

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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August 9, 2026

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

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, August 10

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

Tuesday, August 11

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, August 12

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)

Thursday, August 13

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Happy Birthday

August 9 ~ Tim Wagler

August 10 ~ Tim Grieser

August 11 ~ Cecilia Wyse

August 13 ~ Suz Wirick

August 14 ~ Jerry Andres

Happy Anniversary

August 11 ~ Dan & Deb Nofziger (47 years)

August 13 ~ Don & Mary Oesch (64 years)

August 15 ~ Mike & Deb Zimmerman (34 years)

Office News

Bethany will be out of the office the week of August 10th for vacation and will be back in the office 19th.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Tom Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Tom Stuckey

Hymns ~ Joe Graber

Offering/Offertory ~ Tom/Photos

Tree Story from Mennonite Men ~ Tom Stuckey

Scripture ~ Psalm 104

Hymn ~ Joe Graber

"I Saw A Tree By The Riverside" (VT 514)

Meditation ~ John David Thacker

Weekly Spiritual Practices ~ Sue Short

Prayer for Church & World ~ Barb Yoder

Sending Hymn ~ Joe Graber

Benediction ~ Tom/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 9: Wonder/Closer Observation of Nature; Psalm 104 - John David, meditation

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 on this Sunday; Revelation 22.

New Announcements

Wednesday, August 12, from 9 am - 2 pm is Mennonite Women at Zion Mennonite Church. We will be packing school bags for MCC. The goal is 30,000 bags this year (overall, not just us)! Come be a part of this challenge. Barb Yoder will lead us in devotions and lunch is provided. A display is set up at church, so pick up your bags, and a list of school supplies required. You can also drop off your supplies there if you don't want to fill the bags. We appreciate all who are part of this project, those who purchase school supplies; sew the bags; help fill and box the bags; who donate money for supplies and all the support of prayer for our youngest global neighbors that will receive them!

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

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.