

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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February 4, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, February 4

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (End Of Life Class)

Monday, February 5

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
7:00 pm ~ Formation Meeting

Tuesday, February 6

7:00 pm ~ Spiritual Practices Class: Fixed-Hour Prayer

Wednesday, February 7

6:00 pm ~ ZOW
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF
7:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment Meeting (310)

Thursday, February 8

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
6:00 pm ~ College Financial Aid Meeting (MYF room)
6:30 pm ~ *Not Quite Fine* Study
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Saturday, February 10

1:00 pm ~ Kitchen/Gym/Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, February 11

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Nursery Workers

February 4: Deb Zimmerman & Grace Hastings

February 11: Joyce Nafziger, Naomi Richer

Happy Birthday

February 4 ~ Larkin Wise-Chappuis,
Ed Yoder, Deb Zimmerman

February 5 ~ Mary Ann Yoder, Duane Wyse

February 10 ~ Barb Yoder

Happy Anniversary

February 4 ~ Lonnie & Carol Short (57)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Larry Wyse

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Larry Wyse

Hymns ~ Eric Lehman

“Now Thank We All Our God” (HWB 86)

“Marvelous Grace Of Our Loving Lord” (HWB 151)

Offering/Offertory ~ Larry/Bonnie

Children's Lesson ~ Eric Lehman

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

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

Scripture ~ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“We Are People of God's Peace” (HWB 407)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick

Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“For The Healings Of The Nations” (HWB 367)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

~ Sue will be out of town Friday afternoon (Feb 2nd) through Saturday evening (Feb 3rd) for the Ohio Conference Women in Ministry & Leadership Retreat. After three weekends away in a row, she is thrilled to be staying put for a while after this!



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

Sunday, February 4th - "What is an Anabaptist Christian?" series: *Reconciliation is the Center of our Work*

Sunday, February 11th - Transfiguration Sunday

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 18th - Lent begins

* Click the link below if you'd like to Becker's booklet, "What Is An Anabaptist Christian" online: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Downloads/DL.MissioDei18.E.pdf>

Attendance & Offering

January 28: 112

December offering was \$67,310.

Ongoing Classes

Elective Sunday School class: Zion will be continuing the adult Sunday School series exploring issues relating to the end of life. What do we believe about death and dying? How do we live the end of our lives faithfully and lovingly? What is most important to us in those moments? The class will also look at topics like planning for funerals, medical ethics, and communicating our wishes and values with family members. **The sessions will be held Jan. 7, 14, 28, and Feb. 4 in the Fellowship Hall. They are intended for adults of all ages.**

From January through May, John David will be offering two evening classes a week. Tuesday nights will focus on exploring and practicing spiritual disciplines together. This contemplative time of seeking God begins Jan. 23 with *Creating a Rule of Life*.

Thursday evenings will be a teaching time on topics such as Scripture and theology. We will begin on Jan. 11 by participating in Ohio Mennonite Conference's Winter Read, discussing the book *Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith and Showing Up for One Another* by Carlene Hill Byron. These conversations will be held online by Zoom, so you can participate from home or come to the church to join Zoom with others from Zion.

The book can be purchased from <https://bit.ly/NotQuiteFine>. Visit <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEventRegistration> to register. Check the church calendar for dates and topics.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for a successful Prospective Family Night tonight; that the event will be well attended and that families and their students will choose to be a part of our school community.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the Hesston College basketball teams, athletes, and coaches as they begin to wrap up their seasons. Pray they end the season well, having made wonderful memories and gained life-giving experiences.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Bluffton University students who recently completed semester-long, cross-cultural experiences in Chicago, Greece, Argentina, and Japan will share about their experiences during Forum today. Please pray for health, safety, and insight for all Bluffton students studying near and far.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Thank God for the dedication of alumni, students, and staff who make phone calls, and for generous donors, during Bethel College's annual Alumni Phonathon.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Matthew and Toni Krabill's four years of ministry at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for them as they move to Ghana this month, where Matthew will supervise research and develop curricula at The Sanneh Institute, and Toni will discern what God is calling her to next.

Ohio Conference invites you to be in prayer for its interim conference minister, Dan Miller, and its regional pastors, Tony Doehrmann and Larry Rohrer. Please remember them as they serve around Conference and prepare for their particular roles at the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly on March 1-2.

Book Nook

Some books you might read to go along with the Anabaptist theme are:

- *The Legacy of Michael Sattler* by John H. Yoder
- *Mirror of the Martyrs* by John S. Oyer & Robert S. Kreider
- *Profiles of Anabaptist Women* by C. Arnold Snyder & Linda A. Huebert Hecht
- *Women Against the Good War* by Rachel Goossen
- *The Anabaptists Are Back!* By Duane Ruth Heffelbower

Also in the library is the book *Not Quite Fine* by Carlene Hill Byron which is the Ohio Conference winter read that is on Zoom.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and loving support, in so many ways, during these days.

~Virginia and the family of Orville Doehrmann

New Announcements

Nancy Roynon Beck has invited Mennonite Women from Zion who would like to come to Central on **February 7** from 8:30 to noon for their sewing time to participate in an extension of the Comforter Bash. There are a few more comforters for MCC to complete, some comforters will also be sent to MDS.

Congregational Caregivers will meet Monday, February 12 at 11:00 am for our monthly meeting.

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, February 14 from 9 am to 3 pm. Elizabeth Zilba-Baer will be sharing with us about her work at Ten Thousand Villages. A noon meal will be provided. *A reminder to all who attend Zion, by turning in your Super Value receipts (at desk drawers at both the north and west entrance), you enable a rebate that will assist in the funding for the work of Mennonite Women.

Following an 80% vote in favor of getting **Voices Together**, Worship Team will proceed to order the hymnals and sort out the old ones. If you want to order a personal copy of the new book, please let Bethany know by next Monday, February 5. The cost will be \$29 per copy. You do not need to pay until you pick it up.

Little Eden Kids Camp registration is now open for students that have completed the third grade through students that have completed 12th grade. See the pamphlets on the table across from the bulletin board for more information.

Don't Forget

Save the date! **MEN'S BREAKFAST** at 9 am on March 9th at Zion. There will be a sign up sheet and guests are welcome. More information to come.

Hosting Opportunity: Zion will be welcoming Goshen College's treble ensemble, "Voices of Earth" (featuring Kate Roth!!) for a concert on Tuesday evening, February 27th. This is a large choir, so we'll need plenty of hosts. After the concert, hosts will be matched up with the number of students they requested. Host responsibilities include transporting students from Zion to your home for the night, serving breakfast the next morning, and transporting the students back to Zion by 8:00am in the morning. If you are willing to serve as a host, contact Bethany in the church office: 419-445-3796 or email: church.zionmc@gmail.com She will want to know how many students you are able to host, and a phone number and email to reach you with information as the concert gets closer. Also, please indicate whether you are a pet-free home, since a couple of the students have indicated they have pet allergies. Thank you for considering this!

The preschool is in need of oatmeal containers to be used for Valentines. They are looking for about 5 more. If you have one (or more) that you would donate, you can leave it on the table by the stairs that heads down to the preschool! Thanks!

Student Aid Donations Needed - As Zion's six students at Mennonite colleges and seminaries return for the spring semester, we're sending Zion's student aid contributions on our students' behalves to the various institutions. Your donations are welcomed and appreciated at this time. Please mark the memo line of your check "Student Aid". Our students this semester are: Elijah Zimmerman (Bluffton University); Quinn Wyse & Kate Roth (Goshen College); Rachel Wheeler & Sarah Wheeler (Eastern Mennonite University); and Sue Short (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary).

College Financial Aid Committee