

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 11, 2025

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, May 11

- 8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
- 9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
- 10:45 am ~ Sunday School
- 10:45 am ~ Exploring Baptism (office)

Monday, May 12

- 9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

Tuesday, May 13

- 5:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment (310)
- 7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, May 14

- 9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)
- 7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)
- 7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, May 15

- 6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
- 7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, May 16

- 10:00 am ~ Martha Yoder visitation
- 11:00 am ~ Memorial Service

Saturday, May 17

- 12:00 pm ~ Good Shepherd Sanctuary Dedication

Sunday, May 18

- 8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
- 9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
- 10:45 am ~ Sunday School



Nursery Workers

May 11: Joe Graber & Ben Wheeler

May 18: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

Happy Birthday

May 11 ~ Tom Stuckey

May 12 ~ Kellie Creighton

May 13 ~ Todd Berry

May 15 ~ Elaine Short

Happy Anniversary

May 17 ~ Todd & Sarah Berry (28 years)

Attendance & Offering

May 4: 116 ~ \$5,100

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Larry Wyse

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Larry Wyse

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name” (VT 364)

“We Praise Thee, O God” (VT 91)

Offering/Offertory ~ Larry/Karen

Scripture ~ Acts 1:1-11

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“One Is The Body” (VT 386)

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“How Great Thou Art” (VT 436)

Communion

Prayer for Church & World ~ John David Thacker

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“The Lord Lift You Up” (VT 832)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

*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

Acts and Peter worship series: Beginning May 11th, we'll spend the four Sundays leading up to Pentecost exploring stories from the book of Acts, and following Peter along with his ministry. Pentecost Sunday is June 8th.

Meaningful Scriptures Suggested by YOU! Beginning June 15th, we'll center our worship around scripture that you have suggested. What text(s) have been deeply meaningful and formational for you over the years? **Send your texts to the church office by June 1st.** We have done this twice in the past few years, (2019 & 2021), and it has been a rich experience. Below is a list of what's been suggested and used other years. While we can definitely reuse a text, we invite you to also consider texts that are not on this list. If we receive more suggestions than we need for these Sundays, we'll save them on our list for another time.

Texts already suggested and used in previous years: Isaiah 40:21-31; Micah 6:8; Philippians 4:8; Mark 12:26-34; Ephesians 2:1-10; Galatians 5:22-26; Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 6:37-42; Psalm 37; Romans 12; Rev 4:8

Book Nook

New Children's books: *Sparkling Peace* by Pecinovsky and Martin at Herald Press. This book tells how a junkyard is changed into a garden and also shows how a blacksmith makes a garden tool. This can spark discussions about gun violence and peacemaking. *Stitched Together* by Reid and Cosgrove at Anabaptism at Five Hundred— Herald Press Book - this book tells us where every stitch is a story waiting to be shared.

Donated book: *The Tears Of Things* by Richard Rohr. He brings the voices of the Biblical Prophets to life, offering a timely and transformative message about the pain and beauty of our shared humanity. This book is a beacon of light for anyone seeking solace and understanding in uncertain times.

New Announcements

Spring has sprung. No more cold, windy winter. Get out and **join the Mennonite Women** for sewing, gathering and enjoying a meal together on Wednesday, May 14, starting at 9 am at Zion Mennonite Church. Suz Wirick will lead us in a devotional. We hope to see you there!

MCC My Coins Count: It's time to begin collecting your coins! **Our jug will be in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings, beginning May 18th, and in the church office during the week. We'll collect our 'noisy offering' on Sunday, June 8th.** Thank you for gathering your coins and dollars to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) around the world! This year's theme focus is 'Food.' On Saturday morning, June 28th, we'll drop off our jug at Care and Share Gift and Thrift. You're invited to come to Care and Share on June 28th any time between 9:00-11:00am to chat with MCC reps about their work, and to watch our coins, along with those from other area congregations, go through the sorting machines.

The Archbold Community Garden is raising funds to install ADA-compliant pathways. As part of our fundraising efforts, we have partnered with Brush Creek Landscaping and Lawn Care to sell plants including annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and fillers. We are sharing the order link and list of plants in case you'd like to consider ordering some of your plants this year through our fundraiser. See link for more information as well as the flyer hanging on the bulletin boards: <https://rb.gy/5nwuvs> Thank you for your support!

Attention all Golfers of all ages and levels. There is still time for you to register for the Shalom Golf Scramble so come join us on May 17, 2025 at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, OH at 8:00 AM, shotgun start. SIGN UP NOW! Look for a fun day of golfing with friends and/or family for a good cause. Foursome Team: \$300; Individual golfers: \$75. Registration Deadline: May 10th . However, we may still have space for your team – Email today or call Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552 or e-mail LRipke@shalomworks.org.

Don't Forget

Church Family Meal: May 21 will be our last family meal for this church year. We will be grilling and will give the menu the week before! So watch the newsletter!

Community Meal Update: The last few Tuesday Community Meals before summer will be moving to St Martin's Lutheran Church - May 13th, and May 20th.

Vacation Bible School Coming This Summer! For more than 20 years, several churches have worked together as the Archbold Community VBS group, and hosted a great week of summer Bible School learning and fun. In the past few years, attendance has averaged between 50-60 children each night. One of the long-time member churches in the group decided to drop out after last summer. This spring, new congregations were invited to be a part of this VBS group. Zion was invited, as well as PEACE Mennonite, to join existing churches St Martin's Lutheran and Archbold United Methodist in this group. Each church takes a turn hosting, and it is St Martin's turn this summer. This year's Archbold Community VBS will be held Sunday evening, July 27th - Thursday evening, July 31st at St Martin's for children Age 4 - 5th Grade. We look forward to working with this ecumenical group, and connecting with many children and families in the community. Each church represented in the group sends a couple of volunteers to help. Look for more information coming soon about how you can be involved!

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-scramble or call 269-651-2811.

Everence Webinar: Teach your teen money moxie Parents of teens, get started with concepts and actions that help teens at each age build the skills they need to develop life-long money smarts. Learn tools and concepts to help your teen understand the decision-making process behind budgeting, spending, goal setting and more. David Broomell of Everence Federal Credit Union will host this webinar presented by Kim Miller on Thursday, May 15 at 8 p.m. Sign up at everence.com/partners.

Everence Webinar: Money lessons for younger kids Parents of children pre-K through middle school, get started with concepts and actions that help children at each age build the skills they need to develop life-long money smarts. Learn how to maximize money lessons for your kids, to set them up for success. David Broomell of Everence Federal Credit Union will host this webinar presented by Kim Miller on Tuesday, May 13 at 8 p.m. Sign up at everence.com/partners.

New Sanctuary Dedication: Save the Date - Good Shepherd Mennonite Church's sanctuary is finished and they are inviting us to help celebrate! They are hosting a dedication service in the new sanctuary on **Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 12:00pm**. Tony Doehrmann will be speaking. Lunch will be served beginning at 1:30pm.

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.