

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Elder Suz Wirick

Elder Barb Yoder

Elder Chris Richer

Elder Max Aeschliman

August 30, 2026

Zion Activities this week

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Monday, August 31

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 1

5:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment Meeting

5:30 pm ~ Preschool Open House
(for students this year)

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 am ~ Host AAMA

Thursday, September 3

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Happy Birthday

September 1 ~ Steve Nafziger, Sonya Wheeler

September 3 ~ Howard Snyder

September 4 ~ Leah Roth, Carolyn Snyder

September 5 ~ Dan Ruth

Happy Anniversary

August 30 ~ Merrill & Jan Cobb Nofziger Spiess (10 years)

Office News

John David will be back in the office on Monday,
August 31st.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Anita Roth

Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short

Opening & Prayer ~ Sue Short

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

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

“My Soul Cries Out ” (VT 412)

Offering/Offertory ~ Sue/Photos

Mennonite Men Tree Story ~ Sue Short

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

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

Scripture ~ Ezekiel 47:1, 7-9, 12

Special Music ~ “Where We'll Never Grow Old”

Cheryl Britsch, Julia Richer, Anita Roth, Karen Ruth

Scripture ~ Revelation 22:1-2

Meditation ~ Janeen Bertsche Johnson

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“God Who Touches Earth With Beauty” (VT 550)

Weekly Spiritual Practices ~ Sue Short

Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ruth

Sending Song ~ Julia Richer

“We Shall Gather At The River” (VT 667)

Benediction ~ Sue/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 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.

September 6: Forgiveness; Matthew 18:21-35

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



September 13th, 2026, after Church

Time: 11:30am to 1:30pm

Spaghetti Dinner

LAMP's Fund Raiser

For improving the lives of immigrant families in northwest Ohio and across America.



At

Zion Mennonite Church

300 Short Buehrer Rd. Archbold, Ohio, USA

New Announcements

It is time to sign up for the coffee bar! If you don't know how to set it up and make the coffee, I will teach you! It is a fun job! ~ Karen Ringenberg

On the Level announcement: Our August edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King introduces us to Clair Good who will be the next Executive Director of MDS U.S., learn how Rocky Mountain MDS Unit is taking a unique approach to wildfire recovery, and read an inspiring article by guest writer Elaine Maust. Plus we have a save the date reminder for the Annual Celebration coming in February. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/45vmaS5>

St. Johns Lutheran Country Corner craft show is October 24, 2026 from 9-3. Lunch will be available for a free will donation. **Come shop, or be a vendor!** Show is located at T-079 State route 66, Stryker OH 43557. See the bulletin board across from the bathrooms for more information or for sheets about becoming a vendor.

St. Martin's is excited about our upcoming Concert Series program on **September 27 featuring David Cherwien**. The afternoon will center on the singing of hymns under a program titled "For Everything there is a Season", with Dave leading from the organ along with St. Martin's Chancel Choir. Dave's late wife, Susan Palo Cherwien, was a gifted poet and writer, and her reflections will be woven throughout the program. Whether you are a regular at St. Martin's, a longtime friend of our Concert Series, or simply someone who loves music and congregational song, they hope you'll join them. See the bulletin boards for a list of the upcoming concerts.

Don't Forget

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. Watch upcoming newsletters for the link.

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.

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.