

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors): c. 66
Offering: MCC Meat Canning \$530.00
 Local Fund giving to date - \$94,113;
 Budgeted amount thru Sept - \$117,472; **Needed to catch up - \$23,360**

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Oct. 1
Worship 10:45 A.M., Oct. 1

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal 6:00 P.M., Oct. 4
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Oct. 4
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Kristy Andres/Ann Schowengerdt
Choir 7:25 P.M., Oct. 4

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Matt Wedel Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Klingenberg Family (as needed) Oct. 9-28
Worship Leader(s): Annette Voth & Daryl Regier Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh/Kristy/Holy Number Next Sun.
Children’s Time: Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.
Offering: Offender Victim Ministries Next Sun.
AV: Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Wednesday Evening Activities 6:00 P.M., October 4
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., October 9
Deacons meet 9 A.M., October 10

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- youth and their families, youth sponsors, lead teachers, activity volunteers and mentors as we begin Wednesday Evening Activities. Give thanks for the blessing and privilege of this time to grow in faith with one another. Pray for kindness, protection, peace, integrity, trusting God, friendships, work ethic, wisdom, grace and love. May hearts be open to God’s word and faith strengthened.

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 1, 2023

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

Gathering “The Lord is My Light” VT#437
 Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another
 Announcements Annette & Daryl
 Prelude
 Call to Worship (VT#939) Annette & Daryl

L: The table has been prepared, as Jesus requested, and we are invited to the meal.

P: **Come to the table -**

L: like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve, like James and John, dismayed by the priorities of God’s reign.

P: **Come to the table -**

L: like Martha, hosting and leading with confidence, like Mary, full of love and grief.

P: **Come to the table -**

L: like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious, like Mary Magdalene, faithful to the end.

P: **Come to the table -**

L: Jesus offers the bread and the cup.

P: **Come to the table of Christ!**

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

Children’s Time Matt Regier

Song “Here in This Place” VT#10

Scripture *Luke 22:14-21*

Sermon “The Bread and the Cup, Pastor Micah
Grace and Challenge, Covenant”

Song "Seeds Scattered and Sown" VT#477
Communion Deacons & Pastor Micah
Response Song "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace" VT#590
Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer Pastor Micah
Sending Song "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" VT#812
Benediction Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Annette & Daryl Accompanist/Vocalist: Karen/Margaret
Sermon: Pastor Micah Hurst AV: Matt Regier

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:

Office Hours

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact Information

Cell #: (540) 810-5087 (call or text)

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Congregational Announcements

Wednesday Evening Activities begin October 4th at 6 P.M. Look for information in the church bulletin, through email and on the inserted calendar found in today's bulletin.

Zion is invited to celebrate **Shirley Reed Janzen's 90 Birthday** on Sunday, October 1 in Andover. See the bulletin board for time and address.

All you singers get ready because **CHURCH CHOIR IS BACK!** Join Renee in the sanctuary for this season's first choir rehearsal this coming Wednesday, October 4 at 7:25 P.M. It's sure to be the best 40 minutes of your Wednesday each week. All ages and experiences are welcome. Hope to see you all at rehearsal! (*Maybe there will even be snacks during the first rehearsal.*)

Other Organizations

OVM is celebrating 50 YEARS of community-based Restorative Justice through the month of September! We want to mark this milestone with 50 gifts of (at least) \$50. As of today, we have received 17 gifts toward that goal. **Can you help close the gap?** As a reminder, generous donors have committed to *matching* those gifts so your \$50 contribution will be worth \$100 to OVM! Please consider making a donation to OVM to support M-2, juveniles and adults working to make right the harms they've caused, and individuals learning how to have safe and healthy relationships with loved ones. If you're able to support OVM financially, acceptable methods include checks mailed or brought to our office, online gifts via PayPal (credit card one-time or monthly recurring), DAF or QCD contributions, other charitable gifts and estate gifts. Thank you!

Call for volunteers – The Bethel College Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Festival. Shifts are 1.5-2 hours long and need to be filled on Thursday, Oct. 12, 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or bschmidt@bethelks.edu.

The Bethel College Women's Association wants our delicious baked items--bread, rolls, pies, cinnamon rolls, cookies, poppy seed rolls, etc. for the Bethel Fall Fest October 14-15. Bring your items to the Luyken Fine Arts Center Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. They will be sold on Saturday. See you there!

"Wild Words: Poetry & Prairie," with Aubrey Streit Krug, Saturday, October 7 9:30 a.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium at Bethel College. Streit Krug lives in Lindsborg and works at The Land Institute in Salina. *Wild Words* is a chapbook published by Humanities Kansas, and free copies will be available at the reading.

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – **"Bold Color," acrylic paintings by Virgil Penner, through Friday, October 20.** Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

Staley Lectures at Bethel College: Fernando Pérez and Rebeca González, Sunday, October 8, and Monday, October 9 at 7 P.M., Administration Building chapel, and 11 A.M., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (English translation by Linda Shelly). Pérez and González are transition pastors of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania in Newton, and executive coordinators of the Comunidad de Instituciones Teológicas Anabautistas. The focus of the lectures is “The Responsibility of the Church Facing the Local Context: From a Pastoral Experience,” drawing on pastoral experience in multiple local contexts, including working with asylum seekers and families of disappeared persons. Livestreaming will be available.

Bethel College’s Fall Festival is October 12-15, with most activities taking place Saturday, October 14, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the musical *The Addams Family* and two different organ performances. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

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 and will begin again in mid-October. 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.

Mennonite Church USA Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge – a friendly competition to embrace our calling as earth keepers, reduce carbon footprints and nurture environmental leadership. Register by October 15, 2023. To learn more and to register visit: mennoniteusa.org/energy-spirit View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth

Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: October 25 – December 12. Explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online AMBS short course taught by Jamie Pitts, PhD. You’ll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life or ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50; final registration deadline is Oct. 18. ambbs.edu/online-short-courses

Let’s have real discussions of what it means to live out our faith (or not) in the public schools. What do you do about the pledge of allegiance? What other issues stand in the way of peaceful witness in our schools? **Mennonite Public Educators** is a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting in the US or Canada for mutual encouragement, support, and learning. For more information or to receive the RSVP link, contact info@MennoniteEducation.org.

KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE - October 13-14, 2023, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-3, at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282

SAVE THE DATE: October 29-30, Dr. Aileen Friesen from the University of Winnipeg will give the **annual Menno Simons Lectures** at Bethel College.

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

MINISTRIES DIRECTOR OPENING

OVM, Inc. seeks a part-time Director to administer the Prison Ministries Program. Responsibilities for this exciting work include administration, ability to interview inmates at the KDOC Hutchinson facility, and volunteer engagement and recruiting. This person must have strong interpersonal and communication skills, be able to work independently and as part of a team, and must exhibit maturity, patience, and good judgment. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree or degree-seeking; education or experience in restorative justice, social work, or related fields, preferred. Position begins immediately. Applications accepted until position is filled. Please direct your questions to: 316-283-2038 or apply@ovmks.org

MCC is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator! The Peace Education Coordinator leads MCC's church education efforts nationwide in the U.S. related to peace and nonviolence. This includes peace theology, conflict transformation, and response to violence (including gun violence prevention, anti-militarism, and mass incarceration). Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on these peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff and with denominational and other partners. Apply at mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator by October 16.

M&M Project Update: We've made it to \$80,000!

The monies that have been brought in for the Mission and Maintenance Project (M&M) now total more than \$80,000! Gifts, small and large, continue to be given to the fund drive, and we are getting closer weekly to our goal of matching the generous gift of \$100,000 that started this matching drive. **Thank you all so much!**

One such gift was given to Camp last Sunday during the 75th Anniversary Kick-Off. Members of the Primetime Sunday School Class, a class for ages 70-90, at **Whitestone Mennonite Church**, Hesston, KS. The class has been gathering funds and presented Camp with a check for \$1000 on Sunday, making them the latest of a long list of Fire Keepers. Marlin and Betta Kym brought the check to Camp on behalf of the class. Whitestone Primetimers, thank you for helping us reach our goal! You are appreciated!

There are **several events** coming up, the income from which will go to support M&M. **Hoffnungsaus** Mennonite Church, Inman, KS, is holding its annual Mission Supper on October 21 with proceeds to go to the M&M Project, and **First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE**, is planning to host a breakfast event to raise funds on October 29.

We are almost there! Now is the time to make your donation and become part of the M&M Project and the promise it represents. What better way to celebrate the beginning of the new school year and the end of a great summer of Camp?