

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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## April 19, 2026

### Zion Activities this week

#### Sunday, April 19

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

#### Monday, April 20

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, April 21

7:00 pm ~ Life and Letters of Paul Class (310)

#### Wednesday, April 22

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

#### Thursday, April 23

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

#### Sunday, April 26 - Senior Sunday

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

### Happy Birthday

April 19 ~ Marlene Nofziger  
April 21 ~ Juliene Wise  
April 21 ~ Keegan Wyse  
April 22 ~ Lynn Short  
April 23 ~ Travis Pennington

### Nursery Workers

April 19: Deb Zimmerman & Grace Hastings

### Office News

John David and Sue will be out of the office on Thursday April 23rd to participate in a Conference Bible Study Day for credentialed leaders in Belville, OH.

### Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Elaine Short  
**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Call to Worship** ~ Elaine Short/Cheryl Britsch  
"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me" (VT 306)  
**Prayer** ~ Elaine Short  
**Hymns** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"This Joyful Eastertide" (VT 352)  
"Christ Who Left His Home In Glory" (VT 361)  
**Offering/Offertory** ~ Elaine Short/Bonnie Stuckey  
**Hymn** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"Open The Eyes Of My Heart" (VT 401)  
**Scripture** ~ Luke 24:13-35  
**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker  
**Hymn** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"Open My Eyes That I May See" (VT 738)  
**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Chris Richer  
**Sending Hymn** ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"Come Walk With Us" (VT 23)  
**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

**April 26th - Senior Sunday:** Join us as we celebrate our six high school graduating seniors as they share their gifts during worship. After worship, the celebration moves to the fellowship hall, where you are invited to offer your congratulations in the receiving line, and enjoy some refreshments. Our seniors are: Creighton Aeschliman, Reiss Creighton, Grace Hastings, Naomi Richer, Leah Roth, and Ben Wheeler.

## Thank You

We want to say "Thank You!" to our Zion Church family for your prayers, thoughts, visits and cards for Gareth and our family following his recent health issues. We appreciate each of you.

Blessings,

Gareth & Judy Short & family

## New Announcements

**Church Family Meal this week:** Let's get together and celebrate spring! The Fellowship Team is having a cookout with grilled hamburgers this Wednesday, April 22, serving from 5:30-6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy spring, burgers, and each other!

**My Coins Count Save the Date:** Begin gathering your change! It's almost time for our Noisy Offering for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) projects. **This year's offering will be held during worship on Sunday, May 10th.** You can also drop off your change in our 'water pump' in the church office during the week, or on Sunday mornings near the coffee bar.



Archbold  
Community  
VBS  
July 19-23, 2026  
Zion Mennonite  
Age 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Registration  
coming soon!

## Don't Forget

**It's time for the annual community-wide Burger Bash**, set for Sunday, May 3rd in the Rauhley Park Pavilion from 11 to 1. A free-will donation covers a picnic-type lunch to share beside your neighbors and friends. With those Burger Bash donations over the last two decades, our community has been able to send almost \$785,000 to our mentors and teachers in Third World countries who stand ready to help the agricultural communities there.

**Give soap full of hope - Help MCC collect bars of soap in April & May:** MCC provides soap to hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to source. There is a need for soap beyond what is supplied in kits. MCC Great Lakes invites you to take part in a special collection of bath soap and laundry soap throughout April and May. Find specifications and more information at [mcc.org/soap](http://mcc.org/soap) Drop off soap at an MCC Material Resources Center: 1013 Division Street, Goshen, IN 46528 or 4080 Kidron Road, Kidron, OH 44636

**If you missed your chance to give blood**, the Red Cross is holding a blood drive on Tuesday, April 28 from 11am-5pm at Rauhley Park Pavillion. See the bulletin boards for more information.

**Life and Letters of Paul:** John David is teaching a class on (most) Tuesday evenings on the Life and Letters of Paul. Learn about his life, the churches he was writing to, and how we read and understand him today. **The class is at 7pm on Tuesdays, in Room 310. The class is also on Zoom. Join at: <http://tiny.cc/zionpaul>. For class on Tuesday, April 21, read Acts 21-28**