

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 0 visitors: YouTube 18x2)	c. 91
Offering:	
SafeHope	\$250
MMN	\$150
Local fund to date for Fiscal Year	\$13,265

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Jan. 7
Worship	10:45 A.M., Jan. 7

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: Lois Friesen	6:00 P.M., Jan. 10
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study	6:30 P.M., Jan. 10
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Ann/Lillian	
Choir	7:25 P.M., Jan. 10

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family	Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh/Kristy/Reinhild	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Matt Regier	Next Sun.
Offering: Wheat State Manor	Next Sun.
AV: Wes Brewer	Next Sun.
Greeters: Lisa Scott	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Snow Camp Parent Meeting	6:30 P.M., January 10
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Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- the family of Kathryn Penner (Jeanne Schmidt's mother), as they grieve her passing and celebrate a beautiful life
- Eric Janzen as he continues his journey of healing.
- spiritual accountability – to not balk at accountability but give space to listen for the Holy Spirit, to grow in grace and obtain wisdom, to embrace and learn all we can through the wise council of the Holy Word and those God places in our lives.
- the Spirit to help us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. (Romans 8:26)

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 7th, 2024 – Epiphany Sunday

Worship in the sanctuary at 10:45 A.M.; also live-streamed

Gathering “Calm Me, Lord” VT#680

Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another

Announcements Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family

Prelude Kristyn Esau

Call to Worship Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family

Lighting of the Peace Lamp & Christ Candle

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around; they gather and come to you.

High voices: You shall see and be radiant;

Low voices: your heart shall thrill and rejoice and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: The mystery of Christ has been revealed by the Spirit. We have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of Christ through the gospel.

People: We know this through faith in Christ. May our lights shine!

(Light the advent candle and the Peace lamp)

All: Together we carry the light.

Song “We Three Kings” Men's Choir

Offering *Local Fund*

(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)

Children's Time Kristy Andres

Song "Longing for Light" VT#715
Scripture *Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12*
Reflection & Prayer Lisa Scott
"The Light Shines in the Darkness"
Song "As with Gladness" VT#277
Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer
Sending Song "Open my eyes, that I may see" VT#738

Benediction

Leader: Together we carry the light.
People: **This is what we know.**
Leader: Now go, basking in the glow of Christ! We have become God's heirs, members of one body, and sharers of the promise. Amen!

Worship Leader: Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family Music: Kristyn/Bonnie
Reflection: Lisa Scott AV: Matt Regier
Greeters: Lillian Wedel

Our worship is live-streamed and recorded. To access go to:
<https://www.zionmenno.org/watch-live.html> OR
<https://www.youtube.com/@zionmennonitechurch-elbing5666/streams>
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Pastor's Schedule: Pastor Micah's office hours and contact information:

<u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
<i>Tuesday:</i> 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<i>Cell #:</i> (540) 810-5087 (call or text)
<i>Wednesday:</i> 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<i>Email:</i> zionelbing@gmail.com
<i>Thursday:</i> 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	

Office Administrators: All bulletin items, notes/information to be sent out to the congregation through email needs to be sent to:
office.zionelbing@gmail.com
by Thursdays at 3 P.M.

Congregational Announcements

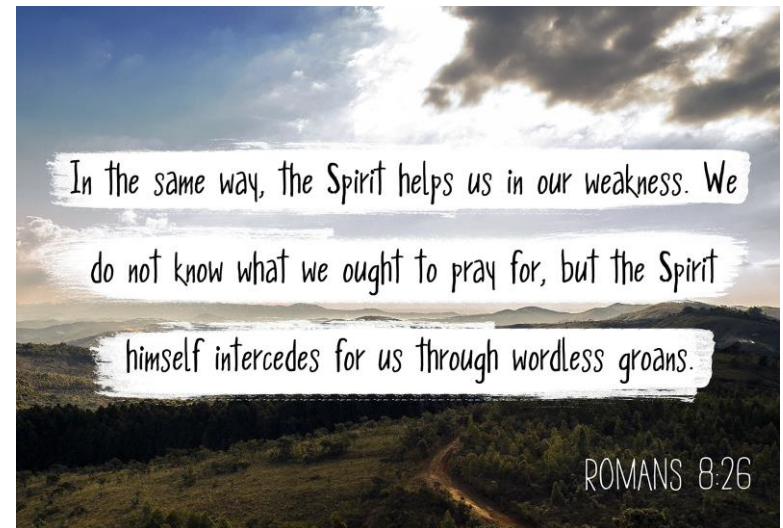
FUNERAL SERVICE for Jeanne Schmidt's mother, Kathryn Penner, is February 3, 2024 at 11:00 at First Mennonite Church Newton, Kansas.

DAVID AND ELENA WIEBE have a new address:
300 E 11th Street Newton, KS 67114.

JUNIOR HIGH SNOW CAMP PARENT MEETING will be held January 10th at 6:30 P.M. Parents and youth will meet with sponsors in the parsonage basement to learn more about this event.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE has received a major cleaning (Thank You, Lillian!). There will be items on display on the stage area in the basement on January 10th and 17th during Wednesday night. If you would like any of these items, please pick them up and give them a new home.

The **SOUTH FURNACE ROOM** needs to be cleaned up. There are various items which require disposal. Please feel free to go and look through the room, and you're invited to take old hymnals. Note: following February 1st, the furnace room will be emptied of all remaining items.



Other Organizations

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Grief Share offers a safe, welcoming support group to help you discover relief, comfort, and peace of mind in loss. Manhattan Mennonite Church will host an online Grief Share group beginning November 1, 6:30-8pm, and continuing every Wednesday night through January 31. This group meets intentionally through the holidays because grief can be especially difficult in these seasons. A zoom link and a workbook will be available to those who register. More information here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/175924>

Melva Kauffman Lecture Series: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery This year the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to hear his presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and is planning an emergency response that will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

Everence[®] will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, January 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise

May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com