

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 21, 2025

Elder Suz Wirick
Elder Barb Yoder
Elder Chris Richer
Elder Max Aeschliman

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 21

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday school
11:30 am ~ LAMP Spaghetti Fundraiser (fellowship hall)

Monday, September 22

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 23

10:30 am ~ Sue leading chapel at Fairlawn

Wednesday, September 24

5:30 pm ~ Church Family Meal (fellowship hall)
6:30 pm ~ Safe Church Training (310)
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning (high school)

Thursday, September 25

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday school

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Mark Nafziger

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Mark Nafziger

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (VT 98)

“Gravity Of Love” (VT 494)

Offering/Offertory ~ Mark/Bonnie

Scripture ~ MYF Readers Theater ~ 1 Kings 21

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn” (VT 146)

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn of Response ~ Julia Richer

“Still My Soul” (VT 603)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (VT 840)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

*MYF Readers Theater: Creighton Aeschliman, Reiss Creighton,
Grace Hastings, Sophie Wyse*

Happy Birthday

September 21 ~ Karmin Brooks

September 23 ~ Mark Matthews

September 27 ~ Cara Ulrich

Happy Anniversary

September 26 ~ Max & Brenda Aeschliman (49 years)

Nursery Workers

September 21: Glora Belle Yoder & Karen Ringenberg

September 28: Lonnie & Carol Short

Attendance & Offering

September 14: 91 ~ \$3,940



**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

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 21: "Speaking to the Powerful" (Elijah)

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

Oct 5th: World Communion Sunday - Join us for our annual celebration of our connection to other Christians of many denominations around the globe.

Thank You

Thank you to the MYF youth and sponsors for washing windows and painting the bases of the light poles in the parking lot. We appreciate your service!

Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 25,000 school kits for the 2025 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **29,639 school kits!** Each of the 29,639 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

New Announcements

Attention Sunday School teachers for children/youth, nursery helpers, and those involved with ZOW, MYF, and Life Planning: We will be holding our annual short refresher meeting for our Safe Church policy on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30pm in room 310. Since this is also a Family Meal evening and a Life Planning night, come enjoy dinner and stay for the meeting, or come a little early to Life Planning.

Save the Date: Our annual congregational business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19th in the fellowship hall after worship. We welcome and encourage all who are engaged in the life of the congregation to attend.

Church Family Meal this Wednesday, September 24th, serving between 5:30-6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Main dish will be Sloppy Joes and other goodies. Come and enjoy some food and fellowship. All are welcome.

The preschool is looking to borrow an old fashion apple peeler corer slicer. If you have one you would let them use for a day or 2, please contact Mrs. King @ 419-551-7679. Also, we are in need of a few more farming toys. If you have gently used tractors, wagons or combines you'd be willing to donate, we would love to add them to our collection!

MCC webinar: Detained and imprisoned - Immigration and mass incarceration in the U.S.: On September 30, from 1:00-2:15 p.m. EDT, MCC will host a webinar to discuss the overlapping systems of immigrant detention and mass incarceration. Through guided panel conversation, speakers will consider the shared historical underpinnings, current manifestations, and spiritual ramifications of our approach to enforcement in the U.S. Join this free webinar to learn why solidarity with affected communities is important and how you can get involved to interrupt systems of harm. More information and registration: mcc.org/solidarity-webinar

MEDICARE MONDAY Everence is hosting a FREE, educational Medicare seminar on September 22, at 6:30 p.m. At this time of year, there's a lot of information being circulated on Medicare; some helpful and some not so much. Your initial decision could have lasting impact on you and your loved one's health care and finances. That's why Everence offers free educational workshops. We strive to provide all the information you need to make a well-informed decision.

This is a great, no-pressure opportunity for you to learn more about transitioning to Medicare. During this seminar, Everence discusses the important details you need to know, including: Enrollment details and deadlines; How Social Security impacts Medicare decisions; Prescription drug coverage; Plans that supplement Medicare. Please register by Sept. 21. [Register now](#)

Sept. 22, 2025 - 6:30 p.m., Special Grounds Coffee (854 S. Shoop Ave Wauseon, OH 43567)



Don't Forget

The Sojourners/Builders Sunday school class is inviting those **70 and over** to lunch at Fairlawn on **Sunday, October 5**. If you would like to attend please let Tom (419-438-5145) or Bonnie Stuckey (419-551-6847) know by September 21. For Fairlawn's convenience, reservations are needed.

The Tuesday Archbold Community Meals will be resuming in October. (The remodeling at St John's Christian Church has not been completed as quickly as they had anticipated.) The schedule to provide meals is covered through the end of 2025. The Mission in Service team is looking for small groups, Sunday School classes, families, or a group of friends to schedule a Tuesday to prepare, transport, and serve a meal sometime in January - May 2026. Please contact Stan Short, Mission in Service team chair, for more information.

We invite all young adults to be a part of MCC's [Seeking Shalom Peace Camp](#), November 1–8! Come explore the meaning of shalom as a wholistic sense of peace that is not just the absence of violence, but the presence of life-giving relationships and dignity for all people. Register by October 5.

Organ Recital at St. Martin's: St. Martin's Lutheran Church opens its 2025–26 Concert Series with *Of Spirit, Strife, and Serenity*, an organ recital by Matthew Wachtman on Sunday, September 28 at 3pm (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). Matthew serves as Director of Music and Worship at St. Martin's and was recently appointed Lecturer of Organ at the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Performing Arts. He is a prize-winning organist, active composer, and published scholar, recognized for his engaging recitals across the country. The program brings together music of Diemer, Rorem, Locklair, Price, Langlais, Franck, and Wachtman himself—works that embody the concert's expressive themes. Admission is free, and all are invited to help us begin a new season of inspiring music at St. Martin's.

LAMP will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, September 21 at Zion. Food will start after church (11:30 am) and go until 1:30 pm. Any money raised will go to support the services LAMP provides to immigrants.

🎵 **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.

Help Wanted

Ohio Conference Safety Liaison: Do you have a passion for keeping our churches safe?

Ohio Mennonite Conference, along with other area conferences of Mennonite Church USA, will soon be implementing a new Abuse Prevention and Accountability Policy. The policy stresses preventing abuse and will provide consistency in how conferences handle cases of pastoral misconduct.

As part of implementation, each conference will have a "Conference Safety Liaison", who will serve as a point person within the conference for education on preventing abuse and will also work with conference staff to respond to reported misconduct.

We are looking for a volunteer to serve in the role (stipend and travel costs covered), who is part of an OMC congregation and brings interest and skills in this area. If you have interest or would like to nominate someone, please contact Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach, credentialing committee chair:

rachelle@millersburgmennonite.org OR Paula Snyder Belousek, Conference Minister: paula@ohiomennoniteconference.org.

If you are interested, please have your information submitted by September 30th.

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
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