

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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October 11, 2026

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, October 11

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

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

Wednesday, October 14

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, October 15

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

Sunday, October 18

8:30 am ~ Sojourners/Builders Sunday School (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Annual Congregational Meeting

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Lynn Roth
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call To Worship & Prayer ~ Lynn Roth
Hymns of Praise ~ Joe Graber
 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" (VT 4)
 "Lift Your Glad Voices" (VT 340)
Offering/Offertory ~ Lynn/Bonnie
Hymn ~ Joe Graber
 "I Believe In God Almighty" (VT 433)
Scripture ~ John 11:17-27
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn ~ Joe Graber
 "I Am The Bread Of Life" vs. 4-5 (VT 480)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Karen Ringenberg
Closing Song ~ Joe Graber
 "Move In Our Midst" (VT 827)
Benediction ~ John David Thacker

Office News

Sue will be gone Friday afternoon October 9th through Sunday October 11th to attend Ohio Mennonite Conference's Women in Leadership retreat in Cleveland.

Happy Birthday

October 11 ~ Julia Nafziger
October 13 ~ Jada Frankenfield
October 14 ~ Reiss Creighton

Happy Anniversary

October 16 ~ Tim & Carrie Grieser (33 years)
October 17 ~ Michael & Angie Short (28 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.

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)

God. Quilting, knotting, tying, sewing and fellowshiping together. Elaine Schnitkey will speak on women in the Bible. Lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you.

Local women's ministry seeks support: Myrtle Mansion is an older home in Fayette being renovated for eventual use as a restoration space for women. The home's owner, Brenda Franks, purchased the house in 2019, has paid it off, and obtained 501c3 non-profit status for her ministry. The house has a new foundation, but still needs a lot of love, and Brenda is in need of additional support to help with projects. She is seeking anyone with skills to help work on dry wall, running electric wires, plumbing, flooring, etc...as well as any financial or prayer support. If you'd like to get involved, contact Brenda at 419-258-0017.

TODAY! Come to Shalom's Annual Fall Fundraiser at **Ruibley Park Pavilion in Archbold from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** 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! All proceeds benefit the Shalom Benevolent Fund, which covers services provided to victims of crime, and our financial assistance program, which helps make care accessible to those who cannot otherwise afford it. Thank you for supporting Shalom!

MDS is seeking an Equipment Maintenance Specialist to service, repair, and prepare vehicles, trailers, tools, and equipment stored in the MDS Columbus, Mississippi warehouse for deployment to disaster response projects. View the full job description at <https://mds.org/employment/>. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to jobs@mds.org.

Apply now for Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure! Secure your place early for the 2027-28 service term. Whether you are finishing high school, leaving college, or anywhere in between, these two programs offer young adults a meaningful way to serve, learn new skills, and grow. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more.

Don't Forget

Good Shepherd Mennonite Church will NOT be having a Chicken fundraiser on October 17, 2026. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Prince of Peace Mennonite Church is inviting interested adults to spend a month or more volunteering in Anchorage, Alaska between October 2026 and April 2027 while we await the next Service Adventure unit. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to: working at a soup kitchen or food bank, doing house remodeling, and helping with our worship services. We are a congregation-led church of about 20-25 people on a Sunday, meeting in each other's homes. Housing and utilities are provided for volunteers, and we ask for a minimum of a month's commitment. We invite you to use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in our wider community. Please email aidan.yoder21@gmail.com with questions!

Mennonite Mission Network is hiring a creative and collaborative writer and editor and a detail-oriented Senior Finance Assistant. You can find this and our other job openings on our website at MennoniteMission.net/Employment.

Toledo Mennonite Sew + So is holding their annual Fabric Sale October 8-10. See the bulletin board by the nursery for more information.

New Announcements

Fall Class: The Mission and Message of Jesus will NOT meet this week, 10/13. It will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Join the Mennonite Women on Wednesday, October 14, from 8:30 - 2:00, at Zion. Please join us in working with our hands to promote the love of

Note of Appreciation

Howard would like to express our sincere gratitude to our church family for your prayers, encouragement, and support during Carolyn's recovery over the past several months. We are thankful to share that we have both been back home for the last couple of months and are doing well. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring and loving church family. Your kindness, compassion, and faithful prayers have meant so much to us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! ~Snyders