

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 12, 2026

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

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, July 13

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

5:30 pm ~ SLT

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Thursday, July 15

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

12:00 pm ~ Paris Mennonite Center Luncheon at
Downtown Restaurant

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

6:30 pm ~ VBS begins (continues through 7/23)

Happy Anniversary

July 12 ~ Barnaby & Michelle Wyse (29 years)

July 17 ~ Micah & Sarah Frankenfield (16 years)

Happy Birthday

July 12 ~ Cathi Baer, Cal Britsch, Dianne Lantz,
Miriam Richer, Carolyn Sauder

July 16 ~ Phil Rich, Artie Short

July 17 ~ Max Aeschliman

July 18 ~ Elizabeth Miller

Office News

John David is on vacation and will be back in the
office Monday the 13th.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Anita Roth

Welcome & Announcements ~ Barb Yoder

Interlude ~ Anita Roth

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Barb Yoder

Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch

“You Are Salt For The Earth” (VT 297)

“My Hope Is Built” (VT 621)

Offering/Offertory ~ Barb/Anita

Scripture ~ Isaiah 55:10-13

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Seed, Scattered And Sown” (VT 477)

Scripture Drama ~ Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Response ~ Recording

“Seeds” (The Walking Roots Band)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Sending Song ~ Cheryl Britsch

“Sent Forth By God's Blessing” (VT 812)

Benediction ~ Sue Short



*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

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, July 12: Sower, Seed, and Soil. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (No communion this month. We'll pick back up in August)

Sunday, July 19: Water in the desert. Numbers 20:1-13.

Sunday, July 26: Elisha and the Bears. 2 Kings 2.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: On July 16, EMU teams up once again with the home team for its fourth annual Night with the Turks baseball game. Pray for good weather and an evening of fun and connection for families!

Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas: Pray for the continued restoration and construction process in Charles Hall. Pray for safety for the workers and college staff as the rebuilding and reimagining of this space takes place this summer

Mennonite Mission Network: Kalonda Bible Institute is a seminary that trains Mennonite pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo. As their academic year ends this week, pray for the graduates returning to their home communities and stepping into new positions of leadership. Pray also that the school will be able to raise enough funds to pay their professors' salaries and provide scholarships for students next school year.

New Announcements

LAMP board members needed: LAMP (Logistic Assistance for Migrant People), assists our neighbors from other countries as they navigate the process toward citizenship. You may have met Tahir and Fouzia, who use the office space that was formerly occupied by Project Hope. Their organization is governed by a board, and they are seeking new members. Many of their current board members live in the Toledo area, so they are particularly interested in new board members from Zion, or from this area. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact LAMP at 419-445-0728 or email: lamp.ohio21@gmail.com

Updated address: Randy and Karen Stuckey's new address is 1226 Greencroft Drive Goshen, IN 46526.

Book Nook

Donated books: *Our People* by Levi Miller is a Herald Press book from 1983. It gives the history and facts of the Amish and Mennonites in Ohio. *The Deacon* by Myron Augsburger and his daughter Marcia, 1990. This is a true story of a young girl who became an Anabaptist martyr in the Netherlands in the 16th century.



**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>



VBS Help

Crafty Projects: We are looking for as many Lego boxes and paper chains (any size, any color, any width, any type of paper) as we can get for VBS, which begins on Sunday evening, July 19th. Check your email from earlier this week for more details. The boxes and chains would be a fun project for families or small groups to work on together, especially during this hot weather!

Ice Cream Sandwiches: The last night of VBS, Thursday, July 23rd, will be Family Night, in which parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends will join us for a short worship time/program, followed by snacks and outdoor games (inside if inclement weather). Would you be willing to drop off a few boxes of wrapped ice cream sandwiches in the freezer in the back room of the church kitchen? Please clearly label that the box(es) are for VBS. **It would be helpful if the ice cream sandwiches were dropped off by Monday, June 20th.**



Don't Forget

Greetings from MCC! We wanted to send a heartfelt thank you for your generous donation of \$936.77 through My Coins Count! Your gift will go directly to support Mennonite Central Committee's vital mission around the world, providing relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. It is through the faithful generosity of communities like yours that MCC can continue to bring hope and healing to those in need, embodying the love of Jesus in tangible ways. We are so thankful for your partnership in this important work. Your commitment to sharing God's love with our global neighbors is an incredible encouragement to us all.

Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Gala on August 15: The fourth annual Dismukes Gala Fundraiser will spotlight the amazing story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in Kimball, West Virginia, in the early 1900s. Join us on Saturday, August 15, at 6 p.m. at the Jack Caffrey Arts & Cultural Center in Welch, West Virginia, for dinner and live music from The Company Band. Delegate Anitra Hamilton, a McDowell County native now serving in the West Virginia House of Delegates, will be the keynote speaker. Funds raised at the gala will go towards rehabilitating the building that previously held the Henrietta Dismukes Nurses' Home. As proposed by our community steering committee, the Nurses' Home is being transformed into a community learning center. Exterior renovations are complete, and interior rehabilitation is underway. Purchase gala tickets or become a sponsor at mcc.org/dismukes-gala. Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project at mcc.org/dismukes.

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.