

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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January 11, 2026

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

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, January 11

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

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, January 15

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer
10:00 am ~ Pastor Peer (off campus)
7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, January 18

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

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Elaine Short

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Elaine Short

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“What Is This Place” (VT 22)

“Together” (VT 389)

Offering/Offertory ~ Elaine/Karen & Bonnie

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“How Can I Say” (VT 388)

Scripture ~ Colossians 3:1-17

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Communion

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Put Peace Into Each Others Hands” (VT 485)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“God Of Grace” (vs 1&3, VT 716)

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Happy Birthday

January 17 ~ Evon Rufenacht

Nursery Workers

January 11: Sarah Frankenfield & Reiss Creighton

January 18: Maggie Short & Rachel 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

For two Sundays in January and two Sunday in February, we'll be using scripture, themes, and resources from a book called, *Drawing Near: A Devotional Journey with Art, Poetry, and Reflection*. This book uses the beautiful artwork from the new Anabaptist Community Bible, along with poetry by Anabaptist writers to accompany the scripture.

Sunday, January 11: "One Body in Christ." (Colossians 3:1-17)

Sunday, January 18: "Esau Forgives Jacob" (Genesis 33:1-11)

Sunday, January 25: Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday - Sibonokuhle Ncube preaching

Thank You

Thank you so much for your support during this time. We value being part of this community and appreciate everything you've done. Love, The Baer Family (Adele-grandaughter)

New Announcements

If you didn't get a chance to help knot comforters for MCC on Wednesday evening, you are welcome to join the Sojourners / Builders Sunday School class at 8:30 this Sunday morning, January 11, to help them in a mission project of knotting comforters. The comforters will be in the fellowship hall with all the supplies available.

The Worship Team has planned a song leading workshop in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 18, following the morning service. If you have ever considered or might consider leading singing, come to this workshop and learn how to do it. Anyone is welcome!

Reminder: Since we had the Comforter Bash in January, there will be no Mennonite Women on the second Wednesday of January on the 14th. The Bash results will be reported next week in the newsletter.

2027 Israel Trip with Pastor Ryan Harker: You are invited to join experienced biblical tour guide Pastor Ryan Harker (of West Clinton Church in Pettisville, OH) on a 9-day pilgrimage to Israel. The dates for the tour are **January 10-19, 2027**. Offered in conjunction with Friendship Tours, the trip includes 4 days in **Galilee** and 5 days in and around **Jerusalem**. We will sail on the Sea of Galilee, visit Capernaum, Nazareth, Megiddo, the Jordan River, Old Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, the Dead Sea, and much more! You may explore the [trip itinerary](#) on the Friendship Tours [website](#). The total cost for the trip is **\$4,085**, and that includes everything except lunches and souvenirs. For more information, contact Pastor Ryan (pastor.ryan@westclinton.church) or attend the **first informational meeting on Thursday, March 19th @ 7:00 pm at West Clinton** (18029 Co Rd C, Wauseon, OH 43567). Contact the Zion church office for more information.

Service Adventure: Can a gap year change your life? Only if you're up for adventure! Service Adventure applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience for young adults ages 17-20. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

Archbold Backpack Buddies is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization here in Archbold that helps 49 kids just in the Elementary School alone and are hoping to expand this into the middle school in the next school year. They collect food and personal care items to send home with children in need. See the bulletin boards for items collected and places to drop your donations.

Don't Forget

Attention Builders Sunday School Class: Save the date for Monday January 26th for a noon luncheon at the Fairlawn chapel. Menu will include lasagna, chocolate pie, and other goodies. Respond to Elaine Schnitkey 419-445-4851 by January 12th. Cost is \$10 per person payable on the day of the meal.

Mennonite Voluntary Service: Live out your faith through service! Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to individuals age 20+, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply.