

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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February 1, 2026

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

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, February 1

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
11:00 am ~ Kitchen & Fellowship Hall reserved

Monday, February 2

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 3

7:00 pm ~ College Financial Aid Committee Meeting (310)

Wednesday, February 4

10:00 am ~ AAMA (off campus)
5:30 pm ~ Church Family Meal (fellowship hall)
6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, February 5

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer
7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, February 8

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom) Message will be
from Conference Minister, Paula Snyder Belousek
10:45 am ~ Sunday School



Happy Birthday

February 1 ~ Gerald Short

February 2 ~ Joe Graber, Lonnie Short

February 3 ~ Sherry Wagler

February 4 ~ Larkin Wise-Chappuis, Ed Yoder,
Deb Zimmerman

February 5 ~ Duane Wyse, Mary Ann Yoder

Happy Anniversary

February 4 ~ Lonnie & Carol Short (59 years)

Nursery Workers

February 1: Nichole Aeschliman & Miriam Richer
February 8: Rachel Aeschliman & Brenna Creighton

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Steve Hastings

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey & Kent Beck
"All Will Be Well"

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Steve Hastings

Hymns ~ Kent Beck

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (VT 98)

"God Of Our Strength" (VT 47)

Offering/Offertory ~ Steve/Karen

Poem ~ Karen Ruth

"Stone Of Help" by Jesse Nathan

Hymn ~ Kent Beck

"How Firm A Foundation" (VT 592)

Scripture ~ 1 Samuel 7:7-12

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Kent Beck

"Come Thou Fount" (VT 563)

Prayer for Church & World ~ John David Thacker

Sending Hymn ~ Kent Beck

"Like A Rock" (VT 63)

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

Sunday, February 1st - Theme: *Ebenezer Stone; monuments to God's work in our lives* (1 Samuel 7:7-12); Art from Anabaptist Community Bible; poem from Drawing Near companion devotional.

Sunday, February 8th - New Conference Minister, Paula Snyder Belousek preaching

Sunday, February 15th - Theme: *The Year of Jubilee; economic justice*. (Leviticus: 25:1-17, 23-28); Art from Anabaptist Community Bible; poem from Drawing Near companion devotional.

Wednesday, February 18th: Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00pm

Sunday, February 22nd: 1st Sunday of Lent

Thank You

Thank you to my wonderful church family for your prayers and concern during my procedure and recuperation! I am doing well and anxious to get back to attending church services again! God is so good to me! - Darlene Polasek.

Special thanks to Eric Creighton for making and installing handrails on both sides of the sanctuary stage. - The Trustees

New Announcements

This Sunday, February 1, Karen Lehman, CEO of Mennonite Health Services (MHS), **will be leading the Sojourners/Builders class discussion**. Fairlawn is a member of MHS and has worked directly with MHS. **You are welcome to join the class at 8:30 in room 310.**

The Red Cross is hosting a blood drive at Ruiehley Park Pavilion on Tuesday, February 3 from 11am-5pm. To register, contact 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online at redcrossblood.org and use keyword RUIHLEYPARK. See the bulletin boards for more information.

Mennonite Mission Network is hiring! We are seeking passionate people to join our team in two full-time roles:

- Development Representative — Remote, hybrid, or in-office in Elkhart or Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan or NW Ohio areas.
- Care Specialist — Remote, hybrid, or in-office in Elkhart or Newton

You can find all Mission Network's job openings on our website at MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

Please join us for the next Mennonite Public Educators meeting on Monday, Feb. 2, at 4 p.m. PT / 7 p.m. ET, on Zoom. We will discuss student behavior, discipline and restorative justice within your classroom and your school as a whole. Our icebreaker (optional): What is the most unique / significant / weird gift a student has ever given you? These Zoom meetings are for people who ascribe to a Mennonite faith and currently teach or work in a Public School setting. Please feel free to share this invitation with any faculty or staff who work in public education. [Please register here.](#) We will send you a link to join prior to the meeting.

Don't Forget

Don't forget: Zion student applications for Zion's financial aid for attendees at Mennonite colleges for the 2026-27 school year are due Feb. 1.

Song leading workshop, session 2, will be in the sanctuary after worship (2/1/26).

Little Eden Kids Camp: Sign up today for one of Little Eden's summer kids camps! Located in beautiful NW Michigan, Junior High Camp is June 14-19, and Boys & Girls Camp and High School Camp is June 21-26. Brochures are located on the table across from the mailboxes or can be downloaded at www.littleeden.org.

Lamp Lighters, a ministry of prayer support for all at the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio and the Juvenile Center nearby **are in urgent need of members**. Besides prayer support, other projects are cookies and cards at Christmas and cards at Easter. We also supply glasses and/or clothing for indigent inmates who are arrested in warm weather and released on cold days. Lamp Lighters have been meeting the first Monday of most months at the Home Restaurant in Archbold at 11 o'clock. Singles and couples, please consider this worthwhile ministry. Call 419-446-2348 to sign up. No dues are collected.

Don't Forget

On the Level announcement: Our January edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, get the latest information on our Annual Celebration coming in February, read about how the MDS RV Program got started, and learn why MDS is seeking drivers. Plus we have a number of employment opportunities to share. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4qvNRmn>

Become a Service Adventure leader! Are you sensing God's call to mentor and guide young adults as they grow in faith, service and community? Want to live in beautiful places like Anchorage, Alaska or Colorado Springs, Colorado? Answer the call and become a Service Adventure unit leader! Unit leaders mentor the young adults in the unit and provide some oversight and guidance for the household. Ages 24+ should contact MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net!

Need something to look forward to this January? Fellowship has you covered! Join your church community for baked potatoes at your family meal on **February 4 at 5:30.**

Life and Letters of Paul: John David will be teaching a class on (most) Tuesday evenings on the Life and Letters of Paul. The apostle Paul was one of the most influential figures in the early church and the most prolific writer in the New Testament; his letters shaped Christian theology. Learn about his life, the churches he was writing to, and how we read and understand him today. **The class will meet at 7pm on Tuesdays, beginning February 17th, in Room 310.**

Cleveland Celtic Ensemble at St. Martin's: St. Martin's Lutheran Church continues its 2025–2026 Concert Series with a performance by the Cleveland Celtic Ensemble on Sunday, February 8 at 3:00 p.m. (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). Admission is free, and all are welcome.