

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 3 visitors; & 6x2 Twitchers): c.83
Offerings: *Mennonite Church USA* \$430
Local Fund receipts in May (\$11,600 / month needed per budget) \$6,500

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(No S.S. or worship at Zion) June 4
Joint worship @ BCMC; potluck following 10 A.M., June 4
Summer cong. meeting, with snacks as fundraiser 6 P.M., June 4

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Andrew Wedel Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: John Janzen and Ben Duerksen Before next Sun.
Worship Leader: Deacons Next Sun.
Accompanist: Chris Shaw Next Sun.
Children's Time: Education Board Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund (deferred from June 4) Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., July 19

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- rain!
- WDC congregations hosting VBS and other summer programs for children and youth in their communities.
- all participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, as they bring closure to their assignments in the coming weeks. Pray for these young adults as they discern God's leadings and as they integrate what they have learned and experienced into the next seasons of their lives.

Zion Mennonite Church

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June 4, 2023: VBS program @ BCMC @ 10 A.M.

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Worship Leader: ...

Accompanist / Musicians: ...

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 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 4, 6 P.M.: **Agenda** for Zion's summer congregation meeting includes: updates re pastoral transition; affirmation of Zion's delegates to WDC in Aug.; info re possible solar panels for church.

June 4, c.7 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 Rutschman and Addie Regier; Margaret Brewer and Derek Klingenberg are the sponsors). We're having a **fund raiser** after the June 4 congregational meeting. There'll 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 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. (but come by 9:45 for preservice music) 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 18: We'll bid **farewell to Pastor Ray** during our worship this Sunday; a short reception in the lobby will follow worship.

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

June 8-9: Register now for the **Restorative Kansas conference** happening at Haskell Indian Nations Un. in Lawrence, KS. The theme is "Growing Restorative Communities: Cultivating Change by Tending our Roots." Hear keynote speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation; participate in sessions on indigenous peacemaking; RJ in schools; youth-led efforts; community-based efforts; law enforcement / judicial efforts; and circle process. Enjoy a 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>.

Instead of the usual Summer Story Hour, the WDC Conf. Resource Library will be hosting **Story Days** with a self-guided, come-and-go approach with activities for ages 3-8 and their caregiver(s) on June 15, July 20 and Aug. 3 from 9 A.M.-7:30 P.M. Read-a-louds by library staff/volunteers on the hour from 9 A.M.-7 P.M.

June 15-17: **Nurse needed** for First Camp at Mennoscah. Must be a registered nurse (RN); they receive either a stipend or a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact 620-297-3290 or <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> for details.

July 10-14, 9 A.M.-NOON: Kauffman Museum is offering an intergenerational Uncle Carl's Camp called "**Pottery Possibilities**." Campers will start with hand-building before throwing on potter's wheels, and wrap up the week with glazing and an outdoor firing (weather permitting). Completed artwork may be picked up at a later date. No previous experience is required. To sign up or to explore other Uncle Carl's Camp offerings, stop by the Museum to pick up a brochure or go to <<https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/>>.

MCC School Kit Challenge: 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can't get the education they desperately need. Plus, we've got a fun activity for SS and VBS students! Download our free activity resource full of challenges for kids to learn how school supplies help children receive a tangible message of God's love. To learn more about this challenge and to download this free guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

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.

When Becky Degan told her husband and teenage son that the theme for MennoCon23 worship is “**Transformed by the Spirit**,” they broke out with the Transformers’ theme song, “More than meets the eye.” “Later, when I was asked what excites me about this year’s convention, that song went through my head, and I realized that’s what I’m excited about—catching glimpses of the Holy Spirit at work beyond what we can understand or imagine.” Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/worship-is-gods-playground