

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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## July 30, 2023

### Zion Activities this week

**Sunday, July 30 - My Coins Count noisy offering**

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

12:00 pm ~ Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Reserved

5:00 pm ~ Movie: [Temple Grandin](#) (FH)

**Monday, July 31**

9:30 am ~ Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, Aug 2**

9:00 am ~ Quilting in room 303

**Thursday, Aug 3**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

**Friday, Aug 4~ Office closed**

**Sunday, Aug 6 - Baptism Sunday**

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:30 am ~ Baptism @ Weldy's pond

### Happy Birthday:

July 31~ Cheryl Britsch

Aug 1 ~ Duane Sauder

Aug 2 ~ Grace Hastings

Aug 4 ~ Sharon Frey, Anita Roth

Aug 5 ~ Ty Yoder



### Office News

~ Sue will be off on Monday, July 31st.

~ It is time to be ordering Sunday school materials for the fall. If your class is interested in having the office order for you, please contact Bethany by phone or email (419.445.3796, church.zionmc@gmail.com).

### Happy Anniversary

July 31 - Frank & Cara Ulrich (69)

Aug 1 - Corey Roth & Rachel Aeschliman (12)

Aug 3 - Dale & Arlene Short (60); Travis & Abby Pennington (4)

Aug 4 - Garth & Judy Short (50); Tom & Bonnie Stuckey (50)

Aug 5 - Dan & Karen Ruth (45)

### Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Karen Ruth

**Interlude** ~ (water sounds from nature)

**Call to Worship, Water, & Prayer** ~ Karen Ruth

**Opening Hymn** ~ Anita Roth

“God of the earth, the sky, the sea” (HWB 53)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Karen/Kate/Anita

**Noisy Offering for “My Coins Count”**

**Children's Time** ~ Karen Ruth

**Hymn** ~ Anita Roth

“My life flows on” (HWB 580)

Scripture ~ Isaiah 43:1-5

**Sermon** ~ Ella Richer

**Special Music** ~ Julia, Ella, Naomi Richer, and Anita, Kate, and Leah Roth, Karen Ruth, Bonnie Stuckey: “One Voice”

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Dan Miller

**Benediction** ~ Ella Richer

**Sending Hymn** ~ Anita Roth

“Praise God from whom” (HWB 119)

**By God's Grace, Zion Mennonite Church will be a House of Peace where all people are invited to share Christ's love with each other and the world.**

## Upcoming Worship

- **Sunday, July 30th:** As we conclude our “Come to the Water” series, Ella Richer will be speaking about her experience at the Climate Justice Summit for youth and young adults. We invite you to read Isaiah 43:1-5 as you prepare for worship.
- **Sunday, August 6th:** Baptism Sunday! Join us as we celebrate with Creighton Aeschliman, Reiss Creighton, Grace Hastings, Naomi Richer, and Leah Roth. Following worship, we’ll walk down to Weldy’s pond for the baptisms, and conclude back in the fellowship hall for refreshments and time together.
- **Sunday, August 13th - Sunday, September 3rd :** “*Welcome to the Campfire!*” Our usual August ‘Front Porch’ with a new twist! You are invited to dress casually and comfortably. Come hear stories from one another about faith, seeing God in creation, camping, and life.

## New Announcements

**Teachers & Helpers needed:** There is a sign up sheet on the table across from the mailboxes with opportunities to teach and help with children and youth this fall during Sunday School or on Wednesday evenings.

**Project Respect annual golf outing:** Project Respect is an abstinence education program that is part of the CPC Women’s Health Resource. The Project Respect Golf Outing serves as our only annual fundraiser for the program. Proceeds from the golf outing help enable us to serve students in schools in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Williams Counties. Last year we presented our 5-day abstinence program to more than 3500 students in these counties! We are still in need of more golfers for this year’s outing, on August 19, at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. The cost is \$80 per golfer (\$320 per team). We would love to have a team from your church join us! For more information please visit our website at [cpcnwo.org/events/13th-annual-project-respect-golf-outing/](http://cpcnwo.org/events/13th-annual-project-respect-golf-outing/), OR contact [brenda@projectrespectnwo.org](mailto:brenda@projectrespectnwo.org)

**Picture Wall:** As we look forward to John David Thatcher coming to Zion, now is a great time to get new or updated photos on the church family picture bulletin board located in the fellowship hall. Anyone is welcome to submit a picture and room will be made for all pictures. John David can use this as a tool for getting to know our church family and it can also help others as well! Please put your 4x6 (or smaller) pictures in Rachel (Brad) Short's mailbox. If you have questions, Rachel can be contacted at 419-572-9922 or [rmshort67@gmail.com](mailto:rmshort67@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Volunteers needed!** The Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) provides lunches for children and youth in many communities in our area during the summer months, in order to help provide food while school is not in session. In Archbold, these free lunches are served in Rauhley Park in the covered picnic area near the pool and sand volleyball courts. NOCAC's meal program concludes several weeks before school begins. So Zion, Lockport and St. Johns are teaming up to offer free lunch for children during this gap. **Zion is covering July 31 to August 4.** People are needed to provide the meal for about 20 people as well as helpers for serving and an activity. Lunch is offered between 12-12:45pm. Sign up sheet is across from the mailboxes. For more information, contact Glora Belle at 419.551.8205.

**On the Level announcement:** The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear from a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3DlnAQX>

**It’s time for the MCC School Kit Challenge!** Help us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God’s love with children around the world. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

## Don't Forget

Come watch the movie [Temple Grandin](#), Sunday evening, July 20th, at 5pm in the fellowship hall. This is the story of “an autistic woman who has become one of the top scientists in the humane livestock handling industry.” (IMDB) This movie is rated TV-PG, received 8.2 stars on IMDB, and runs just short of two hours. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows. There will be a few comfy chairs available. And don't forget to bring a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you!

**To Zion Ministry Teams:** Stewardship Ministry Team will begin working on Zion's budget next month - August. Stewardship requests budget needs/considerations for next year's budget. 9/1/23-8/31/23, be turned in to Cal Britsch or Dan Ruth by Saturday 8/5/23. If any team needs information or consultation, contact Cal. Thanks, Dan Ruth.

**Burgers & Magic:** Friday, August 4 -Ruihley Park Archbold. Burger Bash 5:30 – 7 in the pavilion and just after 7 Jim Barron Comedy Magic Show under the bandstand. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Free-will donations all benefit Growing Hope Globally. See the bulletin board for more information.

## Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our faculty and staff as they prepare for the 2023-24 academic year. May they fulfill Bluffton's mission to prepare students of all backgrounds for life and for vocation...and for the purposes of God's universal kingdom.

Mennonite Mission Network: rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Bananzaro and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.

### **THE LAST PAGE...**

**...but never the last word**

Have you ever listened back to a recording of something you said and heard yourself mix up words? Last week when Sue and I talked with you about changes happening for Mennonites in NW Ohio, I said “this is what Zion is calling *God* to do.” That would be pretty audacious! In actuality, the vision statement is Zion's best understanding of what God is calling Zion to do:

By God's grace,  
Zion Mennonite Church will be a House of Peace  
where all people are called to share Christ's love  
with each other and the world.

The invitation Sue and I extended to you last Sunday is very similar to what Zion learned in mediation work with Lombard: direct address, no triangulating, speaking the truth in love, caring for each other regardless of differences. They never go out of style!

Moments like this current moment can be opportunities to do our best discernment, take responsibility for our decisions, and trust the outcome to God. We will not all make the same decisions. I like the saying, “let's act like followers of Jesus.”

Here's the affirmation we concluded with last Sunday: God *has* been at work, God *is* at work, and God *will continue* to be at work here (and in other places as well).

~ Dan