

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 27, 2026

Elder Barb Yoder
Elder Chris Richer
Elder Max Aeschliman
Elder Karen Ringenberg

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 27

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

Monday, September 28

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4

8:30 am ~ Sojourners/Builders Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
11:00 am ~ Retreat planning meeting

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bill & Kathy Beck

Welcome & Announcements ~ Tom Stuckey

Interlude ~ Bill & Kathy Beck

Call To Worship & Prayer ~ Tom Stuckey

Hymns of Praise ~ Julia Richer

“O Thou, In Whose Presence” (VT 600)

“Gentle Shepherd” (VT 718)

Offering/Offertory ~ Tom/Bill & Kathy

Congregational Response ~ Psalm 23

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“The Lord's My Shepherd” (VT 660)

Scripture ~ John 10:11-18

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

“Take My Life, And Let It Be” (VT 759)

Prayer for Church & World ~ John David Thacker

Closing Song ~ Julia Richer

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (VT 640)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

John David will be out of the office Friday,
October 2nd.

Happy Birthday

September 27 ~ Cara Ulrich

October 1 ~ Bonnie (Lynn) Short

October 3 ~ Lydia Hastings

October 3 ~ Corey Roth



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

October 4: I am the Bread of Life, World Communion Sunday (John 6:22-35)

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)

south of the current buildings has been purchased and will become a furniture store. A paid manager is needed for the furniture store. If you or anyone you are aware of would like more information about volunteering or the manager position, contact Bonnie Stuckey, board member, or any staff member of the stores, or a current volunteer.

ATTENTION: WE NEED YOUR HELP! The community garden season is coming to and end, and we need extra hands to help make our garden clean-up day on October 4 a quick and easy process. This will include a final harvest, cutting back shrubs, and getting beds and spaces cleaned up and ready for winter. Unfortunately, I am wobbling around on crutches for the next two weeks due to a freak accident (don't forget to put your rakes face down instead of face up), so any extra hands outside of our regular volunteers will make the process run even smoother. Start time is 1:30 and we hope to be done within a few hours. Thank you so much in advance!

SAVE THE DATE! Shalom's Annual Fall Fundraiser is **Sunday, October 11, from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Ruibley Park Pavilion in Archbold.** BBQ chicken and pulled pork meals will be available for dine-in or carry-out by donation. Bring the whole family for a petting zoo, Touch-a-Truck, face painting, arts and crafts, lawn games, wellness resources, and grab bags! Your support helps provide mental health services to people in need.

Don't Forget

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!

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>

New Announcements

Local Mission Opportunity. **Collective Goods and Care and Share Thrift Shops both need volunteers** to help fulfill their mission of supporting Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). There are many areas of interest: clerking, receiving, sorting, pricing and more. A shift consists of four hours, morning or afternoon; scheduling is flexible. The board of the stores is excited that the Outback Building just

Notes of Appreciation

Special thank you to Tom Short for helping update the landscaping around the church. Also thanks to Dan Nofziger for his help with it.

~ The Trustees

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