

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**June 22, 2025**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, June 22**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

### **Monday, June 23**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

### **Thursday, June 26**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Sunday, June 29**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Karen Ringenberg

**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Karen Ringenberg

**Hymns** ~ Mark Nafziger

“Sing Praise To God Who Reigns” (VT 101)

“Children Of The Heavenly Father” (VT 517)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Karen/Bonnie

**Story For The Young-At-Heart** ~ Karen Ringenberg

**Scripture** ~ Psalm 27

**Hymn** ~ Mark Nafziger

“What A Fellowship” (VT 160)

**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker

**Hymn** ~ Mark Nafziger

“When The Storms Of Life Are Raging” (VT 595)

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Sue Short

**Sending Hymn** ~ Mark Nafziger

“The Lord Lift You Up” (VT 832)

**Benediction** ~ John David Thacker

## Nursery Workers

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

**June 29:** Chad Aeschliman Family

## Happy Birthday

**June 22** ~ John Brooks

**June 23** ~ Darlene King

**June 25** ~ Brianne Short, Trevor Short

**June 26** ~ Roger Crossgrove, Lowell Yoder

## Happy Anniversary

**June 25** ~ Cal & Cheryl Britsch (53 years)

**June 25** ~ Doug & Ruth Shoemaker (2 years)

## Attendance & Offering

**June 15:** 109 ~ \$3,891



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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.*

## Upcoming Worship

**Scripture Suggested by You!** During June and July, worship will primarily be centered around scripture suggested by the congregation. Thanks to all who suggested texts which have been meaningful to you! If we didn't get a chance to use your suggestion this time around, we'll add it to our list for the next time.

June 22: Psalm 27

June 29: 1 Peter 1:13-25

July 6: Mark 12:28-34

July 13: (guest speaker, Mike Zimmerman)

July 20: (likely an MCUSA Convention focused service, using the scripture from worship sessions.)

July 27: Romans 12:9-21

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU hosts its 10th annual Restorative Justice in Education Conference on June 24 and 25. The gathering, which draws people from all across the continent, teaches participants how to apply the values and concepts of restorative justice in their classrooms and school divisions. Pray for safe travels for our participants and that they may connect, learn and encourage one another in the work they're doing.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for students and educators who are participating in nature education programs this month at Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for the Rev. Bercie Mundedi, director of the Kalonda Bible Institute, who is beginning a two year study program that will allow her to complete her university degree. Pray for Rev. Mundedi's health and family during this time. Pray also for the Bible Institute as it continues to train Mennonite pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## New Announcements

**On the Level announcement:** Our June edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares about the power of listening in disaster response, a children's choir lifts the spirits of hurricane survivors, and MDS responds to victims of Manitoba wildfires. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4jSUZ8x>

## 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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)**