

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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November 12, 2023

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (**No CHAOS**)
7:00 pm ~ Zion Choir & JCS Concert

Monday, November 13

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (rm 310)
5:00 pm ~ SLT (MYF Room)

Tuesday, November 14

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)
7:00 pm ~ Church Council
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Tedrow
5:30 pm ~ ZOW (Preschool-5th)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 19

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

Happy Birthday

November 13 ~ Lincoln Aeschliman

November 18 ~ Larry Short

Happy Anniversary

November 16 ~ Ed & Elaine Swartzbaugh (27)

November 17 ~ John & Karmin Brooks (11)

Nursery Workers

November 12: Sarah Frankenfield & Reiss Creighton

November 19: Brad & Rachel Short

September offerings= \$32,575
October offerings = \$47,511
The Stewardship Team

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Kathy Beck

Interlude ~ Choir

“Come We That Love The Lord”

“Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy”

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer ~ Kathy Beck

Song Of Praise ~ Julia Richer

“The Love Of God” (MH 538)

Offering/Offertory ~ Kathy/Bonnie

Song ~ Julia Richer

“There's A Wideness In God's Mercy” (HWB 145)

Scripture ~ Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Song ~ Julia Richer

“Eat This Bread” (HWB 471)

Communion

Prayer for Church & World ~ Mike Zimmerman

Closing Song ~ Julia Richer

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (HWB 71)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

~ Sue and Stan will be out of town from Friday afternoon, November 10th through Sunday afternoon, November 12th for the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse retreat.



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 & Events

In November, our worship will celebrate the scandalous generosity of God. We serve a God who does not give grudgingly, but extravagantly. God sustains us with manna from heaven and loaves and fishes for a party of 5000! "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." Luke 6:38

On **Sunday, November 12 at 7:00 pm**, the **Junior Choral Society** will be giving their first concert, along with the Zion Choir. We invite you to come listen to this select children's choir, with students in grades 4-8, sing and harmonize to create beautiful music together! Zoom will also be available, and we will use a different link for the concert than we use for worship. The concert zoom link will be emailed out separately.

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00pm. It's our turn to host our friends from St Martin's Lutheran for our annual worship service together. The choirs from both congregations will be singing. After the service, we'll have the opportunity to enjoy refreshments in the fellowship hall. If you are willing to provide a refreshment of bars or cake, please see the sign up sheet across from the mailboxes.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Bethel College organ instructor Donna Hetrick and guest musician Alan Wenger as they give a recital at the college tomorrow evening.

Hesston College, Kan.: Pray for Hesston as they work through the transition of new leadership.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the students, staff, and faculty involved in our fall sports programs.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University's campus community as we move forward in our five-year strategic plan with attention on academic success, well-being, emotional intelligence, social justice, and advocacy.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.

Refugee Resettlement Updates

Update on the Glushko (alternate translation: Hlushko) Family: Baby Emmanuel is doing very well since he was born on October 22. He was approximately six weeks early. He is gaining weight and no longer has a feeding tube. He is now about 3 pounds 11 ounces. He has never needed oxygen. Karina has stayed with the baby at St. V's through the week. She usually comes home once during the weekend. The whole family stayed in Toledo last weekend. They are hopeful to bring the baby home soon.

If anyone is interested in providing gifts, a box will be in the coat area near the office. An Amazon baby registry was created for the shower that will not happen now. Items are still available from that list. Registry link: Amazon: Baby Registry under "Karina Hlushko." Of course they can use diapers, wipes, gas cards, and money.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for the Hlushko (or Glushko) family! Thank you for any material items. Your ongoing support is appreciated!

Skopych Family Move: The Skopych family move from Wauseon to Archbold on October 21 went well and they are settling in to their new place. Many folks from Zion (or Zion connections) contributed toward the move. Kevin Frey helped find the apartment, which they love! Larry Wyse provided the use of his trailer to collect and haul items to the new apartment. Sauder woodworking (via Kevin Sauder and through Karleen Behnfeldt) and Richard and Eileen Nyce provided much of the furniture as well as many others for various items. The Wheelers are donating a washer and dryer. There are just a few more items needed to complete their new home. The hope is to complete a few details soon.

New Announcements

CHAOS Sunday School class will not meet today, November 12th.

ZOW will meet at 5:30 pm on the 15th and will have pizza. Don't forget to bring your favorite game to play!

Congregational Caregivers will meet on Monday, November 13, at 11:00 am in room 310.

The Stewardship Team is taking grant requests for the Zion endowment fund. Applications can be found on the table across from the mailboxes. They can be turned into the office or to Dan Ruth's box. Deadline for the applications is January 1, 2024. Please contact stewardship team with any questions. ~ Stewardship Team: Dan Ruth, Cal Britsch, Crystal Rodriguez & Lynn Roth.

Abby Pennington is looking for 6-8 folks willing to hang Christmas lights at the community garden at 10:45 am on Saturday, November 18. Hot chocolate will be provided. Contact her at 419-572-1345 if you're able to help.

Save the Date for our local comforter bash! Attend the 2nd annual comforter bash on January 10th from 3-8 pm at Central Mennonite Church. This event is sponsored by 4 area churches with one of those being Zion. Comforter tops can be donated. Contact Chris Wyse (419.516.4164) with questions.

Mennonite Church USA has launched "Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence," an initiative to bring awareness to the complex issue that intersects with poverty, racism, discrimination, criminal justice, education and the environment. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj Visit the initiative page here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence

Ohio Conference asks you to continue to remember the Leadership Team and consultant Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi in prayer as they work together on strategic planning for Conference. Pray that their leadership, along with the guidance of the delegates, will be Spirit led.

Make plans to start your 2024 ministry inspired and renewed! Cultivating unity within faith communities can be difficult when cultural pressures are divisive. As the next iteration of the former School for Leadership Training, Shalom Academy 2024 offers a place to learn and reflect on the practices that move congregations past divisiveness and toward peace. Keynote speakers and workshops give fresh perspectives on justice-inspired shalom, and new-this-year excursions provide for relaxation and recreation with friends both old and new. For more information or to register for Shalom Academy 2024 visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>.

Address Change

Martha Yoder has a new address:

500 Haven Drive, room 205

Archbold, OH 43502

Thank you from Dan Miller

Brothers and sisters at Zion Mennonite Church,

Thank you for the farewell on October 15. I loved that we could meet in the Fellowship Hall for the whole morning! It was a great way to recognize the journey that we took together.

A special thanks for the farewell celebration in the second hour. The gifts, sharing and comment cards (plus emails I received beforehand) are meaningful to me. I carry fond memories from our labors and celebrations.

God is with you. I look forward to hearing how the Spirit leads you as a House of Peace.

Grace,

Dan Miller



Christmas Cheer



TREE TAGS FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD. A TABLE WILL BE SET UP OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DONATED ITEMS.

1,200 FULTON COUNTY FAMILIES WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PERSONALIZED SHOPPING EXPERIENCE IN THE JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING IN WAUSEON. FAMILIES MAY SHOP FOR ANYTHING FROM CANNED GOODS AND DETERGENTS TO HATS, GLOVES, TOWELS, AND MORE.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION, YOU MAY DO SO ONLINE THROUGH CHRISTMAS CHEER'S WEBSITE FULTONCOUNTYCHRISTMASCHEER.ORG OR BY SENDING A CHECK TO: CHEER, PEG HINES 209 BURKE ST., ARCHBOLD, OH 43502.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Book Nook

Thanks for donating many new and used books. The library now has:

- Grief books: *The Grief Recovery Handbook* by James & Friedmen; *Tear Soup* by Schwidbert & Deklyn.
- Biography of Mark Matthews: *Music of the Spheres* with photos by Jim King
- Gun violence: *The Gorp's Gift* by Sheri Chessen (children's book)
- Fiction: by Karen Kingsbury (*Finding Home, Never Grows Up, When Joy Comes To Stay, Best Family Ever*); Beverly Lewis (*The Orchard, The Road Home*); Wanda Brunstetter (*The Amish Greenhouse Mysteries, Return to the Big Valley*)

Don't Forget

Fish Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer or volunteers to help with our food bank pickup order. Ideally, this volunteer would have a pickup truck, trailer or access to something like a minibus. We only need help with pickups once per month. That is typically on a Monday morning pick up in Toledo the day before our first pantry day. At the pickup the volunteer would have to load the items purchased from the food bank. The items could be from cases of chicken broth, cases of diapers, cases of fresh produce, and sometimes even eggs and baked goods. My prayer is that together we can find 12 volunteers that would be willing to take one month. Please know, I would be so honored if there is one volunteer that would take a few months or even if there is someone willing to do longer periods. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Jennifer Martin, Archbold Fish Pantry Coordinator (419.445.0366)

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is seeking an International Program Accounting Assistant. This role will provide clerical support to the International Program accounting team, including processing payments and supporting the payroll process for international employees. This position can be located in U.S. locations where MCC is a registered employer in Eastern or Central time zones; eligible for remote work. For more information and to apply by November 8, visit mcc.org/ip-accounting-assistant.

Goshen MCC Comforter Bash: Join us on November 10 and 11 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Comforter Bash in Goshen, IN. People of all ages are invited to knit comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or contact Donna Stoltzfus at 574.831.4098. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. **Dates:** Friday, November 10 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.); Saturday, November 11 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) **Location:** Pleasant View Church - 58529 County Road 23, Goshen, IN 46528