

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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July 21, 2024

Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, July 21

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

Thursday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 28

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

July 21: Chad Aeschliman Family

July 28: LouAnn Kanagy, Glora Belle Yoder

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Welcome & Announcements ~ Trevor Short

Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Trevor Short

Opening Songs ~ Kate Roth

“Come Away From Rush And Hurry” (VT 9)

“O Worship Our God” (VT 74)

Offering/Offertory ~ Trevor/Bonnie

Hymn ~ Kate Roth

“I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say” (VT 536)

Scripture ~ Mark 6:30-34, 45-56

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Response Song ~ Kate Roth

“Be At Rest” (VT 532)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Closing Song ~ Kate Roth

“As You Go Out From Here” (VT 841)

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Attendance & Offering

July 14: 90 ~ \$4,370

Happy Birthday

July 21 ~ Ella Richer

July 26 ~ Ned Gisel

July 27 ~ Carol Short

Happy Anniversary

July 21 ~ Joe & Karen Graber (40 years)

Office News

~ John David will be out of the office July 22-26.



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

This summer, we've been exploring themes in texts from the lectionary. We invite you to read ahead to prepare for worship.

Sunday, July 21: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 28: 2 Samuel 7:1-14

We want to invite you to “Come to the Lakeshore” for worship during the month of August. If you can, send us a photo or selfie of you at the lake. Send to the church office or to Karen Ruth (krruth1@gmail.com) or Jackie Lehman (jlynnlehman58@gmail.com). Watch for more details.

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Bethel College's administrative cabinet as they meet for a retreat in preparation for a new school year.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our adult students who will begin their classes this week. May they discover new avenues of growth personally, professionally, and spiritually and use their talents and gifts to benefit their communities.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for rest and rejuvenation of our faculty and staff.

Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens, who are serving with MMN, are on North American ministry. Pray for safety as they travel, as well as for a time of renewal and Spirit-inspired sharing in congregations. Pray for the ministry of Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, as it adapts to new anti-immigration laws.

August Service Opportunities

Seeking a few helpers:

Picnics in Rauhley Park: Last year, Phil Nofziger had the idea to organize lunches in Rauhley Park to help bridge the gap between the free meals that NOCAC offers in the park (which end in late July) and the beginning of the school year. With the help of other churches, we held them daily for three weeks in August. Unfortunately, they were not very well attended. This year, we'd like to try scaling it down and making sure that people know that the picnics are for all children. We simply want to offer 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.*** In the past, these cookouts have sometimes been poorly attended due to lack of consistent cookout dates and advertising. This year, with the help of an East Garden resident, attendance has been very good - averaging between 40-60 served. 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.

Thank You

Thank you Zion for your continued support of the Archbold Community Garden. Your donation of \$2000 has helped us get our community gardening program off to a good start. We couldn't do this without you.

~ Abby Pennington, Archbold Community Garden President

Book Nook

Don't forget to check out the church library to grab a book before you go on vacation, a weekend at the lake, or for some quiet reading at home. A new title in the library is *The End of Nature* by Bill McKibben. The author has written a graceful, witty, and tragic essay about the consequences of global warming caused by the greenhouse effect.

Sue's Blog

You are invited to follow Sue's new blog! I've published three posts so far, and 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!

New Announcements

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.

On the Level announcement: Our July Edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares a letter of gratitude from Arcadia, Florida, volunteers install our 100th bridge allowing residents to travel home again, and homeowners are on the road to recovery thanks to volunteers working in Lytton, British Columbia. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3WnPGFw>

Good Shepherd BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, July 25th from 3pm until sold out in the Lugbills parking lot. Brookview dinners are \$14 and include chicken half, baked beans, coleslaw, slice of bread and dessert. You also have the option of just a chicken half for \$8. All proceeds will go towards the reconstruction of the church's sanctuary. See the bulletin board for more information.

Don't Forget

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: 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks; about 21.5 cm x 27.5 cm (8.5 in x 11 in); approx. 140 pages (70 sheets) each, totaling 500–600 pages (250-300 sheets); 8 new unsharpened pencils; 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional); 12 colored pencils (in packaging); 1 large eraser; 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens. MW will be collecting donations through August 14. Tax free days are July 30th through August 8th this year.

Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners is hosting an ice cream social on July 21 from 11am-1pm. Carry out is available and everything is for a free will donation. (20-141 County Road X) See the bulletin board for more information.

MCC Bike Michiana: Join bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels on September 13-15 to cycle through the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana to support MCC's water projects in Bolivia. Hosted by Amigo Centre, registration includes cabin lodging and meals. For more information and to register by August 30, visit mcc.org/bike-michiana.

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.