

# THE ZION WEEKLY

a weekly publication of Zion Mennonite Church



March 17, 2023

Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve

## In Worship This Week

We are on a journey of discovery through Lent. The old temple is gone, but by God's grace, we are saved by faith, not works. Through Christ the church is being built together into a temple dedicated to the Lord. **Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.**

Pastor Sonya will preach on "The Tools of Discovery" as we learn together about tools at our disposal to help us discover all that Christ would have us to be. Mark 13:1-8, 24- 37 is our text.

## Holy Week Services

March 24 Palm Sunday @ 9:00 am

March 28 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 pm

March 29 Egg Hunt @ 10:00 am

March 31 Easter Sunrise

Zion Memorial Gardens @ 6:30

Easter Service @ 9:00 am

## Final Call to Update the Directory

Last day to update your family information is **SUNDAY, MARCH 17.**



## UPCOMING WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday

9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship Time  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Christian Ed Meeting  
12:00 pm Iglesia Menonita Ebenezer

### Monday

11:30 am Table of Plenty

### Tuesday

10:00 pm BBFP ~ Food Prep  
1:00 pm Church Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm BBFP ~ Charter School  
6:30 pm Library Meeting  
7:00 pm Youth Group

### Wednesday

9:00 am Centering Prayer  
11:30 am Table of Plenty  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Adult Choir

### Thursday

9:00 am BBFP ~ Packing  
9:30 am Kindred Sister Bible Study  
11:00 am Kindred Sister Luncheon  
1:00 pm Grief Share Meeting  
5:45 pm End Gun Violence Meeting  
7:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

March 17 Sonya Stauffer Kurtz  
March 24 Sonya Stauffer Kurtz  
March 31 Sonya Stauffer Kurtz

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Church Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

# A Lenten Journey of Discovery


We are on a Lenten journey. Our sanctuary cross is draped with a purple stole and our altar features a cross, a crown of thorns and dry branches and stones. The church celebrates Lent for 6 weeks before Easter each year. Lent is a penitential season in the church year, a time for considering the human condition with all its flaws and limitations, as well as a time to consider the new possibilities offered to us through Jesus Christ, and implications for a practical life of discipleship.

This month we are singing “*Kyrie Eleison*” in response to the peace verse, “It is a sin to despise one’s neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.” Proverbs 14: 21. It’s not easy to do all our Christian faith asks of us. With the *Kyrie*, meaning “Lord, have mercy,” we acknowledge our shortcomings and sins, and ask for Christ’s forgiveness and the courage and strength to move in new directions.

The disciplines of Lent, practicing giving something up, or trying a new spiritual habit that might become a permanent habit, are an encouragement to strengthen our sagging spirits. We open ourselves to God's grace and the reinvigoration of faith through an honest and penitent look at our shortcomings, and a disciplined commitment to spiritual practices such as attending worship, devotional acts of prayer and reading, charitable giving and participating in mission. By God's grace, the penitential season of Lent can strengthen our faith and permanently alter our habits and values.

## Frederick Living Annual Geranium Sale

**March 17 - 31:** The Frederick Living Residents Association is sponsoring the annual geranium sale in time for Mother's Day. The proceeds from the sale of the flowers benefit the residents of Frederick Living. Order forms can be found at the Welcome Center and are **due March 31**. Please make checks payable to "FLRA." Call Judy McVaugh for information.



## How Can I Help:



- **GRAY** plastic bags. The **GRAY** bags are used for students with allergies.
- **Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 am** is Zion's day to volunteer to pack bags. More volunteers are needed. No need to call just show up!

## Raise Your Hand



Zion's theme this year is **DISCOVER!** What do you want to discover? The kids from Children's Church were kind enough to be hand models for us so we traced and cut out their hands on construction paper for you to write something you would like to discover. Since God is the creator of all things, there is a lot to choose from!

We will be displaying these hands on the bulletin board during the month of April. And do not worry, you can add a hand at any time. We want to cover the board – all we need is you!

## ARE YOU A STREAMER?? Maybe you're an on-again-off again Streamer??

We welcome those who faithfully join our Livestream for worship.

We are one congregation, even though you are not physically here! Everyone viewing online is very important to the life of this church. We can see a significant number of "Streamers" are out there every week!

**We wish to hear from you!** Please take a moment to say "hello" to all of us! You may wonder how you can do that. Start by calling or emailing the church so we can communicate with you and share your message with the "in the pew" congregation. **We want to know you are there, and what your favorite part of the service is. Maybe you have a special message for us.** It will be wonderful to make this connection. You can contact us by calling 215-723-3592 or email us at [contact@zionmennonite.org](mailto:contact@zionmennonite.org).



**We are looking forward to hearing from you!**

### Some Bunny Cares Easter Project

It is time for our annual project to honor our shut-ins. I am looking for friends to adopt a shut-in by sponsoring a gift costing \$15. You can support this program by using Zion's on-line giving system or mail a check to the church office with **Some Bunny Cares** in the memo. The last day to participate is **March 31**. Please help to deliver these gifts by signing up in the alcove after church. Thank you for your support!



Pastor Beth

Deadline to have an announcement put in the newsletter is **NOON** on Wednesdays.



### New Books!

#### Children's Books

**Dwayne the Contractor Builds a Wood Fence and Dwayne the Contractor Paints a House**  
by Dwayne Jones – Dwayne drives around the neighborhood in his blue truck full of tools ready to work!

#### **MCC Canner Volunteers Wanted**

Zion is signed up to help at the MCC Meat Canner in Souderton on **Monday, March 25** from 12:00 -3:00 p.m. We are looking for 10 volunteers.

**Please see the sign up sheet outside Fellowship Hall.**

### Sunday Morning Child Care

	Worship	Sunday School
March 17	Judy Francis & Barb Musselman	Barb Musselman & Laura Musselman
March 24	Polly Moore & Suzanne Gunden	Isaac & Laura Martin
March 31	Betty Bergstresser & Suzanne Gunden	No Sunday School

## Let's Celebrate.....

### March Birthdays

- 17 - Dave Levin
- 18 - Jim Landis  
Mary Ziegler
- 20 - Howard Peters
- 21 - Sherry Russell
- 22 - Rudy Rauschenberger
- 23 - Juliana Landis
- 24 - Elaine Metz
- 27 - Mason Keller  
Marilyn Ritter
- 31 - Patrick Francis

### March Anniversaries

- 11 - Phil & Betty Bergstresser
- 24 - Craig & Sumi Gerhart  
John & Marcia Young
- 27 - Dylan & Kelsey Landis

### Easter Egg Hunt Time!

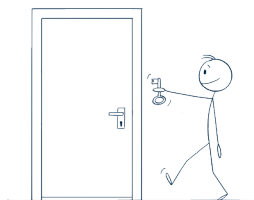
We are in need of people to fill eggs with wrapped candy. Please take a bag or two outside the Library to fill. The more eggs ... the better the egg hunt! **Eggs need to be returned by Sunday, March 24** for the egg hunt on Friday, March 29. Any questions, contact the church office.



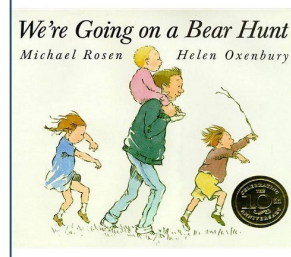
### HELP NEEDED:

#### Sunday Unlock & Lockup Person!

A person is needed Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m. to unlock, turn on lights and adjust thermostats. Then return at 12:30 p.m. to lock up, turn off lights and adjust thermostats. If you are interested, contact Mike Landis 267-640-2986 to get on the monthly rotation.



The **Nursery School** dads had a beautiful evening on Wednesday to go on a bear hunt. 12 dads and their sons or daughters got to hear the story, make some bear finding binoculars, and go on the search for a great big bear. The hunt took us all around the Zion property only for it to be found at the barn, hiding in his cave by the garden. The families then returned to the grove for some teddy grahams and some play time.



### Project of the Month

This month's special offering supports **Shine**, the children's Sunday School curriculum ministry of MennoMedia. A strong Sunday School curriculum helps our children come to know Jesus and live out Christian faith practices at every age. Our special offering will help support the faith formation of our children and others across the country by supporting **Shine**.



### Give Your Old Crayons a New Life!

Creation Care will be collecting used or unwanted crayons until March 31. We will be sending them to "The Crayon Initiative," an organization that melts them down and molds them into new crayons. These crayons are sent, for free, to children in hospitals. If you have crayons that you no longer need, they can be placed in the bin below the Creation Care Bulletin Board. Thank you!



**Kacie Watkins** is a member of the Messiah University Concert choir and they are singing **TODAY** at Doylestown Presbyterian Church at **4:00 p.m.** in Doylestown. Come out and support Kacie!



"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something... My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

Jimmy Carter

**Concert Choir and Chamber Singers**  
2024 Tour

**Wednesday, March 13: 7 p.m.**

First United Methodist Church, Moorestown, NJ.

**Thursday, March 14: 7 p.m.**

Three Bridges Reformed Church, Three Bridges, NJ.

**Friday, March 15: 7 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church, Southampton, N.Y.

**Sunday, March 17: 10:30 a.m.**

Northern Valley Evangelical Free Church, Cresskill, N.J.

**Sunday, March 17: 4 p.m.**

Doylestown Presbyterian Church, Doylestown, Pa.



**Meals for the Landis family -**

Congratulations to Dylan & Kelsey Landis on the birth of Trevor John on Monday, March 11! If you would like to help bless them with a meal, please sign up here:

<https://takethemameal.com/>

Come out and support **Kate Repsher & Josh Sullivan** from Zion's youth group as they are in this great musical!

**Kindred Sister Poetry**

**Seasons**

One by one the leaves come down.  
I see them falling to the ground.  
Soon, the summer will be done.  
I see it in the setting sun.  
Sooner than it did before  
Fall is knocking on the door.  
Then comes Winter's snowy haze  
With longer nights and shorter days.  
But Spring arrives in all it's splendor  
Blooming buds and shoots so tender.  
Soon, it's Summer once again  
With raucous joy and tiny wren  
Seasons going round and round  
Start with one leaf on the ground...

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**Indian Crest Middle School**

presents

**LEGALLY**  
**Blonde JR.**  
The Musical

**APRIL 5-7, 2024**

📞 215-723-9193

📍 139 Harleysville Pike  
Souderton, PA 18964

*Tickets*

Adults \$10

Students \$3

Seniors Free - w/Gold Card

Kids 5 & Under - Free

Tickets available  
online 3/21  
[showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com)  
& at the door

*Show Times*

Friday, April 5th - 7PM

Saturday, April 6th - 3PM

Saturday, April 6th - 7PM

Sunday, April 7th - 2PM

Music & Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin  
Book by Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

Legally Blonde JR. is presented through special arrangement with  
and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY  
(212) 541-4684 [mtishows.com](http://mtishows.com)

Original Production by Hal Luftig, Fox Theatricals, Doris Bernstein, James L. Nederlander, Independent Presenters Network, Roy Furman, Amanda Lipitz, Broadway Asia, Barbara Whitman, FWPM Group, Ruth Hendel, Cheryl Wiesenfeld, Hal Goldberg, David Binder, James D. Stern, Douglas L. Meyer, Stewart F. Lane, Bonnie Conley, Robert G. Bartone, Michael A. Jenkins, Albert Noccolino and Warren Trepp; Produced in association with MGM Onstage, Darcie Denker and Dean Stalder.



## MOSAIC WOMEN'S EVENT

*Unity*  
*Unidad • Bersama*

JOHN 17



*Speaker*



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MCUSA

FREE EVENT • NO COST

LUNCH INCLUDED

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
**9:30 AM - 2:30 PM\***

**\*FOR ZOOM AT 10:00 AM - 2:15 PM**

**AT RIPPLE CHURCH**

**1421 W TURNER ST, ALLENTOWN, PA**

*Spanish & Indonesian Interpretation Available!*

REGISTER AT: [MOSAICMENNONITES.ORG/WOMEN](https://mosaicmennonites.org/women)

Register by April 15