

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 26, 2026

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

Zion Activities this Week

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

Monday, April 27

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

10:30 am ~ Sue is leading Fairlawn Chapel
7:00 pm ~ Life and Letters of Paul Class (310)

Wednesday, April 29

4:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting
6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning (high school)

Thursday, April 30

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer
4:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment Meeting
5:30 pm ~ Church Reserved
7:00 pm ~ AA

Saturday, May 2

9:00 am ~ Visitation for Lowell Yoder
11:30 am ~ Memorial Service for Lowell Yoder

Sunday, May 3

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



Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Leah Roth
Senior Introductions
Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Creighton Aeschliman
Opening Songs
Children's Time ~ Grace Hastings & Reiss Creighton
Senior Conversations ~ Sue Short & Seniors
Offering/Offertory ~ Naomi Richer
Meditation for the Seniors ~ Sue Short
Song of Response
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short
Congregational Blessing for the Seniors
Prayer for the Seniors ~ John David Thacker
Closing Song

Happy Birthday

April 27 ~ Jim King
May 2 ~ Melissa Nofziger
May 2 ~ Duane Short

Happy Anniversary

April 27 ~ Brad & Rachel Short (35 years)

Nursery Workers

April 26: Karen Ringenberg & Elaine Short
May 3: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

**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.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Pray for our seniors as they complete their final semester and prepare for commencement, transitioning from learners to compassionate professionals who serve their communities and the world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura and Nick Sharp, and their two children, are nearing the end of their one-year service term in La Mesa, Colombia, where they offer educational support at the Colegio Americano Menno. Pray that they are able use these final two months in Colombia to continue the relationships they have built, while also preparing themselves and the children they help teach for their inevitable good-byes.

Thank You

To the MYF: Many hands and feet get work done fast. Thanks, guys, for getting my work done in the yard much faster than I would. Thanks again! Helen Weldy

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

This Sunday, April 26, Kevin King, Director of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) will be joining the Sojourners/Builders Sunday School class via Zoom. **You are welcome to join the class at 8:30 AM in room 310.**

Cheer on the Toledo Mud Hens with your Zion church family and other Ohio Conference churches. The Mud Hens take on the Louisville Bats on Sunday, July 26 at 4:05 PM. Tickets are \$13.70 and must be purchased online by July 12 at: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Zionmennonite26>

Please contact Karen Ruth if you might be willing to play piano to accompany hymns during worship sometimes, beginning in June. Karen Stuckey has faithfully played for the congregation for many years. We will miss her a great deal!

The flowers on the organ today are given by Maggie Short and her family in memory of Terry and Brent.

On the Level announcement: Our April edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, read about the nine new homes in Douglas, Georgia, discover the miracle of riding a bicycle after a devastating hurricane, and a college student explains why he is inspired by the opportunity to serve others. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/41yFw6H>

West Clinton is holding an informational meeting on Sunday, April 26 from 6-8:30 pm, **about immigration.** Where do we think God is on the immigration issue and does scripture address today's immigration crisis will be some of the information discussed. Class is with Cecliy Rohrs and Tahir Masood and Fouzia Tahir from LAMP.



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

Don't Forget

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.

It's time for the annual community-wide Burger Bash, set for Sunday, May 3rd in the Ruyhley Park Pavillion 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 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 Ruyhley 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 28, read Romans.