

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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June 21, 2026

Elder Suz Wirick
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Elder Max Aeschliman

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, June 21 ~ *Father's Day*

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Thursday, June 25

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, June 28

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Happy Anniversary

June 25 ~ Cal & Cheryl Britsch (54 years)

June 25 ~ Doug & Ruth Shoemaker (3 years)

Happy Birthday

June 22 ~ John Brooks

June 23 ~ Darlene King

June 25 ~ Brianne Short

June 25 ~ Trevor Short

June 26 ~ Roger Crossgrove

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Karen Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Karen Ringenberg

Interlude ~ Karen Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Karen Ringenberg

Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch

“God Of Our Strength” (VT 47)

“God Of The Bible” (VT 420)

Scripture ~ Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“There's A Wideness In God's Mercy” (VT 156)

Offering/Offertory ~ Karen/Karen

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“The God Of Sarah Praise” (VT 190)

Scripture ~ Genesis 21:8-21

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn of Response ~ Cheryl Britsch

“O Thou, In Whose Presence” (VT 600)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Max Aeschliman

Sending Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“God, Be The Love” (VT 43)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

We are currently in summer office hours with the office being closed on Fridays. Newsletter deadline is Wednesdays.

John David will be on vacation through June 20th.

Sue (and Stan) will be out of town Friday, June 19 - Monday, June 22.



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

June and July worship: This summer, we will explore a variety of biblical texts, following the pattern laid out in the lectionary (an ordered overview of scripture on a 3 year cycle.) In August, we'll enjoy our annual 'end-of-the-summer' casual series with music, scripture, stories, and short meditations connected to our theme - "A Walk in the Woods."

Sunday, June 21: God loves the cast-off and neglected. Genesis 21:8-21

Sunday, June 28: Wise as serpents, innocent as doves. Matthew 10:1-16

VBS Help

Crafty People Needed: We are looking for a few people to make some giant Lego blocks out of cardboard boxes (any size) for VBS in July. These will be for decor only, and do not need to 'fit together' like actual plastic Lego bricks. One idea would be to tape boxes shut, and then either spray paint, or wrap the boxes like a gift with a plain-colored plastic tablecloth. *(Like what you'd find at a party store or dollar store. You may need to wrap the box in plain white paper first to hide any lettering on the box).* To complete the Lego, attach six small paper plates on one side in the same color as the box. See photo as an example. If you are willing to make a few of these, in any color, please let the office know. This would be a fun and easy project for kids, youth, or families to do together this summer!



New Announcements

Thursday, July 16, 2026, 12pm: Meet Ben, Laurel, Auden and Ludo Woodward-Breckbill, Mennonite Mission Network workers at the Paris Mennonite Center. They will be sharing about the peacebuilding and education work of the Paris Mennonite Center, their support of diverse networks of church and peace, and their hospitality of travelers and church workers throughout the year. We will meet at the Downtown Restaurant, 301 N Defiance St, Archbold, Ohio. Feel free to order lunch from the menu, or just come and listen.

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.

Local Ministry Opportunity – the Friendship House, our community's homeless shelter, is seeking a faith-based live-in House Mom or House Parents to provide friendship and guidance to those who have come to start over. Grit and Grace the two most important qualifications. The new addition offers a private first-floor room and bath. No-cost housing a perk. Candidate could be employed outside the home, but needs to be home for most evening meals and healthy early-evening interaction. (Volunteers available for days away) Is God calling you or someone you know to explore this opportunity further? If so contact Cecily Rohrs at 419-572-9530.

On the Level announcement: Our June edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares some uplifting examples of MDS volunteers at work, read about a new collaboration to build bridges in North Carolina, and listen to the latest MDS podcast featuring the late Don Mintmier. **Click on this link to read more:**

<https://conta.cc/4xAo1So>



Toledo Mud Hens v. Louisville Bats

Sunday, July 26, 4:05 PM

Join other NW Ohio Mennonite Conference churches for a day at the ballpark.

Tickets: \$13.70

Purchase online by July 12.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Zionmennonite26>



Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Pray for God's Spirit to guide the hiring processes for several open positions at the seminary.

Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas: Pray for summer theatre camp this week. The weeklong immersive theatre experience for students ages 11 to 18 will culminate in a performance of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical." Pray for a wonderful experience for all participating students and staff.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, as people in the United States celebrate the father figures in their lives, pray that those who do not have a father to celebrate with will find solace in the love and sacrifice that our heavenly parent has freely given to all.

Don't Forget

BEHOLD, I am doing a new thing: We are excited to welcome youth and families to **Ohio Mennonite Conference's Annual Conference Assembly** this year! Join us at Bluffton University July 31-August 1 for a time of intergenerational connecting, worship, workshops and input from Dr. Lesley McClendon. **If you plan to bring a group of middle/highschoolers to this event, please reach out to office@ohiomennoniteconference.org for registration details.** Our 2026 Annual Conference Assembly is sponsored by Everence and Mennonite Disaster Service.

What Does it Mean to be Jesus-Centered? With Meghan Larissa Good and Jesus Collective There's a growing movement of people who describe themselves as "Jesus-centered" Christians. But aren't all Christians centered on Jesus? What makes this approach to faith distinctive? And how does starting with Jesus reshape the way we read Scripture, understand God, and engage the world? Whether you're new to Jesus-centered Christianity or looking for better ways to talk about your faith with curious friends and family, join Meghan Larissa Good for a live online Q&A conversation about all that Jesus changes. Thursday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/what-does-it-mean-to-be-jesus-centered-live-qa-tickets-1990589331275?>

Employment openings at AMBS. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for three full-time professional positions: Director of Enrollment, Director of Library Services, and Digital Marketing and Publications Manager. **Please share these openings with people you know who may be interested!** See the job descriptions: ambs.edu/jobs

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is expanding our team, and we're seeking individuals who want their professional gifts to directly support disaster survivors and the volunteers who serve them. If you're passionate about service, collaboration, and making a tangible impact across the U.S. and Canada, consider the opportunities listed on the website at <https://mds.org/employment/>

Salem church (13751 S. Tripp Rd, Waldron MI) is hosting their **annual Strawberry Festival on June 20th from 4-7 pm.** Food menu includes pulled pork, hot dogs, chips, coleslaw and strawberry shortcake. There is also a bake sale with homemade goodies and treats. Donations are welcome for renovations to be made to the church's sanctuary. See the bulletin boards for more information.

FISH food pantry: June is Zion's month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. All unexpired items are willingly accepted, as well as financial donations. "In demand" items include: Canned corn, **Canned mandarin oranges**, Canned fruit cocktail, **11lb dry WHITE rice**, **11lb dry PINTO beans**, Crackers (such as cracker rounds & graham crackers), Men & women deodorant, **Vegetable oil**, Toothpaste, and Cereal. There is a table outside the church office to receive your donations. Bring monetary donations to the church office. **NEW NEEDS (bolded items above plus): 1LB DRY BLACK BEANS, HAMBURGER HELPER, TUNA HELPER, HAND SOAP.**