

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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January 25, 2026

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

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, January 25

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

Monday, January 26

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

5:30 pm ~ Church Family Meal (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning (high school)

Thursday, January 29

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

Sunday, February 1

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

Office News

Sue will be out of the office on Wednesday, January 28th to attend Family Day at son Cam's school.



Happy Birthday

January 27 ~ David Kanagy
January 27 ~ Lynn Roth
January 31 ~ Mabelann Crossgrove

Nursery Workers

January 25: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman
February 1: Nichole Aeschliman & Miriam Richer

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Sue Short
Hymns ~ Anita Roth
“Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing” (VT 7)
“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord” (VT 131)
Offering/Offertory ~ Sue/Bonnie
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
“We Will Follow” (VT 566)
Scripture ~ Psalm 40:1-6, Micah 6:8
Sermon
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
“In Christ There Is No East Or West” (VT 390)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Max Aeschliman
Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth
“Shalom Chaverim” (VT 842)
Benediction

Weather Watch: We are keeping an eye on the winter storm that is predicted for this weekend. Our special guest who was scheduled to preach this Sunday lives in Goshen, and is not coming out of an abundance of caution. We will communicate with you this weekend, via email and on Zion's Facebook page, about a possible church cancelation.

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

On Wednesday, January 7, a Comforter Bash was held at Zion Mennonite Church. We were very encouraged that numerous churches attended and helped knot 54 comforters to be sent all around the world to share God's love with people who need warmth. We appreciate everyone who attended. People of all ages shared a common goal. Not only were many comforters completed, but lots of new relationships were started to be a part of coming together to help others. THANK YOU!

~ Mennonite Women of PEACE Mennonite Fellowship and Zion Mennonite Church

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks for the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts, celebrating its 30-year anniversary with a special concert Jan. 31, for BCAPA founders' early vision and for its contributions to the arts in the local Newton community over three decades.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for guest speaker Angie Lederach, who will be participating in Hesston College's annual Melva Kauffman Lecture Series, January 25 to 27. Pray the students and all those in attendance can learn together, discuss openly and critically ponder Lederach's lectures and leadership for this important series.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Taiwan Mennonite New Dawn Educare Center brings God's hope to people with intellectual disabilities by providing resources to help with independent living, personal development and health. Pray that the people they serve find belonging, purpose and hope.

New Announcements

Song leading workshop, session 2, will be in the sanctuary after worship (1/25/26).

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 Lighter's, 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 Lighter's 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.

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!

Don't Forget



We Need Your Pictures!

Do you have an updated family or individual picture from the holidays? We would love to add it to the Church Family Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall.

If you have never turned in a picture, even better! We want to add YOU to the display.

Please turn in a 4"x6" (or smaller) print to Rachel & Brad Short's mailbox.

Questions? Please contact Rachel:
Send an email to rshort67@gmail.com
or call 419-572-9922

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.

Need something to look forward to this January? Fellowship has you covered! Join your church community for baked potatoes at your family meal on **January 28 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.

Celebrating 50 years of *More-with-Less*! Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invite you to share stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More-with-Less* cookbook. This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. Go to <https://bit.ly/MoreWithLess50> to learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship. Please share your story by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes is seeking a Donor Relations Associate: This full-time position contributes to the overall fundraising efforts of MCC by serving as a major gift officer in the Great Lakes region. The Donor Relations Associate will be the face of MCC to many of our top donors and constituent groups, with a strong focus on personal contacts with major donors. The position is eligible for remote, hybrid or in-office work location within the Great Lakes region. For more information and to apply by January 30, visit mcc.org/gl-dr-associate

Just Peace Pilgrimages: Embark on a life-changing journey to Calais, France and interact with various organizations that are doing justice and relief work among the migrant population there. Thousands of hopeful people travel there and attempt to cross the English Channel for a better future 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!

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). See the bulletin board across from the bathrooms for additional information.

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.