

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**June 15, 2025**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, June 15**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

2:00 pm ~ Mud Hens Baseball game

### **Monday, June 16**

9:00 am ~ Staff (office)

### **Tuesday, June 17**

10:30 am ~ Sue at Fairlawn Chapel

### **Thursday, June 19**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Friday, June 20**

11:00 am ~ Bob Frey Memorial Service

### **Sunday, June 22**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Mark Nafziger

**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Mark Nafziger

**Hymns** ~ Julia Richer

“God Of Our Strength” (VT 47)

“For The Fruit Of All Creation” (VT 124)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Mark/Bonnie

**Scripture** ~ 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (VT 482)

**Scripture** ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker

**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“I'm Gonna Eat At The Welcome Table” (VT 801)

**Communion**

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Jackie Lehman

**Blessing for Frank & Cara Ulrich**

**Sending Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“This Is My Song” (VT 710)

**Benediction** ~ John David Thacker

## Nursery Workers

**June 15:** Brad & Rachel Short

**June 22:** Deb Zimmerman & Grace Hastings

## Happy Birthday

June 20 ~ Eric Creighton

## Happy Anniversary

**June 15** ~ Pete & Crystal Rodriguez (23 years)

**June 17** ~ Jerry & Ladonna Andres (30 years)

**June 17** ~ Duane & Nedra Sauder (58 years)

**June 17** ~ Larry & Elaine Short (53 years)

**June 20** ~ Roger & Mabelann Crossgrove (54 years)

## Attendance & Offering

**June 8:** 102 ~ \$3,396



*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

**June 15th** - Communion. Worship will center around the context for Paul's 'words of institution' - 1 Corinthians 11. Bring a non-perishable item for FISH into worship.

**June 22nd** - Worship centered around scripture suggested by the congregation begins.

## Book Nook

*The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr, 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

Thank you to everyone who has shared their gifts for the rebuilding of the home in Alvordton for the family who lost everything in a fire. There was a dedication of the house last weekend and the family has moved in. There are still a few things to complete, but after two months of construction, the project is nearly finished.

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Pray for our recent graduates, who are entering the workforce, starting graduate school or beginning a year or more of service. May they serve the world with their vocations.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for basketball, theater and arts summer camps that are happening at Goshen College.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for our summer theatre camp taking place this week on campus. Campers will perform "Beetlejuice," after a week of rehearsals, set construction and learning. Pray for camp leaders, counselors and campers to have a memory-making week together.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for SEMILLA, the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala, which provides theological education for 13 Anabaptist-Mennonite conferences in Central America and Mexico. Through virtual education, it provides training to Spanish speakers around the world. Pray that SEMILLA would have all the resources necessary to continue this ministry.

## New Announcements

**Mud Hens Outing:** All 30 of our reserved seats for this Sunday's Mud Hens game have sold! **If you missed out, you can still buy your own tickets directly from the Mud Hens.** We will be sitting in Section 117, Rows U, V, and W.

**EC Beck Foundation Scholarship** - All 2025-26 Zion college students attending our Mennonite colleges are encouraged to apply for this scholarship that is due June 30, 2025. Copies available across from the mailboxes.

**Joyce and Mark Nafziger will be sharing about their recent experience in Nepal** as Arts Envoys. Hosted by Sauder Village in the new Carolyn Sauder Education Center, **at 7:30 on Thursday, June 19**. While the event is free, there will be a free will donation to support the Experience Fund at Sauder Village. Visit the event page at [saudervillage.org](http://saudervillage.org) to pre-register.

**Greetings: Members of your congregation are cordially invited** to attend the 2025 Homemade Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser. This event is sponsored by the Wauseon Congregational United Church of Christ. The Homemade Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser will be held on June 14, 2025 at the Wauseon Congregational Church, 135 West Elm Street Wauseon, serving starts at 10 am. Drive thru is between the Congregational church building and Sullivan's restaurant. Donations will help to support our building restoration project. Please find attached a flyer regarding the event.

**2025 Project Respect 15th Annual Golf Outing:** On Saturday, August 2nd, this event will include 18 Holes of golf, cart, lunch, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and more! All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Project Respect, a non-profit character education program of CPC Women's Health Resource. We envision a community of young people who STAND UP against social pressures and STAND OUT as people of character. We serve students in 6 counties including Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams. For more information, visit [www.projectrespectnwo.org](http://www.projectrespectnwo.org). Golfers can register for the event [here](#) or fill out a registration form (on the table across from the mailboxes) and return it to their local CPC! See either bulletin board for more details.

# MC USA Delegate Actions

The Mennonite Church USA convention is July 8-12. John David and Sue will serve as Zion's delegates. One item before the delegates is a new Abuse Prevention and Response Policy for the denomination and a resolution that would require all area conferences and congregations to adopt this policy, which was published in May. You can read these new documents online. There will be a webinar on June 16 explaining the resolution. If you have any questions or comments on these materials, please share them with Sue and John David.

**Webinar Registration:** [https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WE4rr3McSGeOpPTPNItVJQ#/registration](https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WE4rr3McSGeOpPTPNItVJQ#/registration)

**Proposed policy:** <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Prevention-Accountability-Resource.pdf>

**Proposed resolution:** <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Resolutions-Adopting-Prevention-and-Accountability-2025.pdf>

**Proposed bylaws changes:** <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Draft-Bylaw-Changes-Delegate-Assembly-2025.pdf>

## Don't Forget

**Anabaptism at 500 Celebration in Zurich:** Over 3,500 people from around the world toured landmarks, visited caves where Anabaptists once hid, and worshiped together in Zurich. Anabaptist World magazine has a comprehensive article about the gathering, which includes descriptions of special moments during the worship service of ecumenical reconciliation, and words of peace and encouragement sent by Pope Leo. Link to article about the event: <https://anabaptistworld.org/3500-gather-in-zurich-to-celebrate-500-years-of-anabaptism/>

Link to the recording of the worship service: [https://youtu.be/c\\_1phq-r1jw?si=qqUOxg6ZTJtdf0\\_E](https://youtu.be/c_1phq-r1jw?si=qqUOxg6ZTJtdf0_E)

**We want pictures! Please consider adding your individual or family picture** to our "Church Family" bulletin board on the southwest wall of the fellowship hall. You can place a 4"x6" print in Rachel (Brad) Short's mailbox. Questions? Please email Rachel at [rmshort67@gmail.com](mailto:rmshort67@gmail.com) or call 419-572-9922.

**There is a Strawberry Festival** at Salem Church in Waldron, MI, on June 14th from 4-7 pm. Food includes pulled pork, hot dogs, chips, coleslaw, soft serve ice cream and strawberry shortcake for donation. See the bulletin board across from the bathrooms for more information.

**MDS is hiring!** MDS is looking for a **Warehouse and Equipment Coordinator** to manage our warehouse in **Columbus, MS**, to maintain our inventory and ensure our equipment is ready for our projects. If you are an organized and detail-oriented person, please check out the complete job description and application, available on our website at [Employment – Mennonite Disaster Service](#).

**Hymnals:** Help yourself to an old hymnal on the table in the fellowship hall on Sunday.

**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. Please bring monetary donations to the office.

**MCC My Coins Count:** Our jug will be in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings, and in the church office during the week. 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. **Register at [myvbs.org/archboldcommunityvbs](http://myvbs.org/archboldcommunityvbs)**