

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**November 26, 2023**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### **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**

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

### **Monday, November 27**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

### **Wednesday, November 29**

6:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

7:00 pm ~ MYF

### **Thursday, November 30**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

7:00 pm ~ AA

### **Sunday, December 3**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

## Happy Anniversary

**November 30** ~ Steven & Karen Ringenberg (49)

**December 1** ~ Neil & Kathy Nofziger (44)

## Happy Birthday

**November 26** ~ Michelle Wyse

**November 28** ~ Sam Hastings

**November 29** ~ Kathy Nofziger

**December 1** ~ Martha Yoder

**December 2** ~ Bonnie Short

## Nursery Workers

November 26: Hastings Family

December 3: Duane & Cecilia Wyse

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bill & Kathy Beck

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Sue Short

**Interlude** ~ Bill & Kathy Beck

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer** ~ Sue Short

**Songs Of Praise** ~ Julia Richer

“God, Who Stretched” (HWB 414)

“For God So Loved Us” (167)

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ John David Thacker

**Song** ~ Julia Richer

“I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say” (HWB 493)

**Scripture** ~ Mark 14:3-9

**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker

**Offering Prayer** ~ John David Thacker

**Offertory** ~ Julia Richer & Bill Beck

“Hold Me Now” (Jennifer Knapp)

**Closing Song** ~ Julia Richer

“Rain Down” (STJ 49)

**Benediction** ~ John David Thacker

## Thank You

ZMC: With gratitude, we thank you for helping to underwrite Ohio Conference's Pastor/Spouse Retreat. We greatly appreciate you playing a part in making this weekend of resting, refreshing, and re-connecting possible. Thank you for giving us this blessing.

~ Sue & Stan Short, and all attending pastor and spouses

## Office News

~ The church office will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

~ Rejoices have been put in mailboxes. If you would like to start or stop receiving the Rejoice, please let the office know.



**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 church 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.

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston College, Kan: Please pray for Hesston College students and faculty who are involved in the fall performing arts production of "A Christmas Carol." Pray for energy and focus on these long yet rewarding days. We also want to give thanks for the many gifts that are present within the faculty, staff, and students involved.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for a successful fall concert season. The high school will be performing highlights from Handel's Messiah tomorrow, Nov. 30, while our middle and elementary school students prepare to perform various pieces.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College students who are participating in the annual Festival of Carols this week.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Jonah and Memee Yang began serving with Mennonite Mission Network in September. Pray for Jonah as he teaches Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program and for Memee as she offers Sister Care seminars. The Yangs live in Minnesota and will travel to Thailand twice each year.

## New Announcements

**The Martin Luther King Jr. Kitchen for the Poor** is celebrating Christmas the week of December 18. We at Zion will be collecting gifts for the young children of families who attend the Kitchen. The range is birth through age 12. Gift ideas include toys, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree that will soon be near the elevator area. **Bring gifts by Sunday, December 17.** The gifts will be delivered to the Kitchen for the Poor that week. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the MLK Kitchen for the Poor.

## Don't Forget

**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.

**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.



**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!