

Zion Mennonite Church

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Newsletter

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ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27

9:30 am Worship: Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg
10:45 am Sunday School

Monday, August 28

10:00 am Pastoral Caregivers
6:30 pm Child's World Preschool Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 30

6:00 pm Formation

Thursday, August 31

6:30 am Men's Prayer
9:30 am Fairlawn Bible Study
7:00 pm AA

Sunday, September 3

9:30 am Worship: Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg
10:45 am No Sunday School/Labor Day

Register for August 20, 2017

Attendance

Worship	149
Sunday School	50

Offering

Budget	\$11,302
Sunday School	85
Student Aid	4,495
MW School Kits	260
Other	120

Total	\$16,262
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ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Conversation: September 10

On September 10 we will be using the Sunday School period to have a congregational conversation on how we can sustainably cultivate Fellowship at Zion.

The Fellowship Ministry Team (most notably) provides leadership for potlucks, Family Meals, special receptions, and coffee on Sunday morning. More often than not the Gifts Discernment Team has struggled to find people who feel they are able to help with this ministry.

We would like to brainstorm together how we can develop fellowship in a way that is a gift to everyone in the church and not a taxing assignment for one or two people who are on the team each year.

Please consider these questions for our conversation on September 10:

- What has been the most meaningful fellowship activity you remember participating in within the life of the congregation?
- Why was it meaningful?
- What kind of fellowship opportunities would be meaningful in the future?
- How can we cultivate fellowship in a sustainable way?
- What are the things we can do and what are the things we should no longer do?

Upcoming:

September 3: No Sunday School/Labor Day

September 10: Congregational Meeting during Sunday School Hour concerning Fellowship

October 22: Annual Business Meeting

October 29: Amos & Esther Muhagachi (Amos is a bishop for Tanzania Mennonite Church)



Zion Choir is starting up!

You are invited and encouraged to sing in the Zion Choir this year. The first rehearsal will be Saturday morning, September 16 “Rolls and Rehearsal” with regular 7:00 pm Thursday rehearsals starting on September 21. The choir typically sings one Sunday morning a month at Zion plus several other evening programs throughout the year. Duane Beck will be directing for the second year. If you are interested or have questions, talk with a member of the choir committee: Cheryl Britsch, Karen Ruth, Kevin Sauder and Bonnie Stuckey.



A new children’s book, “The Seagoing Cowboy,” has been added to the library. It is a true story of a young Mennonite man’s search for adventure soon after World War II.

There were about ten young men from this community that also made trips. Loren Bowman and Glen Nafziger were also “Seagoing Cowboys” and have stories and pictures about their experiences.

ZION CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday

August 27:
Elaine Swartzbaugh

August 28:
Patsy Nofziger
Karen Ringenberg
Donna Wyse

August 31:
Kadie Osterland

September 1:
Steve Nafziger

Happy Anniversary

August 28:
Richard & Eileen Nyce (40 Years)

Photo Board

The photo board in the fellowship hall is looking a little sad as it is still only half filled! If you have not turned in an updated photo, please remember to bring one in so the photo board project can be completed!

Sunday School in the MYF Room

Meg Short will be the Sunday School speaker in the MYF room this Sunday. She spent last year working in San Francisco with Mennonite Voluntary Service. Meg's Service assignment was with a non-profit organization called DISH (Delivering Innovative in Supportive Housing). DISH manages 6 former hotels in the city's Tenderloin neighborhood as apartments for the homeless, many of whom also suffer from physical and mental challenges. Besides doing administrative work, one of Meg's projects was to organize and participate in a weekly walking program for the residents. This is the last of the summer Sundays in the MYF room. All are welcome!

Youth Activities

August 30: Area wide MYF—Lockport hosting
7:00 pm at Jeff and Angie Wyse’s house
Yard games, swimming, food and drinks provided

September 6: No MYF

September 13: MYF Service Project—paint a fence!



Update from the Gifts Discernment Team

The affirmation slate for this year's congregational reorganization has been placed in all mailboxes. We intended to distribute enough slates for all regularly attending adults and baptized youth. If we missed you, there are extra copies across from the mailboxes. Please mark your slate & place it in the collection box across from the mailboxes or give it to a member of the Gifts Discernment Commission **by September 10.**

Commission members are Phil Bontrager (Chr), Neil Nofziger, Angie Short, Rachel Short, & Helen Weldy.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayerful discernment throughout the reorganization process. We'd also like to thank all those appearing on the affirmation slate for their willingness to serve. It is truly appreciated by all of us here at Zion.

Church Directory

Fall is approaching and that means it's once again time to update the various church directories. If you have an update or change to make in any of the categories (church family, friends in other places, college students, etc.) please let the office know. Thank you!

Reminder for Student Aid Payments:

This is a reminder that the **first payment for the 2017-18 school year** to our Mennonite colleges/universities and seminaries will be paid prior to August 31, 2017.

Your contribution to the Student Aid Fund in the next couple weeks will be appreciated and welcome.

Thank you,

College Aid Financial Committee

Thank you

To the Zion Church Community,

I am forever thankful for the ways you have supported me in the past and continue to support me now. I always enjoy when I see one of you in a random, unexpected place. May God's spirit continue to be at work between each one of you. Thanks again for the financial support!

~ Blessings,

Kate Kauffman

Walk, Run, and Roll

Walk, Run, & Roll for Sunshine is scheduled for September 9. Registration is 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Monclova Elementary School. The 5k run is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. For other information you can go to walk.sunshine.org or call Shannon Bova at 419-725-2285.

Golfing for Kids

On Monday, September 11, Adriel Foundation would like to invite you to join us in a day of fun and fellowship at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance for the annual Adriel Golf Scramble.

For more information, please call Adriel at 937-465-0010, ext. 113, or the NW Ohio Foster Care Office at 419-445-1980. Proceeds will help children and families at risk.

Shalom Hog Roast is Sunday, September 17, 2017

Shalom Ministries needs your help! *Silent auction items and baked goods are needed* for our **Annual Hog Roast Fest on Sunday, September 17th at Archbold Elementary School.** These items can be handmade projects, donated new items, gift certificates, or baked goods. Our silent auction has offered a variety of items in the past and we need your help once again! Items can be dropped off at Shalom's office Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm or Saturday or Sunday morning at the Elementary school.

Again this year Shalom is raffling a number of very exciting items including \$1,000 cash, a Surface Pro 4, Phantom 3 Drone and a 55" Smart TV! Raffle tickets can be purchased over the phone or at one of our Shalom offices or at the event. (\$5 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 6 tickets). See your Shalom Advocate for more information. (if you would like to speak w/a Shalom staff about coming an advocate – please call us; we welcome all advocates!)

Event proceeds will fund the many services offered by Shalom including VORP (Victim Offender Reconciliation Program) of Northwest Ohio, the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Program, The Parenting Class Program, and our Mediation Program as well as offering assistance to persons who have no insurance for counseling services. Shalom Ministries has two locations: 22251 St. Rt 2; Archbold and 5030 County Road 15; Bryan. For more information, call Shalom Ministries at 419-445-1552 or 419-636-1713 or e-mail to tconklin@shalomworks.org or aclark@shalomworks.org also on the web at www.shalomworks.org.

MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP INITIATIVE

The Spiritual Leadership Team is currently putting together several groups of three to participate in a 9-10 month long intentional discipleship initiative. This includes weekly one and a half hour long Bible Studies, prayer time, and discipleship.

Corben and Jessica will be trained through Mennonite Mission Network's Marvin Lorenzana to train other people within our congregation on how to do intentional discipleship through regular Bible Study.

We are looking for people interested in intentional Bible Study on a regular basis. If you are interested contact Jessica immediately, as Mission Network would like to have Zion trained and ready to begin on October 1st!

JESSICA'S EXCITING NEWS!

In July I learned that Alan Hirsch had nominated me to be considered as an "Emerging Leader" for Exponential's newest learning community for young, rising leaders. This was an exclusive, invitation only learning community that originally was to be limited to 60 leaders (three groups of 20 leaders), but they finally were able to narrow it down to 75 **AND I GOT IN!**

Exponential is a national non-profit ministry, exponential.org, that champions healthy church multiplication, not just "Church Growth" but creative ways to encourage disciple making and church planting.

As a part of this group I will meet 3 times in different cities for a day and a half training with my cohort over 8 months to learn from each other on intentional discipling and church multiplication.

Exponential received a generous grant to lead these trainings and the only cost would be for the travel.

I am currently working through details with the Elders and PCRC as to how I would be able to take sabbatical time at different times throughout this next year in order to participate in this exciting, once in a lifetime opportunity.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR ZION:

It is because of the continued work and emphasis on what it means to be a Missional church here at Zion that I have become recognized even beyond the Mennonite Church. It is a combination of our work together as a church to become a body-led organization as well as the content of writings, online sermons, and blogs throughout a variety of media and publications.

There are not a lot of rural churches who are working as intentionally at becoming Missional and so there are many within the much broader church who are tuning in with interest. And many throughout Ohio Conference, the Mennonite Church, and the broader Missionally minded churches are interested to see how our Collaborative Ministry Team takes off.

Which means, ***I AM NOT GOING ANYWHERE!*** *I am as excited and as curious as everyone else to see where Zion is headed, and if, whether or not indeed, we are able to turn our older more traditional church into a Missional Church. We have good people. We have momentum. And we are calling together an excellent team of Collaborative Leaders who are called, not simply to **do ministry for Zion, but to equip Zion for ministry!***

We are learning a lot, we have a lot of work to do, and we are just getting started!

Fall Worship Series

SURPRISE*

Surprise the World: The Five Habits of Highly Missional People
By: Michael Frost

Beginning in September we will be embarking on the journey of **practical** ways in which we at Zion Mennonite Church can become the Missional community we are called to be, simply by living intentional lives with our eyes open, our ears unstopped, and our hearts yearning to serve God within our Northwest Ohio communities.

Sept. 3 - Stories from the Strangers, sharing of times when we were strangers and others welcomed us in!

Sept. 10 - Living Questionable Lives: Being Good News People *Colossians 4:2–6

Sept. 17- Living Questionable Lives: Be Prepared to Share Your Hope *1 Peter 3:15–16

Sept. 24 -Living Questionable Lives: Be Unpredictable! *Titus 2:1–10

Oct. 1- Habits of Faith: You are What You Do *James 2

Oct. 8- Forming New Habits: Gathered and Sent

“BELLS” Bless- 3 people a week, at least one non-Christian in community

Eat- three times a week with non-family; at least one non-Christian

Listen- once a week spend time listening to the Holy Spirit

Learn- once a week intentionally study the gospels

Sent- see yourself as an ambassador of Christ in the community

Oct. 15- Blessing Phil 2:3-4; Prov. 27:14 *STORY OF GENEROUS BLESSING OF STRANGERS

Oct. 22- Eating Luke 7:34; Luke 22; Mk. 10:45; Lk. 19

Oct. 29 - Listening (for the Holy Spirit) Jn. 3:8; Jn. 14 Amos Muhagachi

Nov. 5 - Learning (Christ)

* Intentionally setting time aside once a week to study

* Studying the gospels in order to pattern our lives after Christ

* Stories of Christ-like behavior

* ACT OUT A BIBLICAL STORY OF JESUS

Nov. 12- SENT

* Living life as a missionary wherever you are...

* LEAVING THE FRONT PORCH--

Books will be
available in the
church office