

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 19, 2026

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

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
6:30 pm ~ VBS begins (continues through 7/23)

Monday, July 20

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
6:30 pm ~ VBS

Tuesday, July 21

6:30 pm ~ VBS

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 pm ~ VBS

Thursday, July 23

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer
6:30 pm ~ VBS (Family Night Party)
7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
4:05 pm ~ Toledo Mud Hens Game

Happy Anniversary

July 19 ~ Keith & Jackie Lehman (46 years)
July 21 ~ Joe & Karen Graber (42 years)

Happy Birthday

July 19 ~ Elaine Schnitkey
July 21 ~ Ella Richer

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Anita Roth
Welcome & Announcements ~ Kiersten Payne
Interlude ~ Cheryl Britsch
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Kiersten Payne
Hymns ~ Anita Roth
 "Come, Thou Fount" (VT 563)
 "Come Away From Rush And Hurry" (VT 9)
Scripture ~ Psalm 23
Prayer for Church & World ~ Suz Wirick
Scripture ~ Numbers 20:1-13
Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "As A Deer In Want Of Water" (VT 552)
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn of Response ~ Anita Roth
 "Rain Down" (VT 703)
Offering/Offertory ~ Kiersten/Cheryl
Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth
 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (VT 606)
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

July worship: This summer, we will explore a variety of biblical texts. Beginning August 9th, 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 19: Water in the desert. Numbers 20:1-13.

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

VBS Update

We are so excited that VBS begins this Sunday, July 19th at 6:30pm!

- ⇒ If you have **boxes of ice cream** sandwiches that you'd like to donate, please get them to the **freezer in the back room of the church kitchen by Monday morning (July 20th)**.
- ⇒ If you made **paper chains or Lego boxes**, please **bring those** on **Sunday morning, July 19th**.
- ⇒ **If you'd like to help set up/decorate the church**, you are welcome to come dressed in **casual clothes and be here at 12:30** if you'd like to help.

Don't Forget

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

New Announcements

Now is the time to shop! Sales for school supplies are on now! Also, Ohio's state and local holiday from taxes for school supplies runs for 3 days, Aug. 7 - Aug. 9. **Be a part of the goal to collect 30,000 filled bookbags for MCC**, by August 31st. Starting Sunday, July 26, there will be a display for bookbags at church. You can pick up the fabric bookbags provided, take them home and fill them, then return to church. OR You can purchase supplies and drop them off at the display at church. **Mennonite Women will pack these bags** at our August meeting. Thank you for joining in this great project.

The Resettlement Support Team, RST, is in need of financial support to help our Ukrainian families. Please consider a donation to help them with costs associated with renewing their humanitarian parolee status. Your donation can be given to members of the RST or you may put your gift in the offering and mark for RST. Members of the RST are Larry Wyse, Elizabeth Miller, Jana Wheeler, Karmin Brooks, or Stan Short. Thank you!

On the Level announcement: Our July edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his gratitude for volunteer leaders and donors, learn why disasters deserve a local MDS response, and see the update on work being done in Crisfield plus listen to the latest MDS podcast featuring Bill Maust. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/44tG27G>

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.