

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 27, 2025

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, April 27 ~ CHAOS Sunday

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:00 am ~ Choir

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Shortened Sunday School

(MYF Taco Bar Fundraiser following)

7:00 pm ~ Spring Concert

Monday, April 28

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

5:00 pm ~ Worship Team

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 pm ~ Anabaptist History &
Theology class (310/zoom)

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-5th)

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, May 1

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, May 4 ~ Church School Sunday

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:00 am ~ Choir

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School or a session with
President Stoltzfus

10:45 am ~ Exploring Baptism (office)

12:00 pm ~ SLT Meeting (MYF room)

12:00 pm ~ Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved

Nursery Workers

April 27: Lonnie & Carol Short

May 4: Glora Belle Yoder & Lou Ann Kanagy

Happy Birthday

April 27 ~ Jim King

May 2 ~ Melissa Nofziger, Duane Short

May 3 ~ Tom Short

Happy Anniversary

April 27 ~ Brad & Rachel Short (34 years)

May 3 ~ Ron & Dianne Lantz (50 years)



Attendance & Offering

April 20: 143 ~ \$9,061

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Choir

Welcome (Introductions of CHAOS students/leaders)

Announcements ~ Sue Short

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship ~ Lincoln Aeschliman

Opening Prayer ~ Lydia Hastings

Opening Songs ~ Cheryl Britsch

“The Love Of God” (VT 162)

“God Of The Bible” (VT 420)

Offering/Offertory ~ Gus Legato/Karen Stuckey

Scripture ~ John 9:1-38 ~ CHAOS students

Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Rain Down” (VT 703)

Sermon Conversation ~ Brenna Creighton & Sue Short

Song of Response ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Amazing Grace” (VT 163)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ruth

Closing Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“You Shall Go Out With Joy” (VT 847)

Benediction ~ CHAOS Students

**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, April 27th - CHAOS Sunday and the MYF taco bar fundraising lunch: Save the date and invite your family and friends! Our CHAOS (6th-8th grade youth) are planning the service and will be leading us in worship. Stay for lunch, after a short Sunday school hour, prepared and served by our MYF (high school youth) to fund their summer trip to Convention and other future service projects.

Sunday, May 4 - Church School Day: Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus, President of Goshen College, will visit and share the morning message. **After worship we'll have a session in the fellowship hall** for all interested to explain Zion's student aid program, hear additional input from President Stoltzfus, & give opportunity to pledge financial support toward the program. Next school year Zion will have five students at the Mennonite schools. We have a fundraising goal of \$94,000 for the year. Those unable to attend on May 4th may make pledges by contacting Phil Bontrager (pabontrager@gmail.com or cell 419-966-3127).
~ College Financial Aid Committee

Today

Archbold Fish Pantry is hosting a community open house on Sunday, April 27th from 1-3 pm. Come see what your support does and can do. Learn more about what we do and how you can help. Hotdogs, chips and cookies to share.

Zion Choir Concert: Come hear the Zion choir in concert April 27th at 7pm, in the sanctuary and on zoom.

Fellowship News

Due to Holy Week and Easter food and fellowship opportunities, we will not be having a Church Family Meal in April. Look for more information coming soon about our meal in May.

Anabaptist History and Theology Class

The **LAST** Anabaptist History and Theology class will be this Tuesday at **7 PM** in Room 310. The class will be available on Zoom at: <http://tiny.cc/zionclass>. They will be uploaded to Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11544458>

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped out during Lent and Easter week. Thanks to Nichole Aeschliman, Kellie Creighton, and Mark Nafziger for decorating the front of the church. Thanks to Worship Team and their spouses for the meal on Maundy Thursday. Thanks to Anita Roth for her help in planning Lent and Easter services. And thanks to Sue Short for her help throughout the whole process.
Karen Ruth

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Bel Canto Singers and director Russell Adrian, as they worship with and sing during the morning worship service at Buhler Mennonite Church, in Buhler, Kansas. May their singing bring a wonderful time of worship for all present.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: commencement is May 3. Please pray for our students, as they transition from inquisitive learners to compassionate professionals, who faithfully serve both their communities and the world.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our FFA students, as they travel to the State FFA Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: As final exams at EMU begin, pray that God grants calmness and confidence to our students and helps them manage stress with grace.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda, whose building was severely damaged by floods, and for the 15 families who lost their homes and/or crops. Bishop Simon Okoth asks for prayer and resources, as the church tries to carry on its ministries to its members, many of whom fled from violence in Rwanda generations ago. Despite their limited resources, Mennonites are also hosting people fleeing from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

New Announcements

Kel Friesen and Karen Rodriguez will soon be moving to Goshen, IN. Their last Sunday at Zion is May 4. They ask that you sign their hymnals on a hymn that is meaningful to you. You have time to give this some thought. They will keep the hymnals on the table by the mailboxes during the week. Please sign your name right on the margin of the song special to you. Thank you

Little Eden Camp is looking for volunteers to ride along and chaperone the bus as it drives to and from camp during the weeks of their youth camps. The following dates are available. Sunday, June 8th; Thursday, June 12th / Friday, June 13th (stay overnight at camp); Sunday, June 15th; Thursday, June 19th / Friday, June 20th (stay overnight at camp). If you are interested in chaperoning for any of the dates, please let Delaney Nofziger know at 419-822-6103.

Good Shepherd is dedicating their new sanctuary on Saturday, May 17th, at 12pm. See the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information.

Everence Financial® is hosting a FREE educational Medicare seminar on Monday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Special Grounds Coffee, [854 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, OH](#).

As you approach retirement, you may have some questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security. During this workshop, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including: enrollment details and deadlines; budgeting for health care and income in retirement; what are your options if you continue to work; Social Security - when do I start; prescription drug coverage; and plans that supplement Medicare.

Don't Forget

GOT MAIL? Come join us in room 310 during the Sunday school hour as we discuss Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the book of 1 Corinthians. The discussion will be led by Mike Zimmerman.

Sewing/quilting supplies: Are you spring cleaning? Do you have some surplus sewing/quilting items you would like to donate? Please donate at Care & Share thrift store in Archbold by Friday, April 25 or you can give to Chris Wyse by Sunday, April 27 or there is a box under the table across from the mailboxes. At Care & Share we will have a large display of quilting items for sale during the Sauder Quilt Show, from Wed., April 30th to Saturday, May 3rd. <https://saudervillage.org/classes-events/special-events/quilt-show-2025>

It's Upon Us! Burger Bash 2025, Sunday, May 4 at Ruibley Park Pavilion. From 11-1pm serving Brookview burgers and sides for a free-will donation. The International umbrella is Growing Hope Globally, an ecumenical mission outreach our local cattle feeders have supported for decades to fund hands-on help to people around the world with limited resources. Hope you'll bring a friend and join us!

Attention Golfers of all ages and levels. Join us on May 17, 2025 for the **Shalom Golf Scramble benefit** at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, OH at 8:00 AM, shotgun start. REGISTRATION is OPEN! Look for a fun day of golfing with friends and/or family for a good cause. Four person team: \$300; Individual golfers: \$75. No worries if you don't golf, additional sponsorships available at various levels. Registration Deadline: May 10th – 26 team limit – register now! For details, contact Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552 or e-mail LRipke@shalomworks.org.

On the Level announcement: Our April edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, dedicating the Green Giant in North Carolina, meet a couple who is on their 60th MDS assignment, and read the latest on the MDS response to the spring ice storm in Ontario. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/42hzp80>

Grab Your Golf Clubs! Register for Amigo Centre's Golf Scramble at Klinger Lake on May 31, 8 am - 1:30 pm. Proceeds from this event support Amigo Centre's high-quality summer camp programming, especially providing registration scholarships for low-income youth. Register your team of four by May 15 at bit.ly/AmigoRegistration. For more information about sponsoring the event, visit AmigoCentre.org/golf-scrabble or call 269-651-2811.

Opportunity to help a local family: Last fall, a family in Alvordton lost their home and belongings in a fire. They've been living in a camper ever since. A local effort, spearheaded by individuals at Lockport Mennonite Church, is mobilizing and they are inviting others in the community to join in building a home for them. Donations of building materials, financial donations, and volunteers of all skill levels are needed. **Contact Joe Graber (419-682-2666) for questions. If you'd like to make a financial donation to this project, you may give through the church office.** Make your check out to Zion, and we will send one check at a later date to help with this project.