

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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300 Short Buehrer Road Archbold, OH 43502 ~ Church office hours (summer): Monday– Thursday 8:00 am—12:00 pm

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**July 20, 2025**

## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, July 20**

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

### **Monday, July 21**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

5:00 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

### **Tuesday, July 22**

5:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment (310)

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

### **Thursday, July 24**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Sunday, July 20**

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

## Office News

John David returns from vacation July 19. He will be preaching at Tedrow Mennonite Church on July 20 as vacation coverage.

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Randy Stuckey

**Interlude** ~ Karen Stuckey

**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Randy Stuckey

**Hymns** ~ Julia Richer

“God Of The Bible” (VT 420)

“How Firm A Foundation” (VT 592)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Randy/Karen

**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“Beautiful Things” (VT 551)

**Scripture** ~ Romans 8:18-39 (CEB)

**Sermon** ~ Sue Short

**Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“View The Present” (VT 407)

**Prayer for Church & World/ “Lord Listen To Your Children”** (VT 682) ~ Sue Short/Julia Richer

**Sending Hymn** ~ Julia Richer

“Longing For Light” (VT 715)

**Benediction** ~ Sue Short

## Happy Birthday

July 21 ~ Ella Richer

July 26 ~ Ned Gisel

## Happy Anniversary

July 21 ~ Joe & Karen Graber (41 years)

## Nursery Workers

July 20: Michelle Wyse & Leah Roth

July 27: Joe Graber & Ben Wheeler

## Attendance & Offering

July 13: 106 ~ \$4,915



*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.

July 20: Romans 8:18-39

July 27: Romans 12:9-21

Aug 3: Baptism Sunday! (Communion)

Aug 10-31: "Welcome to the Garden" (end-of-summer casual worship)

**Garden Photos:** Beginning Sunday, August 10th, we'll enjoy our annual end-of-the-summer casual worship series as we wind down the season. Last year, to coordinate with the theme, we invited you to share photos of yourself at the lake, which we featured on slides each week. This August, our theme is "Welcome to the Garden." **We'd love to have a photo of YOU in your garden space!** This can be a photo of you and your veggies, fruit trees, vines, bushes, flowers, house-plants, or even your rocks. **Please email your photo to the church office by Tuesday, August 5th.** ([church.zionmc@gmail.com](mailto:church.zionmc@gmail.com)) *If you aren't sure how to email photos from your phone, bring it to the office and we can try to help.*

## Thank You

Thank you, Zion congregation, for the fellowship we have experienced during our time of attending this congregation. We appreciate your caring for us, striving to live in peace, and dedication to the broader Mennonite church. We cherish many new friendships and know we will miss you as we relocate. Let us know when you are in Goshen and we would enjoy connecting with you.

Thank you for your generosity in donating change for our annual "My Coins Count" noisy offering. This year, we raised \$1,377.95 for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) food projects.



## School Kits

Mennonite Women are participating in the MCC School Kit Challenge to provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 children this summer. We are asking for your help in this effort. There is a table in the fellowship hall near the coffee bar that contains empty school bags, a list of items needed, and space on the table to donate the school supplies for these bags.

- Take a list of school supplies needed and bring them back and put on the table
- Take the fabric bags and fill them up with those supplies and bring back to church by August 10th

The sales have started at the stores for school supplies and it's a great time to purchase these items (Ohio's tax free window is August 1-14). HAVE FUN – MAKE IT A FAMILY PROJECT TO FILL BAGS!

## New Announcements

**Address for Cards:** We've been praying for former Zion pastor, Jeff Wintermote, his wife Tammy, and their family, as Jeff receives treatment for liver cancer. If you'd like to send a card of support, the address is: Jeff and Tammy Wintermote, 506 E. Grand Ave, Hillsboro, KS 67063

**Sunshine** is holding an appreciation jazz concert Thursday July 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm featuring the Gene Parker Ensemble (7223 Maumee Wester Rd., Maumee). See the bulletin board across from the mailboxes for more information.

**On the Level announcement:** Our July edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares evidence that disasters are on the increase, learn how MDS volunteers are responding to Texas flooding, and read the inspiring story of a Goshen College student whose life is changed thanks to a week of service with MDS. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3GPjwh1>

**Homemade ice cream social** on July 20 from 11am-1pm by Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners (20141 County Rd X). Free will donation. See the bulletin board across from the bathroom for more information.

## Don't Forget

**Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Gala on August 16:** The third annual Dismukes Gala Fundraiser will spotlight the amazing story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in Kimball, West Virginia, in the early 1900s. Join us on Saturday, August 16, at 6 p.m. at the Jack Caffery Arts & Cultural Center in Welch, West Virginia, for dinner and live music from The Company Band. Funds raised at the gala will go towards rehabilitating the building that previously was the Henrietta Dismukes Nurses Home and has fallen into disrepair after decades of vacancy. As proposed by our community steering committee, the Nurses Home will be repurposed as a community learning center with classes on technology and literacy education, canning, gardening, knitting and cooking, along with tutoring opportunities for students in the area. With the recent flooding that occurred in McDowell County, we are also dedicating a portion of funds raised towards flood clean-up through MCC's Appalachia Build program. Purchase gala tickets or become a sponsor at [mcc.org/dismukes-gala](http://mcc.org/dismukes-gala). Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project at [mcc.org/dismukes](http://mcc.org/dismukes).

**Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on September 23-26:** This learning tour provides a unique experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900's. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers and learn about MCC's work to preserve Black history in the area. Learn more and register at [mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour](http://mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour)

**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](http://myvbs.org/archboldcommunityvbs)

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our adult students, who will begin their classes in the coming weeks. May they discover new avenues of growth, personally, professionally and spiritually, and use their talents and gifts to benefit their communities. .

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Laura Schlabach, who, for the past two years, has served on the interim executive director team for JCS International, in addition to being the organization's finance and IT director. Pray for wisdom, energy and patience for Laura, as she carries a double workload for this consortium of mission agencies in Mongolia. Pray for the executive director search committee as they work through the recruiting process.

## MCUSA Convention 2025 Reflection

Last Sunday, July 13th, the MYF and their sponsors did an amazing job sharing stories, photos, and highlights from their week at Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. If you missed it, I'd encourage you to watch the recording and hear what they had to say. Seeing the energy last week of youth from across the country at Convention was definitely one of my highlights! There's nothing quite like watching youth groups hurrying into the worship space each evening to get a front row seat, or singing with gusto at the two morning Hymn Sings, to encourage your heart. Personally, I always love the opportunities that Convention offers to reconnect with seminary friends and pastor friends from across the church, as well as make new connections.

As you heard the youth and sponsors mention, it was wonderful to worship, attend seminars, enjoy delicious food, and have fun together! It was also exciting to see Rachel Ringenberg Miller kick off our opening worship service on Tuesday night. (Rachel grew up at Zion, served as youth pastor here, pastored in several other churches, and now serves as the Denominational Minister for Ministerial Leadership.)

During the delegate session, which was all day on Friday, delegates sang together, and listened to several texts preached from Mark's gospel. There were four pieces of business for our consideration, with time for table discussion and comments from the floor. The items were: (1) Denominational bylaw changes related to the integration of Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) into the Executive Board's structure; (2) Denominational bylaw changes for consistency/clarity to the Executive Board's authority/oversight of executive directors of churchwide agencies; (3) Denominational bylaw changes related to the Prevention and Accountability Resolution (abuse and misconduct); and (4) Revisions to the 2013 Churchwide Statement on Immigration. Each of these passed overwhelmingly, with the "no" votes and abstentions recorded. You are welcome to talk with the pastors if you'd like to learn more.

We greatly appreciated your prayers for each of us last week. The next Convention is July 6-10, 2027 in Cincinnati, so consider joining us for a day or two, or for the week!

-Sue Short

