

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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November 30, 2025

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, November 30

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, December 1

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

10:00 am ~ Zion hosts AAMA (310)

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, December 4

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Saturday, December 6

11:00 am - 8:00pm ~ Church Reserved

Sunday, December 7

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Happy Birthday

December 2 ~ Bonnie (Everett) Short

December 3 ~ Keith Lehman

December 4 ~ Tony Sauder

December 6 ~ Doug Shoemaker, Dale Short

Happy Anniversary

December 1 ~ Neil & Kathy Nofziger (46 years)

Nursery Workers

November 30: Lonnie & Carol Short

December 7: Joe Graber & Ben Wheeler

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short

Interlude

Call to Worship ~ Sue Short

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“O Come, O Come Immanuel” (VT 210)

Prayer ~ Sue Short

Advent Candle Lighting ~ Chris & Julia Richer family

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“He Came Down” (VT 239)

Offering ~ Sue Short

Scripture ~ Psalm 122

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (VT 126)

Scripture ~ Romans 13:11-14

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Longing For Light” (VT 715)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (VT 218)

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

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.



Advent Wreath/Candles and Nativity photos wanted: The season of Advent is coming soon! Beginning Sunday, November 30th, which is the first Sunday of Advent, we'd like to show photos of your Advent wreaths and nativity sets. Like we did in August with photos of your garden, we'll put the photos we receive on slides to be shown during the offering. For those who haven't gotten their Christmas items out yet, photos of Advent wreaths/candles and nativity sets from previous years are welcome! **Please email photos to the church office:** church.zionmc@gmail.com If you have photos on your phone and need help getting them off, bring your phone to the office and we'll try to assist you.

Advent Gospel of Luke Read Thru: You are invited to join in our annual reading of Luke's gospel. Beginning Monday, December 1st, read one chapter each day, and on Christmas Eve you will have read Luke in its entirety. If you've done this in previous years, try mixing it up this time - listen to an audio Bible on Biblegateway.com, use a Bible app, read from a different Bible translation, read aloud with a family member or friend, etc... If you get behind, jump back in and keep going! The goal is to encounter Luke's gospel as a single unit. It's ok if it takes extra time to complete it.



Advent 2025 Worship: The Mystery of the Incarnation: As we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ, we remember the first coming of Jesus. This year during Advent, we want to focus on the mystery and gift of the Incarnation, a time when heaven and earth intersected. We look forward to a second Incarnation when Christ will bring shalom to all people. We will follow the lectionary texts with John 1 as an underlying text.

Sunday, Nov 30th - Advent 1: "He Came Down That We Might Have HOPE" (Romans 13:11-14)

Sunday, Dec 7th - Advent 2: "He Came Down That We Might Have PEACE" (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Sunday, Dec 14th - Advent 3: "He Came Down That We Might Have JOY" (Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:39-56)

Wednesday, Dec 17th - Longest Night Service @ 7:00pm

Sunday, Dec 21st - Advent 4: "He Came Down That We Might Have LOVE." (Matthew 1:18-25)

Wednesday, Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00pm

Sunday, Dec 28th - Christmas Sunday (Matthew 2:13-23)



Book Nook

Strange Worship by Drew S. Strait is a Herald Press book. He gives 6 steps for challenging Christian nationalism.

New Announcements

Christmas Cards: As the holiday season approaches, we want to show our love to our Zion friends in care facilities, as well as those who spend most of their time at home. If you'd like a current address list to send cards, contact the office.

Don't Forget

Our preschoolers are having so much fun with all of the excitement that this time of year brings. As you do your black Friday shopping and think about year-end giving, we ask that you consider Child's World Preschool by shopping Mrs. King's Amazon Wishlist. While our tuition and supply fees help cover our basic expenses, it does not leave much wiggle room for new supplies, manipulatives, toys, etc. We appreciate your consideration and wish you the best this holiday season! Link to our class wishlist - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2P343447RPKZO?ref=wl_share ~The CWP Board

On the Level announcement: Our November edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares a new version of 1 Corinthians 13, a new bridge brings hope to a grieving father, and meet a man who is both a disaster survivor and an MDS volunteer. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3Lli3eN>

Just Peace Pilgrimage: 2026 Your congregation, Sunday school class and other groups are invited to **join Mennonite Mission Network in a seven-day Civil Rights or Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage** to explore how God is weaving justice and reconciliation in U.S. and other communities. Engage firsthand with people, churches, and organizations who share how they pursue peace. Through group reflection, prayer, and worship, process these experiences and connect them to your faith; then return home as "changed people" who can inspire and lead change in your own community. For more information about a pilgrimage for your group, contact Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net. www.mennonitemission.net/JustPeace

Support hope for migrating people Mennonite Mission Network invites **prayer and urgently needed financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens**, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. Their ministry offers vital shelter and care to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey to England. Visit **MennoniteMission.net/Givens** and click "Give Now." For more information about their immigration ministry, contact Elizabeth Eby, ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net.

LAMP has partnered with Global Giving for Giving Tuesday. Every donation received will be matched by Global Giving. See the bulletin board for more information about donating (QR code available).

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).



TREE TAGS FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH. A TABLE WILL BE SET UP OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DONATED ITEMS.

1,200 FULTON COUNTY FAMILIES WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PERSONALIZED SHOPPING EXPERIENCE IN THE JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING IN WAUSEON. FAMILIES MAY SHOP FOR ANYTHING FROM CANNED GOODS AND DETERGENTS TO HATS, GLOVES, TOWELS, AND MORE.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION, YOU MAY DO SO ONLINE THROUGH CHRISTMAS CHEER'S WEBSITE FULTONCOUNTYCHRISTMASCHEER.ORG OR BY SENDING A CHECK TO: CHEER, PEG HINES 209 BURKE ST., ARCHBOLD, OH 43502.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!