

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors): 92
Offering: *Mennonite Church USA* \$413

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Easter Sunday breakfast; then SS & worship 8:45 A.M., Apr. 1
Adult Choir warm-ups c.10:30 A.M., Apr. 1
Outreach Board meets 6 P.M., Apr. 4
Deacons meet 9 A.M., Apr. 6
Pete & Lorena Klassen Estate auction 10 A.M., Apr. 7
Mowing church + parsonage: Virgil Epp Before next Sun.
Greeters: Russell and June Entz family Next Sun.
Musicians: Carol / Lois / Carol / "Open Road" Next Sun.
Offering: Christian Peacemaker Teams / Peace Connections Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

"Open Road" ensemble from BC in worship; + potluck Apr. 8
KS Menn. Men's Chorus@Central Comm Ch-Wichita 7 P.M., Apr. 8
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Apr. 9
KS Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutch fairgrounds Apr. 13-14
KS Menn. Men's Chorus @ Mem Hall, BC 7 P.M., Apr. 15
Zion service night @ MCC center/NNewton 6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 18
Food & Thought @ DRegier/AVoth's NOON, Apr. 22

Pray This Week for...

- Doug Brewer, who's begun another round of chemotherapy.
- Lorena Klassen, only able to worship with us periodically. She celebrates her birthday today... and this coming Sat. experiences the mixed emotions of a household auction.
- Evelyn Buller, unable to worship with us regularly. Today she reflects back on the anniversary of her wedding to Ray in 1946.
- Doris Regier, unable to worship with us regularly. This week she'll remember her wedding anniversary with Menno in 1957.
- ...congregations across Western District Conference, that they may embody the living presence of Christ in their communities, on this Easter Sunday and throughout the year.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 1, 2018: Easter Sunday

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering Hymn "Christ the Lord is risen today" HWB #280
Acc. by Brass Ensemble
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude "Christ is arisen" Chime Choir
Call to Worship
Leader: To all who weep, and to all who smile, whether with joy or sorrow, welcome. Welcome home to this house of God. Welcome in the embrace of Christ. Hear and believe the good news, for he is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
Leader: Praise the Lord, our Jesus lives!
People: Yes, praise the Lord!
We will worship God together.
Special Music "Delight and Rejoice" Adult Choir
-Allen Pote
Reception of New Members by reaffirmation of faith HWB #794
Welcoming Ben and Halie Duerksen
Parent / Child Dedication Ben, Halie, and Cora Kay Duerksen
Congregational Response HWB #791
* Hymn "Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah" HWB #50
Gospel Reading *John 20:1-18*
Sermon "I have seen the Lord!" Ray Reimer
* Response Hymn "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing" HWB #278
Offering *Local Fund*
Offertory "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" Chime Choir

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Affirmation of Faith and Confession (*in unison*):

God of life, in you, death has no power.
Because of you, this life is not our final end. Thank you.
It feels good to celebrate new life, yours and ours.
It's spring. We long to throw off the heavy blankets of winter
and bask in the sun.
We confess that, just as some folks would like to skip winter,
there are times when we want to skip the whole crucifixion
story and jump straight to the resurrection.
There are other times when death feels more real than life.
We hear stories of people who claim to have seen you alive;
we want to believe, but struggle.
Forgive us for not recognizing you, for doubting our fellow
believers, and for trying to hold you back.

Gathered Prayer Rosie Epp

* Sending Hymn "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song" SJ #14

Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Doug and Margaret Brewer Musicians: Karen / Adult & Chime Choirs
Worship Leader: Rosie Epp Adult Choir Director: Casey Guthals
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 Exec. Comm. mtg. Wed.

Congregational Announcements

Apr. 8, NOON: As we host the "Open Road" men's ensemble from Bethel College, we're planning a **congregational potluck** at noon.

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., May 3* 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.

Other Organizations

Apr. 4, 6:30 P.M.: The Greater Wichita Ministerial League, (traditionally made up of African American clergy, but currently including Anglo pastors from Menn., Quaker, and Ch. of the Brethren churches) will **host an event with Joanna Shenk** as the keynote speaker at the Progressive Missionary Baptist Ch. (2727 E 25th St N, Wichita). Apr. 4 marks the day, 50 years ago, that Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed. Come to commemorate his life, to learn more about "the movement" and to find out how you can work for nonviolent social change now!

Apr. 5, NOON-1 P.M.: **Lunch & Learn with Joanna Shenk!** Join us at the North Newton MCC center to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human: An Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by Apr. 3.* Questions or RSVP: <patsydirksen@mcc.org> or 316.283.2720.

Apr. 5, 7:30 P.M. (different from previous calendars): **Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble Workshop concert** with special guest Brad Leali, saxophone (part of the 2018 Wichita Jazz Festival), in Bethel College's Krehbiel Auditorium.

Apr. 7, 7:30 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **First-Saturday Bird Walk.** Join experienced birders in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Apr. 8, 2 P.M.: Matthew Lind **senior clarinet recital**, in the Bethel College Administration Building chapel.

Apr 8, 2 P.M.: Camp Mennoscah will be **putting the dam back in** on Sunday at approximately 2 P.M.-ish. Be prepared for whatever weather we have. Come early on Fri. or Sat. to help us move things back into the new kitchen! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 with questions.

Apr. 8, 4 P.M.: Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents the **Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra** with Berta Rojas, guitar, in Memorial Hall of Bethel College (ticket purchase required for non-season ticket holders of HBPA or NMKSO).

Apr. 10, 7:30 P.M.: Diane Bish offers an **inaugural organ concert** in the Richert Auditorium of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts of Tabor College. The organ was designed by Burton Tidwell and built by The Allen Organ Co., specifically for Tabor's auditorium. Tickets for the event are available at <tabor.edu/events> or by calling the student life office at (620) 947-3121 ext. 1033.

Apr. 11: Sexualized violence and the church: Mennonite Central Committee is offering 3 free webinars for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. All three webinars will start at 2 P.M. and end at 3 P.M. CST. The first webinar, *Healthy sexuality in our congregations* will be on Apr. 11. Katherine Goerzen and Benjamin Reynolds will lead the discussion focusing on what role the church can play in fostering and supporting healthy views of sexuality. Register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso. Questions? Contact karinkauffmanwall@mcc.org.

Apr. 13, 7 P.M.: “**Sounds of Spain**”: joint concert of Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts musicians, in Memorial Hall.

Apr. 14, 3 P.M.: Juliana Drouhard **senior clarinet recital**, in the Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

Apr. 15, 16: The Bethel College Department of Bible and Religion and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) will sponsor Jalane Schmidt, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and a Black Lives Matter activist, for **two public lectures** (both in Krehbiel Auditorium in Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus). The first is Sun., Apr. 15, 7:30 P.M.: “Huck Finn Moments: Using White Privilege to Dismantle White Supremacy.” The second is Mon., Apr. 16, for Bethel's convocation at 11 A.M.: “Holding Space in #Charlottesville: Confronting ‘Alt-Right’ White Supremacists.” Jalane was an organizer for actions countering the white supremacist and alt-right demonstrations in Charlottesville in Aug. 2017.

Apr. 19-20: The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will host “**Restorative Kansas**” on the Bethel campus Thur.-Fri.—the first-ever statewide conference on restorative justice in Kansas. For more information and to register online, go to kipcor.org.

Opening: Offender Victim Ministries in Newton, KS, seeks a full-time executive director to provide dynamic vision and overall strategic leadership for OVM's programs, development, promotion and constituency engagement. Qualifications include excellent communication, management and organizational skills, and a strong commitment to restorative justice principles. Send resumes and inquires to Becky Nickel, board chair, at offendervictimministries@gmail.com by *Apr. 20, 2018*.

Apr. 22, 3 P.M.: The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College wraps up a year-plus-long celebration of its 30th anniversary by **hosting author and storyteller Rafe Martin** in Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus. Martin is known for his children's books on making peace and celebrating differences, and his storytelling performances for audiences of all ages. There will be a reception and book-signing following the program, with Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton offering Martin's books for sale (or books can be pre-ordered through the store [606 N Main St; 316-283-2210; info@faithandlifebookstore.com]). KIPCOR is collaborating with Kauffman Museum on the same day, as the museum opens its newest special exhibit, with extended hours of 1-5 P.M. “Newton Kids Create: Storytelling through Art” is artwork by students from Newton USD 373, some of it inspired by Rafe Martin's books.

Apr. 23-25: Camp Mennoscah's **Retirees Retreat** invites retirees and interested persons of all ages for several days of renewal. Speakers will share about Vietnam, teen prison ministry, storm chasing and more! Coffee breaks will give you a chance to discuss further and enjoy a good chat. Contact Camp Mennoscah for a brochure or find it online at campmennoscah.org!