

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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August 16, 2026

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, August 17

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

5:00 pm ~ PCRC

Thursday, August 20

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Saturday, August 22

8:30 am ~ Kitchen Reserved

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Happy Birthday

August 18 ~ Allen Liechty

August 19 ~ Helen Weldy

August 20 ~ Karen Short

August 22 ~ Kirk Beck

August 22 ~ Rowyn Pennington

Happy Anniversary

August 18 ~ Jim & Darlene King (47 years)

August 21 ~ Mark & Ruth Matthews (44 years)

Office News

Bethany will be out of the office Monday, August 17 and Tuesday August 18. She will return August 19.

John David will be on vacation August 17-30.

The church office will be back open on Fridays starting August 21st.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Barb Yoder

Opening ~ Barb Yoder

Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch

Offering/Offertory ~ Barb/Photos

Tree Story from Mennonite Men ~ Barb Yoder

Scripture ~ Psalm 107:33-43

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

“I Saw A Tree By The Riverside” (VT 514)

Meditation ~ John David Thacker

Communion

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

Weekly Spiritual Practices ~ John David Thacker

Prayer for Church & World ~ Chris Richer

Blessing for the Beginning of School

Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch

Benediction ~ Barb/Congregation



*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



Join us for a **“Walk in the Woods”** during August worship. Our worship will focus on some of the many scriptures in the Bible that reference trees. The services will also challenge us to literally take a walk in the woods (as you are able), focusing on a spiritual discipline each week as you walk. As you enter the sanctuary, you will notice that it looks a bit different. The idea is to create a sense of community as we experience worship together this month. We invite you to sit in the chairs in the front section, or in either one of the wings, during the month of August. If you need to sit on a pew, you are encouraged to choose one closer to the front of the sanctuary, if you are able.

August 16: Hope and Healing for the Earth; Psalm 107: 33-43 - John David, meditation

August 23: Rooted and Grounded in the Earth; Jeremiah 17:5-8 - Sue, meditation

August 30: The Tree of Life/Restoration. Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Campus Minister and professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary, will be our guest and share her wisdom; Revelation 22.

New Announcements

Mennonite College Student Aid - As our students return to class at our Mennonite colleges in the coming weeks, we welcome your contributions to Zion's student aid fund, either as fulfillment of an existing pledge or as a new contribution. Your support of this important ministry of Zion is much appreciated. Our seven students this semester are Leah & Kate Roth and Keegan & Quinn Wyse at Goshen College, and Ella Richer and Ben & Sarah Wheeler at Eastern Mennonite University. ~ College Financial Aid Committee

Entertainment Opportunity ~ Central Mennonite Church invites everyone to a night with Ventriloquist/Comedian, *Ryan and Friends* on August 30 at 6:00 pm. Posters about the event are on our bulletin boards.

Don't Forget

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a strategic executive leader with a strong finance and accounting background and CPA credentials to serve as its next Senior Executive of Finance and Operations. Through sound financial stewardship, this senior executive will lead their department in ensuring that our domestic and international ministries have the resources, systems, and operational support they need to thrive. You can find this and our other job openings on our website at MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

MCC Graphic Design & Marketing Associate: MCC seeks a detail-oriented and creative person to serve as the Graphic Design & Marketing Associate. This role will aid the work of MCC regional communications in East Coast and Great Lakes with a strong emphasis on design, marketing and internal communication and resource sharing. This position has the option for hybrid/remote work throughout the Great Lakes or East Coast regions. For more information and to apply by August 14, visit mcc.org/design-marketing

Urgent prayer request for South Sudan The nation of South Sudan is experiencing a humanitarian crisis caused by escalating conflicts, natural disaster, and reduced harvests. 2.6 million people have been displaced, and more than half the population is experiencing acute food insecurity. Mennonite Mission Network is collaborating with Mennonite churches in the area, Mennonite Central Committee, and Mennonite World Conference to coordinate relief efforts. Please pray for an end to the unprecedented floods and an end to the conflict. Pray for the South Sudan Mennonite Church as they attempt to provide for vulnerable people. Pray for humanitarian assistance and safe gathering places.

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