

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 3 visitors; & 5x2 Twitchers): c.90
Offerings: May 7: Local Fund \$2,525
May 14: Prairie View Chaplaincy \$600
Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$69,416 budgeted thru May) \$52,628

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SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., May 21
Worship 10:45 A.M., May 21
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., May 24

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Daryl Regier Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Matt Wedel Before Memorial Day
Worship Leader: Jim Nickel Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Carol K. / Margaret B. (prelude: Emma E.) Next Sun.
Children's Time: Rosie Epp Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Pentecost communion (field trips in P.M.) 10:45 A.M., May 28
Summer cong. meeting, with snacks as fundraiser 6 P.M., June 4
SS picnic (worship at 10 A.M.; **farewell to Pastor Karen**) June 11
Deacons meet 9 A.M., June 12
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., June 12
Farewell to Pastor Ray June 18
Ice cream social honoring Naomi 3:30 P.M., June 25

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Daryl Regier, who was still at NMC as this bulletin was printed but expected to be released soon after his heart returned to normal rhythm on its own; medical staff continued to work to regulate cardiac medications.
- members of boards, councils, deacons and other leadership teams in WDC congregations, as they offer vision and care for the church.
- Marisa Smucker, who assumed the responsibilities of interim executive director of Mennonite Mission Network in March. Pray for God's wisdom and strength, as she leads the agency.

Zion Mennonite Church

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May 21, 2023

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

Gathering Song "Come, now is the time to worship" VT #29
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude "Be a sower" (VT #789) Andres / Brewer families
Call to Worship VT #1029
Offering *Camp Mennoscah*
Children's Time Cassie Klingenberg
Song "We walk by faith" VT #588
Scripture(s) *Matthew 1.5-7 and Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16*
Sermon "The heart of a provider" Karen Andres
Response Song "We have been sent by God" VT #771
Sharing Celebrations and Concern: Prayer Ray Reimer
Sending Song "You shall go out with joy" VT #847
Benediction

Worship Leader: Jim Nickel
Accompanist / Musicians: Josh & Kristy Andres, & Bonnie Brewer
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is live-streamed and recorded at <twitch.tv/zionmennonite>; recorded services are available for 7 days. Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #737503-A. All rights reserved)

Pastors Ray and Karen's Schedules: Ray is usually at the church office from about 9 A.M.–NOON on Mon. and Fri.; Karen on Tue. and Thur. afternoons from about 1–4 P.M.

Congregational Announcements

June 18: We'll bid **farewell to Pastor Ray** during our worship this Sunday; a short reception in the lobby will follow worship.

The **summer Sunday School curriculum** for children will be *Seeking Peace Together*—an exploration of 13 Bible stories that illustrate the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, which is a Hebrew word that means “peace,” signifying all of life being complete, healthy, and whole. Shalom is a broad vision for what God intends our world to be. The unit is divided into four sections: Peace with God, Peace Within, Peace with Others, Peace with Creation. See Bonnie Brewer if you are interested in using this curriculum for your Adult Sunday School class, exploring the Bible in the same way our children will be doing this summer.

Children’s Sunday School teachers for the summer quarter (beginning May 28) are:

Early Childhood: Abi Entz & Makayla Klingenberg

Elementary: Carol Klingenberg & Deanna Entz

Intermediate: Jim & Becky Nickel

May 30–June 2: The Education Board (in consultation with parents) has accepted an invitation from the Newton Mennonite churches to join a **joint Vacation Bible School** this year. On the days noted there will be suppers at Bethel College Menn. Ch. at 5:30 P.M. and activities from 6-7:30 P.M.

June 4, 10 A.M.: Zion will join a **joint worship service** celebrating VBS with other participating churches on the Bethel College Menn. Ch. lawn, weather permitting (there will be no Sunday School or worship at Zion that day). The children will showcase the songs they learned during VBS and take part in enjoyable activities. Following the service, there will be a potluck; please bring chairs, table service, and a food item to share (drinks will be provided). Let’s join in a gathering of love, faith, and community, creating cherished memories together! The service itself will be live streamed (starting at 9:45 A.M.) at <first_mennonite_newton.org>, <YouTube.com/@firstmennonitechurchnewton7575>, or on the First Mennonite Newton Facebook page.

June 11: Zion’s annual **Sunday School picnic** will be at the church this year. No regular Sunday School, but worship will start at 10 A.M., and include our **farewell to Pastor Karen**. Games will follow; families are encouraged to bring sack lunches and lawn chairs for a lunch together outside (weather permitting).

June 4, c.8 P.M.: There are 4 senior youth and 2 sponsors going to the youth convention during MennoCon23 on July 3-6 (Abi Entz, Makayla Klingenberg, Eva Rutchman and Addie Regier; Margaret Brewer and Derek Klingenberg are the sponsors). We are having a **fund raiser** following the June 4 congregational meeting. There will be popcorn, slices of pie and coffee for a donation, as well as the pies to be auctioned. Anyone can donate pies to be auctioned and all types of pie can be made. Thanks for making our trip possible!

June 25, 3:30 P.M.: **Ice Cream Social honoring Naomi**: Naomi has been a blessing to our community and we want to wish her bon voyage as she embarks on her next journey. Come join us for a homemade ice cream and pie social in the Zion Menn. Ch. basement on the date / time noted. Help would be appreciated providing homemade ice cream, toppings, and pies; please see Bonnie Brewer or Steph Entz for sign-up information.

Aug. 11-13: Our annual area conference assembly will be held at Tabor Menn. Ch., rural Newton. If you’re willing to be **one of Zion’s 5 delegates** to Western District Conference this year, please contact Josh Andres *before June 4*, in order that the congregation can affirm delegates at the summer business meeting on that date. (Additionally, if you’re interested in joining Kathy Preheim as a 2nd delegate to the Mennonite Church USA assembly in Kansas City on July 3-8, let Josh know in the same time).

Opening: Zion Menn. Ch. (Elbing, KS) is seeking someone to fill an Administrative Assistant position, beginning June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter. This would include tasks such as bulletin preparation, general correspondence involved in worship / bulletin preparation, checking mail at the Post Office, and other weekly tasks that pertain to the business of the church. This will be a paid position. Folks within our congregation are encouraged to step up for this role, but we will also shortly advertise this position more widely. Please contact Josh Andres, Becky Nickel, or Annette Voth if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

Other Organizations

The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: a West Virginia family finds a safe haven in an MDS-built home, a disaster survivor shares the terror of riding out Hurricane Fiona, and cooks share the joys and challenges of feeding an MDS crew. Read more at <<https://conta.cc/3o6Ll1s1>>.

May 21, 3 P.M.: Dr. Mary Dusenbury, affiliate research curator at the Spencer Museum of Art at the Un. of Kansas, will give a **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program** at Kauffman Museum. She will relate her experience with textile production in Central Asia to the works on display in “Reeds & Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia,” the current exhibit, *closing May 28*.

May 25, 6 P.M.: The **KS Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Dinner and Meeting** will be held at First Menn. Ch. (McPherson). The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at <bj.reeves@live.com> or call/text 620-543-6863 *by May 21*. Come celebrate the success of this year’s MCC Sale!

May 30, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold an informative **Medicare webinar** addressing when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn’t) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement, with time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. To register contact <central.kansas@everence.com>, 316-283-3800, or 877-467-7294.

Camp Mennoscah needs **empty, clean toilet paper or paper towel rolls** for a craft project this summer at several camps; send them with a camper or someone else coming to camp.

June 3, 6 A.M.-8 P.M.: The public is invited to **Walk Sand Creek Trail Day**, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus (dawn to dusk), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail.

June 1, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Preserve It Fresh, Preserve It Safe!** Join us for a hands-on workshop to learn about pressure canning, water bath canning, dehydration and freezing your food harvest. K-State Food Science and Safety Specialist Karen Blakeslee will lead the class, assisted by Butler County FCS Agent Bonnie Brewer and Chef Scott Peggie of the Redler Institute of Culinary Arts. Register at: <https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3DyOb7B5L6dmsdg>

June 8-9: Register now for the **Restorative Kansas conference** happening at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. The conference theme is “Growing Restorative Communities: Cultivating Change by Tending our Roots.” Hear keynote speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation and participate in breakout sessions on indigenous peacemaking; RJ in schools; youth-led efforts; community-based efforts; law enforcement and judicial efforts; and circle process. Enjoy a commissioned street opera entitled “The Return” and lots more. MCC Central States is a sponsor for the 2023 conference. Find more info and register at <www.restorativekansas.org>.

June 11-17: **Hesston College Theatre Camp**, for students ages 11 to 18, with registration options for a commuter or full residential experience. The week-long immersive theatre program will culminate in a performance of “Freaky Friday” at 2 P.M., June 17. Registration is open *through June 4* at <hesston.edu/theatrecamp>.

Opening: The Newton Et Cetera Shop is taking applications for our full-time Retail Manager position. Job descriptions and applications can be picked up at the shop.

Opening: Western District Conference seeks a half-time Business Manager beginning July 10, at WDC’s North Newton, KS, office (some remote work possible). Responsibilities include financial management, bookkeeping, reporting and payroll. Qualifications include organizational, computer and communication skills, bookkeeping or accounting experience, and willingness to support WDC’s mission and priorities. For position description and application form, see <<https://mennowdc.org/wdc-staff-position-opening/>>. Interested applicants should submit application form and letter of interest to <heidirk@mennowdc.org>.