

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Elder Suz Wirick

Elder Barb Yoder

Elder Chris Richer

Elder Max Aeschliman

September 7, 2025

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, September 7

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310) Everyone welcome

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, September 8

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

4:30 pm ~ SLT (MYF room)

Tuesday, September 9

4:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)

10:00 am ~ AAMA (pastors off campus)

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school) Kickoff

Thursday, September 11

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

10:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Tedrow

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, September 7

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Elaine Short

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Elaine Short

Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship” (VT 29)

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (VT 76)

Offering/Offertory ~ Elaine/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Will You Come And Follow Me” (VT 540)

Scripture ~ Amos 7:10-15; 8:1-6

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Here I am, Lord” (VT 545)

Prayer for Church & World ~ John David Thacker

Sending Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Here I am, Lord (chorus)” (VT 545)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Happy Birthday

September 9 ~ Lydia Dahl

September 9 ~ Wendell Nofziger

September 12 ~ Sally Beck

September 12 ~ Mabel Ann Klinger

Happy Anniversary

September 13 ~ Gerald & Karen Short (56 years)

Nursery Workers

September 7: Glora Belle Yoder & Carol Short

September 14: Lonnie & Carol Short



*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 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.

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

Dear Zion family, my deepest thanks to each of you for holding me and my blended family close in your hearts and prayers! The journey is difficult but we feel the love and concern. Your many kind words, hugs, prayers, and shared tears have touched my heart and mean so much! I am richly blessed and encouraged to continue on my journey knowing each of you, and God walks with me daily. Thank you for sharing the road with us. - Love and Peace always, Suz and family

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

In August Mennonite Women reported that we packaged up 200 school bags with all the supplies you provided. We are happy to announce this week we were able to provide 100 more for MCC's School Kit Challenge. Our total this year was 300! Thank you to everyone who participated. We will report the overall totals towards the 25,000 goal as soon as we hear.

Wednesday, September 10th is Mennonite Women. Come when you can (some arrive at 8:30) and leave when you must (most leave around 2). Joyce Nafziger will provide a devotional, a lunch will be provided, and many of us enjoy the fellowship time with others as we use what skills God gave us to help others around the world. We will be happy to see you join us!"

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.

Update from Gifts Discernment Ministry Team: Thank you to all who responded to the Affirmation Slate and to those who have agreed to serve on the various Ministry Teams for this new church year. We received a total of 61 responses and the overall affirmation rate was 99.7%. An updated list of Zion's Ministry Team members will be included with the new 2025 church documents that will be made available soon. ~ Gifts Discernment Ministry Team

Don't Forget

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

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.

Steps for Life walkathon & 5k run on September 27th at the Bryan CPC location. The event will also features 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

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AGES PRESCHOOL-6TH GRADE

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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