

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 7, 2024

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)
10:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)
5:00 pm ~ SLT

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 pm ~ Church Council

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women
6:00 pm ~ Worship Team meeting
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, April 11

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ Scripture & Theology: *Galatians*
7:00 pm ~ Choir practice
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, April 14

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

Nursery Workers

April 7: Chad Aeschliman Family

April 14: Hastings Family

Happy Birthday

April 10 ~ Brier Stabler

April 11 ~ Bonnie Beck

April 13 ~ Crystal Rodriguez, Gareth Short

Attendance & Offering

March 31st: 181

February offering was \$22,987.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Nikki Aeschliman

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Nikki Aeschliman

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Holy Spirit, Come With Power” (VT 57)

“God Is Here Among Us” (VT 62)

Offering/Offertory ~ Nikki/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Prayer For Peace” (Screen)

Scripture ~ John 20:19-31

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Breathe On Me, Breath Of God” (VT 737)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Mike Zimmerman

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Go My Children” (VT 830)

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

Save the Date: Sunday, April 21st is a BIG SUNDAY! Our CHAOS (middle school) youth are helping to plan the service and will lead us in worship. Following a shortened Sunday School time, you are invited to a fundraising lunch prepared and hosted by the MYF (high school) youth. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this!

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Bethel College student musicians during a busy month that sees four senior recitals, one junior recital, orchestra and Wind Ensemble concerts, Masterworks, and a Voice Studio recital.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our Spring Fund Drive postcard writing, fundraising campaign; that it would be a meaningful and fruitful time for our students to connect with our alumni community.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Today is the ground-breaking ceremony for the Gathering Space. This structure will be attached to our elementary school and will add indoor/outdoor places to gather for our k-12 students.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the Hesston College students who are in the process of completing an internship. May they gain valuable skills that will assist them in their future careers while navigating the Lord's path for them.

Mennonite Mission Network: The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.

Weeknight Classes

Spiritual Practices - Tuesday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall): *No Meeting!*

Bible and Theology - Thursday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall): *Galatians 3-4*

We will continue a three-week study of Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Church School Sunday

Church School Day- Sunday, April 28 - Michael Danner, Executive Director of Mennonite Education Agency & Associate Executive Director of Church Vitality for MCUSA, will visit & share the morning message. After worship we'll have a session in the fellowship hall for all interested to explain Zion's student aid program, hear additional input from Michael as well as Zion's Elijah Zimmerman (a current student at Bluffton University) & give opportunity to pledge financial support toward the program.

Next school year Zion will have six students at the Mennonite schools. We have a fundraising goal of \$93,000 for the year. Those unable to attend on April 28th may make confidential pledges at any time via the secure electronic link below, or by contacting Phil Bontrager (pabontrager@gmail.com or cell 419-966-3127). Link to electronic pledge form: [Zion College Financial Aid Pledge](#)
~ College Financial Aid Committee

Book Nook

There are two new books available in the library, *Divine Gravity* and *God Conversations*. Below is some information about each.

Divine Gravity by Meghan Larissa Good: Gregory A. Boyd says "this book is powerful and insightful. She gives voice to the rising movement, highlighting its distinctive convictions while addressing how it corrects distortions of the gospel in the past. In the process, she presents a vision of God, the church, and the world that is as refreshing as it is compelling."

God Conversations by Tania Harris: This book tells stories of how God speaks and what happens when we listen. How do you know it's God? This book will show you.

A Note From Good Shepherd

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, We at the Mennonite Church of the Good Shepherd would like to let you all know where we are in the process of renovating the church sanctuary because of the structure defected in the roof trusses.

A praise report we would like to share is that Gordon lumber will be replacing the trusses at no charge, Alleluia Jesus!

We just heard from our architect Rick Graber from G5 Architecture that the drawings were sent to Wood County for permits. He also mentions the project has been sent to the contractors and their bids are due on March 29, 2024.

We are in the process of doing another fundraiser soon, which we will announce once that date is set.

Again, we would like to thank all the brothers who came out to help with the moving of the benches to Wauseon and those who helped in setting up the scaffolding to hold the ceiling up during the winter months. We appreciate and greatly thank Steve Sauder for his gift of organizing all these projects. We also thank Shalom Ministry who let us use their building in Wauseon to store all the benches. We are trying to reuse all we can to lower the cost. God is so good, and we know all is in His hands.

We thank you and appreciate all your support. Once we get all the information about what this project will cost, we will let you know. As we can use any knowledge from our brothers and sisters in Christ on how to go through the process that is ahead of us.

In Christ Love,
Good Shepherd Church Council

New Announcements

Congregational Caregivers will meet Monday, April 8 at 10:00 am in room 310.

Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, April 10 from 9 am to 3 pm. Suz Wirick will lead us in a meditation, and a noon meal will be provided.

LifeWise invites you to an Evening of Impact. Join as they celebrate what God has done during our first year of LifeWise Archbold. We'll even hear from some of our students. Doors open Monday, April 29 at 6:30 with the presentation at 7pm. Event is at Archbold Evan Church. Please RSVP to Rachel at 419.572.6199 by April 15. Assorted desserts and a coffee bar will be available to enjoy.

Be The Light Women's Retreat hosted by West Clinton at King's Cross Garage, will be on April 20th from 9am-4pm. Retreat will be lead by Sarah Short. Event is \$20 and includes lunch. Sign up by April 13th by calling 419.445.1195. See the bulletin board for more details, or on how to register online.

Don't Forget

Senior Citizen Luncheon: Archbold High School is hosting the 12th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 26th at 11am in the High School Gymnasium. Please pass on to any senior citizens in your life who live in the Archbold School District. Lunch is free with a State of School Address, along with Band and Choir performances. To make reservations, please call 419-445-5579 or email aoyer@archboldschools.org. Reservations need to be received by Wednesday, April 17.

The Junior Choral Society, a community children's choir of 4th thru 8th grade students, has two final concerts this spring we invite you to enjoy! **On Sunday, April 14 @ 7:00 pm**, the JCS will provide a *CONCERT & HYMN SING* at North Clinton Church, Wauseon. **On Sunday, May 5 @ 7:00 pm**, the JCS will be celebrating their *40th ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI CONCERT* at Central Mennonite Church, Archbold. If you or a family member participated in JCS over the years, we invite you to join us by singing in the alumni choir! Go to our website twojuniorchoralsociety.org to register and receive all the details! We invite you to attend these spring JCS concerts, and enjoy God's gift of children and music!

CPC Women's Health Resource 38th Annual Spring Benefit & Silent Auction will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Archbold Evangelical Church (705 Lafayette St, Archbold, OH 43502). The doors open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:00pm and the program starting at 7:00pm. The suggested donation is \$10 per adult and those under 18 are free. We prefer that you register at cpcnw.org/events/benefit or call 419.636.5692.

St. Martin's Concert Series is proud to present Found Sounds on April 7 @ 3pm. This versatile group of musicians from NE Ohio specializes in various percussion music from around the world. This performance will feature the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago, the steelpan. Made up of alumni from the acclaimed University of Akron Steel Drum Band, Found Sounds will transport you to the Caribbean with instrumental reggae, calypso, and soca music with many familiar pop tunes! For more information visit: <https://the-welcome-place.org/about/worship-and-music/st-martins-2023-2024-concert-series/>