

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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September 6, 2026

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7 ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)

Thursday, September 10

6:30 am ~ Men's prayer
10:00 am ~ Pastor Peer (off campus)
7:00 pm ~ AA

Friday, September 11

9:00 am ~ Visitation for Patsy Nofziger
11:00 am ~ Memorial Service for Patsy Nofziger

Saturday, September 12

Church Reserved

Sunday, September 13

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

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Larry Wyse

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call To Worship & Prayer ~ Larry Wyse

Hymns ~ Julia Richer

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous" (VT 590)

"Out Of The Depths I Cry To You" (VT 140)

Offering/Offertory ~ Larry/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

"Amazing Grace" (VT 163)

Scripture ~ Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Confession & Assurance ~ Larry Wyse

Hymn ~ Julia Richer

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (VT 560)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Chris Richer

Closing Song ~ Julia Richer

"The Lord Lift You Up" (VT 832)

Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Happy Birthday

September 9 ~ Lydia Dahl

September 9 ~ Wendell Nofziger

September 12 ~ Sally Beck

Happy Anniversary

September 6 ~ Joe & Karin Legato (18 years)

Office News

Sue and Stan will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, September 6th through Thursday, September 10th. Sue will also be on vacation Friday afternoon, September 11th through Saturday, September 12th.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th. (Labor Day)



*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

September 6: Forgiveness; Matthew 18:21-35

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)

Note of Appreciation

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

Mennonite Women will meet on Wednesday, September 9 from 9 am to 2 pm. We will have a time of fellowship, devotional, quilting, knotting and all around blessings. Lunch provided. JOIN US! Location: Zion Mennonite Church.

Help Us Share Local Goodness! The Archbold Community Garden will have a booth at the Archbold Carp Festival at Ruihley 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



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

Don't Forget

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.

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.

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.

Mennonite College Student Aid - As our students return to class at our Mennonite colleges, 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

