

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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November 5, 2023

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, November 5

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Annual Business Meeting
5:00 pm ~ Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Monday, November 6

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)
6:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (basement)
7:00 pm ~ Formation Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (7th-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am ~ Sojourners meet (310)
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
7:00 pm ~ Zion Choir & JCS Concert



Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Randy Stuckey
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer ~ Randy Stuckey
Songs Of Praise ~ Anita Roth
“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship” (HWB 8)
“For The Beauty Of The Earth” (HWB 89)
Offering/Offertory ~ Randy/Karen
Song ~ Anita Roth
“Lord, We Bring To You Our Children” (STJ 90)
Children's Time ~ John David Thacker
Scripture ~ Exodus 16:11-31
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Song ~ Anita Roth
“Give Thanks For Life” (STJ 108 vs.1-3)
All Saints Recognition
Song ~ Anita Roth
“Give Thanks For Life” (STJ 108 vs.4)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger
Closing Song ~ Anita Roth
“Lead On, O Cloud Of Presence” (HWB 419)
Benediction ~ John David

Nursery Workers

November 5: Joe Graber & Ben Wheeler
November 12: Sarah Frankenfield & Reiss Creighton

Happy Birthday

November 7 ~ Steve Hastings
November 8 ~ Rachel Short.
November 10 ~ Karen Ruth, Karen Stuckey,
Clementine Brooks

Happy Anniversary

November 9 ~ Ron & Marlene Nofziger (66)

**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

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

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for visiting writer Julia Spicher Kasdorf as she makes several public presentations and meets with students at Bethel College, November 6-7.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College theater students and faculty as they produce and perform the fall Mainstage, Cymbeline: Interrupted, starting November 6.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Remember in prayer our Middle School Exploratory Night tomorrow, November 6. As interested, rising 8th grade parents discover what middle school at Hillcrest Academy is like, may they get the answers they need.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for the annual Music Gala tomorrow night that highlights the talent of our student musicians and faculty members in a way that moves audiences.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our Bluffton University student actors, directors, and stage managers as they share the fall play "Paragon Springs" Nov. 9-12. Pray for their continued creativity in developing ways to present and share their love of live performance.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Johnstown Service Adventure unit, which is made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, as well as unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. Pray for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God's love through clinics, Head Start, school and after-school programs.

Glushko Family Update

A baby boy was born to Igor and Karina Glushko at 1:30 AM last Sunday, October 22. The Glushkos are one of the Ukrainian families we and Central Mennonite are supporting. Karina was admitted to St. Vincent hospital Friday night due to some complications. The baby was not due for another 6 weeks. Emmanuel Glushko arrived at 3 lbs. 8 oz. and is 16 inches long. The baby will remain in the hospital until the due date. The family could use small baby clothes and our prayers and support.

New Announcements

Mennonite Women will gather in the fellowship hall Wednesday, November 8, from 9 am – 3 pm. Chris Wyse will lead the meditation at 11:30 am. A noon meal will be provided.

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



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 & Friedman; *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

The Welcome Place Parkinson's Support Group of Archbold will be having a guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Assoc. of Perrysburg, Ohio, Tuesday, November 7 at 1:00 PM at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Archbold, Ohio. The Public is invited to come and learn more about Alzheimer's and forms of dementia. Questions: contact Bonnie R. Lauber: 419-445-9516, brlauber@yahoo.com

Mennonite Central Committee is looking for an Executive Assistant to aid our International Program Department. If you have administrative gifts to support the global relief, development and peace efforts of MCC, apply by November 13. More information at mcc.org/ip-executive-assistant.

Save the date for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on March 8-9! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Fairlawn Mennonite Church to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. We invite you to make comforter tops (60" x 80") and backs (65" x 85") for use at the Comforter Bash. Comforter backs and tops should be marked for Sarah or MRC and dropped off by **February 1** at the MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road). For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash. **Dates:** Friday, March 8 (9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, March 9 (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) **Location:** Fairlawn Mennonite Church - 8520 Emerson Rd, Apple Creek, OH 44606

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.

Thank you

Thank you very much for helping with the community meal. Your donation of cookies, brownies and bars were greatly appreciated on Tuesday evening. If you brought a container, it's in the kitchen for you to stop in and pick up. Thank you very much. Arlene Short

Spiritual Leadership Team minutes

Oct 11, 2023

This last SLT meeting with Dan present began with a simple meal of pizza bowls from Marcos, salad, and brownies (including gluten free!). This was also John David's first SLT meeting. We enjoyed catching up with each other as we ate.

Devotion: Suz led our devotional time using chapter 9 of *Pursuing God's Will Together*. She started with a review of chapters 1-8, since John David had not been with us for earlier chapters of the book. Chapter 9 contained explanations of 5 kinds of decisions that require discernment. Acts 6:1-7 was used as a model for these decisions. Acts 15:1-12 was also used in this chapter. Suz read those verses aloud and highlighted a section of the chapter that talked about how the presence of conflict can clarify the discernment process. The devotions were closed with one of the prayers from the book.

Membership Transfers: Steve and Sara Hastings asked to transfer their membership to Zion, and we have received a letter of transfer for them from Lockport. The SLT offered their affirmation, and they will be received formally on Sunday, October 15. We have also received a letter of membership transfer for John David from Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Anchorage, Alaska. The SLT also offered their affirmation, and he will be formally received on an upcoming Sunday.

SLT Retreat: Mike suggested that the focus of our SLT Retreat could be a time of discernment centered on Zion's mission statement, and how we might continue to act on that statement and form relationships in the community. We are looking at a possible retreat date on a Saturday in early January. Mike will check into using either The Hermitage or Amigo Centre, with the possibility of an overnight retreat also under consideration.

Additional Elder ideas: Dan met with Phil (Lori) Bontrager and Duane Sauder about continuing to look for a 5th elder. One suggestion was to ask someone who has recently been an elder to join for a one-year term. Another idea suggested was to bring in someone for a year that hasn't been an elder to give them the experience for a year. This might lead someone to agree to join for a three year term. Dan suggested that we consider the option of recruiting other elders throughout the year, not just for the fall term. In conjunction with this, maybe another way to approach recruiting people would be to ask a person to think about when they could be available to begin as an elder, potentially allowing us to plan for the future.

Meeting the Congregation: We talked about ways to help John David become familiar with people in the congregation. John David said he prefers not to use name tags, as sometimes the tags can become a crutch and can hinder learning names. He is interested in meeting congregants in family groups to get to know people at Zion.

Suggested forum for updates: Dan suggested that we consider having quarterly 'Bridge Sunday' style meetings to discuss church family business. He mentioned this in relation to one of the suggestions that came out of the Lombard process. The idea was to have regularly scheduled meetings for congregational members to provide opportunities to hear updates and to offer feedback. Since we've developed a format around having these Bridge Sundays, maybe this idea could be incorporated in a similar way.

Facilitating new ideas: Now that Barb and Mike have met with Council on the plan for a way to facilitate visions for new ideas at Zion, we will begin the process of introducing the idea to the congregation. Phil Nofziger is willing to share the story of the way he and Sue worked through his idea of providing lunch for children in Ruibley Park in August. Dan will use this story to introduce the concept to the congregation and Mike and Barb will go over the rough draft of the plan that is being developed. Congregants will then be asked to give reflections on the idea during the service on October 15.

Pastoral care concerns were discussed.

The next meeting will be November 13th