

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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March 17, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am ~ Sojourners (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no primary)

Monday, March 18

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am ~ Host Pastor Peer (310)
5:00 pm ~ SLT (MYF room)
7:00 pm ~ Spiritual Practice: *Silence*

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS
7:00 pm ~ MYF
7:00 pm ~ Taize Prayer Service (sanctuary)

Thursday, March 21

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ Scripture & Theology ~ *Pharisees, Sadducees & Zealots*
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, March 24

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

Nursery Workers

March 17: Sarah Frankenfield, Reiss Creighton

March 24: Eric & Marcia Lehman

Happy Birthday

March 21 ~ Mike Zimmerman

March 22 ~ Barb Aeschliman

March 23 ~ Greg Nofziger

Happy Anniversary

March 19 ~ Eric & Kellie Creighton (19)

March 23 ~ Nathan & Bailey (Short-) Dickmann (5)

Attendance & Offering

March 10th: 91

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

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer” (VT 34)

“To God Be The Glory” (VT 84)

Offering/Offertory ~ Trevor/Bonnie

Children's Time ~ Maggie Short

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“New Earth, Heavens New” (VT 377)

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

~ Trevor Short

Scripture ~ Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Song of Response ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Spirit, Open My Heart” (VT 636)

Sharing Our Stories ~ Helen Weldy

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Guide My Feet” (vs 1,2)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Sending Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Lo, I am With You” (VT 284)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker



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 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:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for César Garcia, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, and Sandra Baez, pastor and MWC executive assistant, as they give the Hartzler Bible Lectures at Bethel College Sunday and Monday.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for the Hesston College baseball, softball, flag football, track and field, disc golf, and golf teams, athletes, and coaches as their seasons get into full swing. Pray they perform their best and find success on and off the field while avoiding injury. May they bring glory to God with their talents, hard work, and determination.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for creativity, confidence, and endurance for everyone involved in the Hillcrest Academy spring dramatic production on March 22 and 23.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week is spring semester's Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. Please pray for our speaker, 2019 graduate Lindsay Horn. Please pray for our students as they contemplate the theme "Even when we are not... God is" and the scripture Mark 5:25-34.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mennonite Mission Network is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.

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: *Silence*

Silence can be a practice of abiding in Jesus. Come be silent together.

Thursday, 7PM, Fellowship Hall: *Pharisees, Sadducees & Zealots*

We read about these people in the Gospels, but who were they?

New Addresses

Robert Grieser has moved to apartment 235 at Fairlawn.

Doug & Ruth (Grieser) Shoemaker have moved to 302 DeGroff Ave., Archbold.

Don't Forget

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.

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.