

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 27, 2025

Elder Co-Chair Greg Nofziger

Elder Co-Chair Suz Wirick

Elder Barb Yoder

Elder Chris Richer

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, July 27

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, July 28

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 31

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, August 1

6:00 pm ~ Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved

Saturday, August 2

8:00am-6:00pm ~ Church reserved for a wedding

Sunday, August 3 ~ *Baptism Sunday & Communion*

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:30 am ~ Baptism at Weldy's (weather permitting)

Office News

Sue and Stan will be on vacation from Friday, July 25th through Tuesday, July 29th.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Elaine Short

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Elaine Short

Hymns ~ Anita Roth

“Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing” (VT 7)

“Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah” (VT 95)

Offering/Offertory ~ Elaine/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (VT 778)

Scripture ~ Romans 12:9-13:1

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands” (VT 485)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger

Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Heart With Loving Heart United” (VT 813)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Happy Birthday

July 27 ~ Carol Short

July 31 ~ Cheryl Britsch

August 1 ~ Duane Sauder

August 2 ~ Grace Hastings

Happy Anniversary

July 28 ~ Mark & Joyce Nafziger (46 years)

July 31 ~ Frank & Cara Ulrich (71 years)

August 1 ~ Corey Roth & Rachel Aeschliman (13 years)

Nursery Workers

July 27: Joe Graber & Ben Wheeler

August 3: Elaine Short & Glora Belle Yoder

Attendance & Offering

July 20: 94 ~ \$3,892



**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 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) *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

We would like to express our thanks for the support of our Zion family during Bob's sickness and passing. Whether it was a visit, your words and memories, a card, flowers or helping during the visitation, memorial service or meal, we greatly appreciate your helpfulness during this time. - Joyce Frey, Mark Frey, Kevin & Lindsay Frey, Lydia, Jade & Violet

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!

Book Nook

Conrad Grebel, Son of Zurich by John L. Ruth was first published in 1975. This is a biography of Grebel written in story form, which we have added to the church library as a topic of interest during this 500th year of the beginning of the Anabaptist movement.

Don't Forget

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>

Vacation Bible School is Here! This year's Archbold Community VBS will be held on Sunday, July 27th - Thursday, July 31st, from 6:30-8:30pm, at St Martin's Lutheran Church, for children age 4 - grade 5. **It's not too late! Register your children, grandchildren, and friends online at: myvbsorg/archboldcommunityvbs Or, come to VBS and register there. See you soon!**

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for safe travel for student Lark leaders, fall athletes and Bel Canto Singers, as they begin to return to campus over the next several days to prepare for the start of the new school year. Pray especially for the student life department during student move-in and orientation days.

Mennonite Mission Network: praises God for the three-way learning partnership that builds up the body of Christ through Meserete Kristos Seminary, with two campuses in Debre Zeit and Nazareth, Ethiopia; Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in Elkhart, Indiana; and Mission Network. Pray for deepened faith on both the African and North American continents.