

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**July 26, 2026**

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

## Zion Activities this week

### Sunday, July 26

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

### Monday, July 27

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

### Thursday, July 30

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

### Friday, July 31

Ohio Mennonite Conference (Bluffton)

### Saturday, August 1

Ohio Mennonite Conference (Bluffton)

### Sunday, August 2 *(Sue preaching at Tedrow)*

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Lonnie Short

**Bible School Recap** ~ Sue Short

**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey

**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Lonnie Short

**Hymns** ~ Mark Nafziger

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer” (VT 34)

“Seek Ye First” (VT 417)

**Offering/Offertory** ~ Lonnie/Bonnie

**Hymn** ~ Mark Nafziger

“The Glory Of These Forty Days” (VT 305)

**Scripture** ~ 2 Kings 2:9-25

**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker

**Hymn of Response** ~ Mark Nafziger

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (VT 421)

**Prayer for Church & World** ~ John David Thacker

**Sending Hymn** ~ Mark Nafziger

“Christ Has No Body Here But Ours” (VT 568)

**Benediction** ~ John David Thacker

## Happy Anniversary

**July 28** ~ Mark & Joyce Nafziger (47 years)

**July 31** ~ Frank & Cara Ulrich (72 years)

**August 1** ~ Corey Roth & Rachel Aeschliman (14 years)

## Happy Birthday

**July 26** ~ Ned Gisell

**July 27** ~ Carol Short

**July 31** ~ Cheryl Britsch

**August 1** ~ Duane Sauder

## Prayer Requests

~ For those who are facing health challenges: Karla Bernath (daughter of Neil and Kathy Nofziger); Frank Ulrich; Carolyn Snyder (Rupp Rehab); Joyce Frey (Rupp Rehab).

~ For all who are grieving and remembering the anniversaries of loss.

~ For Kate Roth on her study service term in Ecuador.

~ For those suffering from the devastating natural disasters.

~ For those who are suffering from the daily realities of war, violence, and oppression.

~ For the peace and justice of God's Spirit to flow through communities.

## Praise

~ We give thanks and praise for God's protection.

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**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 26:** Elisha and the Bears. 2 Kings 2.

**Sunday, August 2nd:** The Greatest Commandment. Mark 12: 28-34

## New Announcements

**MCC webinar Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Faith, Immigration, and Hope – Tuesday, July 28 at 2 p.m.**

**EDT (for 1 hour and 15 minutes)** In this webinar, we will share stories from three churches and leaders like you who are putting faith into action — welcoming and supporting immigrants, facing challenges in their communities, and building congregations that respond with compassion and courage. Speaking from a variety of perspectives across Anabaptist traditions, we'll talk about themes like faith in action, ministry with immigrant communities, lessons learned, and practical ways churches can respond to the reality's immigrant families are facing today. Pastors, church leaders, and congregants looking for inspiration and practical ways to get involved are invited to attend. Register today for this free event at [mcc.org/welcoming-stranger](http://mcc.org/welcoming-stranger) or contact [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org) with any questions.

## Don't Forget

**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:** <http://conta.cc/44tG27G>

## VBS Update

Wow! What a great week! Many thanks to the incredible team of volunteers from Zion, and our three partner churches, who worked so hard serving in various roles: recruiting volunteers, making decorations, donating food, setting up the church, organizing and serving snacks, staffing the registration tables, leading/helping at activity stations, telling Bible stories, leading music, organizing the donations for our VBS service project (collecting items for Archbold and Pettisville elementary schools), running sound, accompanying a group of children each night, leading games, taking photos, helping out as needed, and much more! We've made many new friends this week, and shared lots of smiles.

If you haven't yet, be sure to check out photos from each night on Zion's Facebook page, and the Archbold Community VBS Facebook page! (The same photos are shared on both.)

Grateful for each of you,  
Sue Short