

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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March 10, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, March 10 ~ Daylight Saving Time begins

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no primary)

Monday, March 11

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 pm ~ Church Council

Wednesday, March 13

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women

Thursday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am ~ Sojourners
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no primary)

Nursery Workers

March 10: Mike Zimmerman, Keegan Wyse
March 17: Sarah Frankenfield, Reiss Creighton

Happy Birthday

March 10 ~ Phil Nofziger, Reid Pennington
March 11 ~ Ginny Liechty
March 12 ~ Sophie Wyse
March 13 ~ Larry Wyse
March 14 ~ Robert Frey, Greg Nafziger
March 16 ~ Barb Short

Attendance & Offering

March 3rd: 123
February offering was \$22,987.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Trevor Short
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Trevor Short
Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "The Love Of God" (VT 162)
 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" (VT 170)
Offering/Offertory ~ Trevor/Bonnie
Children's Time ~ Trevor Short
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" (VT 581)
Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance ~ Trevor Short
Scripture ~ John 3:1-17
Sermon ~ Sue Short
Communion
Sharing Our Stories ~ Mabelann Crossgrove
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "Guide My Feet" (vs 1,5)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder
Sending Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "Lo, I am With You" (VT 284)
Benediction ~ Sue Short

Office News

~ Bethany will be out of the office Monday, March 11th.
~ The hidden key for the basement is missing. If you accidentally picked it up, please return it!!



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, March 10 - Lent 4: "Christ Among Us, the Way of Mercy"

(Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10)

Sunday, March 17 - Lent 5: "Christ Among Us, the New Covenant"

(Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:20-33; Hebrews 5:5-10)

Wednesday, March 20: Taize Prayer Service - 7:00pm

Sunday, March 24 - Lent 6, Palm Sunday: "Christ Among Us, the Way of a Servant"

(Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11/John 12:12-16; Philippians 2:5-11)

Thursday, March 28th: Maundy Thursday Service - 6:00pm soup supper, foot/handwashing, communion, worship.

Friday, March 29th: Good Friday Service - 7:00pm worship

Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday:

(8:30am Easter breakfast (finger foods) potluck; 9:00am Hymn Sing; 9:30am worship.)

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for the health and safety of all our spring student athletes, their coaches, and fans. As we compete in soccer, track & field, and golf, may we be an example of grace and sportsmanship to the community around us.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for a safe and happy Admitted Student Day on March 16.

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.

Thank You

Dear Zion, words can not express the gratitude the Archbold Community Garden (ACG) has for your continued support of our mission to provide community involvement through sustainable growth and beauty in our community garden. Your financial support will allow the garden to purchase raised beds for our new community gardening program we will be offering this spring. **Thank you** for entrusting us with the ability to share in Christ's love with our community. With thanks, Abby for ACG

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns for me. The healing is going very well and I know it is due to all the prayers. -Barb Short

Weeknight Classes

Tuesday, 7PM, Sanctuary: *No Spiritual Practices Session this week*

Thursday, 7PM, Fellowship Hall: *No class this week*

New Announcements

The flowers are in memory of Rod Frey who passed away March 10th of 2016. Given by Butch & Sharon, Joy, Augusto, Lyon, Bastian, Cielle

Congregational Caregivers will meet Monday, March 11 at 11:00 am in room 310.

Mennonite Women will meet on Wednesday, March 13 from 9 am – 3 pm. Arlene Short will lead us in the meditation. A noon meal will be provided.

Invitation to attend the Sojourners Sunday school class. The Sojourners Sunday school class meets in room 310 at 8:30 on Sunday morning, discussing articles in *Anabaptist World*. This Sunday, March 10, the focus will be on p. 26 of the February issue, *"Listening as a Sacred Art"*. Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome to attend.

The Community Garden is now offering raised bed plots. Individuals, Sunday school groups, or committees are welcome to fill out an application (across from the mailboxes) by April 1. For any questions, contact Abby Pennington at 419.572.1345.

Don't Forget

Our children's time focus during Lent is on prayer. Please join the children and youth and add your Lenten prayers to the prayer tree in the narthex.