

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**November 19, 2023**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, November 19**

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

### **Monday, November 20**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

### **Tuesday, November 21**

7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

### **Wednesday, November 22**

7:00 pm ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service

### **Thursday, November 23 ~ Office Closed**

Church Reserved for family gathering

### **Friday, November 24 ~ Office Closed**

Church Reserved for family gathering

### **Sunday, November 26**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no SS for pre-12th grade)  
12:00 pm ~ Church reserved for family gathering

## Happy Birthday

**November 19** ~ Verlan Klinger

**November 22** ~ Virginia Doehrmann

## Happy Anniversary

**November 19** ~ Clint & Suz Wirick (35)

**November 23** ~ Tim & Sherry Wagler (38)

## Nursery Workers

November 19: Brad & Rachel Short

November 26: Hastings Family

## Address Change

**Martha Yoder** has a new address:

500 Haven Drive, room 205  
Archbold, OH 43502

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

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Mark Nafziger

**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer** ~ Mark Nafziger

**Song Of Praise** ~ Eric Lehman

“O Happy Are They” (HWB 597)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Mark/Bonnie

**Song** ~ Eric Lehman

“How Firm A Foundation” (HWB 567)

**Scripture** ~ Luke 12:13-21

**Sermon** ~ Sue Short ~ “*Rich Man & Barn*”

**Song** ~ Eric Lehman

“God Of The Bible” (STJ 27)

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (HWB 555)

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Karen Ruth

**Closing Song** ~ Eric Lehman

“O Bless The Lord My Soul” (HWB 600)

**Benediction** ~ Sue Short

**Music Video** ~ “My Lighthouse” Rend Collective

## Office News

~ The church office will be closed next Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. **All newsletter related items need to be to the church office by 8 am on Wednesday, November 22nd.**



**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

**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 students traveling for the Thanksgiving break this week, and for the generous folks who will host international students during this time.

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

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for a safe, restful, and meaningful Thanksgiving break with friends and family.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Please pray for Goshen College students, especially those who will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday far away from their families.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Tomorrow, Barb Thuma will complete a seven-week Mennonite Mission Network assignment at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray that the love she shared with the children, through teaching English and working with them on the agricultural program, will bear fruit in the lives of each person she learned to know.

## 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

## Refugee Resettlement Updates

**Update on the Glushko (alternate translation: Hlushko) Family:** Baby Emmanuel was able to go home on Tuesday, November 14! This is great news as he was originally expected to stay in NICU a week or two into December. For anyone interested in providing baby gifts, a box is across from the office in the coat area. Items needed are in an Amazon baby registry which was created for the shower that was planned but now will not happen. Registry link: Amazon: [Baby Registry](#) under "Karina Hlushko." They of course can use diapers, wipes, 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

**Sunshine** is now collecting donations for their holidays. You can provide an item (see bulletin boards) or a monetary donation (mail to Sunshine Communities—Holiday gift fund, 7223 Maumee Western Rd., Maumee, OH 43537). Any items purchased (new and unwrapped) should be delivered to the church by December 6th.

**On the Level announcement:** The November edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explains how MDS is an emulsifier; check out our new Annual Report; and we are now accepting registration for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3G2x3xK>

**Thank you for making the 2023 Goshen MCC Comforter Bash a great success!** We knotted a total of 412 comforters thanks to the help of 457 volunteers on Friday and Saturday. MCC is grateful for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world.

## Book Nook

Newly donated books:

- Children's books: *When God Made the World, When God Made You, When God Made Light, What is God Like?, When I Pray for You,* and *God Speaks in Whispers.*
- Adult books: *The land is Not Empty* by Sara Augustine, *An Untidy Faith* by Kate Boyd, *Journey Through The Creation Museum,* *Gideon's Gift* by Karen Kingsbury, *An Amish Reunion* by Clipston, *Love One Another* by Gloria Chisholm, and *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott

## Don't Forget

**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.

**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](https://mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj) Visit the initiative page here: [mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence](https://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/>.



## 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](https://FULTONCOUNTYCHRISTMASCHEER.ORG) OR BY SENDING A CHECK TO: CHEER, PEG HINES 209 BURKE ST., ARCHBOLD, OH 43502.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!