

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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May 4, 2025

Zion Activities this Week

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 (office)

12:00 pm ~ Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved

Monday, May 5

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 7

10:00 am ~ AAMA (off campus)

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

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, May 8

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, May 9

6:30 pm ~ Preschool Graduation (sanctuary & F.H.)

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)

Nursery Workers

May 4: Carol Short & Lou Ann Kanagy

May 11: Joe Graber & Ben Wheeler

Happy Birthday

May 5 ~ Jordan Rodriguez

May 7 ~ Elijah Grieser

May 8 ~ Abby Pennington

May 8 ~ Rachel Aeschliman

Happy Anniversary

May 6 ~ Galen & Sherri Plank (36 years)

Attendance & Offering

April 27: 154 ~ \$9,315

Order of Service

Prelude ~ 1AD

Welcome & Announcements ~ Tom Stuckey

Interlude ~ Choir

"If Ye Love Me" (Thomas Tallis)

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (arr. Don Whitman)

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Tom Stuckey

Opening Songs ~ Julia Richer

"Nothing Is Lost On The Breath Of God" (VT 653)

"Gentle Shepherd" (VT 718)

Offering/Offertory ~ Tom Stuckey/1AD

Scripture ~ Luke 15:1-7

Song ~ Julia Richer

"Far, Far Away/I Will Arise" (VT 300)

Intro & Prayer ~ Tom Stuckey

Sermon ~ President Rebecca Stoltzfus

Song of Response ~ Julia Richer

"I Sought The Lord" (VT 161)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Chris Richer

Blessing for Karen Rodriguez, Kel Friesen ~ Sue Short

Closing Song ~ 1AD

"I'll Fly Away"

Benediction ~ President Rebecca Stoltzfus



**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, 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, & our graduating senior from EMU, Rachel Wheeler, & 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

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 follow 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. 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

Today

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. Please sign your name right on the margin of the song special to you. Thank you

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!

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 all Hesston College athletes, coaches and volunteers, as they enjoy the year-end athletic banquet. Pray that it be a time of celebration and reminiscing about another great year for HC athletics.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University graduates. Pray that those entering the workforce find careers that are not only jobs but vocations. Pray for our students who will continue their studies in graduate school. Pray for our graduates who are entering voluntary service, that they may faithfully serve the community and the world.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray As our students participate in our Jr/Sr Banquet on Saturday, pray for wisdom and safety, as everyone enjoys the special evening together.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU's Lancaster, Pennsylvania, campus will hold its commencement Friday, May 9. Pray for a spirit of gratitude, peace and clarity, and joy and celebration for our graduates beginning the next chapter in their journeys.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Laura and Nick Sharp, and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), as they prepare to begin a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they will serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its school, Colegio Americano Menno (American Menno School).

New Announcements

Builders Sunday school class will not be meeting as a class (May 4th) and instead will join with President Stoltzfus during the Sunday school hour.

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 three Tuesday Community Meals before summer will be moving to St Martin's Lutheran Church - May 6th, 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.

Don't Forget

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.

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.

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](http://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.