May 5-7:Western District Women in Mission announces a significant event in KS at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita: **Sister Care: Level 2, “Going Deeper.”** This weekend retreat will include new material while building on the core concepts from the original Sister Care seminar. (Prerequisite: Attend Sister Care Level 1 seminar or view Sister Care DVD and read manual.) Interested? Contact new treasurer Darlene Powers at dpowers11@cox.net or 116 SW 9th St., Newton, KS 67114.

May 6, 7 p.m.: Lorraine Ave. Menn. Ch. (Wichita) hosts the troupe “Theater of the Beat” to perform ***This Will Lead to Dancing****,* a drama about wholeness, belonging and LGBTQ inclusion. For more info contact 316-682-4555 or [http://www.lorraineavenue.org](http://www.lorraineavenue.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

May 7: **Call for Singers**: The Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra at Bethel College will perform Haydn’s *Missa in Angustiis*, also known as the *Lord Nelson Mass*. If interested in joining the choir, contact Dr. William Eash, weash@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5316, for rehearsal and performance information.

May 7, 7 p.m.: **KS Menn. Men’s Chorus** @ Hesston High School.

June 1-9: **The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation**. This nine-day pilgrimage traces the route of the 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people by the U.S. military from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, KS. This Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary course can be taken for credit or audit. Sign up *by May 1*. ambs.edu/academics/trail-of-death

June 5, 7 p.m.: Everence Financial will provide information about **retirement income** to help you determine if you have enough money to retire, what to do if the market doesn’t cooperate and how to know if your savings will last. The seminar to be held at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

June 11–Aug. 4: Camp Mennoscah is looking for helpful hands and cheerful hearts to **help in our kitchen** for our summer youth camps most weeks. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Zion Mennonite Church

**Events and Announcements:** April 9, 2017

*Congregational*

**Graduates! Parents and Grandparents!** We try to recognize those commencing from school programs each season. Please inform Pastor Ray via note or e-mail *by Thur., Apr. 27* of any such transitions, noting name of student, school, degree, program/major, commencement ceremony date, date/time/place of reception (if desired), and future plans if they are known.

Apr. 5-11: **Zion serves** at New Hope Homeless Shelter. Contact June Entz for volunteer information.

Apr. 9, at 7 p.m.: **Joint Palm Sunday** evening service with Grace Hill @ Zion. We will consider some of the symbols of Passion Week, with associated scripture and song. Light refreshments will follow.

Apr. 13, at 7 p.m.: **Maundy Thursday**: Zion is invited to Grace Hill Menn. Ch. for the Lord’s Supper—the night our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed. Pastor Weldon Martens will give spiritual reflections regarding Good Friday and the crucifixion of Jesus.

Apr. 16, at 9 a.m.: **Easter walk** from cemetery to church to symbolize Jesus rising from the grave: “He is not here; for he has been raised.” Meet earlier at church to carpool. (No breakfast this year; SS will still meet).

Apr. 19, at 5:30 p.m.: **Pizza party** for the children of Zion. This will be our Kid’s Club final celebration for this year. Bring your Shalom reading lists.

Apr. 23, at 6:30 p.m.:This Sun. evening Pastors Ray and Rosie will host a **ZEST** in which they’ll share some of the perspectives they learned from various groups regarding the social / political scene in Israel / Palestine, as well as share some goodies they experienced there. This hopefully will be a prelude to further discussion we will have as a congregation about the Mennonite Church USA resolution to be considered at the assembly in Orlando this summer.

Apr. 30, noon: All of the congregation is invited to a **baby shower** for Tim and Sara Wedel following church; a meal will be served. Please come and celebrate the upcoming arrival of their son.

June 5-10: **Community VBS –** will be held at the Remington Middle School in Whitewater. Our theme will be “Over the Moat-Drawbridge to the King.” Anyone interested in being a co-teacher, please contact Carol Klingenberg.

*Other Organizations*

**2016 Annual Report** sheet from the Newton Et Cetera Shop is posted on bulletin board; they distributed nearly $240,000 to MCC, and $26,000 to local charities! Sharon Wedel continues to serve as board secretary.

**Donation Request** for a family at homeless shelter. See bulletin board for details.

Apr. 7-28: Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center –annual **Bethel Student Art Show**; hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., 2-4 p.m. (closed Apr. 14 and Apr. 16 for Good Friday and Easter).

Apr. 9 around 2:30 p.m. –Help Camp Mennoscah **put in the new dam** and prepare the river for the summer. Spectators and helpers are welcome! Meet at the sports shack for instructions. The dam will go in regardless of the weather, unless it is not safe.

Apr. 9, 2:30-4:30 p.m.:BC Student Government Association and Kauffman Museum invite the community for lawn games, sidewalk chalk art (chalk provided), grilled hot dogs and more, outside the museum, as part of Bethel’s 2nd **Annual Pride and Inclusion Week**.

Apr. 9, 4 p.m.: Bethel College **Women’s Chorus spring concert** @ Adm. Bldg. Chapel (*note change in location*).

Apr. 10, 7 p.m: Bethel College **forensics nationals showcase** (post-tourney this year) in Krehbiel Auditorium; featuring Bethel’s nationals team: Heather Chaney, Akiyaa Hagen, Shekhinah Jones, Emily Kondziola, Jacob Miller and Clinton Unruh.

Apr. 14, at 7 p.m.: The Newton Ministerial Alliance has invited “Jews for Jesus” to present “**Christ in the Passover**” as our community Good Friday service, in the Worship Center of Grace Community Church (Newton). The presentation interweaves the story of Exodus and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through Jesus’ words in the Upper Room. Communion will be shared after the presentation. All are welcome.

Apr. 17 and May 1, 7 p.m.: Everence Financial will offer **Medicare seminars**, include what Medicare covers, the differences between plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. Seminars are held at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Apr. 18, at 7 p.m.: KS Mennonite Economic Development Associates Board will sponsor a panel on “**Millennials in the Workplace**,” at AGCO (420 W Lincoln, Hesston). Free coffee bar and cookies. For more info, see bulletin board or call (620) 896-7381. This is expected to be a significant conversation for millennials in their jobs, but also for employers who are seeking to understand and relate to millennials.

Apr. 18, 7 p.m. or Apr. 19, 11 a.m.: Western District Conference is sponsoring “**Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace**,” featuring Jonathan Kuttab, a Palestinian Mennonite and human rights lawyer and Laura Tillem, a local representative of Jewish Voice for Peace, both meetings at the Adm. Bldg. Chapel of Bethel College. Call Kathy Neufeld Dunn for more info. at 316-283-6300 or email kathynd@mennowdc.org. Freewill offerings will be received at each public event.

Apr. 22, 3 p.m.:Mika Patron **senior organ recital,** Adm. Bld. chapel at Bethel College.

Apr. 24-26: **Retirees Relaxation Retreat** is coming up! Camp Mennoscah offers retirees of all ages a chance to slip away to the prairie for fellowship, worship, and learning. We’ll gather to hear stories of faith, courage, and fun. Brochures are available by calling 620-297-3290 or register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

Apr. 28-30: **Men and Boys Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah. The first meal provided is Sat. supper, so if you come sooner than that, bring your own food. Sat. evening will feature a performance by the Flannelbacks, a bluegrass band from the Bethel area. Michael Unruh will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary, but if you have questions contact 316-322-5515 or kevinneufeld2@gmail.com.

Apr. 29, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.: **Harvey County Circles of Hope fundraiser** at Fox Ridge Golf Course.First Paul E. Oswald Memorial Golf Tournament followed by a meal. Cost is $65 per person or $260 for a foursome.*Entry deadline is Apr. 19*.Register online at www.peaceconnections.org, or contact Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or jennifer@peaceconnections.org.

Apr. 29, from 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.: **Congregational Resourcing Event** at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS. “Congregational Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence,” an educational event for all church leaders. Complete information and registration material on bulletin board.

Apr. 29: **Wheat State Manor fundraiser dinner** for replacement of dining room tables and chairs. Raffle tickets (1 for $5, or 3 for $10) for a large queen log cabin quilt and meal tickets ($15/person) are available from Sharon Regier. Doors will open at the Whitewater Community Ch. (703 E Central, Whitewater) at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. Includes musical entertainment, and a freewill offering.

Apr. 30: **First Menn. Ch. of Hillsboro** is celebrating 50 years of use and service of our current building. All are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. for visiting and 10:35 a.m. for a worship service followed by a carry-in meal. Thank you for an RSVP if you plan to attend: secretary@fmhillsboro.com.

Apr. 30, 4:30 p.m.: **KS Menn Men’s Chorus** @ Lindsborg.

May 1: **Early registration discount** for Camp Mennoscah ends May 1! It’s a whopping $10 cheaper if you register and pay in full by this date. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290.