

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**March 9, 2025**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, March 9 ~ Daylight Savings**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (No preschool-12th)

### **Monday, March 10**

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting  
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)  
12:00 pm ~ Red Cross Blood drive (multipurpose room)  
5:30 pm ~ SLT (MYF room)

### **Tuesday, March 11**

5:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting  
7:00 pm ~ Church Council (310)

### **Wednesday, March 12**

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)

### **Thursday, March 13**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer  
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### **Sunday, March 16**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School (No preschool-12th)

## Nursery Workers

**March 9:** Mike & Deb Zimmerman  
**March 16:** Chad Aeschliman Family

## Happy Birthday

**March 9** ~ Bailey Short-Dickmann  
**March 10** ~ Phil Nofziger, Reid Pennington  
**March 11** ~ Ginny Liechty  
**March 12** ~ Sophie Wyse  
**March 13** ~ Larry Wyse  
**March 14** ~ Robert Frey, Greg Nafziger

## Attendance & Offering

**March 2:** 102 ~ \$2,980.20

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey  
**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Karen Ruth  
**Interlude** ~ "Bread Of Life" ~ *Mark Nafziger, Anita Roth, Karen Ruth, Karen Stuckey*  
**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Karen Ruth  
**Hymn** ~ Anita Roth  
    "What Is This Place" (VT 22)  
**Offering/Offertory** ~ Karen/Karen  
**Prayer of Confession** ~ Karen Ruth  
**Words of Assurance** ~ Karen Ruth  
**Passing of the Peace**  
**Scripture** ~ John 6:25-40  
**Hymn** ~ Anita Roth  
    "I Am The Bread Of Life" (VT 480)  
**Sermon** ~ Sue Short  
**Hymn** ~ Anita Roth  
    "Great God The Giver" (VT 486)  
**Communion**  
**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Mark Nafziger  
**Sending Hymn** ~ Anita Roth  
    "Eat This Bread" (VT 476)  
**Benediction** ~ Sue Short



**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.**

## Office News

**The pastors, and delegate** Mike Zimmerman, left Thursday to attend Ohio Conference Annual Assembly in Berlin, OH. They will return on Saturday evening, March 8th. Contact elder co-chair, Greg Nofziger (419-583-6769) for pastoral care needs while they are gone.

**Bethany will be out of the office** Friday, March 14th. Please have any items for the newsletter to her by Wednesday, March 12th. Thanks!

## Upcoming Worship



### **Lent 2025 - "Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share"**

The world feels heavy—divided and uncertain. Hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. Amid injustice and tragedies, we remember we must first gather around the table for strength so we can respond with love and grace. This Lent, let us gather together to break bread, savor the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the Bread of Life. The table is open. Come, be renewed.

**Lent 1 - Sunday, March 9th:** "Bread of Life" - John 6:25-40 (I am the Bread of Life)

**Lent 2 - Sunday, March 16th:** "Bread for Growth" - Luke 13:18-21 (Parable of the Yeast)

**Lent 3 - Sunday, March 23rd:** "Bread for Each Day" - Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's Prayer)

**Lent 4 - Sunday, March 30th:** "Bread for Sharing" - Luke 14:7-14 (Parable of the Great Banquet)

**Lent 5 - Sunday, April 6th:** "Bread for Community" - Luke 19:1-10 (Dinner with Zacchaeus)

**Lent 6 - Sunday, April 13th:** "Bread for the Road" - John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40 (Triumphal Entry)

## Anabaptist History and Theology Class

**There will be no class this week, Tuesday March 11.** As part of Zion's commemoration of 500 years of Anabaptism, John David is teaching a series of weekly classes on Anabaptist history and theology on most **Tuesdays at 7 PM** in Room 310. The class will be available on Zoom at: <http://tiny.cc/zionclass>. They will be uploaded to Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11544458>

## Prayers for the Global Church

### **Mennonite Education Agency:**

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Give thanks for Henry Waters and the Bethel College Concert Choir, who will present their spring tour preview concert this afternoon, and pray for safe travel when they leave at the end of the week.

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University seniors, as the end of their final semester approaches, including our art, graphic design and pre-art therapy majors, whose work is being highlighted in the Grace Albrecht Gallery through April 4.

**Hesston (Kansas) College:** Pray for the safety of our students, as they travel to various locations for spring break and enjoy the time off from their studies. Pray for our faculty and staff, as they, too, enjoy the weeklong break from classes and routines.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** requests prayer for the Ecuador partnership meetings that are being held in Quito this week. Linda Shelly, regional director for Latin America, and Andrew Suderman, director of global partnerships, have joined representatives of the Colombia Mennonite Church and Central Plains Mennonite Conference in meeting with Ecuadorian partners to discern how to best carry out God's vision in their communities.

## New Announcements

**The flowers this morning** are in memory of Rod Frey who passed 9 years ago March 10, 2016. Given by Butch & Sharon, Joy, Augusto, Lyon, Bastian & Cielle.

**All are welcome to attend Mennonite Women** on Wednesday, March 12 at Zion. We start around 8:30 am, use our hands and skills to help others by making items to share, have a devotion, lunch and socialize. Stay as long as you can. Bring a friend. Look forward to seeing you there.

**The Everence Sharing Fund** provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Phil Bontrager serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

**CPC Women's Health Resource** has a spring benefit and silent auction fundraiser on **April 8th, 5:30 pm at Archbold Evangelical Church**. Registration is required to reserve your spot. \$10 per adult with children under 18 free. For more information or to register, call 419.636.5692 or check out the flyer on either bulletin board.

## Don't Forget

**GOT MAIL?** Come join us in room 310 during the Sunday school hour as we discuss Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the book of 1 Corinthians. The discussion will be led by Randy Stuckey.

**The Archbold Community Garden** has a lot of great opportunities coming up this spring! Mark your calendars and get registered today by visiting [www.archboldcommunitygarden.org/events](http://www.archboldcommunitygarden.org/events). Interested in volunteering? See Abby to talk more!

- **Thursday, March 20** - *Fruit Tree Maintenance Class*, 6:00-7:00pm at the Archbold Community Garden
- **Saturday, March 22** - *Gardening Basics Class*, 9:00-10:30am at Pettisville Missionary Church, Expanse Room
- **Sunday, June 1** - *2nd Annual Community-Wide Blossom Bash* - 5:00-7:00pm at the Archbold Community Garden

**An updated letter from the Prknovi family** is posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

**Zion is hosting a blood drive** on March 10th, from 12-6pm. Please consider signing up and donating blood through the Red Cross. To register, call (1-800-RedCross) or go online ([RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)) and use keyword ZIONMENN see the back page or bulletin boards for more information.

**Have you noticed a comforter** set up by the elevator in the foyer? **Mennonite Women are encouraging everyone to sit a while and tie a bit.** If you have a few minutes while you're here, please help out by tying some square knots. We have 10 comforters to keep replacing one as you complete them. So many people around the world are grateful for your help in keeping them warm. ~ Mennonite Women



SHARE YOUR  
LUCKY CHARM.

Give blood for those in need.



**Blood Drive**

**Zion Mennonite Church**

Multipurpose Room  
300 Short- Buehrer Road  
Archbold, OH 43502

**Monday, March 10, 2025  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To register, please call  
1-800-RED CROSS or go online to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use keyword:  
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