Announcements

Movie Time! It's time for another movie at Zion. **Come Sunday July 30 at 5:00pm** to watch [Temple Grandin](#), the story of “an autistic woman who has become one of the top scientists in the humane livestock handling industry.” (IMDB) She is currently a faculty member with Animal Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University. She has been featured in farm/ranch magazines, and done numerous media interviews. This movie is rated TV-PG, received 8.2 stars on IMDB, and runs just short of two hours. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows. There will be a few comfy chairs available. And don't forget to bring a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you!

Picture Wall: As we look forward to John David Thatcher 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 rmsshort67@gmail.com. Thank you!

Volunteers needed! The Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) provides lunches for children and youth in many communities in our area during the summer months, in order to help provide food while school is not in session. In Archbold, these free lunches are served in Ruyhley Park in the covered picnic area near the pool and sand volleyball courts. NOCAC's meal program concludes several weeks before school begins. So Zion, Lockport and St. Johns are teaming up to offer free lunch for children during this gap. **Zion is covering July 31 to August 4.** People are needed to provide the meal for about 20 people as well as helpers for serving and an activity. Lunch is offered between 12-12:45pm. Sign up sheet is across from the mailboxes. For more information, contact Glora Belle at 419.551.8205.

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.

Don't Forget

Blood Drive: Please sign up to donate blood on Friday, July 28 at Zion. You can visit redcrossblood.org and search the date or use the code ZIONMENN to select a donation time between 11 am and 4:45 pm. You are also welcome to see Ella Richer on Sunday in the fellowship hall after the service to sign up or to volunteer in other ways on the day of the drive. ~ Thank you, Ella and Julia Richer

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.

'My Coins Count' Noisy Offering is coming soon! Get your change ready - our noisy offering will be collected on Sunday, July 30th during worship. The water pump for your change will also be in the fellowship hall near the coffee bar each Sunday during July, and in the office each weekday (Mon - Thurs) till noon. Our noisy offering gifts will help support clean water projects around the world through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

Central's Summer Concert Series on July 23rd will feature The Tacketts, a southern gospel group. Come rain or shine at 6pm and bring your lawn chair. Food available from Benny's Loncheria food truck. See the bulletin board for more information.

The Reformed Mennonite Church (Lauber Hill) has donated their meeting house to the Fulton County Historical Society. There will be an open house held on Sunday, July 23 from 1 – 4 PM at the meeting house located on the corner of Co. Rd.21 and US Highway 20A. Historical information about the Reformed Mennonite Church will be presented during the open house. All are welcome.

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.

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...but never the last word

I want to return to the comment I made during announcements last week about being glad the vote calling John David Thacker was not unanimous. This might feel contrary to Zion culture and to stories about how Phil Frey worked to build unanimity about congregational decisions. Pastor Frey gave people who lost a chance to come around and support the majority by holding another vote. It is important to consider our attitude when we lose! Many churches have a story about the person who voted against the church addition but was first in line to help break ground.

And at the same time, holding additional votes until everyone comes around can create unintended pressure to pretend we are of one mind. In my experience, if a vote is unanimous someone is usually lying. I mean, I can have two or more opinions just by myself!

Sometimes, listening to those who dissent allows us to be honest about potential difficulties.

For that reason, I am often relieved that a vote is not unanimous. I figure people are being honest.

Dan