

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 25, 2025

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, May 25

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

(youth classes have ended for the summer)

Monday, May 26

Office Closed ~ Happy Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

4:00 pm ~ Visitation for Bob Frey

Thursday, May 29

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, May 30

5:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Reserved for Rehearsal

Saturday, May 31

8:00 am ~ Church Reserved for evening wedding

Sunday, June 1

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Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Jackie Lehman

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Jackie Lehman

Hymns ~ Eric Lehman

“The Church's One Foundation” (VT 397)

“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship” (VT 29)

Scripture ~ Acts 10:1-23

Offering/Offertory ~ Jackie/Karen

Scripture ~ Acts 10:24-48

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“This Is My Song” (VT 710)

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn of Response ~ Eric Lehman

“In Christ There Is No East or West” (VT 390)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“We Are One In Spirit” (VT 387)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Nursery Workers

May 25: Hastings family

June 1: Sarah Frankenfield & Reiss Creighton

Office News

John David will be on vacation May 27 to June 2.

The office will be closed on Fridays for the summer starting June 6th. Office hours will be Monday-Thursday from 8-12.

Bethany will also be out of the office on Wednesdays for the summer, but the office will still be staffed.

Attendance & Offering

May 18: 100 ~ \$5,455



*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

Happy Birthday

May 25 ~ Joy Betts
May 28 ~ Linda Nafziger
May 28 ~ Dave Wheeler
May 30 ~ Ty Aeschliman
May 30 ~ Angie Short
May 30 ~ Connor Wyse

Happy Anniversary

May 27 ~ Steve & Sarah Hastings (19 years)

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! In June, 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

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

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.

Book Nook

Donated book: *Fear Gone Wild* by Kayla Stoecklien, a story of mental illness and suicide and hope through loss. *How To Pray: A Simple Guide For Normal People* by Pete Greig, a book that was used by the Builders class for their study this past winter.

New Announcements

Cheer on the Toledo Mud Hens with your friends from Zion. They will be playing the Omaha Storm Chasers on Sunday, June 15, at 2:05 PM. Purchase your tickets online at the link below and you will select one of the seats reserved for Zion. Tickets cost \$13.70 and will be delivered digitally. **They must be purchased by June 8.** Buy tickets at: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Zionmennonite2>

On the Level announcement: Our May edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares insights in to the collaboration between disaster response partners, learn about a new program for students at Rosedale Bible College and meet a family who is truly dedicated to MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4ktd6T4>

Upcoming Archbold Community Garden Events: You are invited **next Sunday evening, June 1st, from 5:00-7:00pm** to the second annual Blossom Bash at the Archbold Community Garden. Come enjoy live music, food, and games, and tour the garden space. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair! Check the Archbold Community Garden's Facebook page or their website for more information on upcoming summer canning and food preparation classes, children's story time, and more!

Don't Forget

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. "In demand" items include: Pineapple, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, vegetable oil, canned/refried/black beans, 1lb dry pinto/black beans, tomato sauce, 15 oz diced tomatoes/rotel, sugar, salt, crackers, 1lb rice, paper towels, 1lb pasta noodles, egg noodles, tissues, 25-50 ct paper plates. There is a table outside the church office to receive your donations.

MCC My Coins Count: It's time to begin collecting your coins! **Our jug will be in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings, 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.

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. Contact Sue Short for more information.

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 Karen Ringenberg.