

# Zion Mennonite Church

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## Newsletter

October 1, 2017

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### ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, October 1: World Communion Sunday

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

#### Tuesday, October 3

5:00 pm Community Meal

#### Wednesday, October 4

6:00 pm LOGOS, CHAOS Meal and Meeting  
6:30 pm "Surprise the World!" Book Study  
7:00 pm MYF

#### Thursday, October 5

6:30 am Men's Prayer  
9:30 am Fairlawn Bible Study  
5:15 pm PCRC  
7:00 pm Choir  
7:00 pm AA

#### Sunday, October 8

9:30 am Worship (Corben's licensing)  
10:45 am Sunday School  
12:00 pm Potluck (Communion around tables)

### Register for September 24, 2017

#### Attendance

Worship	178
Sunday School	70

#### Offering

Budget	\$11,978
Student Aid	2,965
Sunday School	220
MYF	200
Other	1,576

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,939</b>
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAST CALL** for updates to the directory! The Church Family section of the directory as well as the Members and Friends in Other Places section of the directory will be printed this week. If you need to make any changes, please call the church office at 419-445-3796, email at church.zionmc@gmail.com, or check the copies on the table across from the mailboxes and note any corrections. The copies are there to be edited, they are not the final copies. Final copies will be available next Sunday.

**Corben's licensing and installation will be Sunday, October 8.** There will be a **potluck lunch** following Sunday School that day as well.

**The Crissman Brothers are coming to our area performing at Lockport Mennonite Church, October 8, at 6:30 pm.** Brothers Jonathan and Seth have been playing music together for over 15 years. Jonathan holds a doctorate in classical guitar while Seth is a songwriter and a founding member of *The Walking Roots Band* based in Harrisonburg, VA. Come enjoy a night of many varied forms of music. Lockport Mennonite is located at 9269 CR 21N, Stryker, OH.

**Thank you to all who contributed to the school kit project.** Mennonite Women packed and sent 100 school bags. A check for \$1,000 was also sent to MCC to be used for the project. Mennonite Women also donated 12 fleece blankets to the visiting Florida families living in our community while waiting to return to their homes following the hurricane. Our mission is to help the needy people around the world.

~ Mennonite Women

### Messages from the Fellowship Team

**Miscellaneous items that have been left in the kitchen** have been set outside of the east kitchen door. Please claim your items by Sunday, October 8. Anything left will be taken to Care and Share.

This is a friendly reminder to **please clean and return any dishes** and items that you use and/or borrow from the kitchen.

## Upcoming

**October 1:** World Communion Sunday

**October 4:** Wednesday evening book study begins

**October 8:**

- Corben's Licensing
- Potluck after Sunday School  
(potluck will include Communion around tables)

**October 22:**

- CHAOS kids have cinnamon rolls during fellowship time
- Annual Business Meeting at **6:00 pm**

**October 29:** Amos & Esther Muhagachi (Amos is a bishop for Tanzania Mennonite Church). Speaking in worship and Sunday School Hour.

**November 11:** Project Hope Reception for New Citizens

## ZION CHURCH FAMILY

### Happy Birthday

October 1:

Bonnie Short (Lynn)

October 2:

Terry Stuckey

October 5:

Carol Beck

October 6:

Kelvin Friesen

Bonnie Stuckey

October 7:

Susan Polasek

### Happy Anniversary

October 4:

Maynard & Carolyn Sauder (64 years)

## Youth Activities

**Wednesday, October 4**

6:00 PM LOGOS, CHAOS meal and meeting

7:00 PM MYF (care packages)

**Wednesday, October 11**

6:00 PM LOGOS, CHAOS meal and meeting

7:00 PM MYF (Faith & Fellowship)

**Wednesday, October 18**

6:00 PM LOGOS at Zimmerman's  
CHAOS

7:00 PM Area wide MYF meeting @ Central

## Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT, Elders and Ministers)

September 19, 2017

Several items were discussed at the September 19 SLT meeting. These included the "Elders Covenant with the Congregation" which will be discussed at their October meeting; the Missional Discipleship Initiative (MDI) with resources provided by Mennonite Mission Network that will begin on October 1; information from the ministerial search committee; and information regarding Leadership Retreat #1 on November 22, 2015 and Leadership Retreat #2 on March 16, 2016. Topics discussed at the first two Leadership Retreats will direct a possible third Leadership Retreat sometime in the first part of 2018. An update was provided on several Pastoral/Congregational concerns.

### Update your contacts with new email addresses:

Karen Ruth	kruth1@gmail.com
Lonnie Short	lonnie.short@gmail.com
Carol Short	carolshort@rtexpress.net



## STAFFING TRANSITIONS

We ask for your patience during the next few weeks as we discern the next steps following the unrelated resignations of Karmin Brooks as Administrative Assistant and Jim King as Custodian. We want to thank Karmin and Jim for their service to the congregation and we bless them as they discern their next steps.

Karmin has agreed to continue the administrative work until we find her replacement, however, she would like to be able to work in the afternoons so that she can be home with Clementine.

We are looking for people who may be willing to answer phones for a few hours in the mornings Tuesday-Friday (Mondays are usually really slow). Anyone who is interested in being a warm and inviting presence in the office is welcome to come talk to Jessica or Corben.

We are working with the Trustees and volunteers to fill in for Jim until we discern the next steps for staffing. We will simply ask people to help when they see something needs done.

We are grateful to be a part of a patient and understanding congregation.

*- Leadership Team (Jessica, Corben CMT; Phil Rich, Council Chair, Bruce Whiteman, Spiritual Leadership Team Chair; and Brad Short, Head Trustee)*

## “Mirror of the Martyrs”

Bluffton University is hosting the “Mirror of the Martyrs” exhibit from October 1 to November 5. This exhibit is focused around many of the stories about Anabaptist faith and witness found in the “Martyrs Mirror,” including those depicted in eight of the copper plates that artist Jan Luyken created in order to illustrate the 1685 Dutch edition.

“Mirror of the Martyrs,” along with numerous related public events, provides an opportunity to reconsider the legacy of the European Reformation through an Anabaptist lens during this 500th anniversary of Reformation beginnings. The exhibit also invites reflection on the relationship of Christian faith to political and legal authority as well as occasions when faith requires of costly dissent.

More information can be found on the bulletin board or at the Bluffton University website.

• Potluck • Potluck • Potluck • Potluck •

**Mark your calendars and plan to attend the potluck lunch on Sunday, October 8, to celebrate Corben’s licensing.**

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## Annual Business Meeting

**The annual business meeting this year is on October 22 at 6:00 pm, NOT during the Sunday School hour, to keep from having another missed day of Sunday School. Plan to come Sunday evening, October 22, at 6:00 pm for this year’s business meeting.**

## WHO DO WE CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY?

In case of emergency you are welcome to call either Jessica at [419-551-1315](tel:419-551-1315) or Corben at [319-936-5906](tel:319-936-5906). If you cannot get a hold of one try the other. If you cannot reach either, please try one of the elders, who are Bruce Whiteman, Bonnie Stuckey, Karen Ruth, Chris Liechty, and Lonnie Short.

In emergency situations between the hours of 10:00 pm - 7:00 am, Jessica highly recommends you call rather than text. Texts can easily be overlooked.

## Surprise the World Book Study

Join us at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights beginning this Wednesday, October 4, as we go through Mike Frost's book "Surprise the World: Five Habits of Highly Missional People." We will meet on the south side of the Fellowship hall. *Several books are still available in the church office!* Donations are welcome, books cost around \$7.

# 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.

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

**Oct. 8-** Corben's Licensing

**Oct. 15-** 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. 22-** Blessing Phil 2:3-4; Proverbs 27:14 \*STORY OF GENEROUS BLESSING OF STRANGERS

**Oct. 29 -** Eating Luke 7:34, Luke 22; Mark 10:45; Luke 19 Amos Muhagachi

**Nov. 5 -** Listening (for the Holy Spirit) John 3:8, John 14

**Nov. 12-** 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. 19—**SENT

- \* Living life as a missionary wherever you are...
- \* LEAVING THE FRONT PORCH—

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still available in  
the church office!

Donations are accepted

## Collaborative Ministry Team Update:

In the vote taken on Sunday, September 24, an overwhelming majority of the congregation affirmed the Search Committee's recommendation to call Sue Short and Cliff Brubaker to join Zion's Collaborative Ministry Team. With the addition of Sue and Cliff, the Collaborative Ministry Team is fully staffed and the Search Committee's work is complete.

Details of timing for Sue and Cliff to join Corben and Jessica will be decided and communicated soon to the congregation.

The members of the Collaborative Ministry Team are in the early phases of organizing and working to clarify their specific roles and responsibilities along with the other dimensions of their work together. This information will be shared with you as it is decided.

In the interim, Jessica and Corben are available to assist with pastoral care needs or with questions you might have.