

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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November 2, 2025

Elder Suz Wirick
Elder Barb Yoder
Elder Chris Richer
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Zion Activities this week

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 (or earlier) ~ **Potluck**

Monday, November 3

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
12:00 pm ~ Meserete Kristos Church program

Wednesday, November 5

10:00 am ~ Pastors at AAMA (off campus)
6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, November 6

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

Sunday, November 9

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
7:00 pm ~ Hymn Sing with the Choir (sanctuary)



Happy Birthday

November 4 ~ Stan Short

November 7 ~ Steve Hastings

November 8 ~ Rachel Short

Nursery Workers

November 2: Kellie Creighton & Sonia Wheeler

November 9: Holly Liechty & Viv Legato

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Mark Nafziger

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Mark Nafziger

Zion Story #1 ~ Frank & Cara Ulrich (recording)

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“I Love To Tell The Story” (VT 761)

All Saints Day Observance

Offering/Offertory ~ Mark/Bonnie

Zion Story #2 ~ Mike Zimmerman

Scripture ~ Joshua 4:1-9; 20-24

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Somebody Prayed For Me” (VT 698)

Zion Story #3 ~ Kiersten Payne

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“You Are The Salt For The Earth” vs 1&4 (VT 297)

Benediction ~ Sue 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

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 steward and tithe other parts of our lives as 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

MCC is providing two virtual immigration training sessions on November 2 & 25. See the bulletin board for more information or contact that office.

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**

An October newsletter from Bill and Carole Schumacher for the Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program is posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

The Stewardship Team is taking grant requests for the Zion endowment fund. Applications can be found on the table across from the mailboxes. They can be turned into the office or to Dan Ruth's box. **Deadline for the applications is January 1, 2026.** Please contact the Stewardship Team with any questions: Dan Ruth, Cal Britsch, Karin Legato & Lynn Roth.

The Resettlement Support Team is looking for folks to help with transportation for our Ukrainian families. We especially need those who have some availability during weekdays. A recent doctor's appointment had to be rescheduled because we couldn't find anyone to drive them. Our plan is that when a transportation need arises, volunteers will receive a text message describing the need as far in advance as possible. If you're available and willing to help during a requested time, we'll put you in touch with the person to be picked up. If not, no worries and no obligation! We hope to have enough people so that any individual volunteer only provides assistance occasionally. If you can help, please see a member of the RST team (Larry Wyse, Elizabeth Miller, Jana Wheeler, Karmin Brooks, or Stan Short).

You are invited to a choral hymn sing with the Zion Mennonite Church choir. Join us on Sunday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for an evening of worship in song. If you would like to request a congregational song, please let Bonnie Stuckey or Anita Roth know your selection ahead of time.

Book Nook

Expecting Emmanuel is an advent devotional about 5 women who prepared the way; by Joanna Harader and is published by Herald Press. The women are Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary and Anna. The book included a guide for group use.

Cards of Thanks

“THANK YOU to the Zion MYF and Sponsors for their night of service on Wednesday at Care & Share assembling Christmas Trees for us. 50 Christmas Trees were in our store on Thursday morning for sale. What a great group of young people and sponsors we were blessed with!”

~ Care & Share Staff: Kathy, Karen & Doug

“Special thanks to Greg Short, Bill Beck, and Dan Ruth for helping the trustees paint the utility shed in the church parking lot.”

~ The Trustees

Don't Forget

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 Jr & Sr High Youth Retreat at Amigo Centre on 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), youth 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, you can 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, 2006 at bit.ly/AmigoRegistration.

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 on Monday, November 3rd at 12:00pm in the fellowship hall. A time for conversation and fellowship will follow the presentation, and a light luncheon will be served.