

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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February 8, 2026

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

Zion Activities this Week

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

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, February 11

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, February 12

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

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)



Happy Birthday

February 10 ~ Barb Yoder
February 12 ~ Bill Beck, Ellie Grieser
February 14 ~ Judy Beck, Neil Nofziger

Happy Anniversary

February 11 ~ Kenneth & Evon Rufenacht (65 years)
February 14 ~ Artie & Kathy Short (37 years)

Nursery Workers

February 8: Rachel Aeschliman & Brenna Creighton
February 15: Eric Creighton & Lincoln Aeschliman

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short
Interlude
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Sue Short
Hymns ~ Julia Richer
 "Prepare The Way! The Prophet Called" (VT 220)
 "God Of The Bible" (VT 420)
Offering/Offertory ~ Sue/Karen
Scripture ~ Isaiah 43:16-21
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
 "Praise To The Living God" (VT 204)
Scripture ~ John 14:1-7
Sermon ~ Paula Snyder Belousek ~ *Following The Way*
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
 "Jesus, Be The Center" (VT 584)
Communion
Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder
Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer
 "Hamba Nathi/Come, Walk With Us" (VT 23)
Benediction ~ Paula Snyder Belousek

***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 8th - "Following the Way" (Isaiah 43:16-21; John 14:1-7). Come welcome new Conference Minister, Paula Snyder Belousek to worship. Paula began in this role last summer, and is making her way around to visit churches in our conference. Prior to becoming our Conference Minister, Paula served as pastor of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida. Paula also served as Sue Short's mentor during her first few years of ministry at Zion, leading up to Sue's ordination. Paula is excited to join us and bring the message. Be sure to meet her before or after 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.

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

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at Zion Mennonite Church for Mennonite Women sewing. 9 am-2:00 pm. We would love it if many showed up to help us complete the remaining comforters from the Comforter Bash in January. We would like to get them to MCC. Come and knot, even if only for a few hours. Cecilia Wyse will lead us in a devotional. Lunch will be served. We appreciate you! - Mennonite Women

As the SLT works on planning a church retreat, we would like to have a brainstorming session with anyone who's interested in providing input. The survey gave us a starting point, but we'd like to hear ideas from the congregation before we make any specific plans. **Please consider joining us in the east wing of the sanctuary right after church this Sunday, February 8th, for a short discussion.**

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$2,000 in matching funds to support special needs at Zion last year. Phil Bontrager serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him if you'd like more information.

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!

Don't Forget

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.**

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

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