

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 26, 2025

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

Zion Activities this Week

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

Monday, October 27

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 28

7:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (basement)

Wednesday, October 29

4:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning (high school)

Thursday, October 30

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

Sunday, November 2 ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
12:00 pm ~ Potluck

Happy Birthday

October 27 ~ Michael Short

October 30 ~ Butch Frey

October 30 ~ Sue Short

Happy Anniversary

October 26 ~ Josiah & Lydia Dahl (6 years)

Nursery Workers

October 26: Sarah Hastings & Sophie Wyse

November 2: Kellie Creighton & Sonia Wheeler

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Keith & Jackie Lehman

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Keith & Jackie Lehman

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“God Of Grace And God Of Glory” (VT 716)

“Be Thou My Vision” (VT 549)

Scripture ~ Psalm 56

Children's Story ~ Jackie Lehman

Offering/Offertory ~ Keith/Karen

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Come, Ye Thankful People” (VT 123)

Scripture ~ Joel 2:23-32

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Breathe On Me Breath Of God” (VT 737)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Jackie Lehman

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Sent Forth By God's Belssing” (VT 823)

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 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

Wed Nov 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service at Zion @ 7:00pm in the sanctuary with our friends from St Martin's Lutheran Church. It is our turn this year to host the 20th annual joint worship service! Come enjoy a wonderful evening of worship, with fellowship and refreshments afterward.

New Announcements

Hear stories of God's faithfulness from our Anabaptist brothers and sisters in Ethiopia. **Join Desalegn Abebe, President of the Meserete Kristos Church**, and Gishu Jebecha, Principal of Meserete Kristos Seminary for a short presentation followed by time for conversation and fellowship. A light luncheon will be served. Monday, November 3, 2025, 12pm at Zion Mennonite Church, 300 Short-Buehrer Rd, Archbold OH

Siberian Solstice 2025 will be at St. Johns Christian Church on Saturday, December 6th at 7pm. No tickets needed, free will donation. See the bulletin board for more information.

Winter Youth Retreat at Amigo Centre, January 16-18! Enjoy winter activities while growing closer to God, your youth group, and your community. **With speakers Kiersten Payne (sr high)** and Carrie Yoder (jr high), your youth group will hear stories of bravery that make large impacts on the world, bringing hope and inspiring your youth to courageously live as themselves, following the way of Jesus in today's global climate. Nathan and Kate Grieser will lead youth in worship, combining their indie-folk style with traditional Mennonite hymns and songs from Voices Together. When not in worship, play board games, compete in a pickleball tournament, try cross-country skiing, and enjoy the Smore-cuterie over the campfire! Register your youth group by January 2 at bit.ly/AmigoRegistration.

Don't Forget

Ron Grieser has moved to room 216 at Fulton Manor.

Red Cross Blood drive at Rauhley Park Pavilion on Tuesday, October 28 from 11am until 5pm. To register, call 1-800-RED CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org and use RUIHLEYPARK. 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; must have retail management/thrift shop experience; the ability to lead/manage paid staff and volunteers; an understanding of accounting software and be proficient in using Microsoft Office Suite. 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 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.