

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.

October 4, 2015

WITH THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP we celebrate today our solidarity in Christ with his worldwide church on this *WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY*. All baptized believers in Christ, seeking to live in love for God and others, are welcome to share in this expression and experience of the grace that makes us one in Christ, one with Christ.

Welcome and Greeting
Announcements
Call to Worship
Prayer

HWB 106 All hail the power of Jesus' name

HWB 311 The church's one foundation

Offering

Welcoming new members Seth and Eliza Gingerich

Children's Story

Affirmation of Faith: Hebrews 1:1-4

HWB 342 At the name of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:5-12

Sermon

Guided Prayer

Communion

Sending Song: *HWB 420 Heart with loving heart united*

After the service, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary for sharing and prayer. Today's Elder is Ken Beachy.

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman
Children's Story: Ken Kauffman

This Morning:
9:00am Coffee Time
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Worship Service

6:00pm MYF at Gingerich Barn

Monday 7:00pm

Wednesday 7:00pm

Thursday 7:00pm

Saturday 9:00am

This Afternoon/Evening

MYF at Gingerich Barn

This Week:

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball

Bible Study—Skylight Room

Quilting

MCC Fall Festival, Albany

Worship Schedule

October 11: Mathew will be preaching "Treasures in Heaven"
Mark 10: 17-31

October 18: Mathew will be preaching "Servant Leadership?"
Mark 10:35-45

Sunday October 11th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday!



The PCRC would like to encourage our congregation to shower Mathew and Jana with acts of love and appreciation during the month of October. We are encouraging everyone to send each pastor a small token of appreciation. Some ideas include: a sincere note with specific reasons why you appreciate them, a gift card, their favorite candy or treat, a dessert or prepared meal, flowers, an invitation to coffee or lunch, custom art or a child's craft or a commitment to making every Sunday Pastor Appreciation Sunday by saying "Thank you!" frequently. Maybe a Sunday school class, small group or committee can work together to show appreciation is a bigger way. **We encourage everyone to creatively communicate words of encouragement to Mathew and Jana for their service to God and the Church. By paying tribute to our pastor's, we hope they will be encouraged and energized to keep going!**

If you are visiting, we invite you to complete a Welcome card and drop it in the offering basket.

Second Sunday October 11, 5:00-6:30pm

Join Second Sunday for the first gathering of the new year! The theme for this year is "Kids Can Live Upside-Down". Lessons and activities will introduce children to what it means to live an upside-down life—A life where the greatest in the kingdom are actually the least and good overcomes evil, understanding that in God's upside-down kingdom there is justice, love, and an invitation for everyone.

Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by group time and activity for kids in K-5th grade. Invite your friends to come too!

Jr. Hi will meet separately for activities from 5:30-6:30pm

It has been quite a few years since Zion adopted the **Child Protection Guidelines**. There will be a short refresher course for those persons who regularly work with children at Zion and for anyone else who has interest in attending. **The refresher course will take place in the east skylight room from 4:30 - 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 11.** The Second Sunday meal will begin at 5 PM, followed by the Second Sunday activities, as well as junior high and MYF activities.

All Zion Women— Save the Date!

Wednesday evening October 28, at 7:00pm for an evening of refreshments and fellowship with guest Marlene Bogard, Mennonite Women USA Executive Director. Marlene wants to meet all of us and learn who we are as women of Zion Mennonite; and likewise, this is our opportunity to meet Marlene who seems to just bubble over with enthusiasm for life and MW USA, domestically and internationally.



Congratulations and God's blessings to Luke and Kelsey Sommer on the birth of their daughter, Liesel Annalee Yoder Sommer on Thursday, September 24th. She weighed 6lbs.14 oz and is 20.5 inches long.

My Coins Count



A total of \$1312.81 has been collected so far for this project. With the matching funds being added, Zion has collected enough money to sponsor more than one sand dam! Thank you for your generous donations! This is the last Sunday to collect coins, which will all be delivered to the MCC fall festival next Saturday.

Leave or stay? Many Syrian families face that question as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps Mennonite Central Committee continue to provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families that decide to stay in the region can survive the cold weather ahead. Please give online at mcc.org/syria-irag; by phone at [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676); or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Thank you!

Everence Hosts Informative Webinars:

Everence Financial will present an informational webinar, Understanding long-term care insurance, on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 2 or 8 p.m. (EDT). Financial Advisor Craig Foor, CLU®, ChFC®, CASL® will discuss how you can cover the high cost of long-term care – without wiping out your life savings. He'll also talk about ensuring quality of care and maintaining your independence. You'll get the information you need to make informed decisions. There will be time for your questions. To participate, contact your church's Everence Advocate or Melissa Short at Everence: (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or Melissa.short@everence.com.

You may have heard that Everence helps people integrate their faith and values into their financial decisions. How does that happen, and what does it mean for you? Find out by participating in a webinar, Meet Everence!, scheduled for 2 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27. We'll also talk about Everence grants that help church members in need. Contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or melissashort@everence.com to register.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Family and friends of Delbert Kropf, who died this past Thursday morning, October 1.
- All among us who are unable to leave their homes and join for worship, due to health and other concerns, such as Willie and Donita Garber, Jim Garber, and others.
- The students and faculty of Hesston College, (Kansas) as they spend time with Regina Calcaterra, author of this year's community-read book, Etched in Sand. (MEA)
- The people and churches of Burkina Faso after the most recent attempt at a coup d'état. According to Pastor Siaka Traore, President of the Mennonite Churches: "The head of State has confessed that it is God who once again miraculously delivered Burkina from those who wanted to have control over the country. ..thank you for your love, compassion, and various means of support that have touched us and proved that we are not alone. We felt surrounded by a family through all the world. The Church of Burkina Faso in general, and our populations to which I expressed your support in prayer, say "thank you". Continue to pray for a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation. Pray for an attitude of humility in the face of this miraculous deliverance of God. Pray that the people of Burkina Faso would continue to give glory to God and not to any human being."

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Night is drawing nigh—for all that has been—Thanks! For all that shall be—Yes!"*
by Dag Hammarskjold, 1905-61.

Nursery:

This week: Chris Keady, Phyllis Adams

Next Week: Cassie Miller, Wendy Roth

Last Sunday

Attendance: 135

Offering: \$6,405

Mennonite Men: \$100

Church Staff:

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Elders: Ken Beachy, David Gingerich, Karen Kropf, Lynn Miller

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