

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**August 4, 2024**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### Sunday, August 4

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

### Tuesday, August 6

9:00 am ~ Staff meeting

### Thursday, August 8

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer  
12:00 pm ~ Free Children's Picnic (Ruihley Park)  
5:00 pm ~ East Garden Cookout  
7:00 pm ~ AA

### Sunday, August 11

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 4:** Holly Liechty & Carol Short

**August 11:** Lonnie & Carol Short

## Office News

~ Sue has begun her sabbatical and will remain on sabbatical until October 1.

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

## Order of Service

**Come to the Lakeshore**

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Worship Leader ~ Karen Ruth

Song Leader ~ Julia Richer

Piano ~ Karen Stuckey

Prayer for the Church & World ~ Suz Wirick

Faith Story Interview ~ John David Thacker & Helen Weldy

## Attendance & Offering

July 28: 95 ~ \$9,860

## Happy Birthday

**August 4** ~ Sharon Frey, Anita Roth

**August 5** ~ Ty Yoder

**August 6** ~ Naomi Richer

**August 7** ~ Rosemary Baer

**August 8** ~ Chris Richer

**August 9** ~ Tim Wagler

**August 10** ~ Tim Grieser

## Happy Anniversary

**August 4** ~ Gareth & Judith Short (51 years)

**August 4** ~ Tom & Bonnie Stuckey (51 years)

**August 5** ~ Dan & Karen Ruth (46 years)

**August 6** ~ Duane & Barb Short (58 years)

**August 9** ~ Randy & Karen Stuckey (49 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 4** "Calling the Disciples"  
**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:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for incoming first-year students at Bethel College and their families, as they prepare for this major life transition.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our MBA students who are beginning their classes this week. By advancing their knowledge and skillsets, may they make a difference in their lives, in the management of their organizations, and the wellbeing of their communities.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As we open our Middle School and welcome 6-8th graders to our school for the first time this year, pray they all experience a joyful learning environment where all are known and loved.

Mennonite Mission Network: Sibonokuhle Ncube, one of Mennonite Mission Network's regional directors for Africa and Europe, is spending the summer on the African continent. Pray for her as she gets acquainted with African partners and builds on the agency's more than 100-year-old legacy.

## August Service Opportunities

### Seeking a few helpers:

**Picnics in Rauhley Park:** We are offering a lunch break to parents, grandparents, and babysitters as the summer winds down. We've teamed up with Archbold United Methodist Church and the Black Swamp Arts Council to offer *free children's picnic lunches in the covered picnic shelter near the Archbold pool and splash pad on Thursday, August 1st, Thursday, August 8th, and Thursday, August 15th from 12:00-1:00pm*. The Black Swamp Arts Council will have a craft table for children on August 1st and August 15th. Glorabelle Yoder will be organizing the lunches on August 1st and August 8th (the Methodist Church is taking care of August 15th). See Glorabelle if you'd like to help with this opportunity.

**East Garden Cookouts:** The Archbold Area Ministerial Association has been offering free cookouts for the residents of the East Garden complex twice a month this summer. *Zion's Mission in Service team is in charge of the cookout on Thursday evening, August 8th, from 5:00-6:30pm*. St John's Christian Church has graciously set up a trailer with most of the equipment churches will need. We just provide the food, and volunteers to set up, serve, clean up, and interact with those who attend. See Stan Short if you'd like to help with this opportunity.

## Book Nook

Children's book - *Children of the World* by Tessa Strickland, Kate DePalma and David Dean. This book invites young readers to explore the world and discover their place within it. At the core of this book are the values that are shared the world over, wherever our homes happen to be. This book has many beautiful illustrations.

*My University of the World* by Neill Mckee tells about his experiences while filming in many countries of the world. This book tells about the history of many developing nations. If you are interested in traveling to third world countries this book relates interesting stories and the long term impact of the projects he documented.

## Don't Forget

**The Gifts Discernment Ministry Team** brings to the congregation the Affirmation Slate for candidates to serve on Zion's Ministry Teams. Copies are in your mailbox for the high school youth and adults in your household. Additional copies are placed on the table across from the mailboxes. A copy is also attached to this week's email.

**Please complete the Affirmation Slate and place in the marked box on the table across from the mailboxes by *Sunday, August 11.*** Alternatively, you may mark your responses electronically by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/3GLMcfP834AiESmb7> or the link in the PDF file of the Affirmation Slate attached to this week's email.

~ *Gifts Discernment Ministry Team (Duane Sauder, chair; Chris Richer; Corey Roth; Judith Short; John David Thacker)*

**MCC Central States will be hosting an immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas:** MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. This learning tour will give the opportunity for participants to have the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. Additionally, the tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. For additional questions, please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso, MCC Central States - Immigration Program Coordinator via email at [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org)

**Registration Period:** May 1, 2024, to August 09, 2024

**Learning Tour Dates:** Sunday, August 18, 2024, to Friday, August 23, 2024

**Locations:** McAllen and Brownsville, Texas, USA; Matamoros and Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico

**Registration Fee:** \$750 USD - Covers lodging, meals, honorariums and transportation in the region. \*does not include air-fare\*

**Link:** <https://mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas>

**2025 Greece & Turkey in the Footsteps of Paul Trip** - If you have any interest in the trip, mark your calendars now for one of the two informational meetings planned for August 22nd and September 19th. Meetings are at 7:00pm in the sanctuary at West Clinton Mennonite, 18029 Co. Rd. C, Wauseon, OH 43567. Pastor Ryan Harker will answer any questions you might have as well as take a detailed walk through the trip itinerary.

**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.

**Sue's sabbatical is August 1st through September 30th.** She will return to the office on October 1st. John David, with assistance from the elders, congregational caregivers, and other ministry teams, is available to care for needs which may arise. We encourage you to re-read the sabbatical document for additional information. Extra copies are available on the table across from the mailboxes. This would be a good time to make sure you have John David's contact information handy. His phone number is at the top of each newsletter, in addition to the names and phone numbers of the elders. The pastors also have business cards with their contact information in a holder on the table across from the mailboxes.

**You are invited to follow Sue's new blog!** I would love for you to follow along. You can read my posts online here: <https://tinyjesusadventures.substack.com/> When you visit my blog, you can also choose to subscribe to have each future post sent directly to your email. My expected posting frequency will be about once a week or so. Since my blog is public and online, and in order to preserve privacy, I have chosen not to use my name, my photo, or the church's name or photo anywhere on the blog. So, don't be confused if you sign up to get the blog posts via email, and the sender's name on the email you receive says "Tiny Jesus Adventures." Be assured it's just me. 😊 I'm excited to have you join me on this writing adventure!

**Zion Mennonite Women are once again doing the MCC School Kit Challenge:** Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Ethiopia, Ukraine and South Sudan can't get the education they desperately need. The **School Kit Challenge:** 24,000 school kits to help 24,000 kids during the month of August. A list of needed items are on the table outside of the office. MW will be collecting donations through August 14. Tax free days are July 30th through August 8th this year.

**If anyone is interested in ordering the *Anabaptist Community Bible*,** we will be taking orders in the church office. **Please contact Bethany in the office by August 18th if you wish to preorder with the church.** Pre-ordering ensures you a copy at a discounted rate, but you will not receive it early. Shipment is expected for January.