

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**May 18, 2025**

## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, May 18**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

### **Monday, May 19**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 20**

3:00 pm ~ Pastor Peer (310)

5:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment (310)

### **Wednesday, May 21**

5:30 pm ~ Church Family Meal

### **Thursday, May 22**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Sunday, May 25**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Mabelann Crossgrove

**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Mabelann Crossgrove

**Hymns** ~ Julia Richer

“Here In This Place” (VT 10)

“Come All You People” (VT 2)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Mabelann/Bonnie

**Scripture** ~ Acts 3:1-16

**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“All Who Are Thirsty” (VT 49)

**Sermon** ~ Sue Short

**Hymn of Response** ~ Julia Richer

“Healer Of Our Every Ill” (VT 644)

**Graduate Blessing for Kaylee Rodriguez**

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Suz Wirick

**Sending Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“Move In Our Midst” (VT 827)

**Benediction** ~ Sue Short

## Nursery Workers

**May 18:** Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

**May 25:** Hastings family

## Happy Birthday

**May 18** ~ Creighton Aeschliman

**May 22** ~ Jana Wheeler

**May 23** ~ Sherri Plank

**May 24** ~ Ruth Matthews

## Attendance & Offering

**May 11:** 118 ~ \$3,670



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*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.*

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## 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.

## Thank You

MCC announced the Great Winter Warm-up goal of completing 7,000 comforters by the end of March 2025. We held a NW Ohio Comforter Bash at Zion Mennonite Church in January to join this great cause. By God's grace and many hands involved, the goal was exceeded to reach 18,368! Thank you for participating and providing warmth for many people around the world.  
~ Mennonite Women

## Address Change

Kel Friesen and Karen Rodriguez have a new address! 67475 Kensington Drive Goshen, IN 46526

## New Announcements

**Church Family Meal:** Wednesday we will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for the final church family meal of this church year. Come and enjoy eating together.

**FISH food pantry:** June is Zion's month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. All unexpired items are willingly accepted, as well as financial donations. A list of "in demand" items will be coming. There is a table outside the church office to receive your donations.

## Refugee Update and Request

The Resettlement Support Team (RST) would like to share a few updates. The RST was formed in 2022 as a partnership between Central and Zion with the purpose of helping immigrant families as they settle in our area. In 2023, we sponsored two Ukrainian families for a 2 year period. Although a number of immigration programs have been terminated or scaled back in recent months, thankfully the Uniting for Ukraine program is ongoing and our families were able to renew their stay for another two years.

Currently, our team could use some help with transportation. Both families have had car trouble in recent months. We are looking for leads on affordable used cars in good condition or volunteers with mechanical ability that might be willing to help with repairs, etc. We are also looking for some more volunteers to join our transportation team. This team receives an email when our families need a lift and can't get there themselves. With enough people on the list, we can increase our odds that at least one person might be available to help. Please direct leads for good used cars or your interest in driving our families to a Zion RST member: Larry Wyse, Elizabeth Miller, Jana Wheeler, Karmin Brooks, Stan Short, or to the church office.

On behalf of the team and our families, we want to thank you all for the support that you have provided in its many forms over the past few years.

## Don't Forget

**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.

**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.

**Community Meal Update:** The last few Tuesday Community Meals before summer will be moving to St Martin's Lutheran Church - 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!

**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 Keith Lehman.