

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**April 13, 2025**

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## Zion Activities this Week

### Sunday, April 13

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School  
10:45 am ~ Exploring Baptism class (office)

### Monday, April 14

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting  
11:00 am ~ Congregational Caregivers (310)

### Tuesday, April 15

5:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment (310)  
7:00 pm ~ Anabaptist History & Theology class (310/zoom)

### Wednesday, April 16

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)  
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

### Thursday, April 17

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer  
6:00 pm ~ Maundy Thursday Service (fellowship hall/zoom)  
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

### Friday, April 18

7:00 pm ~ Good Friday Service (sanctuary/zoom)

### Sunday, April 20 ~ *Happy Easter!*

8:30 am ~ Breakfast Potluck (fellowship hall)  
9:00 am ~ Easter Hymn Sing (sanctuary/zoom)  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

***No Sunday school today!!***



## Nursery Workers

**April 13:** Lonnie & Carol Short  
**April 20:** Michelle Wyse & Leah Roth

## Happy Birthday

**April 13** ~ Crystal Rodriguez, Gareth Short  
**April 14** ~ Dan Nofziger, Ed Swartzbaugh  
**April 15** ~ Josiah Dahl  
**April 16** ~ Frank Ulrich  
**April 17** ~ Kaylee Rodriguez  
**April 18** ~ Kevin Sauder  
**April 19** ~ Marlene Nofziger

## Attendance & Offering

**April 6:** 106 ~ \$20,580

## Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Karen Stuckey  
**Welcome & Announcements** ~ Lynn Roth  
**Interlude** ~ Karen Stuckey  
**Call to Worship & Prayer** ~ Lynn Roth  
**Hymns** ~ Anita Roth  
    "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (VT 313)  
    "Praise Him, Praise Him" (VT 100)  
**Scripture** ~ Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
**Offering/Offertory** ~ Lynn/Karen  
**Prayer of Confession** ~ Lynn Roth  
**Words of Assurance** ~ Lynn Roth  
**Passing of the Peace** ~ Lynn Roth  
**Children's Time** ~ Sue Short  
**Hymn** ~ Anita Roth  
    "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty" (VT 316)  
**Scripture** ~ Luke 19:28-40  
**Sermon** ~ John David Thacker  
**Hymn of Response** ~ Anita Roth  
    "How Can We Be Silent" (VT 790)  
**Prayer for Church & World** ~ Sue Wirick  
**Sending Hymn** ~ Anita Roth  
    "Bread Of Life" (handout)  
**Benediction** ~ John David Thacker

***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



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

**Holy Week Drop-In Prayer and Spiritual Practices:** The sanctuary will be open from 8:00am-12:00pm, Monday, April 14 - Friday, April 18 for anyone to come to sit in God's presence, pray, read scripture, draw, write, etc...This will be unstructured time to come and go as you wish.

**Thursday, April 17th - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, 6:00pm.** Come remember Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples, in which Jesus washed their feet, and instituted the bread and cup as symbols of his body and blood given for each of us. We'll gather together around the fellowship hall tables to eat a light soup supper, study scripture, wash one another's feet or hands, and serve one another communion. We will also collect our annual offering for the Aid Fund, which helps with financial needs within the congregation.

**Friday, April 18th - Good Friday Service, 7:00pm.** Join us in the sanctuary for a short observance of scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles. We'll depart this service in silence to remember the sense of heaviness and hopelessness that descended upon the disciples on the day of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion.

**Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday Celebration:** Come early for a breakfast potluck beginning at 8:30am, and hymn sing beginning at 9:00am. Worship at 9:30am.

**Monday, April 21st - Church office closed.**

**Sunday, April 27th - CHAOS Sunday and the MYF taco bar fundraising lunch:** Save the date and invite your family and friends! Our CHAOS (6th-8th grade youth) are planning the service and will be leading us in worship. Stay for lunch - prepared and served by our MYF (high school youth) to fund their summer trip to Convention and other future service projects.

**Sunday, May 4 - Church School Day:** Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus, President of Goshen College, will visit and share the morning message. After worship we'll have a session in the fellowship hall for all interested to explain Zion's student aid program, hear additional input from President Stoltzfus, & give opportunity to pledge financial support toward the program. Next school year Zion will have five students at the Mennonite schools. We have a fundraising goal of \$94,000 for the year. Those unable to attend on May 4th may make pledges by contacting Phil Bontrager (pabontrager@gmail.com or cell 419-966-3127). ~ College Financial Aid Committee

## Anabaptist History and Theology Class

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>

## New Announcements

**Address for cards:** If you'd like to send a sympathy card to John Yoder at the death of his wife Joyce, John requests mail be sent to his Angola address: 6600 W. South Lake Gage Drive, Angola, IN 46703. Joyce's visitation and memorial service will be on May 3rd at College Mennonite Church in Goshen.

**Easter Flowers:** This year, we have ordered some extra Easter flowers in order to bless our Zion friends who live in care facilities, or who are not able to leave home often. You are invited to choose a flower or two, and deliver it to the person(s) on the label either on Easter or the next day. Thanks for helping with this tangible reminder of God's love and ours!

**Opportunity to help a local family:** Last fall, a family in Alvordton lost their home and belongings in a fire. They've been living in a camper ever since. A local effort, spearheaded by individuals at Lockport Mennonite Church, is mobilizing and they are inviting others in the community to join in building a home for them. Donations of building materials, financial donations, and volunteers of all skill levels are needed. **Contact Joe Graber (419-682-2666) for questions. If you'd like to make a financial donation to this project, you may give through the church office.** Make your check out to Zion, and we will send one check at a later date to help with this project.

**Volunteer with MCC Appalachia Build:** We have had some spots open in our volunteer schedule for the summer. Consider bringing your group for a life-changing week of serving and learning with MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP), a home repair ministry in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Volunteers help families make their homes safe, warm and dry, while building relationships and learning about Appalachia. Learn more and register your group at [mcc.org/appalachia-build](http://mcc.org/appalachia-build)

**Archbold Fish Pantry** is hosting a community open house on Sunday, April 27th from 1-3 pm. Come see what your support does and can do. Learn more about what we do and how you can help. Hotdogs, chips and cookies to share.

**Bread Recipe:** The recipe Mark used for the children's lesson a previous Sunday is attached to Friday's email.

## Don't Forget

**There are extra copies** of the Pastor Review Survey available in the church office for anyone who would like a copy.

**The Archbold Community Garden** has raised bed space available for the upcoming season. Anyone in the community is invited to lease this space for minimal cost. Registration is required. Contact Abby Pennington at (419)572-1345 if you're interested!

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Golfers - it's that time of year again! Please plan to attend the Shalom Ministries Golf Scramble Benefit at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, OH, Saturday morning, May 17, 2025. To register your team, sponsor a hole, or make a donation contact Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552 or e-mail [LRipke@shalomworks.org](mailto:LRipke@shalomworks.org). Hurry as we are once again limited on the number of teams we can register.

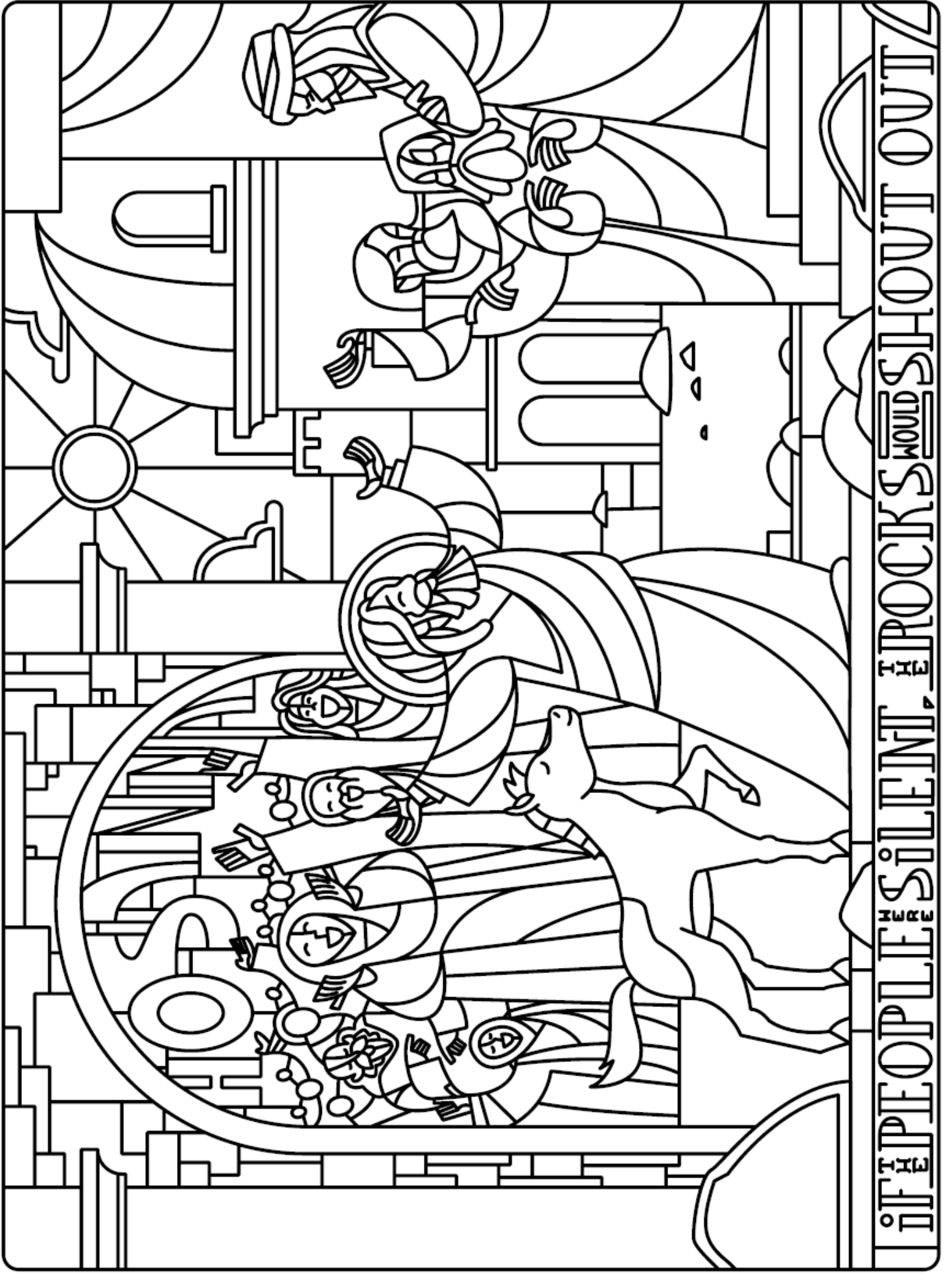
**Myanmar earthquake response from MCC:** In the wake of the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck Myanmar, MCC will be responding with local partners to provide cash assistance for immediate medical needs, food and water. The situation is made even more challenging by ongoing conflict and civil war. Donate today to provide emergency relief to families in need: [mcc.org/Myanmar](http://mcc.org/Myanmar)

**St. Martin's Concert Series** is proud to present the *Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale* on Sunday, May 4 at 3pm. For more information visit: [www.the-welcome-place.org](http://www.the-welcome-place.org)

**Senior Citizen Luncheon:** Archbold High School is hosting the 13th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 25th at 11am in the High School Gymnasium. Please pass on to any senior citizens in your life who live in the Archbold School District. Lunch is free with a State of School Address, along with Band and Choir performances. To make reservations, please call 419-445-5579 or email [ayer@archboldschools.org](mailto:ayer@archboldschools.org). **Reservations begin Tuesday, April 1 and need to be received by Wednesday, April 16.**

**Gospel of John Reading:** Our Lenten Gospel of John Read-Thru has begun. Its not too late to join in! If you've done this before, try switching things up this year: Use a different Bible translation; Read it aloud by yourself or with someone else; Listen online or use a Bible app, etc... If you fall behind, begin again and keep going! It's more important to finish John, even if it's after Easter by the time you complete it. The point is to experience this gospel as it was intended - as a whole unit, rather than random stories.

**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 Mike Zimmerman.



IF THE PEOPLE ARE SILENT, THE ROCKS WOULD SHOUT OUT.