

Zion Mennonite Church

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Newsletter

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Church office hours: Monday– Friday 8:00 am—12:00 pm

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17

9:30 am Worship: Sue Short/Cliff Brubaker
10:45 am Meet with Sue Short and Cliff Brubaker

Tuesday, September 19

6:00 pm SPLT (Elders)

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 am Senior Breakfast
6:00 pm Meal; LOGOS and CHAOS
7:00 pm MYF

Thursday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School

Register for September 10, 2017

Attendance

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| Worship | 179 |
| Meeting | 120 |
| Primary SS | 13 |

Offering

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| Budget | \$9,160 |
| Student Aid | 7,450 |
| Sunday School | 335 |
| Other | 260 |

Total \$17,205

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cookie Signup!

Maggie Short is doing the food for the Community Meal here at Zion on Tuesday, October 17. She is providing sloppy joes, baked beans, chips, and brownies/cookies for dessert. She would LOVE to have some help making brownies or cookies! **If you are able to help by providing one or two dozen brownies/cookies, sign up on the sheet across from the mailboxes.** She needs about 20 dozen to make sure there is enough for everyone! Thank you!

Upside Down Living

The church has a new set of books from Menno Media that is available for checkout. The series is called Upside-Down Living, and includes six Bible Study books, each with a focus on a different topic. The topics of the six books include:

- Identity and Aging
- Money
- Sabbath
- Sharing Faith Stories
- Technology
- Violence

The books will be available in the church office if you'd like to check one out for your own use or to use with a small group, Sunday School class, or other group.

More information from the backs of the books:
“Live out your Christian faith through the lens of Jesus. Follow values that seem so countercultural they appear to be upside down. Each compelling six-session Upside-Down Living Bible study helps us encounter the teachings of Jesus and wrestle with living out the kingdom here and now.” The Bible isn't a cook-book with solutions for every ethical dilemma, but it helps us raise the right questions, encounter the teachings of Jesus, and discover new ways of faithful living in the world.

Upcoming

September 17: Candidate Sunday

September 24:

- Choir sings in worship
- Congregational Vote

October 8: Corben's Licensing

October 22:

- CHAOS kids have cinnamon roll fundraiser 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.

From Gifts Discernment

Affirmation Slate Approved. Thank you to everyone for your strong affirmation (99%) of this year's congregational reorganization.

~ Gifts Discernment Ministry Team

ZION CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday

September 17:

Brenda Aeschliman

September 20:

Lynette Bontrager
Pete Rodriguez

September 21:

Charlene Short
Karmin Brooks

September 22:

Richard Beck

September 23:

Mark Matthews

Happy Anniversary

September 17:

Bill & Kathy Beck (39 Years)

September 21:

Ron & Juliene Wise (55 Years)

Shalom Hog Roast is Sunday, September 17, 2017

Don't go home yet...Sunday Dinner is prepared! Come to the Shalom Ministries' Annual Hog Roast, Raffle, and Silent Auction, at Archbold Elementary School. We will be serving dinner from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Curbside pickup is also available. Silent auction and raffle will end at 1:00 pm. This year Shalom is raffling a number of very exciting items to give away; raffle tickets can be purchased at the event up until 12:55 (\$5 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 6 tickets). 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 State Route 2, Archbold; and 5030 County Road 15, Bryan.

Youth Activities

September 20:

- 6:00 pm LOGOS & CHAOS meal and meeting
- 7:00 pm MYF

September 27:

- 7:00 pm Life Planning

October 4:

- 6:00 pm LOGOS & CHAOS meal and meeting
- 7:00 pm MYF: Care packages

Zion Senior Adult Group

Zion Senior Adult Group will meet Wednesday, September 20th, at 9:00 am for coffee. We will have a get acquainted time with Pastor Corben. He will share a devotional and we will share some of our stories.



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. 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– 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—

Books have
arrived and are
available in the
church office

Donations are accepted

News from the Search Committee

The Ministerial Search Committee announced on August 27 that Sue Short and Cliff Brubaker are presented as candidates to join Jessica and Corben on Zion’s Collaborative Ministry Team.

Candidate Sunday – September 17

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary with Sue and Cliff participating

10:45 am Session in fellowship hall with Sue and Cliff

Procedure for Voting: A congregational vote on extending an invitation to Cliff and Sue to join the Collaborative Ministry Team will take place at the end of the worship service on Sunday, September 24.

If you will be unable to vote that Sunday, you may vote in the office during the week of Monday, September 18 to Friday, September 22. Votes will be tabulated and results announced early in the week of September 24.

All who are high school age and older and are engaged in the life of the congregation are invited to vote.