

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 1 visitor): 79
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network \$438.30

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Spiritual Life Board meal / meeting NOON, Mar. 4
Women in Mission **Comforter Blitz** @ Journey@Yoder Mar. 5-7
Deacons meet @ R&R's 7 P.M., Mar. 6
Wed. Evening Activities Mar. 7

5:30 P.M. Lenten yoga discipline
5:45-6:30 P.M. Supper
6:30-7:15 P.M. Children's Activities, Adult Choir practice
7:15-8:15 P.M. Adult Bible Study
7:15 P.M. **Outreach Board** meets

Zion work day 9 A.M.-?, Mar. 10

Wed. eve children's activities: Allie / Bonnie This Wed.
Greeters: Jeremy and Steph Entz family Next Sun.
Musicians: The Nine / The Nine / Carol Next Sun.
Offering: Deacons' Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 11
Zion's **Fellowship Meal** for KS Menn. Relief Sale NOON, Mar. 11
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Mar. 12
Mennonite Women **Spring Supper** @ Whitestone 6 P.M., Mar. 15
Food & Thought meets @ J&R Janzen's NOON, Mar. 18
Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during wk of Mar. 21-27
Joint **Palm Sunday service** w Grace Hill @ GH Mar. 25

Pray This Week for...

- Ruth Andres, unable to worship with us regularly.
- for WDC congregations as they seek to follow Jesus' way of peace in response to the many forms of violence in our communities, nation and world.
- pastors and their wives ministering in Ukraine's militarized zone, who look forward to a retreat this month resourced by Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 4, 2018: The Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering Hymn "O Power of love" HWB #593
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude
Call to Worship

Leader: Come rule makers, rule breakers, and you who are still finding your way. Come. Whether you speak with wise words or with wisecracks, you are made in the image of God. Come into God's house. Hear God's Word. Prepare to meet your Maker and your match. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human strength.

People: Some of us like certainty and structure. Some of us don't. We come by different roads, yet we are here together. We want to know God, and to be known by God. We are here to worship the Lord.

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there." We are here and Christ Jesus is here. We join our hearts in worship.

Children's Time
Old Testament Reading *Exodus 20:1-17*

* Hymn "Let God, who called the worlds" HWB #138

New Testament Reading *John 2:13-22*

Sermon "Rules vs. relationships" Rosie Epp

* Response Hymn "Teach me thy truth" HWB #548

Offering *Local Fund*
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Confession (*in unison*):

God, we call you ruler of all, but sometimes we make excuses.
We try to avoid applying your rules to our actions and interests.
At other times, we hold so tightly to rules
that we break relationships.
It is easier to imagine that you are like us
than it is for us to be like you.
We judge ourselves by success;
you judge us by how we treat others.
Help us to face our truth. Forgive us when we fail.
Give us the courage to keep trying to live as you love.

Gathered Prayer Ray Reimer

* Sending Hymn “Jesus, help us live in peace” SJ #52

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Vernon and Carol Klingenberg Musician: Karen Andres
Worship Leader: Reinhild Janzen / Lois Friesen
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

Pastors Ray and Rosie’s Schedules: One of them is at the church office several weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon. & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed. (all day); they’ll be visiting some afternoons. This week Ray has a WDC search comm. mtg. Mon. morning; plans to gather with Remington Area Ministers at lunch Thur.; he’ll be at a WDC Executive Board mtg. much of Saturday.

Congregational Announcements

Treasurer’s note: As of Feb. 28 (which is one quarter of the way through the 2018 fiscal year): we have had \$25,933 contributed to the Local Fund (including furnace fund, which is at \$2,771.20). One quarter of the 2018 *budget* is \$36,336; thus, we are at 71% of our giving goal. We are digging ourselves into a deep financial hole, as we started the year with \$0.00 in the Local Fund.

Feb. 28-Mar. 31: During Lent the Outreach Board encourages the congregation to **donate supplies** for the New Hope Shelter in Newton; a list will be provided soon.

Zion children’s **Sunday School teachers for spring quarter** (Mar.–May): Anne Schowengerdt, 3 & 4 yr olds; Nadine Epp, preschool & kindergarten; Allie Klingenberg, 1st & 2nd grade; Derek Klingenberg, 4th grade.

Zion will participate in **servicing at New Hope Shelter** later this month; we are only needing meals on Mar. 21-24. See June Entz.

Other Organizations

Mar. 4, 3 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series** presents “The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change,” in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back session follows with Stacey Mann and Ben Rudeen Kreider of Offender Victim Ministries, Newton.

Mar 4, 7 P.M.: The Newton Chorale, directed by Renae Schmidt Peters, presents “**A Choral World Cup Tour**” at Bethel College Menn. Ch. (North Newton).

Mar. 5-7: Join us at the **2018 annual Comforter Blitz** to help in making comforters for MCC to distribute to our brothers and sisters around the world! Mar. 5 from 10 A.M.–5 P.M.; Mar. 6 from 9 A.M.–5 P.M.; Mar. 7 from 9 A.M.–4 P.M. Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder, KS. Everyone is welcome! Lunch is available each day by donation. Please bring a snack to share. We hope to see you there!

Mar. 9, 8 P.M.: All are invited to a lecture by Marathana Protho, assistant professor of communication at Bluffton University, on “**Looking for Truth in a Fake-News World**” at Kauffman Museum; the annual meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. precedes at 7 P.M.

Mar. 12, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I and II** at Mojo’s Coffee Shop.

Mar. 14, 5:30–7 P.M.: The Youth Group of First Menn. Church (Newton), invites you to a **Verenike supper**. The menu will include verenike, ham gravy, green beans, zweibach, and cherry moos. Proceeds will support our upcoming summer mission trip.

Mar. 15, 6 P.M.: All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission/South Central **Women’s Spring Supper**, at Whitestone Menn. Ch. (Hesston). Following the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth), the program at 7 P.M. will feature Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo, on *Faith in Every Day Life*. Music provided by *Sadie and the Larks*, from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women’s Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due *by Mar. 8* to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

Mar. 16-17: “**Mennonites and the Holocaust**” conference at Bethel College; *pre-register by Mar. 9*, except for the Mar. 16 public sessions: 11 A.M., convocation with Doris Bergen, Un. of Toronto, “Neighbors, Killers, Enablers, Witnesses: The Many Roles of Mennonites in the Holocaust”; 7:30 P.M., the Nazi propaganda film “Friesennot.” See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more info.

Mar. 16-17: Camp Mennoscah’s **Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the Main Camp kitchen. Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290 for assistance.

Mar. 18-19: The Mennonite churches of Beatrice, NE will host “Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches,” a WDC **Year of Evangelism event**. Brad Roth, pastor at West Zion, Moundridge, KS and author of *God’s Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church* will be the speaker. More info at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

New Hope Shelter, Inc. (900 W Broadway, Bldg 7, Newton) is low on the **\$5 gift cards to local fast food restaurants** they present to their “Resident of the Week” for work towards meeting their goals. Donations of same requested; drop off at New Hope anytime.

Mar. 18, 1:30–3:30 P.M.: Sarah Thompson, former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will lead a two-hour workshop at Lorraine Ave. Menn. Ch. (655 S. Lorraine, Wichita) describing **nonviolent direct action**—how she has seen it work, its strengths and weaknesses, how we, as followers of Jesus, are called to continue to be proponents and practitioners of nonviolent direct action. There will be a free soup and bread lunch preceding the workshop, with a \$10 donation suggested for the workshop. Please RSVP to secretary@lorraineavenue.org or 316.682.4555 for the lunch/workshop *by Wed., Mar. 14*.

Mar. 22: Bill Reynolds, CASA staff member will present “**Darkness to Light Training**” as one of the 2018 spring child protection/sexual abuse prevention workshops at the MCC Center in North Newton. Cost: \$20. To register call (316) 587-7244 or email [<kathywiens59@gmail.com>](mailto:kathywiens59@gmail.com).

Mar. 31: The Remington area community **Messiah concert** previously scheduled for Easter weekend has been **cancelled**.

Camp Mennoscah is searching for **kitchen staff and volunteers** to be part of our summer youth camp ministry. Kitchen helpers can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees (limited number per week). Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to sign up. You’ll be in the newly renovated kitchen!

Opening: Executive Director: Mennonite Women USA seeks a strong, visionary leader and fundraiser to direct the overall mission and vision of empowering women and women’s groups within the Mennonite Church. See job description at mwusa.org/staff. Send resume and 3 references to kabilderback@cablone.net *by Apr. 30*.

Opening: Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) seeks 3/4-time business manager: accounting experience desirable; computer and organizational skills; ability to work independently and set goals; effective communicator - team player; committed to WDC mission. Please share this job opening with others who may have interest. See [<mennowdc.org>](http://mennowdc.org) for further information.