

# Zion Mennonite Church

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## Newsletter

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### ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, September 3

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

#### Monday, September 4—Labor Day

*Church Office closed for holiday*

#### Tuesday, September 5

6:00 pm Church Council

#### Thursday, September 7

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

#### Sunday, September 10

9:30 am Worship: Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg  
10:45 am No Sunday School for adults/  
Meeting in Fellowship Hall

### 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 10:** Congregational Meeting during Sunday School Hour concerning Fellowship

**September 17:** Candidate Sunday

**October 8:** Corben's Licensing

**October 22:** Annual Business Meeting

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

#### Register for August 27, 2017

##### Attendance

Worship	183
Sunday School	54

##### Offering

Budget	\$7,929
Sunday School	150
Student Aid	28,370
Other	2,250

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,699</b>
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## 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.

### Contact Info Update

Lauren and Helen Bowman and Jamie and Charlene Beck have updated their Email addresses. The new addresses are:

**Lauren and Helen Bowman:**  
helenbowmanohio@gmail.com

**Jamie and Charlene Beck:**  
cjbeck35@gmail.com



### 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.

### ZION CHURCH FAMILY

#### Happy Birthday

September 3:  
Howard Snyder

September 4:  
Carolyn Snyder  
Ron Wise

September 5:  
Malakai Ringenberg  
Dan Ruth

September 6:  
Tim Yoder

September 7:  
Norma Reynolds

September 9:  
Fern Nafziger  
Wendell Nofziger

#### Happy Anniversary

September 4:  
Bob & Luanne Aschliman (46 Years)

September 6:  
Joe & Karin Legato (9 years)

September 7:  
Fred & Elizabeth Baer (21 Years)

## Youth Activities

**September 6:** No MYF

**September 13:** MYF Service Project—paint a fence!  
6:00 pm LOGOS & CHAOS  
meal and meeting

**September 20:** MYF Faith and Fellowship Night  
6:00 pm LOGOS & CHAOS  
meal and meeting

**Help Is Needed!**

**Calling all cooks!** Wednesday night LOGOS meals (including CHAOS & MYF) will begin on September 13. Please see the Sign-up Sheet on the table across from the mailboxes if you are willing to prepare food or help in anyway with the meals for our children, youth, and leaders. Meals are served from 6-7:00 pm to approximately 45 people. Please contact Lynette Bontrager, (419)445-8425 or [Labontrager.83@gmail.com](mailto:Labontrager.83@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks for considering!



## 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.

## Hurricane Relief

Lucas Nofziger, Greg and Jodi's son, is filling a truck with needed supplies to take to Texas to help with hurricane relief. His truck will be at the north edge of the fairgrounds daily, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm through Wednesday, September 6. Items most needed are cleaning supplies, toiletries, and non-perishable food items. Some suggestions are: bath and hand towels, band-aids, flash-lights, bottled water, work gloves, dust masks, mops, brooms, heavy-duty trash bags, first aid kits, and safety glasses. You may take your donations to the truck at the fairgrounds or bring it here to the church, and Greg will transport it to the truck. Volunteers are also needed to help man the truck. If you are interested in helping or for more information, call Greg at 419-583-6769.

Additionally, North Clinton is filling a truck as well, and they are collecting donations at their church. They would like donations by Sunday, September 10. For a list of complete supplies needed for the trucks, see the posters on the bulletin board.



Donations for  
Disaster Victims

## 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tconklin@shalomworks.org) or [aclark@shalomworks.org](mailto:aclark@shalomworks.org) also on the web at [www.shalomworks.org](http://www.shalomworks.org).

# 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**– 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 will be  
available in the  
church office