

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 19, 2025

Elder Suz Wirick
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Elder Chris Richer
Elder Max Aeschliman

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, October 19

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

Monday, October 20

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

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

Sunday, October 26

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
12:00 pm ~ Young Adult Gathering at Pennington's

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Lonnie Short

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Lonnie Short

Hymns ~ Anita Roth

“Come We That Love The Lord” (VT 31)

“New Earth, Heavens New” (VT 377)

Scripture ~ Psalm 121

Offering/Offertory ~ Lonnie/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“We Are People Of God's Peace” (VT 797)

Scripture ~ Jeremiah 31:27-34

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Spirit Open My Heart” (VT 636)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Max Aeschliman

Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Go Now In Peace” (VT 835)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Happy Birthday

October 20 ~ Sarah Frankenfield

October 22 ~ Arlene Short

October 22 ~ Greg Short

Happy Anniversary

October 19 ~ Greg & Michele Nafziger (40 years)

October 21 ~ Roger “Butch” & Sharon Frey (53 years)

October 24 ~ Greg & Jodi Nofziger (38 years)

Nursery Workers

October 19: LouAnn Kanagy & Carol Short

October 26: Sarah Hastings & Sophie Wyse



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

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

November Worship: Our theme this month is called *Whole Life Stewardship*. When we hear the words "giving" or "stewardship," we typically think of monetary gifts or tithes. While these are very important, Jesus invites us to follow him as Lord of every part of our lives. What might it look like to consider other forms of "tithing" as part of our sacrificial acts of worship beyond Sunday morning?

Nov 2: *Stewarding our Spiritual Legacy* - Joshua 4:1-9; 20-24 and Isaiah 43:16-21. A special day in which we'll remember those who have 'gone on ahead' in the past year (All Saints Day observance). This fall also marks the 70th anniversary of the first Zion worship services, **which feels like the perfect occasion for a potluck lunch!** The Fellowship Team will provide the meat and a hot veggie. Please bring salads and desserts to share.

Nov 9: *Stewarding our Money* - Luke 12:13-34

Nov 16: *Stewarding our Attention* - Matthew 6:19-23

Nov 23: *Thanks and Gratitude Sunday* - 2 Cor 9:6-15

New Announcements

Red Cross Blood drive at Ruibley Park Pavilion on Tuesday, October 28 from 11am until 5pm. To register, call 1-800-RED CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org and use RUIBLEYPARK. See the bulletin board for more information.

On the Level announcement: Our October edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares what gives him goosebumps, learn how MDS volunteers are changing lives in a remote Alaska village and read how volunteering with MDS during Katrina impacted so many lives. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4n50530>

The board of Dove's Nest Thrift Shop of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is looking for a full-time manager to assume managerial responsibilities for Dove's Nest on March 1, 2026. Because the proceeds of Dove's Nest are used in support of the world-wide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), the candidate must actively support MCC's mission. The candidate must have retail management or thrift shop experience and the ability to lead and manage paid staff and volunteers. He or she must have an understanding of accounting software and be proficient in using Microsoft Office Suite. Duties will include the day to day running of the store, making bank deposits, overseeing customer service, scheduling volunteers and staff and overseeing the effective receiving, processing and merchandising of Dove's Nest donation flow. The manager is directly responsible to the Dove's Nest board and is responsible for hiring employees. Persons interested in this position may request a more detailed job description and an application form by emailing doves.nest.search.committee@dovesnestthrift.onmicrosoft.com. In addition, a downloadable job description and application can be found here: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wwz9qpc3l0d7np5hohtc1/AJrbt5WzWfmOwGY2YyDg1U0?rlkey=o5ubpvjp5fjlc9zx...https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wwz9qpc3l0d7np5hohtc1/AJrbt5WzWfmOwGY2YyDg1U0?rlkey=o5ubpvjp5fjlc9zx...> The deadline for applications is November 15, 2025.

Don't Forget

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 Florist (419.445.7773). See the bulletin boards for more information.