

Zion retreat at Camp Mennoscah: In order to plan for meals for our weekend (Aug. 9-10), please sign up on the bulletin board!

The **Camp Mennoscah Annual Camp Sing** will be Aug. 10 at 6 P.M. at Shalom Menn. Ch. (Newton). We hope you'll come sing your favorite camp songs one more time before school starts; enjoy another generic pop and some popcorn and connect with friends and staff! Donations will be accepted for the new bathhouses.

"Miles for the Manor," a bike ride help raise funds for a wireless nurse call system at Wheat State Manor, will occur Sat., Sept. 6. See poster on the bulletin board; link to the online registration at <www.wheatstatemanor.org>. Early registration ends *Aug. 27!*

Please join MCC in responding to needs around the world: MCC is providing vital items for life to Iraqis affected by conflict, food for displaced families in Gaza, responding to flooding in the Balkans and advocating for a compassionate response to migrant children along the U.S./Mexico border. Check <mcc.org> for detailed info about these responses and to join us as we work to address human needs in the name of Christ around the world.

Contact update:

Kevin and Alison (Janzen) Hickman, 503 Cole Drive, Johnstown, OH 43031.

Pray This Week for...

- Silas Stucky, who is seeking to regain some strength after experiencing several "mini-strokes" the last few weeks.
- the Discernment Task Force of Western District Conference as they guide the conference-wide conversation and decisions in response to the Rainbow Menn. Ch. resolution asking for greater latitude for churches and pastors to determine their pastoral response to persons of same sex attraction.
- Brian and Kelly McPhail as they deepen their relationships with their English students in China throughout the summer, and as they assist in coordinating visits with Fuller Theological Seminary and Mennonite Partners in China.

Zion Mennonite Church

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July 20, 2014

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Gathering Song "Lord, you have come to the lakeshore" HWB #229

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Lindsay Lightner

Call to Worship SS #178

Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" HWB #523

Scripture Matthew 4:18-25

Sermon "Fishing with Jesus" Rosie Epp

Response Hymn "Strong, righteous man of Galilee" HWB #540

Offering *Western District Conference*

Offertory The Nine

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

Sending Hymn "Rain down" SJ #49

Benediction and Postlude

Alden and Laura Entz, Greeters Tim Wedel, Worship Leader
Annette Voth, Song Leader Lindsay Lightner, Piano/Organ
Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp, Co-Pastors (316) 799-1200

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (including 7 visitors) 78

Offering: The Corinthian Plan - Access \$585.28

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Food & Thought @ J&R Janzen's following worship, Today
Vespers @ Wheat State Manor – Sewing Rm. leads 5 P.M., Today
Education Board meets @ Zion 9:30 A.M., Tue.
Community playtime @ Zion playground 10 A.M., Tue.
Deacons meet 7:30 P.M., Tue.
Mowing at Church: Virgil Epp Before next Sun.
Greeters: Brian and Lindsay Lightner Next Sun.
Musicians: Carol / Carol / Carol Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Watermelon and What's Up with the Survey 6:30 P.M., July 27
Zion retreat @ Camp Mennoscah (w/ baptisms) Aug. 9-10
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Aug. 11
WDC Day on the Farm @ rural Hillsboro, KS Aug. 16
WDC Women and Girls Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Sept. 5-7
Wheat State "Miles for the Manor" bike ride fundraiser Sept. 6
Spiritual Life Board meal/meeting NOON, Sept. 14

Other Events and Announcements

Pastors Ray and Rosie's Schedules: One of them is at the church office most weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon., Thur., and Fri., Rosie on Tue. and Wed. (she's at IRC on Mon., Thur., and occasional Fri.). This week one of them will help with the WSM Vespers this afternoon, and Ray will be out of the office part of Mon. morning.

Scripture Sing: First Menn. Ch. (Newton) invites you to an evening of song and scripture on Sun., July 20, 7 P.M. Musicians will come with some pre-selected songs, connecting them with specific scripture texts, but there will also be opportunity for suggestions from the floor; please connect the song with the text. If you have instruments bring them along, and music for new songs.

Emmaus Church will be holding a **Missions Conference** Sun.-Wed., July 20-23 with speaker Jay Jackson, who served in the Philippines with New Tribes Mission. Sessions begin at 7:00 P.M.

Join us for an all-ages, all-kinds **Family Camp** at Camp Mennoscah on July 26-27! Ruth Harder and Jesse Graber will lead us in all sorts of shenanigans. Contact (620) 297-3290 for info.

A Discernment Task Force of Western District Conference will be guiding our conference-wide conversation during the coming year in response to the resolution received from Rainbow Menn. Ch. of Kansas City (as highlighted last Sunday during reporting on WDC Assembly 2014). An e-mail pertaining to the **Discernment Task Force's Survey** was recently circulated, noting that your participation is vital in providing counsel to the leadership of WDC. Those with internet access should complete the survey online; paper copies have been placed in the mailboxes of those Pastor Ray is aware do not utilize e-mail (*please complete and return them to his mailbox, so he can enter your responses online*). A printout of the "Membership Guidelines" is posted above the photocopier; the e-mail notes online links to it and the other documents mentioned. As the survey utilizes vocabulary ("polity" is not a misprint!) and assumes familiarity which may not be common to all, Pastors Ray and Rosie will host a **"Watermelon and What's Up with the Survey"** gathering on Sun., July 27 at 6:30 P.M., to offer some historical background and interpretation (followed by the eats)... but it will be up to you to complete the survey, and all of Zion's active participants are strongly encouraged to do so *before the Aug. 31 deadline*.

Stories of Jesus will be the focus of our August combined worship and Sunday School time. The format will be similar to our *Stories by the Sea* last year with a gathering time beginning at 9:45 A.M. in the sanctuary, followed by break out sessions at 10:15 A.M., and closing worship in the sanctuary at 11 A.M. A choice of four break-out sessions include a Bible study, intergenerational, meditative and interactive. Come to hear and experience the life of Jesus!

The **fall course at AMBS-Kansas Center** will be "Anabaptist History and Theology" by Lois Barrett on 4 weekends (Friday evenings and Saturdays) Sept. 5-6, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 7-8, Dec. 5-6. Credit or audit. \$100 discount if registered by July 28. Register at www.ambs.edu or contact Brenna Harker (1-800-964-2627).