

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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April 6, 2025

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, April 6

8:30 am ~ Sojourners Class (310)
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)
10:45 am ~ Sunday School
10:45 am ~ Exploring Baptism class (office)
12:00 pm ~ SLT Meeting

Monday, April 7

9:00 am ~ Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

4:00 pm ~ Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved
7:00 pm ~ Church Council & Ministry Teams (310)

Wednesday, April 9

9:00 am ~ Mennonite Women (Fellowship hall)
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (6th-8th)
7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

Thursday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 12

7:00 am ~ Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Reserved

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)



Nursery Workers

April 6: Maggie Short, LouAnn Kanagy
April 13: Lonnie & Carol Short

Happy Birthday

April 6 ~ Andy Sauder
April 11 ~ Bonnie Beck

Happy Anniversary

April 6 ~ Duane & Cecilia Wyse (51 years)

Attendance & Offering

March 30: 121 ~ \$10,390

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Welcome & Announcements ~ Karen Ruth
Interlude ~ Bonnie Stuckey
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Karen Ruth
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“Come, now is the time to worship” (VT 29)
Offering/Offertory ~ Karen/Bonnie
Prayer of Confession ~ Karen Ruth
Words of Assurance ~ Karen Ruth
Passing of the Peace ~ Karen Ruth
Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“Bread Of Life” (handout)
Scripture ~ Luke 19:1-10
Children's Time
Sermon ~ John David Thacker
Hymn of Response ~ Julia Richer
“What a fellowship” (VT 160)
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short
Sending Hymn ~ Julia Richer
“I Will Follow” (VT 775)
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 5 - Sunday, April 6th: "Bread for Community" - Luke 19:1-10 (Dinner with Zacchaeus)

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 at specified times in the morning and evening during Holy Week 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.

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.

Anabaptist History and Theology Class

There will be no class this Tuesday, April 8th, due to church council. 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 the Bel Canto Singers and director Russell Adrian, as they worship with and sing this morning at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, Kansas. May their singing be a time of praise, worship and blessing for the Whitestone congregation.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks for Bethel College alumni, as one of them, George Rogers III, receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award today and another, Carolyn Coon, receives the Distinguished Achievement Award on April 21.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Today, Bluffton University is hosting their annual Civic Engagement Day. Please pray for our presenters, as they share on the theme: "Faith and Memory During Challenging Times."

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our touring choir as they travel to Goshen, Indiana, and then onto Kidron, Ohio, for the Mennonite Schools choral festival hosted by Central Christian School.

Mennonite Mission Network: Michael Oyer, in his new capacity as Mennonite Mission Network's program director for Service Adventure, has just completed a three-day visit to the unit in Colorado Spring, Colorado. Pray for wisdom for Michael and the unit leaders, Christian and Leigha Stoltzfus. Pray for a year of growing in faith for participants — Elisabeth Daudey, Alea Sagert, Sadie Sherman and Hannah Smith — and for their host congregation, Beth-El Mennonite Church.

New Announcements

Join Mennonite Women on Wednesday, April 9 for a fun gathering of dedicated ladies. We are there from 8:30 - 2 or so. Come when you can and leave when you must. We will have a devotion and lunch. We need ALL abilities to complete the work: quilters, knotters, sewers, conversationalists and just YOU to be present. Come and enjoy each other's company.

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. 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

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

Don't Forget

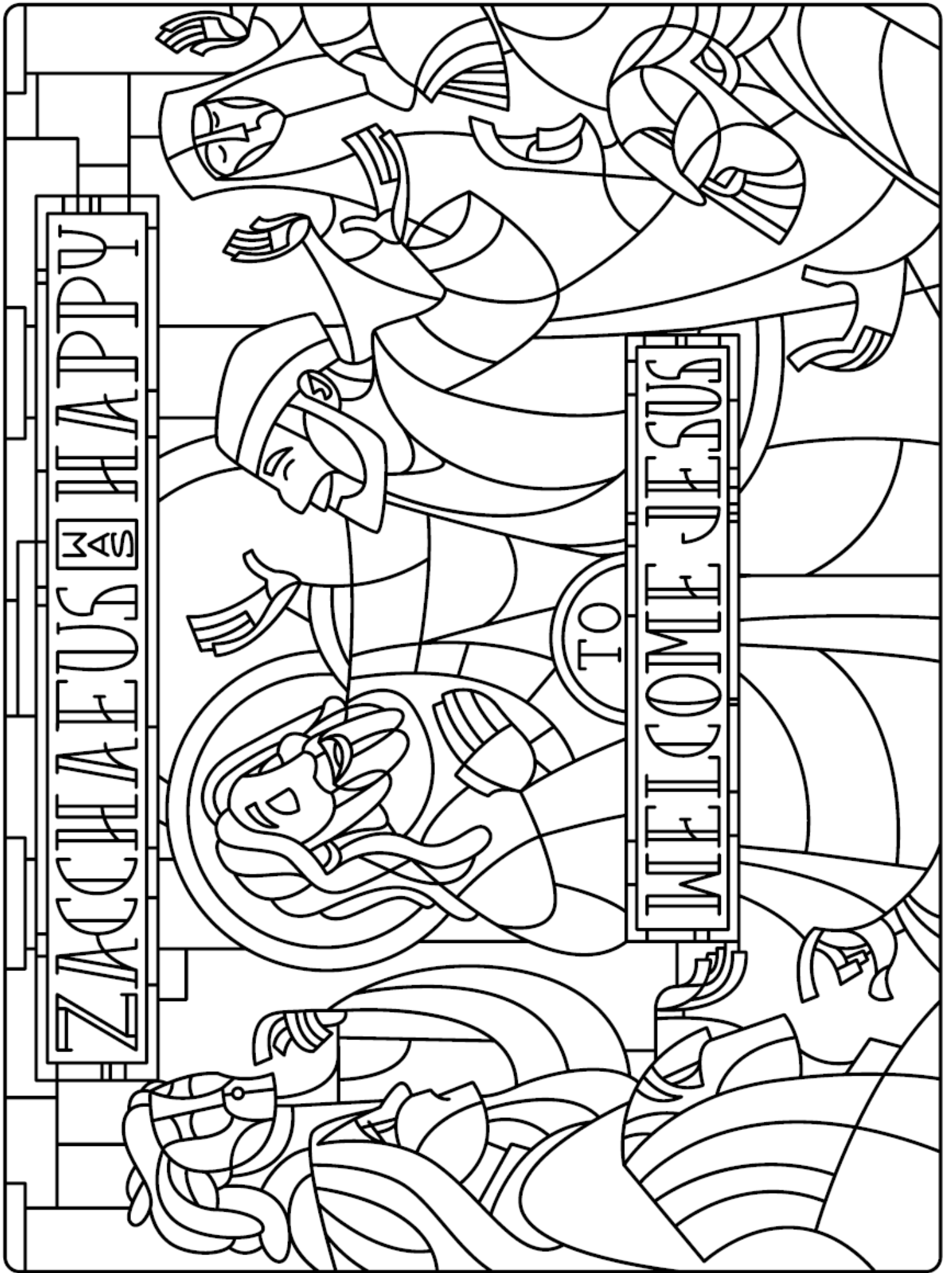
Church School Day-Sunday, May 4 - Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus, President of Goshen College, will visit and share the morning message. After worship we'll have a session in the fellowship hall for all interested to explain Zion's student aid program, hear additional input from President Stoltzfus, & give opportunity 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

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 aoyer@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! One chapter a day will get you to the end of John on Easter. 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 Elaine Schnitkey.

Our congregation supports the work of Mennonite Mission Network workers Matthew and Toni Krabill. If you would like to learn more about their work in Ghana and West Africa, you are invited to join them in a Zoom call on Tue, April 8, at 8 PM EDT. Link: tiny.cc/krabill



ZACCHAEUS WAS HAPPY

WELCOME JESUS

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