

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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August 17, 2025

Elder Co-Chair Greg Nofziger

Elder Co-Chair Suz Wirick

Elder Barb Yoder

Elder Chris Richer

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, August 17

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

12:00 pm ~ SLT meeting

Monday, August 18

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 21

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Happy Birthday

August 18 ~ Allen Liechty

August 19 ~ Helen Weldy

August 20 ~ Karen Short

August 22 ~ Kirk Beck

August 22 ~ Rowyn Pennington

August 23 ~ Vivienne Legato

August 23 ~ Sara Nafziger

Happy Anniversary

August 18 ~ Jim & Darlene King (46 years)

August 21 ~ Mark & Ruth Matthews (43 years)

Nursery Workers

August 17: Maggie Short & Sonja Wheeler

August 24: Carol Short & LouAnn Kanagy

Office News

John David will be out of the office Monday, August 18—September 1 on vacation. He will be back in the office September 2nd.

Serving in Worship Today

Welcome to the Garden series

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Worship Leaders

Keith & Jackie Lehman

Prayer for the Church & World

John David Thacker

Creation Conversation

Tom Stuckey & MaryAnn Yoder

Time For the Young & Young-at-Heart

Jackie Lehman

Community Garden Update

Abby Pennington

Music

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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

“Welcome to the Garden” - This August, you are invited to enjoy our annual end-of-the-summer casual worship series. We encourage you to dress comfortably, bring your coffee or water, and listen as we hear stories from one another about life, faith, gratitude for the gifts of nature, and experiencing God in creation. Be sure to watch during the offering as we feature photos on the screen of your veggies, flowers, and plants.

Aug 17: ‘Creation Conversation’ with MaryAnn Yoder (hosted by Tom Stuckey)

Community Garden update - Abby Pennington

Aug 24: ‘Creation Conversation’ with Barnaby Wyse (hosted by Sue)

Aug 31: ‘Creation Conversation’ with Bonnie Stuckey (hosted by Sue)

Garden Produce:

If you have extra garden produce that you would like to share, please bring it to church every Sunday in August. We will have baskets in the front of the sanctuary, so bring it up before the service begins. And then it can be shared with anyone after the service.

New Announcements

Wednesday, Mennonite Women packed 200 school bags in 25 boxes for MCC. **What an amazing job from items donated by YOU!** We have quite a few donated items left, but no 70-page, lined spiral notebooks. If you bought them and haven't had a chance to bring them in, or you are still inclined to buy items, please drop off at the church office or give to Chris Wyse and MW will pack more. We can still accept donations through the first week of September. Thank you for caring about children's education! We appreciate you!

Mennonite College Student Aid - As our students return to class at our Mennonite colleges in the coming weeks, we welcome your contributions to Zion's student aid fund, either as fulfillment of an existing pledge or as a new contribution. Your support of this important ministry of Zion is much appreciated. Our five students this semester are Kate Roth and Keegan & Quinn Wyse at Goshen College, and Ella Richer and Sarah Wheeler at Eastern Mennonite University.

~ College Financial Aid Committee

Care & Share Gift & Thrift in Archbold would like to THANK YOU for your church family's continued support of our mission around the world and in our community. **We have an immediate opening for a full time (32-35 hrs/wk) Furniture & Store Operations Coordinator.** A complete job description and other information is available by contacting our Office Manager at 419-445-1926, x7. We value your continued support and prayers as we look to fill this position.

~ Kathy Nofziger, General Manager

Thank You

What an amazing service Sunday, Aug 10th. Praise God for those who planned, participated and encouraged this celebration of God's trees and earth. It was wonderful and joyful in all ways: the music, the sermon, stories of tree planting, the prayer for people of all ages returning to school, the decorations and most importantly the joy and happiness brought to so many in the church, which was openly visible. We appreciate you all!

~ Jeff and Chris Wyse and Arvada too

Don't Forget

Sunday School teachers needed: The Formation Team is looking for more Sunday School teachers for both primary and high school. If you are willing to serve, please contact the church office or Carol Short (419-572-9855). Thank you for your help.

Note of Thanks: “A BIG thank you to those who helped volunteer, sent their children, or offered their support and encouragement in prayer as Zion joined up with the Archbold Community VBS group of congregations this year. We had a wonderful week with over 50 children (age 4 -5th grade) registered. During the week, we worked on our memory verse, learned about living like Jesus, and had a lot of fun together! Our service project this year was collecting school supplies and clothes for Archbold and Pettisville Elementary Schools to offer love and support to students who need them. Be sure to check out the Archbold Community VBS Facebook page to see some photos and highlights from our week, and to keep updated on registration for next year. Each of the congregations in the VBS group takes a turn hosting, with a lot of help from the other churches. Zion will be taking our turn to host VBS next summer, so watch for information to come about how to get involved.” ~Sue Short