

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor): c. 72
Offering: MCC Meat Canning \$150
 Local Fund giving to date for year - \$101,467;
 Budgeted amount thru Oct - \$128,152

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Oct. 8
Worship 10:45 A.M., Oct. 8

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal 6:00 P.M., Oct. 11
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Oct. 11
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Steph Entz/Bonnie Brewer
Choir 7:25 P.M., Oct. 11

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Thurman Entz Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Klingenberg Family (as needed) Oct. 9-28
Worship Leader(s): Lillian Wedel Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Carol/Jim Nickel/Bonnie Next Sun.
Children’s Time: Kristy Andres Next Sun.
Offering: New Hope Shelter Next Sun.
AV: Wesley Brewer Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., October 9
Deacons meet 9 A.M., October 10
Wednesday Evening Activities 6:00 P.M., October 11

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- guidance when we feel lost or overwhelmed, and need help finding Your way. Open our eyes and hearts to the direction You want us to take. Give us the strength and courage to persevere when times are difficult. Lead us with Your truth and love.

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 8, 2023

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

Gathering	“Here I Am to Worship”	VT#227
Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another		
Announcements		Annette & Daryl
Prelude	“The Love of God”	VT#162
Call to Worship (VT#1023)		Annette & Daryl

Leader: What will you offer the body of Christ today?

All: *Bring all that you have. Bring all that you are.*

Left: The gift of silence and the gift of words are welcome.

Right: **The gift of leading and the gift of following are welcome.**

Left: The gift of doubt and the gift of faith are welcome.

Right: **The gift of the head and the gift of the heart are welcome.**

Left: The gift of planning and the gift of spontaneity are welcome.

All: *May all that we are as individuals come together to strengthen the living body of the church, Christ Incarnate.*

Offering *OVM (Offender Victim Ministries)*
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)

Children’s Time Brett Klingenberg

Song “Summoned by the God Who Made Us” VT#1

Scripture *Matthew 18:15-17 & 5:43-48*

Sermon “The Most Powerful Way to Show, Pastor Micah God’s Love; How Does Jesus Treat the Tax Collectors?”

Response Song	“When Love is Found”	VT#524
Sharing of Our Life Together Prayer		Pastor Micah
Sending Song	“The Lord Lift You Up”	VT#832
Benediction		Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Annette & Daryl Accompanist/Vocalist: Josh & Kristy
 Sermon: Pastor Micah Hurst AV: Kyle Rutschman

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)

Email: zionelbing@gmail.com

Congregational Announcements

Enjoy cooking for others? Want to enjoy a scrumptious home cooked meal? Then come join us at 6 P.M. for **WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS!** For those wishing to help provide meals see the bulletin board to sign up. For those eating, your donation will be accepted to help offset food costs (approximate meal cost \$3). Give as you are able. Those providing the meal can choose to be reimbursed or can donate their service. Extra funds will be used to provide a pizza celebration for our final Wednesday Evening. For questions, please see a member of the Education Commission (Bonnie, Carol, Clint, Jeanne, Lillian). We praise God for the hands of those who feed us!

THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP! We would like to encourage everyone who gets a book in the library to please check it out. We need to know which books are being read. That helps when we are considering new books to order.

Calling singers of all ages, all ranges – **CHOIR NEEDS YOU!**
 Join Renee in the sanctuary for choir rehearsal this coming Wednesday, October 11 at 7:25 P.M.

Love singing Christmas carols? December 2, 2023 at 5 P.M. we will be singing at the sweet little event happening in Peabody, KS as they light the town with Christmas cheer. Choir member or not, you are welcome to sing. Have a family member or friend who enjoys sharing their voice? Invite them too! Lists of songs and other details will be posted soon.

Other Organizations

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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. amsb.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

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

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!**

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.

