

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 15, 2023

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (Fellowship Hall & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Farewell Program for Dan (FH & zoom)

Monday, October 16

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

10:30 am ~ Sue at Fairlawn Chapel

Wednesday, October 18

9:00 am ~ Quilting (rm 303)

9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Zion (310)

6:00 pm ~ ZOW

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team (Office)

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS

7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, October 19

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, October 22

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Nursery Workers

October 15: Sarah Frankenfield & Reiss Creighton

October 22: Marcia Lehman & Sonja Wheeler

Happy Birthday

October 16 - Ilva King

October 17 - Doug Meyer

October 20 - Sarah Frankenfield

October 21 - Karen Nafziger

Happy Anniversary

October 16 - Tim & Carrie Grieser (30)

October 16 - Cork & Patsy Nofziger (57)

October 17 - Michael & Angie Short (25)

October 19 - Greg & Michele Nafziger (38)

October 21 - Roger & Sharon Frey (51)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Jackie Lehman

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey & Anita Roth

“Through Our Fragmentary Prayer” (HWB 347)

WORSHIP

Opening Song ~ Anita Roth

“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” (HWB 46)

Call to Worship ~ Jackie Lehman

Song Of Praise ~ Anita Roth

“Sing To The Lord Of Harvest” (HWB 98)

Children's Story ~ Jackie Lehman

Psalm 23 Stories Around the Table

Transition Song ~ Anita Roth

“There Is More Love Somewhere” (Screen)

COMMUNITY

Membership Transfer with Congregation Response

Transition Song ~ Anita Roth

“Here I Am Lord” (HWB 395)

MISSION

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

“Facilitating New Visions At Zion” ~ Dan Miller

Offering ~ Karen Stuckey

Sending Song ~ Anita Roth

“Take, Oh Take Me As I Am” (Screen)

Benediction ~ Jackie Lehman



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, October 15th: Dan's last Sunday; Farewell program during SS hour with refreshments. Worship this week, October 15, is in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks and drinks will be available when you arrive. You are welcome to find a seat at any table, with people you want to get to know better. There will be singing, table interaction, children's time, receiving members by transfer. There will be a short break between worship and the Sunday School hour.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the Hesston College theatre students and faculty as they travel to the Kansas City area and participate in learning from theatrical shows and events.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University's music and theatre students as they begin performing fall concerts and prepare for the fall play "Paragon Springs," Nov. 9-12.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for Hillcrest Academy first-year music instructor Mikayla Tackaberry as she prepares to lead our choir and instrumental ensembles in the upcoming fall music concert on October 22.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for the Goshen College Board of Directors as they meet and do the important work of advancing the college's mission on Oct. 20-21.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the continued growth and thriving of our EMS school community. May the students, staff, and faculty be able to work together and build a community that is welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and feels like family.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Ecuador is holding run-off presidential elections. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for peace, as the country has been experiencing increasing violence. In August, an anti-corruption candidate, Fernando Villavicencio, was killed at a campaign event, and nine others were injured.

Address Changes

Orville Doehrmann has a new address as of this past Monday: 407 E. Lutz Rd rm 115 Archbold OH 43502
Doug & Ilse Meyers new address: 1 Jefferson Pkwy Apt. 207 Lake Oswego, OR 97035

New Announcements

Community Meal: Cookies, Bars or brownies are needed for the community meal on October 24th. Please sign up on the table across from the mailboxes if you are willing to provide. Please have them to Zion's kitchen by noon on the 24th. See Arlene Short with questions.

The MYF will have cider available for donation after church today. Please pick your cider up today, October 15, in the kitchen and there will be a manila envelope for your donation. The MYF thanks you! A big thanks to Scott and Barb Yoder and Barnaby and Michelle Wyse for the apples. And to Mike Zimmerman, thank you for taking the apples to the cider mill.

School Kit Bash Update: MCC's goal for the August school kit bash was to put 10,000 kits together from US and Canada. They received 27,800 in total, with over 9,000 coming from the Great Lakes.

The Archbold Community Garden needs your help laying mulch and installing a fence the evenings of Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19 from 5-7pm! Contact Abby Pennington at 419-572-1345 to get involved. Please dress in work clothes appropriate for that day's weather conditions. You might also consider wearing gardening gloves. Thank you in advance to all who are able to support us by offering their labor. We appreciate all the help we can get as we wrap up some larger projects this season!

St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Archbold is pleased to announce an exciting addition to the year – **the 2023-2024 St. Martin's Concert Series!** The series will kick-off on Friday, Nov. 10 @ 7pm with Marty's Birthday Bash Hymn Festival, celebrating Martin Luther's 540th birthday with hymns of the church year spanning 1529-2023. We look forward to presenting traditional Lutheran hymns as well as music from across the globe with the help of St. Martin's own musicians. Come ready to sing!

New Announcements continued

Responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict: As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel

Christian Aid Ministries is having an Open House November 2-4 in Ephrata, PA. See the bulletin board for more information.

Don't Forget

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: There was such a good response from our last Guess Who's Coming to dinner that we decided to do a fall one. So sign up if you are interested in hosting and sign up if you would like to be a guest. (There are 2 separate sign up sheets on the table across from the mailboxes) Dinner will be November 5th.

Do you have shoes you don't wear any more taking up space in your house? The Stryker High School Spanish and Art club would like to take them off your hands. They are working with an organization that pays groups to gather gently used shoes. This organization then distributes the shoes to developing companies as a way to support small businesses in those countries. **Until October 15, there will be a box by the office, and another by the back door for any shoes you might want to donate.** The students are raising money for a trip to Panama in spring 2024. Thanks for considering supporting them. See Barb Yoder for questions.

THE LAST PAGE...

...but never the last word

As I was reading Psalm 23 this week, I was struck by the line about God restoring the psalmist's soul. That's true for me as I returned to congregational ministry. Preaching, times with youth, visits, funerals, praying together—all of these were life-giving to me. Thanks be to God and to you for this opportunity.

That line from Psalm 23 also resonates as I think about God restoring Zion's soul. It surprises me and warms my heart to think of it this way. Laughing and crying and celebrating and grieving. Arguing and understanding. Planning for the future instead of running from the past.

Maybe you have your own reflections about a restored soul. I'd be glad to hear them.

I've wondered for awhile whether the format we used for Bridge Sundays could be a creative way to engage in worship and fellowship differently. I know some congregations that have removed their benches and installed a mix of hi-top and regular tables. Some have begun talking about EPIC worship: experiential, participatory, image-rich and connective.

I recently came across an idea in the Zion commitments about having a quarterly time for "church family meetings." Again, I wonder if the Bridge Sunday format could be modified to work for a Sunday each quarter to worship and have important conversations.

Experimenting seems like an appropriate way to spend our last Sunday, remembering what we've done and wondering about the future. The service is organized around three movements: Worship, Community, Mission. It will be shorter, of course, because there is a farewell time. Still, what if we think of it as a whole rather than its different parts? Jesus said, "whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." All of it is part of church.

No doubt you can modify what we have done to make it better. Always experiment. I commend to you this idea of a quarterly gathering to do family business.

Grace,
Dan