

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 12, 2025

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

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, October 12

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
11:00 am ~ Shalom's Fall Fundraiser (Ruihley Park)

Monday, October 13

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)
5:30 pm ~ SLT (MYF room)

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, October 15

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, October 16

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

Sunday, October 19

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

Happy Birthday

October 13 ~ Jada Frankenfield

October 14 ~ Reiss Creighton

Happy Anniversary

October 16 ~ Tim & Carrie Grieser (32 years)

October 16 ~ Cork & Patsy Nofziger (59 years)

October 17 ~ Michael & Angie Short (27 years)

Nursery Workers

October 12: Rachel Aeschliman & Brenna Creighton

October 19: LouAnn Kanagy & Carol Short

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Sue Short

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues” (VT 764)

“In The Bulb There Is A Flower” (VT 670)

Offering/Offertory ~ Sue/Karen

Scripture ~ Psalm 66:1-12

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Seek The Peace Of The City” (VT 206)

Scripture ~ Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Healer Of Our Every Ill” (VT 644)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Chris Richer

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands” (VT 485)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker



*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

Oct 12 - Theme: "Seek the Peace of the City" (Jeremiah 29:1; 4-7)

Oct 19 - Theme: "New Covenant" (Jeremiah 31:27-34)

Oct 26 - Theme: "Forgiveness and Restoration" (Joel 2:23-32)

Book Nook

Pertinent books for today: *Undocumented* by Sarah Guezada; *Dear White Peacemakers* by Osheta Moore; *The Other Side Of Welcome* by Sue Ellen Johnson.

New Announcements

The Sojourners / Builders Sunday school class will be discussing today (October 12) the article "Education Under Threat" on page 8 of the September *Anabaptist World*. The authors, Rebecca Stoltzfus and Gilberto Perez Jr., will be joining via Zoom. **You are very welcome to come join the discussion at 8:30 in room 310.**

St. Martin's Lutheran Church continues its **2025–26 Concert Series with a dynamic Piano Duo Recital** featuring Jeff Nicholas and Vanessa Kwiatkowski Nicholas on **Sunday, November 9 at 3:00pm** (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). The husband-and-wife duo will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F Major, Op. 90 and selections from Dvořák's Slavonic Dances, Op. 46, bringing the power and color of the orchestral world to the piano. Together, their artistry captures the excitement of four-hand piano playing—music rich with lyricism, rhythm, and heart. Admission is free, and all are invited to enjoy this afternoon of great music. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Open Hearts Open Doors Widow event, hosted by Weeping Willows, is happening October 21st, 5pm at Pettisville missionary church. Please rsvp to weeping willow florest (419.445.7773). See the bulletin boards for more information.

Ready for a life-changing gap year? Dive into **Service Adventure, a 10-month volunteer journey ages 17-20, now accepting applications for the term starting August 2026.** Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofits and deepen in your faith alongside a supportive church congregation. Embrace adventure, grow in purpose and make a difference. Apply at **MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure**.

Don't Forget

The Michiana Sale Relief Sale and Quilt Auction in Goshen, IN had a baby quilt donated by LouAnn Kanagy, from Zion, which sold for \$250. PEACE had a member donate two whole cloth full size, hand quilted bed covers that went for \$1,200 and \$1,150. The estimated total raised at the auction in September was a record \$445,000. Thank you ladies for your support to this worthwhile cause.

Live your faith through action! Join Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) for a transformative **one-year volunteer experience for ages 20+ starting August 2026**, with an option to extend your placement. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, like health, education and immigration. By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in a global movement for peace and a more just world. Ready to make a difference? **MennoniteMission.net/MVS**

St. John's Lutheran church would like to invite you to their annual Country Corner **Craft Show on Saturday, October 18, 2025**, (T-079 State Route 66), Stryker from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Lunch will be available for a free will donation and will benefit our high school LYF.

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 at 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!

Don't go home yet! Sunday Dinner Is Prepared. Come to **Shalom's Annual BBQ Fall Fundraiser TODAY at Ruibley Park in Archbold from 11a-1:30pm**. Dine in or Carry-out meals will be served with your choice of a BBQ chicken or a pulled pork meal by donation. All proceeds go to the Shalom Benevolent Fund which covers the cost of services provided to victims of crimes and the financial assistance program which supports access to care for those who cannot otherwise afford it.