

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Elder Co-Chair Suz Wirick

Elder Barb Yoder

Elder Chris Richer

**August 31, 2025**

## Zion Activities this week

**Sunday, August 31**

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

**Monday, September 1 ~ Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 2**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

**Thursday, September 4**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

**Sunday, September 7**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)

Everyone welcome

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

## Office News

- Sue and Stan will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, August 31st through Thursday, September 4th. She will be back in the office on Friday, September 5th.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st.
- John David will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 2nd.

## Serving in Worship Today

*Welcome to the Garden series*

**Scripture**

Job 12:7-10 & Psalm 104:1-6;10-13

**Worship Leader**

Barb Yoder

**Prayer for the Church & World**

Sue Short

**Skit ~"The Garden"**

Julia & Naomi Richer, Leah Roth

**Creation Conversation**

Bonnie Stuckey & Sue Short

**Song Leader**

Anita Roth

**Piano**

Karen Stuckey

## Happy Birthday

September 1 ~ Steve Nafziger

September 1 ~ Sonya Wheeler

September 3 ~ Howard Snyder

September 4 ~ Leah Roth

September 4 ~ Carolyn Snyder

September 5 ~ Dan Ruth

## Happy Anniversary

September 6 ~ Joe & Karin Legato (17 years)

## Nursery Workers

**August 31:** Glora Belle Yoder & Carol Short

**September 7:** Glora Belle Yoder & Carol Short



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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.*

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## 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.

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

**Coming Soon:** During the month of September, we'll take a thematic look at a few of the Old Testament prophets. What is the role of a prophet? How might these ancient words speak to us today?

Sept 7: "Who are the Prophets?" (Overview)

Sept 14: "Groundedness during Crisis" (Isaiah)

Sept 21: "Speaking to the Powerful" (Elijah)

Sept 28: "Calling us to Faithful Obedience" (Jeremiah)

## 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.

## 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](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net); [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) ; [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](http://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace)

# Prayers for the Global Church

## Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: As the 2025-26 school year begins, pray for new employees at Bethel College, especially faculty in biology, economics, health and human performance, and staff in student life and athletics

Mennonite Mission Network: requests prayer for the Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH) in Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world, which offers diverse medical specialties and advanced technologies across multiple campuses. Pray that MCH's commitment to serving marginalized people in remote communities will continue to offer well-being to all of Taiwan's people.

## Thank You

On behalf of Esther Boylan, thank you to everyone who supported the recent enchilada dinner fundraiser. We had a great turnout and she really appreciates all the support from the congregation. - Crystal Rodriguez

## New Announcements

The Sojourners Sunday school class will begin meeting again on September 7 at 8:30 in Room 310. The discussion that day will be from the August *Anabaptist World*, page 15, "Be One With Jesus" by Rachel Ringenberg Miller. Rachel will be joining the class via Zoom. **Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the class.**

The Fellowship Commission has an opportunity to make you and the rest of the congregation smile! Sign up for a month of making coffee and keeping the coffee bar going! You don't know how? I will teach you! It is fun!

~ Karen Ringenberg

## Don't Forget

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 Ruibley 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](http://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.

Mennonite College Student Aid - As our students return to class at our Mennonite colleges, 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

2025-2026

# ZOW

ZION ON WEDNESDAYS

# SCHEDULE

AGES PRESCHOOL-6TH GRADE

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

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SEPTEMBER

17<sup>TH</sup>

OCTOBER

1<sup>ST</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

NOVEMBER

5<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER

3<sup>RD</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>

CHRISTMAS SONGS TBD

DECEMBER 7 OR 14

JANUARY

21<sup>ST</sup>

FEBRUARY

4<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>

MARCH

4<sup>TH</sup>

APRIL

1<sup>ST</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>

6:00-7:00PM