

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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August 23, 2026

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

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Thursday, August 27

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Happy Birthday

August 23 ~ Vivienne Legato

August 23 ~ Sara Nafziger

August 24 ~ Guinevere Brooks

August 26 ~ Jackie Lehman

August 27 ~ Elaine Swartzbaugh

August 28 ~ Patsy Nofziger

August 28 ~ Karen Ringenberg

Office News

John David will be on vacation August 17-30.

Summer has ended and school has begun. The church office has resumed Friday hours. Bethany has also resumed her regular schedule, Monday - Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm. The newsletter deadline has moved back to Thursday mornings, and newsletters will be sent out on Fridays.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Cheryl Britsch

Welcome & Announcements ~ Karen Ruth

Opening & Prayer ~ Karen Ruth

Hymns ~ Leah Roth

“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” (VT 182)

“Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah” (VT 95)

Mennonite Men Tree Story ~ Karen Ruth

Scripture ~ Ephesians 3:14-19

Hymn ~ Leah Roth

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

Offering/Offertory ~ Karen/Photos

Scripture ~ Jeremiah 17:5-8

Meditation ~ Sue Short

Hymn ~ Leah Roth & Anita Roth

“May You Be Rooted And Grounded” (VT 396)

Weekly Spiritual Practices ~ Karen Ruth

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Hymn ~ Leah Roth

“You Shall Go Out With Joy” (VT 847)

Benediction ~ Karen/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 23: Rooted and Grounded in the Earth; Jeremiah 17:5-8 and Ephesians 3:14-19 - 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.

Note of Appreciation

Thank you for all who helped make this year's School Kit Challenge a success. MCC's overall goal is 30,000. The total kits donated by you were 232! Tatter Club constructed bags (600-700 overall for area churches); PEACE and Zion folks purchased supplies and packed some bags; Mennonite Women packed 136 on Wednesday, August 12 and a few brave people (you know who you are and thanks!) went back to the church to finish the job on August 19 and packed 96 more. It will take a while for MCC to report on the total overall received. We will let you know when that number is reported.

- Mennonite Women

Special thanks to the MYF for hauling all of the old hymnals to Triangular Processing in Wauseon to be recycled.

- Worship Team

Carolyn Sauder donated her beloved piano to Zion. It will be used in the Fellowship Hall and multi-purpose room as needed. Thank you, Carolyn, for your gift and for your love for Zion.

- Worship Team

New Announcements

Fall Class: The Mission and Message of Jesus. Beginning Tuesday, September 15, John David will be teaching a weekly class on the mission and message of Jesus. Why did Jesus come? What was his purpose and plan? What is "the gospel?" The "Kingdom of God?" And what does it mean for us to be his disciples today? The class will meet at 7pm in Room 310 and will be offered on Zoom.

The librarians have removed some books from the library. Please feel free to take any you like. There is a basket for donations if you want to give to the library.

Don't Forget

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.