

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Elder Chris Richer
Elder Max Aeschliman
Elder Karen Ringenberg

September 13, 2026

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am ~ Sojourners/Builders Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
11:30 am ~ LAMP spaghetti fundraiser

Monday, September 14

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)
4:00 pm ~ SLT

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 pm ~ Mission & Message of Jesus Class (310)

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm ~ ZOW (preschool-6th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, September 17

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer
7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am ~ Sojourners/Builders Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Preschool 50th Celebration

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Nikki Aeschliman
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call To Worship & Prayer ~ Nikki Aeschliman
Hymns ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "Here I Am To Worship" (VT 227)
 "The Lord Is My Light" (VT 437)
Offering/Offertory ~ Nikki/Bonnie
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "Longing For Light" (VT 715)
Scripture ~ John 8:12-20
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "Jesus, Be The Center" (VT 584)
Communion ~ "Seed, Scattered and Sown" (VT 477)
 ~ "I Am The Bread Of Life" (VT 480)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short
Closing Song ~ Cheryl Britsch
 "Siyahamba" (VT 793)
Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

Sue will be on vacation Friday afternoon, September 11th through Saturday, September 12th.

Happy Birthday

September 14 ~ Julia Richer, Kenneth Rufenacht

September 15 ~ LouAnn Kanagy, Holly Liechty,
Jan Cobb Nofziger

September 16 ~ Ladonna Andres, Elias Frankenfield

September 17 ~ Brenda Aeschliman, Joe Legato,
Ben Wheeler

Happy Anniversary

September 13 ~ Gerald & Karen Short (57 years)

September 17 ~ Bill & Kathy Beck (48 years)



*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 Fall 2026

I AM...Who is Jesus? During worship in September and October, we will be looking at the seven "I am" statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John.

September 13: I am the Light of the World (John 8:12-20)

September 20: I am the Gate (John 10:1-10)

September 27: I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-19)

October 4: I am the Bread of Life (John 6:25-40)

October 11: I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:17-27)

October 18: I am the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:1-7)

October 25: I am the Vine (John 15:1-12)



Don't Forget

Help Us Share Local Goodness! The Archbold Community Garden will have a booth at the Archbold Carp Festival at Ruibley Park on Sunday, September 13, and we're looking for local growers who may have extra produce, flowers, herbs, or other garden goodies to donate. We'll offer everything for free-will donations, with proceeds supporting programs for our 2027 garden season. Have something to share? We'd love to partner with you! Thank you for helping us grow something good in our community!

Nepal flooding response: MCC is working with local partners to provide food, water purification tablets and other supplies, as well as psychosocial support, to survivors of deadly flooding and landslides. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding

Colombia earthquake: MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

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 using the following link: <http://tiny.cc/mission>

Notes of Appreciation

Karla Bernath completed her chemo this week for breast cancer.. Thank you for your prayers and cards during this journey. Her next step will be radiation starting in the near future.

Blessings Abound! Due to additional donations, we have an update on the total number of book bags turned in to MCC for the 2026 Book Bag Challenge. With the 20 turned in this week, our total is **252!** Thank you to Zion and PEACE for your generosity.

Special thank you to Stan Short for the many hours he spends helping to maintain our church.
~ The trustees

Thank you from the Resettlement Support Team (RST) for your support of our Ukrainian families. Donations from Zion and Central folks are enough to cover the first step of their renewal applications as humanitarian parolees. Zion members of the RST are Larry Wyse, Elizabeth Miller, Jana Wheeler, Karmin Brooks, and Stan Short. Thank you!



New Announcements

Marty Lehman, Moderator of Mennonite Church USA, will be joining the Sojourners/Builders Sunday school class in person this week, September 13. Everyone is welcome to join in the class in room 310 at 8:30.

Next Sunday: We are getting ready to begin the **50th school year of Child's World Preschool!** Make plans to be here on Sunday, September 20th, as we recognize this milestone. Gretchen King, Child's World Preschool teacher and administrator, will be here to offer her greetings and invite you to come downstairs to tour the preschool after worship. Don't forget to stop by the coffee bar area to enjoy some goodies!