

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 20, 2025

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, April 20 ~ *Happy Easter!*

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

No Sunday school today!!

Monday, April 21 ~ *Office closed*

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting
7:00 pm ~ Anabaptist History & Theology class (310/zoom)

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning (high school)

Thursday, April 24

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer
10:00 am ~ Pastor Peer (off campus)
7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Sunday, April 27 ~ *CHAOS Sunday*

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Sunday School
9:00 am ~ Choir
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Shortened Sunday School with an MYF Taco
Bar Fundraiser following
1:00 pm ~ Archbold Fish Pantry Open House

Nursery Workers

April 20: Michelle Wyse & Leah Roth

April 27: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

April 21 ~ Juliene Wise

April 21 ~ Keegan Wyse

April 22 ~ Lynn Short

April 23 ~ Travis Pennington

Office News

The office will be closed Monday, April 21st for Easter Monday.

Attendance & Offering

April 13: 87 ~ \$11,961

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements ~ Sue Short

Interlude ~ Anita Roth

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Sue Short

Hymns ~ Anita Roth

“Lift Your Glad Voices” (VT 340)

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” (VT 346)

Offering/Offertory ~ Sue/Leah & Anita

Story for the Young-at-Heart ~ Sue Short

Scripture ~ John 21:1-17

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn of Response ~ Anita Roth

“Seeking Warmth From Charcoal Blazing” (VT 344)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Greg Nofziger

Sending Hymn ~ Anita Roth

“Low In The Grave He Lay” (VT 333)

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

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday Celebration: Come early for a breakfast potluck (finger foods) 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, after a short Sunday school hour, 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

Fellowship News

Due to Holy Week and Easter food and fellowship opportunities, we will not be having a Church Family Meal in April. Look for more information coming soon about our meal in May.

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>

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for all of the students who, starting Tuesday April 22, have their art displayed in the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit in the Regehr-Friesen Art Gallery at Hesston College.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Damon Klassen and Jocelyn Wilkinson, Bethel College theater staff, and Bethel students, as they prepare the spring play, "The Bookstore" by Adam Szymkowitz, to be performed April 25-27.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This is the last week of regular classes at Bluffton University for the spring semester. Please pray for our students, whether they are starting new jobs, moving home for the summer or gaining additional knowledge through internships, cross-cultural experiences and graduate studies.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our Spring Fund Drive postcard writing, fundraising campaign, that it would be a meaningful and fruitful time for our students to connect with our alumni community.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: The Concerto/Aria Concert, featuring the talents of the EMU orchestra and three student soloists on piano and violin, will be held Friday, April 25. Pray for the student-musicians to have focus, confidence and peace, as they perform.

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join MMN's 74 workers and 183 partner organizations throughout the United States and 45 other countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those we encounter.

New Announcements

The flowers on the organ are in memory of Terry Short, and are given by Maggie Short and family.

Zion Choir Concert: Come hear the Zion choir in concert April 27th at 7pm, in the sanctuary and on zoom.

Sewing/quilting supplies: Are you spring cleaning? Do you have some surplus sewing/quilting items you would like to donate? Please donate at Care & Share thrift store in Archbold by Friday, April 25 or you can give to Chris Wyse by Sunday, April 27 or there is a box under the table across from the mailboxes. At Care & Share we will have a large display of quilting items for sale during the Sauder Quilt Show, from Wed., April 30th to Saturday, May 3rd. <https://saudervillage.org/classes-events/special-events/quilt-show-2025>

It's Upon Us! Burger Bash 2025, Sunday, May 4 at Ruibley Park Pavilion. From 11-1 serving Brookview burgers and sides for a free-will donation. The International umbrella is Growing Hope Globally, an ecumenical mission outreach our local cattle feeders have supported for decades to fund hands-on help to people around the world with limited resources. Hope you'll bring a friend and join us!

On the Level announcement: Our April edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, dedicating the Green Giant in North Carolina, meet a couple who is on their 60th MDS assignment, and read the latest on the MDS response to the spring ice storm in Ontario. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/42hzp80>

Grab Your Golf Clubs! Register for Amigo Centre's Golf Scramble at Klinger Lake on May 31, 8 am - 1:30 pm. Proceeds from this event support Amigo Centre's high-quality summer camp programming, especially providing registration scholarships for low-income youth. Register your team of four by May 15 at bit.ly/AmigoRegistration. For more information about sponsoring the event, visit AmigoCentre.org/golf-scramble or call 269-651-2811.

Don't Forget

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

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.

Gospel of John Reading: If you are still working your way through John, keep going! It's more important to finish, even if it's after Easter by the time you complete it. The idea is to experience this gospel as it was intended - as a whole unit.



COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST