

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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June 29, 2025

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, June 29

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, June 30

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

Thursday, July 3

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Office News

The office will be closed on Monday, July 7th.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Glora Belle Yoder

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Glora Belle Yoder

Hymns ~ Anita Roth

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (VT 126)

“Santo (Holy)” (VT 136)

Scripture ~ Isaiah 40:3-11

Offering/Offertory ~ Glora Belle/Karen

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“He Leadeth Me” (HWB 599)

Scripture ~ 1 Peter 1:13-25

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“When We Walk With The Lord” (VT 570)

Prayer for Church & World ~ John David Thacker

Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Rain Down” (VT 703)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Nursery Workers

June 29: Chad Aeschliman Family

July 6: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

July 2 ~ Phil Bontrager

July 4 ~ Jill Dahl

July 5 ~ Micah Frankenfield, Kathy Short

Happy Anniversary

June 29 ~ Lynn & Anita Roth (23 years)

June 30 ~ Stan & Sue Short (35 years)

July 1 ~ Phil & Lynette Bontrager (36 years)

July 1 ~ Chris & Julia Richer (25 years)

July 2 ~ Chad & Nichole Aeschliman (20 years)

Attendance & Offering

June 22: 81 ~ \$9,370



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 29: 1 Peter 1:13-25

July 6: Mark 12:28-34

July 13: (guest speaker, Mike Zimmerman)

July 20: Romans 8:18-39

July 27: Romans 12:9-21

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: The Rev. Dr. Shannon W. Dycus begins her new role as interim president of EMU, July 1. We are grateful for the faithful leadership of our outgoing president, Dr. Susan Schultz Huxman, who has served our campus community since 2017. Pray for a smooth and spirit-led transition and for wisdom, peace and clarity for both leaders during this season of change.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our faculty and staff, as they prepare for the 2025-26 academic year. May they fulfill Bluffton's mission to prepare students of all backgrounds for life and vocation and the purposes of God's universal kingdom.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for the Church of Christ in Thailand District 20 Hmong, which is an organization that facilitates ministry among Hmong communities around the world. Pray for the leaders and lay people as they witness to Jesus' love, wherever they find themselves.

Address Changes

Frank & Cara Ulrich: Their new address is 12047 South Elk Run, Traverse City, MI 49684

Charlene Beck: Please update your directory to 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 138, Archbold OH, 43502

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. 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

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>

New Announcements

Red Cross Blood Drive: Ruibley Park Pavilion on Tuesday, July 8th from 11am-5pm. To register, call 1-800-RED CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org and use keyword: Ruibleypark. See the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information.

News of Death: In 1975, Zion helped to relocate a family with eight children here from Vietnam. The family eventually moved on to the Columbus area, and several of you have continued your connection with them over the years. We wanted pass on the news that Mrs. Tinh Pham died recently at the age of 86. The visting is in Columbus area on Friday, June 27th from 4:00-8:00pm, with the burial on Saturday, June 28th at 10:00am. More details can be found in the obituary, which is linked below. At the end of the obituary, there are links to watch the Saturday June 28th memorial service online. Obituary link: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gahanna-oh/tinh-pham-12417959>

Don't Forget

***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>

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.

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 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. **Last call to bring items in is early Monday morning, June 30.**

MCC My Coins Count: 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 9:30-11:00am 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. 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. **Register your children, grandchildren or friends at:** myvbs.org/archboldcommunityvbs