

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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300 Short Buehrer Road Archbold, OH 43502 ~ Church office hours: Monday– Friday 8:00 am—12:00 pm

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Elder Barb Yoder

Elder Chris Richer

Elder Max Aeschliman

Elder Karen Ringenberg

September 20, 2026

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am ~ Sojourners/Builders Sunday School (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Preschool 50th Celebration

Monday, September 21

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning (high school)

Thursday, September 24

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, September 27

8:30 am ~ Sojourners/Builders Sunday School (310)

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

Office News

Bethany will be out of the office on Monday,
September 21st.

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Recorded

Welcome & Announcements ~ Kathy Beck

Child's World Preschool Update ~ Gretchen King

Interlude ~ Kathy Beck

Call To Worship & Prayer ~ Kathy Beck

Hymns ~ Mark Nafziger

“I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say” (VT 536)

“Listen, God Is Calling” (VT 765)

Offering/Offertory ~ Kathy/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Mark Nafziger

“Lead Me, Guide Me” (VT 601)

Scripture ~ John 10:1-10

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Hymn ~ Mark Nafziger

“Will You Come And Follow Me” (VT 540)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Max Aeschliman

Closing Song ~ Mark Nafziger

“We Will Follow” (VT 566)

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Happy Birthday

September 20 ~ Lynette Bontrager

September 21 ~ Karmin Brooks

September 23 ~ Mark Matthews

Happy Anniversary

September 26 ~ Max & Brenda Aeschliman (50 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 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, World Communion Sunday (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)

New Announcements

On the Level announcement: Our September edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his personal trauma following a biking accident, learn about three generations of MDS volunteers, meet the new year-long volunteers, and read about some recipients of the "Golden Hammer" award. Plus we have new information about the Annual Celebration coming in February **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4iqKRqo>

Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge!

Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **46,481 school kits!** Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you so much to Larry & Barnaby Wyse for providing an air conditioning unit in the church basement for the preschool. Also thank you to Matt Stuckey (Bethany) for the electrical wiring of the air unit. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

~ The Trustees

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.

Don't Forget

We have started 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!

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>

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ZION ON WEDNESDAYS
SCHEDULE
AGES PRESCHOOL-6TH GRADE

JOIN US FOR BIBLE
STUDY, FELLOWSHIP,
SERVICE
PROJECTS, SNACKS,
AND FUN AS WE LEARN
ALL ABOUT HOW KIDS
CAN CELEBRATE
JESUS!

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SEPTEMBER
16TH

OCTOBER
7TH & 21ST

NOVEMBER
4TH & 18TH

DECEMBER
2ND & 16TH
CHRISTMAS SONGS TBD
DECEMBER 6 OR 13

JANUARY
20TH

FEBRUARY
3RD & 17TH
SERVICE PROJECT TBD

MARCH
3RD

APRIL
7TH & 21ST

6:00-7:00PM