

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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February 15, 2026

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, February 15

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (no primary through 12th)

Monday, February 16

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 17

10:30 am ~ John David leading Fairlawn Chapel
7:00 pm ~ Life and Letters of Paul Class (310 & zoom)

Wednesday, February 18

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)
7:00 pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service (sanctuary & zoom)

Thursday, February 19

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer
4:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting
7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, February 22

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

Happy Birthday

February 19 ~ Judith Short

Nursery Workers

February 15: Eric Creighton & Lincoln Aeschliman
February 22: Sarah Hastings & Sophie Wyse

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Mark Nafziger

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Mark Nafziger

Hymns ~ Anita Roth

“Here In This Place” (VT 10)

“Praise Him, Praise Him” (VT 100)

Offering/Offertory ~ Mark/Bonnie

Poem ~ Kiersten Payne

“La Milagrosa Canyon” by Julie Swarstad Johnson

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“All Things Bright And Beautiful” (VT 177)

Scripture ~ Leviticus 25:1-17, 23-28

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Hark! The Glad Sound!” (VT 217)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ruth

Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” (VT 182)

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 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.

The Journey of Lent: Everything in the Christian life can be thought of as a journey. Lent especially focuses on the journey of Jesus toward the cross. We also journey toward the cross with Jesus, understanding that we are travelling toward freedom and resurrection. During our worship this Lent, we'll be singing an African-American spiritual each week, and learning about each song from Luke Powery's book, *Were You There: Lenten Reflections On The Spirituals*. You may be surprised to see how many familiar songs in our hymnals are spirituals!

"African-American Christians found great comfort and encouragement in believing that this life was only a journey, a 'passing through' to a better place. . . . As they passed through the bitter trials of this earth, their desire was that they not walk alone, but that Jesus walk with them. Knowing that Jesus, who had already passed through the fiery trials and come out triumphant on the other side, was walking beside them gave them courage to go on."
— Gwendolin Warren

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

Sunday, February 22nd - Lent 1: *The Journey of Lent: "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me."* Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 32

Thank You

A big thank you to Larry and Barnaby Wyse for keeping our church warm and the water flowing correctly. - The Trustees

New Announcements

John David and Bonnie Stuckey will be leading worship for the Fairlawn chapel service on Tuesday, February 17 at 10:30 am. We hope to see our Fairlawn friends there.

If you would like a statement of your church giving for 2025, please contact a member of the Stewardship Team. Statements will not be sent out unless requested.

There is an update from Paris Mennonite Center (a ministry we support) on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

Zion will be hosting an upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 9 from 12pm to 6pm. To register, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org and use keyword ZIONMENN.

JJ Safehouse has a newsletter posted on the bulletin board outside of the bathrooms titled: 2025 Year in Review Newsletter.

Become a Service Adventure leader! Are you sensing God's call to mentor 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 Michael Oyer at MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net!

Don't Forget

Just Peace Pilgrimages — Christ at the Border: Embark on a life-changing journey to Calais, France to witness and learn alongside organizations that are doing justice and relief work among the migrant population there. Fleeing for their lives, thousands of people converge in Calais hoping to cross the English Channel to find a new life in the United Kingdom. Dates: April 6-18, 2026 Registration deadline: February 15, 2026 Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

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. Read Acts 8-9, 11 for background. The class will be on Zoom. Join at: <http://tiny.cc/zionpaul>.**