

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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August 2, 2026

Zion Activities this week

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

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, August 3

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

5:30 pm ~ SLT

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 pm ~ Preschool Board Meeting (basement)

Wednesday, August 5

5:30 pm ~ Worship Team

Thursday, August 6

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Julia Richer & Joe Graber

Welcome & Announcements ~ Mark Nafziger

Interlude ~ Julia Richer & Joe Graber

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Mark Nafziger

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

“Come, We That Love” (VT 31)

“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship” (VT 29)

Offering/Offertory ~ Mark/Julia & Joe

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 139:1-12

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Take, O Take Me As I Am” (VT 748)

Scripture ~ Mark 12:28-34

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn of Response ~ Julia Richer

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (VT 133)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Max Aeschliman

Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Heart With Loving Heart United” (VT 813)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Happy Birthday

August 2 ~ Grace Hastings, Kiersten Payne

August 4 ~ Sharon Frey, Anita Roth

August 5 ~ Ty Yoder

August 6 ~ Naomi Richer

August 8 ~ Chris Richer

Happy Anniversary

August 3 ~ Abby & Travis Pennington (7 years)

August 3 ~ Dale & Arlene Short (63 years)

August 4 ~ Gareth & Judith Short (53 years)

August 4 ~ Tom & Bonnie Stuckey (53 years)

August 5 ~ Dan & Karen Ruth (48 years)

August 6 ~ Duane & Barb Short (60 years)

Office News

Sue will be out of the office on Thursday, July 30.

John David and Sue will be in Bluffton on Friday, July 31 - Saturday, Aug 1 for Ohio Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly. In the event of a pastoral care need, one of the elders may be contacted. Their names and phone numbers are listed at the top of every newsletter.

Sue will be preaching at Tedrow Mennonite Church on Sunday, Aug 2.



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

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

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.

August 9: Wonder/Closer Observation of Nature

August 16: Hope and Healing for the Earth

August 23: Rooted and Grounded in the Earth

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 on this Sunday.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College faculty, staff and coaches as they gather for the beginning-of-year Prologue Day Aug. 3 and prepare to welcome the first new and returning students Aug. 7.

Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio: Pray for Bluffton University students, faculty and staff as the fall 2026 semester gets ready to begin. May they learn from each other, embrace new opportunities and experience a world of opportunity.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Pray for participants in AMBS's Practical Leadership Training modules, which are designed to help pastors, lay leaders, community leaders, and leaders of nonprofit organizations increase their capacity to provide effective Christian leadership in congregational and community settings.

Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens are shifting away from working at the Maria Skobtsova House and beginning to work with new partners in the Calais, France, area. Pray for them during this time of transition.

Book Nook

Three groups from Zion were chosen to interpret scriptures for the new Anabaptist Bible. The groups were the MYF, Sojourners Class, and a women's Bible study group. In the front cover of the Bible in our library, we have listed the groups which interpreted the scriptures. Please feel free to check out the Bible to read the scriptures that were interpreted by our congregation.

Don't Forget

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 or contact abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org with any questions.

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.