

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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Elder Co-Chair Greg Nofziger

Elder Co-Chair Suz Wirick

Elder Barb Yoder

Elder Chris Richer

August 24, 2025

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, August 25

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 26

7:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (downstairs)

Thursday, August 28

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

5:30 pm ~ Preschool Open House

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Happy Birthday

August 24 ~ Guinevere Brooks

August 26 ~ Jackie Lehman

August 27 ~ Elaine Swartzbaugh

August 28 ~ Patsy Nofziger

August 28 ~ Karen Ringenberg

Happy Anniversary

August 25 ~ Lynn & Bonnie Short (63 years)

August 30 ~ Merrill & Jan Cobb Nofziger Spiess (9 years)

Nursery Workers

August 24: Carol Short & LouAnn Kanagy

August 31: Glora Belle Yoder, Carol Short

Office News

- John David is on vacation and will be back in the office on September 2nd.
- Regular office hours resume this week:
Monday - Friday, 8:00-12:00.

Serving in Worship Today

Welcome to the Garden series

Scripture

Psalms 42, Matthew 6:25-34

Worship Leaders

Karen Ruth

Prayer for the Church & World

Barb Yoder

Creation Conversation

Barnaby Wyse & Sue Short

Song Leader

Julia Richer

Piano

Anita Roth



*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. If you have extra garden produce that you would like to share, please bring it to church every Sunday in August.

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

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

Formation Ministries Start Dates for Children and Youth

- Sunday School classes for preschool - high school will begin for the year on Sunday, September 14th.
- ZOW (Zion on Wednesdays) for preschool - grade 6 will begin for the year on Wednesday, September 17th, from 6:00 - 7:00pm. (See the schedule for all the meeting dates for this school year on the last page of the newsletter.)
- MYF (this year - grades 8-12) will kick off the year on Wednesday, September 10th with a fellowship night. Students - check your text messages for more information, and feel free to invite friends.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students and faculty, as they start the new semester.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who is completing his doctoral dissertation on youth and the church. Pray that he will have the time he needs to prepare to defend his dissertation, while also overseeing the kitchen and mentoring participants with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland.

Learning Opportunities

Civil Rights Pilgrimage — This special pilgrimage tailored specifically for young adults will be led by MC USA executive director Glen Guyton. Join for a unique multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States with opportunities for shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates. **Date: October 28 - November 2, 2025; register by September 15** Contact: StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net; MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

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

MCC's Seeking Shalom Peace Camp: Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to explore the meaning of shalom as a wholistic sense of peace at MCC's Seeking Shalom Peace Camp on November 1-8. The camp will begin at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan, on November 1-4, diving deep into God's word and into practical tools of peace-building. We will dream possibilities of shalom for our communities and gain tools for engaging conflict effectively. On November 5-8, we will transition to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and participate in the Christian Community Development Association's (CCDA) annual conference. This is a rich opportunity to hear from leaders across the country, connect with community development organizations, experience worship and attend workshops. **Learn more and register by October 5 at** mcc.org/seeking-shalom

Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples — You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? **Date: October 7 - 11, 2025** Contact: StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net ; MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

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

New Announcements

There is still time if you would like to join a small group. The groups will meet once a month for a year. Each year you will be able to decide if you want to continue another year. If you are interested please contact the church office, Gloria Belle Yoder, Karen Ruth, or Carol Short.

🎵 **Come Sing With Us!** 🎵 Do you love music? Do you find joy in harmonizing with others? Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or someone who just sings in the shower, our choir welcomes you! Joining the choir is more than just singing—it's about community, connection, and lifting spirits together. We rehearse weekly, share plenty of laughs, and sing music that inspires and uplifts. **No auditions. No pressure. Just voices raised in joy.** If you've ever felt the tug to sing, now's the time. Come to our first rehearsal on **Thursday evening, September 25 in the sanctuary, 7-8:30 pm**, and see what it's all about! If you want more information talk with Bonnie Stuckey, any choir member or the director, Duane Beck. Let your voice be heard—because every note matters, and so do you.

An updated newsletter of the Prknovi Family serving in the Czech Republic with Eastern Mennonite Missions is posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

On the Level announcement: Our August edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on the impact of Katrina, 20 years ago this month; we also celebrate this year's cohort of year-long volunteers; and you'll meet two pillars of faith in action, celebrating 14 years of MDS service. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3UFiw2x>

Blood Drive: There is a blood drive at Ruiehley Park Friday, August 29th from 8 am until 2 pm, and Tuesday, September 2 from 11 am until 5 pm. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org (promo code RUIHLEYPARK) to schedule an appointment.

Steps for Life walkathon & 5k run on September 27th at the Bryan CPC location. The event will also feature prizes, breakfast concessions and homemade pie auction. See the bulletin boards for more information.

Don't Forget

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

2025-2026

ZOW ZION ON WEDNESDAYS SCHEDULE

AGES PRESCHOOL-6TH GRADE

JOIN US FOR BIBLE
STUDY, FELLOWSHIP,
SERVICE
PROJECTS, SNACKS,
AND FUN!

CONTACT ABBY PENNINGTON
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SEPTEMBER

17TH

OCTOBER

1ST & 15TH

NOVEMBER

5TH & 19TH

DECEMBER

3RD & 17TH

CHRISTMAS SONGS TBD

DECEMBER 7 OR 14

JANUARY

21ST

FEBRUARY

4TH & 18TH

MARCH

4TH

APRIL

1ST & 29TH

6:00-7:00PM