

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 6, 2025

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Tuesday, July 8

6:30 pm ~ MC USA Convention begins in Greensboro, NC

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)

Thursday, July 10

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Saturday, July 12

10:30 am ~ Convention ends

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Nursery Workers

July 6: Lonnie & Carol Short

July 13: Joyce Nafziger & Naomi Richer

Attendance & Offering

June 29: 88 ~ \$6,045

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Jackie Lehman

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Jackie Lehman

Hymns ~ Eric Lehman

“Praise I Will Praise You Lord” (VT 131)

“Father God You Are Holy” (VT 59)

Offering/Offertory ~ Jackie/Bonnie

Scripture ~ Deuteronomy 6:1-6

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“How Can I Say” (VT 388)

Scripture ~ Mark 12:28-34

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“O God, We Read The Holy Law” (VT 571)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Sending Hymn ~ Eric Lehman

“Move In Our Midst” (VT 827)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Happy Birthday

July 6 ~ John David Thacker

July 7 ~ Mary Gisell, Maggie Short

July 9 ~ Mark Nafziger

July 10 ~ Cork Nofziger

July 11 ~ Wendell Beck

July 12 ~ Cathi Baer, Cal Britsch, Dianne Lantz,
Miriam Richer, Carolyn Sauder

Happy Anniversary

July 10 ~ Kevin Sauder & Patricia Kramer (4 years)

July 12 ~ Barnaby & Michelle Wyse (28 years)

Office News

Sue and John David will be out of the office next week, attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention in North Carolina.

The office will be closed on Monday, July 7 and Friday, July 11. Bethany will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. John David will be on vacation July 13-19.

If you have any pastoral care needs while Sue and John David are gone, please contact elder Greg Nofziger, elder co-chair. His phone number is listed above.



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 6: Mark 12:28-34

July 13: (guest speaker, Mike Zimmerman) - no communion this month

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)

Address Changes

Frank & Cara Ulrich: Their new address is 12047 South Elk Run, Apt. S305, Traverse City, MI 49684

*****please note the apartment number that was missed in last week's newsletter!*****

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

New Announcements

Wednesday, July 9th is Mennonite Women at Zion Mennonite Church. We meet from 8:30 to 2:00. Come when you can and leave when you must, but please join us. There will be a devotional with Jodi Crossgrove and lunch will be provided. We value you and your attendance for any time you can devote.

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! For July and August Mennonite Women will be focusing on school kits for MCC. Within the next few weeks, be looking for a table with empty fabric school bags to take home and fill. Or if you prefer, just bring in the supplies you can that need to go in the bags (there will also be a small sheet to take home that lists all contents needed on the table). The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. **To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge**

Don't Forget

Red Cross Blood Drive: Ruiehley Park Pavilion on Tuesday, July 8th from 11am-5pm. To register, call 1-800-RED CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org and use keyword: Ruiehleypark. 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 to pass on the news that Mrs. Tinh Pham died recently at the age of 86. More details can be found in the obituary, which is linked below. Obituary link: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gahanna-oh/tinh-pham-12417959>

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**