

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 5, 2026

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, April 5 ~ *Easter! He is Risen!*

8:45 am ~ Muffins & Fellowship (fellowship hall)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, April 6 ~ *Office closed*

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
7:00 pm ~ Life and Letters of Paul Class (310)
7:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (basement)

Wednesday, April 8

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)
10:00 am ~ Pastors at AAMA (off campus)
6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, April 9

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

Sunday, April 12 ~ *Church School Day*

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



Happy Birthday

April 6 ~ Andy Sauder
April 11 ~ Bonnie Beck

Happy Anniversary

April 6 ~ Duane & Cecilia Wyse (52 years)

Nursery Workers

April 5: Michelle Wyse & Leah Roth
April 12: Joyce Nafziger & Naomi Richer

Office News

The office will be closed on Monday in observance of Easter Monday, and for staff rest.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey & Julia Richer

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” (VT 341)

“Thine Is The Glory” (VT 355)

“Low In The Grave He Lay” (VT 333)

Welcome & Announcements ~ John David Thacker

Passing the Peace ~ John David Thacker

Interlude ~ Roth Trumpets

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ John David Thacker

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Lift Your Glad Voices” (VT 340)

“Christ Who Left His Home In Glory” (VT 361)

Offering/Offertory ~ John David/Roth Trumpets

Scripture ~ Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Hymn of Response ~ Julia Richer

“Will You Come And Follow Me” (VT 540)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ruth

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer & Roth Trumpets

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” (VT 346)

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

Friday, April 3rd - Good Friday Service in the sanctuary, and on zoom, at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Celebration! He is Risen! Come early to enjoy some mini-muffins, coffee, tea, or juice provided by the Fellowship Team. Serving begins at 8:45am, and will also continue after worship. Worship will begin at 9:30 with singing.

April 12th - Church School Sunday: We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Shannon Dycus, Interim President of Eastern Mennonite University, to Zion for Church School Sunday this year. She will be bringing the message during worship, and will have a second hour presentation in the fellowship hall.

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.

Thank You

A BIG thank you to Tom Short for bringing loader and truck to clean around the shed. ~ The trustees

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and acts of kindness. I really appreciated it. ~ Mableann Crossgrove

Book Nook

Please be sure to take the card out of the book you are borrowing, sign your name and date it the day you're checking it out, including the year. Place the card in the box on the desk. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Announcements

As the youth group year winds down, ZOW would like to formally invite you to one of our final Wednesday evenings where we will be learning about "Being Peace Heroes." ZOW will be hosting peace officer, Travis Pennington, to share his experiences with keeping public peace on April 8th. Come meet the leaders and children and be a part of our worship community as we celebrate all that has been learned this year. The evening will take place in the sanctuary, and light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after.

MCC celebration for Ann Graber Hershberger, outgoing executive director: Join MCC Great Lakes on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at Lockport Mennonite Church (9269 Co Rd 21N, Stryker, OH 43557) as we celebrate Ann Graber Hershberger and her many years of service with MCC. A northwest Ohio native, Ann will share stories of impact and inspiration from her time with MCC as she prepares to retire from her role as MCC U.S. executive director in July. The gathering will include reflections from local friends along with a retirement blessing. A dessert reception will be served. More information at mcc.org/ann-ohio-celebration

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Attention golfers, sponsors, and volunteers of all ages and skill levels join us for the 22nd **Annual Shalom Golf Scramble on Saturday, May 16 at 8:00 AM** at Ironwood Golf Course. Enjoy a fun day of golf with friends and family while supporting a meaningful cause. Four-person team: \$350 Individual golfer: \$100 Not a golfer? We still need volunteers and sponsors! For details, visit www.shalomworks.org and click on the 2026 Golf Scramble page. Registration deadline: May 8 Spots are filling quickly register today!

Just Peace Pilgrimages — Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage: You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? **Dates: September 22-26. Registration deadline: July 15** Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU's theater department presents a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" on April 9-12. Pray that our students, faculty and staff "break a leg" in putting on the show.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Hesston College baseball, softball, flag football, track and field, disc golf, powerlifting, golf and esports teams, athletes and coaches as their seasons start to wrap up with postseason competition on the horizon. Pray for academic success as well as team success for each athlete during this busy and typically stressful time of the school year.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, we celebrate Easter and the hope brought by the risen Christ amid a world that seems more chaotic and destructive every day. Pray that God's people would remember to be "Easter people" every day, displaying the love of Jesus through the everyday acts of seeking justice, doing service and hoping for a better future.

Don't Forget

Church School Day Sunday, April 12 - Rev. Dr. Shannon Dycus, Interim President of Eastern Mennonite University, will visit & share the morning message. After worship we'll have a session in the fellowship hall for all interested to explain Zion's student aid program, hear additional input from President Dycus and a current Zion student, & give opportunity to pledge financial support toward the program. Next school year Zion will have seven or more students at our Mennonite schools. We have a fundraising goal of \$108,000 for the year. Those unable to attend on April 12th may make pledges by contacting Phil Bontrager (pabontrager@gmail.com or cell 419-966-3127).

-College Financial Aid Committee

You are invited to the Sanctuary Homeless Shelter's Annual Banquet on April 21st. This event will be held at New Hope Community Church and starts at 5pm. Highlights for the evening will include a silent auction, celebration and vision time, as well as community fellowship. RSVP or questions contact the Shelter at 419-636-2460 or email sanctuaryhomeless@gmail.com. See the bulletin board across from the bathrooms for more information.

Senior Citizen Luncheon: Archbold High School is hosting the 14th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 24th at 11:00am in the High School Gymnasium. Senior citizens who live in the Archbold School District are invited to this free lunch and program. The program features a 'State of School' address, and also performances by the Archbold High School Band and Choir. To make your reservation, please call 419-445-5579 or email aoyer@archboldschools.org. Reservations will be taken beginning Monday, March 30th, and need to be received by Monday, April 20.

Mennonite Voluntary Service: God is calling individuals ages 20+ to vibrant communities across the country to participate in Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS). MVS is accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. Serve with non-profits, live in community, and connect with a local church. Placements are available in the following locations: Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply.

If you would like to borrow any items from the kitchen for personal use, or to reserve items to borrow at a later date, please coordinate with the church office. Zion also loans medical and mobility equipment like walkers, wheelchairs, and bed rails.

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 will be on Zoom. Join at: <http://tiny.cc/zionpaul>. Read: Philemon, Philippians, Ephesians, and Colossians.**