

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 22, 2023

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, October 22

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting
6:00 pm ~ Kitchen & Fellowship Hall reserved

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF

Thursday, October 26

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

Saturday, October 28

11:30am-6pm ~ Sanctuary reserved (Wedding)

Sunday, October 29

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Cara Ulrich
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship ~ Cara Ulrich
Opening Song ~ Anita Roth
"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God" (HWB 46)
Songs Of Praise ~ Eric Lehman
"God Is Here Among Us" (HWB 16)
"Open My Eyes, That I May See" (HWB 517)
Offering/Offertory ~ Cara/Karen
Song ~ Eric Lehman
"I Sought The Lord" (HWB 506)
Scripture ~ Genesis 32:22-32
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Sending Song ~ Anita Roth
"Take, Oh Take Me As I Am" (Screen)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ruth
Closing Song ~ Eric Lehman
"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God" (HWB 46)
Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

~ Sue and Stan will be out of town for a wedding from Friday afternoon, October 20th through Monday night, October 23rd. Sue will be back in the office on Tuesday, October 24th.

Nursery Workers

October 22: Marcia Lehman & Sonja Wheeler
October 29: Karen Rodriguez & Kaylee Rodriguez

Happy Birthday

October 22 - Arlene Short, Greg Short
October 25 - Galen Plank
October 27 - Michael Short

Happy Anniversary

October 24 - Greg & Jodi Nofziger (36)
October 26 - Josiah & Lydia Dahl (4)



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

For the remainder of the month of October, we'll continue our theme of our worship centering around a text that the pastors have found to be formative for their lives. This offers an opportunity for us to learn to know John David better as he engages with some of his favorite scripture.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for our board, administration, and faculty/staff representatives as they gather on campus for the fall Hesston College Board of Directors meeting. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and meaningful discernment.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week, students celebrate Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. Pray for them as they contemplate John 15:5 and the theme "Be Rooted" during special Forum, Chapel, and campus events.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for safety and enlightenment for our students and leaders on cross-cultural trips this semester.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for the staff of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum as they prepare for their annual fundraising event, the Living Endowment Dinner, also a soft launch for a brand-new exhibit.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and its partners, from eight countries, are beginning their annual International Central Council meetings in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mennonite Mission Network, one of these partners, asks you to join in prayer for God's Spirit to guide the five days of worship, prayer, discernment and decision making for the coming year.

Address Changes

Don & Mary Oesch have a new address and email: 609 Schrock Dr. Archbold, Ohio 43502; dmoesch62@gmail.com
They no longer have a landline. Don—419.356.9195 & Mary—567.239.6591

Orville Doehrmann has a new address: 407 E. Lutz Rd rm 115 Archbold OH 43502

Doug & Ilse Meyer's new address: 1 Jefferson Pkwy Apt. 207 Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Skopych family moving

The Resettlement Support Team (RST) is moving the Skopych family!! Andre, Iryna, Maxim (6th grade), and Veronica (4 years old) are moving to a new 3-bedroom apartment in Archbold *this* Sat Oct 21.

If anyone is available to help move large items, set up bed frames, OR hand wash dishes, make beds, and make a house a home -- we are setting everything up at NOON on Saturday. OR if you're available to help pack up the Skopych family and move their belongings, that'd be great too! **Please contact Laura if you can help!**

Many items have already come in! Thank you! Items that are still needed: microwave oven, comfy chair, floor lamp, TV/ or large computer screen, hand towels, washrags, blender, pots & pans, cooking utensils (wooden spoon, spatula, wisk, etc), casserole dishes, tupperware, serving dishes, drying rack, large kitchen trash can, outdoor garbage can, hammer, crew driver, tape measure, etc., children's books, board games, card games, toys, etc.

If you're able to donate items: PLEASE TEXT or call: 419-551-5690 OR email: laurajnafziger@gmail.com

Laura & Steve Nafziger *SHE WILL CONFIRM your donation, so items are not duplicated!!*

A trailer is available where items may be dropped off before Saturday morning. IF small or fragile items, please put them in a box to avoid damage. We can also arrange to pick up your donation Friday between 4:00-8:00 pm or Saturday between 8:00-11:00 am.

THANK YOU!!

Central & Zion's Resettlement Support Team

A Note from John David

As I get acquainted with Zion, I would like to meet with each family if possible. We could meet in your home, at the church, a coffee shop, your kid's soccer game, or your workplace. I would expect to meet for about an hour. I'm curious to know about your spiritual journey. What have been the significant spiritual experiences in your life? Who has influenced you the most? How has your faith changed and grown? What are your present challenges and concerns? I'll be in touch, but if you would like to get together with me sooner rather than later, give me a call (419-572-0340) and we will schedule a time. Thanks. I look forward to talking with you soon.

New Announcements

Missing spatula: If anyone is missing a spatula, there is an unclaimed one on the counter in the kitchen where the recyclables are kept.

On the Level announcement: The October edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares the health benefits of being a volunteer; an old grocery store is transformed near Red Lake, Minnesota; and if you enjoy quilting, knitting or crocheting you'll want to learn more about the MDS Housewarmer Project. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3FnVTrj>

Widow/Widower Event: Weeping Willow is putting together a widow/widower event on Tuesday, November 14th at Pettisville Missionary Church. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and a program. The evening is **free** but you must register by calling Weeping Willows at 419.445.7773 by November 7th. See the bulletin board for more details.

Don't Forget

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.**