

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Elder Max Aeschliman

May 3, 2026

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, May 3

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
3:00 pm ~ Visitation for Lynn Short

Monday, May 4

11:00 am ~ Memorial Service for Lynn Short

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
7:00 pm ~ Last Life and Letters of Paul Class (310)

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 am ~ AAMA (off campus)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 10

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

Nursery Workers

May 3: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

May 10: Maggie Short & Lou Ann Kanagy

Happy Birthday

May 3 ~ Tom Short

May 5 ~ Jordan Rodriguez

May 8 ~ Abby Pennington

May 8 ~ Rachel Aeschliman

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Abby Pennington

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Abby Pennington

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Come, Ye Thankful People” (VT 123)

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone” (VT 4)

Scripture ~ Psalm 31:1-5

Offering/Offertory ~ Abby/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“All People That On Earth Do Dwell” (VT 5)

Scripture ~ 1 Peter 2:2-10

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“The Church's One Foundation” (VT 397)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Max Aeschliman

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Jesus Be The Center” (VT 584)

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

Sunday, May 3: Living Stones - 1 Peter 2:2-10

Sunday, May 10: Communion - 1 Corinthians 11: 17-34; My Coins Count noisy offering

Sunday, May 17: Ascension - Acts 1:6-14

Sunday, May 24: Pentecost - John 14:15-17; Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, May 31: Creation - Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for participants in AMBS's noncredit online Anabaptist Short Courses as they deepen their understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness and consider how they may be called to apply their learnings

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU holds its annual commencement ceremony on May 3 in Yoder Arena. Pray that graduates and their families can celebrate in the momentous occasion.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Pray that students grow in purpose and vocation, as they begin jobs, internships, cross-cultural experiences, graduate studies or summer learning opportunities.

Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas: Pray for the Hesston College Board of Directors as they gather on campus May 7-9 for their spring meetings.

Mennonite Mission Network: Austin Roberts has successfully completed his final revision to his dissertation and has returned to work at Youth With A Mission in Rostrevor, Northern Ireland. Pray for him as he discerns what this new phase of life will look like. Pray also that his application for British citizenship will be approved.

Thank You

The Fellowship Committee is so thankful for our great MYF. They made the chocolate chip cookies for the family meal. They also served food and helped clean up! Our young people are awesome! 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

New Announcements

EC Beck Foundation Scholarship - All 2026-27 Zion college students attending our Mennonite colleges are encouraged to apply for this scholarship that is due June 30, 2026. Copies available across from the mailboxes.

Good Shepherd will be having a drive-through Enchilada Fundraiser on May 29, 2026. They will be taking pre-orders by phone (419-445-3100) only until May 22nd. Please see the flier on the bulletin boards for more details. The fundraiser is going towards paying off the rest of the loan for the sanctuary. Thank you and God Bless!

Please join us for the last program of St. Martin's 2025-2026 Concert Series called **Dreams and Delights: a journey of songs with Lisa van der Ploeg on Sunday, May 17 at 3:00pm.**

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER! 22nd Annual Shalom Golf Scramble on May 16 at 8:00 AM. Registration deadline is May 8, and spots are nearly full! Enjoy a full day of golf, food, and fun all while supporting critical services for victims of crime.

Mennonite Voluntary Service: Live out your faith through service! Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to **individuals age 20+**, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply. **Placements are available in the following locations:** Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona.

Don't Forget

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!

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>

It's time for the annual community-wide Burger Bash, set for Sunday, May 3rd in the Ruyhley 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 Drop off soap at an MCC Material Resources Center: 1013 Division Street, Goshen, IN 46528 or 4080 Kidron Road, Kidron, OH 44636

Last Life and Letters of Paul class: John David has been teaching a class on the Life and Letters of Paul. **Last class is at 7pm this Tuesday, May 5, in Room 310. The class is also on Zoom. Join at: <http://tiny.cc/zionpaul>. For class on Tuesday, May 5, read Romans.**



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.