

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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August 11, 2024

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, August 11

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Monday, August 12

11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

Tuesday, August 13

9:00 am ~ Staff meeting
7:00 pm ~ Church Council

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women
7:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment

Thursday, August 15

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
12:00 pm ~ Free Children's Picnic (Ruihley Park)
7:00 pm ~ AA

Sunday, August 18

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (adults)

Summer office hours are Mon-Thurs from 8am-12pm. Please have all newsletter items to the office by Wednesdays.

Nursery Workers

August 11: Lonnie & Carol Short

August 18: Chris Richer & Creighton Aeschliman

Office News

~ Normal office hours will resume starting the week of Monday, August 26.

Order of Service

Come to the Lakeshore

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41
Worship Leader ~ Mark Nafziger
Song Leader ~ Eric Lehman
Piano ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Prayer for the Church & World ~ John David Thacker
Faith Story Interview ~ John David Thacker & Keith Lehman
Communion

Attendance & Offering

August 4: 89 ~ \$4,445.64

Happy Birthday

August 11 ~ Cecilia Wyse

August 13 ~ Suz Wirick

August 14 ~ Jerry Andres

Happy Anniversary

August 11 ~ Dan & Deb Nofziger (45 years)

August 13 ~ Don & Mary Oesch (62 years)

August 15 ~ Mike & Deb Zimmerman (32 years)

August 17 ~ Kerry & MaryBeth Beck (33 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

August Worship

We invite you to "Come to the Lakeshore" for worship during August. Our stories will center on New Testament events that happened on or along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Our worship will be informal and maybe a little unexpected.

August 11 "Jesus Calms the Storm"

August 18 "Jesus Walks on the Water"

August 25 "Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac"

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Today the faculty and staff are having the annual fall gathering. Please pray for a successful inauguration of the 2024-2025 academic year as we celebrate each other and our university theme "faith and meaning."

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for all students and employees preparing for the start of the school year.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for the many new Hillcrest Academy faculty, staff, and board members, that they will feel confident and a sense of togetherness and support.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the surge of interest in Christian service programs that has led to all openings for the coming year being filled. Pray for the new participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure units as they begin their time together.

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