

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.

July 29, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Psalm 126

Call to Worship

We gather to worship with expectations:
God revealed in new and astonishing ways

God comes to us in real time.

God comes to us in dreams.

Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—
difficult to believe

O God, we long to believe.

Help our unbelief!

God is present here

God is working in our midst.

Then our mouths are filled with laughter,

Our tongues shout out with joy!

Singing

Offering

Scripture Reading: Ezra 8:21-36

Children's Story

Message:

Response Song

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Karie Smucker/Seth Gingerich
Children's Story: Mathew Swora

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

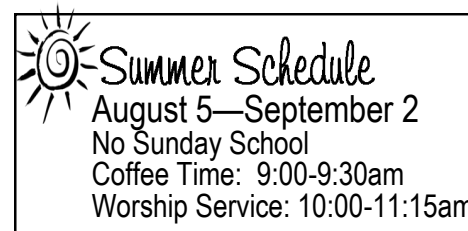
Tuesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion
7:45/9:00pm Men's Softball Games,
Memorial Park

Thursday 9:00am Quilting

Worship Schedule:

August 5 (10:00am): Hymn Sing in the Gym

August 12 (10:00am): Bethel Mountain Band



Make sure you are aware of our Summer Schedule! See above. Coffee/breakfast and fellowship will be at the usual time. There are no Sunday School classes and the Worship Service will begin at 10AM.

As we send Karie Smucker with a blessing this Sunday, she shares where her new adventure takes her:
I will be working on a PhD in Math Education at Ohio State University in Columbus. The program should take 3-4 years. My parents and I are headed out next Saturday on a road trip to get my things to my new apartment and should arrive in Columbus on August 7; classes start a week or so later. My new address is 623 Harley Drive #5, Columbus, OH 43202.

The Primary Sunday School children have collected \$110.98 since January to send to the Gomez family in Honduras. Today is the last day to add to the donations. If you would like to contribute, Contact Karen Kropf or Stacy Berkey.



Vacation Bible School 2018

“Paul: Shipwreck and Dreams”

Thank you to the many, many volunteers who helped with this year's VBS! Here are just a few examples of the fruits of our labor:

Number of Volunteers: 53

Average Attendance: 63

Total Number Enrolled: 72, including 18 from Zion

Bibles Awarded: 2

Campships Awarded: 73

Offering for Burkina Faso ministry: \$1114.16

Samuel Traore, of Burkina Faso, in thanksgiving for this year's VBS offering, requested by the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso: *“Hello, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I am greatly rejoicing to learn that you are in the process of doing a collection to help me with the purchase of a motorcycle. I thank you very much for your fraternal love. May the Lord bless you and attend to all your needs. The church that I am leading is at least 4 kilometers from my place.”*

Many thanks to Dave Yoder for giving the church a basketball backboard to replace the broken one in the gym. Also, thanks to the guys who helped take down the broken one and put up the new one. Thanks also to Lynn Miller for replacing the church sign at the corner of Meridian Road and Hwy. 211, which had been destroyed in an auto accident. We had an extra sign, but it was a lot of work to get it put up.

I would like to give a big “Thank you” for all the visits, calls, cards, and gift card to Al's from the Good Cheer Committee during my recuperation from hip surgery. It meant a lot to me to be remembered.
—Gene Gascho

Bethel Mountain Band

Make plans to attend our Worship Service on Sunday, August 12, (at 10:00am) with special guests, the Bethel Mountain Band, a gospel bluegrass group from Albany. Enjoy southern gospel music with acoustic mandolin, banjo, guitar, harmonica, and bass. Invite your friends and family!



A bridal shower for Callan Berkey is planned for Sunday, August 12 at 2 pm at Zion. Callan and Chuy are registered at

www.zola.com/wedding/jesusandcallan/registry.

At the website, you can then choose “Zola” or “Other Registries” to have access to all of their items.

They would also like Home Depot gift cards as they are buying their first home.

A Women's Bible Study Fellowship group is hosting welcome and registration classes at Country Cottage Restaurant “Blue Room” in Woodburn on Tuesday August 21 or 28 from 6:30-7:15pm. Their study for 2018/19 will focus on the people of Israel from the time of Joshua to the reign of Solomon, titled: “People of the Promised Land – Part I.”

If you are interested in joining BSF or have questions about the Woodburn group, email woodburnbsf@gmail.com. A flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board.

Pregnancy Care Centers are having a Diaper Drive. The Center is in desperate need of diapers and baby wipes for clients on a day-to-day basis. Diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5 are especially needed. You may leave donations in the foyer and they will be delivered to PCC. Please donate by August 12. If you have any questions, contact Chris Keady. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board with more information.

Please keep in your prayers:

- The fruits of growth in Christian faith, hope and love sown by this past week's Vacation Bible School in the hearts, minds and lives of all who participated in any way; may all who participated experience refreshment both from this ministry and from a time of rest, reflection and celebration afterward.
- The people, and our partner churches of Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, where general elections will be held tomorrow, July 30, after so many years of dictatorship, corruption and single-party rule. "We covet peace, fair and harmonized elections," says MWC regional representative Barbara Nkala (Mennonite World Conference)
- Mary Raber, who has cultivated relationships with theological schools and church leaders throughout Eastern Europe, as she also does research, teaches, writes, edits, and encourages believers throughout the region (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry though the week: *"O God, make the door [of my heart] wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife."* Bishop Thomas Ken, 17th C. England

Nursery:

This week: Outdoor service
Next Week: Nursery not staffed

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 128
Offering: \$6,712.04

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