

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**May 19, 2024**

## Zion Activities this Week

### **Sunday, May 19 ~ Senior Sunday**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School (310)  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School  
4:30 pm ~ CHAOS service project (Community Garden)

### **Monday, May 20**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting (office)

### **Tuesday, May 21**

7:00 pm ~ Spiritual practices: *Listening to God*

### **Wednesday, May 22**

7:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment (310)

### **Thursday, May 23**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer (fellowship hall)  
9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer at Tedrow  
7:00 pm ~ Scripture & Theology: *Daniel 10-12*  
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Saturday, May 25**

Fellowship Hall and Kitchen reserved all day

### **Sunday, May 26**

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
No Sunday School

### **Monday, May 27 ~ Memorial Day**

Office Closed

## Nursery Workers

**May 19:** Duane & Cecilia Wyse

**May 26:** Lonnie & Carol Short

## Happy Birthday

**May 22** ~ Jana Wheeler

**May 23** ~ Sherri Plank

**May 23** ~ Eileen Nyce

**May 24** ~ Ruth Matthews

**May 25** ~ Luanne Aschliman

**May 25** ~ Joy Betts

## Attendance & Offering

May 12th: 116

March offering was \$32,636

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Jackie Lehman  
**Senior Introductions**  
**Interlude** ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
**Call to Worship & Prayer**  
**Opening Songs** ~ Eric Lehman  
“Come, Gracious Spirit” (VT 371)  
“Holy Spirit, Come With Power” (VT 57)  
**Children's Time/Noisy Offering** ~ Sue & Seniors  
**Senior Conversations**  
**Offering/Offertory**  
**Scripture** ~ Acts 2:1-12  
**Pentecost Meditation** ~ Sue Short  
**Song of Response** ~ Eric Lehman  
“As The Wind Song Through The Trees” (VT 373)  
**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Mike Zimmerman  
**Benediction** ~ Seniors  
**Closing Song** ~ Eric Lehman  
“Guide My Feet” (VT 816)

## Office News

~ Summer office hours will start June 3. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8am-12pm. The office will be closed on Fridays

~ John David will be on vacation May 26 to June 8.



**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.**

## Senior Sunday

**Senior Sunday:** Join us **this Sunday, May 19th**, as we celebrate with our high school graduating seniors: Ella Richer, Jordan Rodriguez, and Keegan Wyse. We'll also be recognizing two seniors who have been an important part of MYF, but are not able to be with us: Trevor King and Joslyn Mohring. There will be a receiving line and refreshments in-between worship and Sunday School in the fellowship hall, near the coffee bar.

**Noisy Offering:** Don't forget your change! We'll collect our annual "My Coins Count" noisy offering during worship.

## Weeknight Classes

**Spiritual Practices - Tuesday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall):** *Listening to God*

We will practice listening to God together.

**Bible and Theology - Thursday, 7PM (Fellowship Hall):** *Daniel chapters 10-12*

We will finish our study of the book of Daniel.

## Prayers for the Global Church

### Mennonite Education Agency:

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: We celebrate with gratitude the graduation of our senior class today. We pray that with God as their foundation and guide, our seniors will lead others through their faith and go forward with hopefulness and preparedness to change our world for the better.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Please pray for all Goshen College recent graduates as they make plans for their careers and post-graduate education.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: The Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts prepares for one of its biggest events of the year, the annual BCAPA Dance Concert for all ages. Pray for students, instructors, and parents this week

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, request prayer for the Mennonite churches in Ecuador, as they unite in living out Jesus' message of peace, in response to the increasing violence in their country. Pray for protection and courage, as regular peace-building gatherings move Jesus' followers toward Spirit-led action.

**SOOP** is seeking a two-person team to manage Rainbow's End Thrift store in Center, Colorado, a small agricultural community in the Rocky Mountains. Pray for people who are able to dedicate a year to this ministry, which provides affordable goods to those in need, as well as employment training.

## Thank You

Thank you to our caring church family for the prayers, visits, cards, and calls during Walt's recent hospitalization and recovery. We are encountering life changes with dialysis three times weekly. Your thoughts and prayers are a great support. Thank you again. - Walt & Darlene Polasek

Dear Zion Mennonite Church, I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for the recent donation to Adriel Foundation. Your support will directly benefit the 180 young people in foster care and the 150 foster families! Your belief in our cause is appreciated, and we are thankful you are choosing Adriel with your gift; it will make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. God bless, Jenn Butler

At Mennonite Central Committee we are so grateful for the many ways you support the work of MCC and our partners around the world. Whether it's through gathering one of our kits, volunteering at events and thrift shops, collecting My Coins Count, or offering prayers for this work and the people who are touched, we appreciate your partnership in this important ministry. In particular, thank you to our friends and supporters at Zion Mennonite Church for your generous donation of \$ 11,154.64 during 2023.

Your contributions continue to allow partners in Honduras to have good harvests. Because of you, peace is being built in Colombia. Around the world, your support allows relief, development and peace to happen. Because of your prayers and faithful gifts of support, MCC is able to work with 393 partners on 508 projects in 45 countries around the world. Thank you for sharing love and compassion in the name of Christ to vulnerable people through MCC.

Visit our MCC YouTube channel ([youtube.com/mccorg](https://youtube.com/mccorg)) for videos showing examples of the program and projects you support.

## New Announcements

**FISH food pantry:** June is Zion's month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. All unexpired items are willingly accepted, but high demand items are: vegetable or canola oil, mandarin oranges, size 3, 4, & 5 diapers, sugar, 1 lb bags of rice, refried beans, and dried beans. Monetary donations are also welcome.

**Good Shepherd Announcement:** Construction has begun on a new sanctuary for Good Shepherd Mennonite Church. The project is expected to cost about \$251,000. If you would like to contribute toward rebuilding the sanctuary, please designate your checks for Good Shepherd and deposit them in the offering plate by September 1. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters repair their church.

**Ohio MCC Bike Ride:** You're invited to join a group of bicycle riders as they gather on July 13-14 near Kidron, Ohio, to bike 100 miles over two days (approximately 50 miles each day) to help support MCC's Gaza relief fund. Base camp and overnight camping will be in Kidron with the route on Saturday making a stop at the Ohio MCC Relief Sale in Mt. Hope. For more information about registering as a rider or making a donation, visit [mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride](http://mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride) or email [OhioBikeRide@gmail.com](mailto:OhioBikeRide@gmail.com)

**On the Level announcement:** The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King introduces you to some of our national partners, learn how MDS is helping those who help the homeless in Selma, Alabama, and take a look at the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4akQLBQ>

## Zion Budget Update

Thank you for your generous budget support! Zion's 2023-24 budget is \$416,400. Divided by 12 months, the offerings needed average \$34,700 per month. Zion ended 2023 on a strong note. However, since January of 2024, the monthly totals have decreased by \$11,000 on average. With 5 months remaining in the budget year, Zion needs to average \$29,000 per month to meet the budget. Please check in with stewardship members if you have questions or concerns.

~ Dan Ruth, Cal Britsch, Lynn Roth, Crystal Rodriguez

March offerings (5 Sundays)	\$32,636.00
Average monthly budget	<u>34,700.00</u>
	-2,064.00
Year to date Offerings (Budgeted)	\$277,600
Year to date Offerings (Actual)	<u>\$305,370</u>
Surplus Offerings	+\$ 27,770

## Don't Forget

**If anyone is interested in ordering the Anabaptist Community Bible,** we will be taking orders in the church office. Please contact Bethany and she will get you on a list. Sample pages have been printed and posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes if you would like to see the size of the text. More details will be coming on pre-paying, deadline for ordering, etc. Pre-ordering ensures you a copy at a discounted rate, but you will not receive it early. Shipment is expected for January. More details to come.

**Come celebrate Ella's graduation** at an open house on Saturday, May 25 from 11am -2pm at Zion. Thank you for all the ways in which you've supported Ella to help her become who she is today. - The Richers

**Ohio Conference** is looking to hire 2 positions, the Program and Communication Coordinator and an Administrative Coordinator and Bookkeeper. See the bulletin board for more information.

**The Gifts Discernment Ministry Team** has begun their work for the church year beginning September 1, 2024. We encourage you to consider how your gifts and the gifts of others in the congregation might support our mission of building a House of Peace. A "*Service Opportunities at Zion*" is attached to this week's email; also, copies for the adults and high-school aged youth in your household are in your mailbox. You also have the option to fill the form out electronically with the link <https://forms.gle/uq1zvXetHcPXDfjs6> **Please complete the form by Monday, May 20,** and if you completed the printed copy, place it in the marked box across from the mailboxes.