

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 0 visitor): c. 60

Offering: **OVM** - \$325; **Local Fund** - \$1000
(Local Fund giving to date for year - \$102,467
budgeted amount thru Oct - \$128,152)

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Oct. 15
Worship 10:45 A.M., Oct. 15

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal 6:00 P.M., Oct. 18
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Oct. 18
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Carol/Deanna
Choir 7:25 P.M., Oct. 18

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Russell & Reynold Entz Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Klingenberg Family (as needed) Oct. 9-28
Worship Leader(s): Deanna Entz Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude/Special: Brett/Caleb/Choir Sings Next Sun.
Children’s Time: Ann Schowengerdt Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.
AV: Andrew Wedel Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Wednesday Evening Activities 6:00 P.M., October 18
Church Work Day 8:00 A.M., November 4

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- congregations as they nurture followers of Christ through faith formation, preparation for baptism and ongoing discipleship and service.
- leadership that has the courage to address the problems, injustices and racism that perpetuates the violence in Israel-Palestine. We especially pray for wisdom and restraint between Hamas and the Israeli government.

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 15, 2023

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

Gathering “All Will Be Well” SJ#98
Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another
Announcements Lillian Wedel
Prelude Renee Entz
Call to Worship (Adapted from VT 902 & 1022)

Leader: Praise to God who has given us life.
People: *Blessed be God for the gift of love.*
Leader: Praise to God who forgives our sin.
People: *Blessed be God who sets us free.*
Leader: Praise to God who kindles our faith.
People: *Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.*
Leader: Holy One, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you
People: *Faithful with our time and energy, Faithful with our possessions and wealth.*
All: *In all that you have made us to be, may we bless you and seek to be faithful.*

Offering *MWC (Mennonite World Conference)*
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)
Children’s Time Bonnie Brewer
Song “When We Walk with the Lord” VT#570
Scripture *1 Kings 18:17-21*
Sermon “Limping Between God and Something Else” Brett Klingenberg
Response Song “Praise the Lord, the Almighty” VT#88
Sharing of Our Life Together

Prayer Steph Entz
Sending Song “When Peace, Like a River” VT#617
Benediction Brett Klingenberg

Worship Leader: Lillian Wedel Accompanist/Vocalist: Carol/Bonnie
Sermon: Brett Klingenberg AV: Wesley Brewer
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

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH! We offer thanks for congregational pastors, chaplains, campus pastors, credentialed ministers who are teachers and administrators in church-related institutions, and retired ministers continuing to offer wisdom and spiritual gifts within the church community.

JOIN MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE in building-up the worldwide Anabaptist family of faith as we follow God's call to collaborate together globally in fellowship, worship, service, and witness. MWC's core direction is Following Jesus, Living out Unity, Building Peace. Through your investments in and partnership with MWC, you're joining your global family in building peace.

Come share your gift of service at the **ZION WORK DAY** on Saturday, November 4 at 8 AM. The main task for the day will be laying new floor in the kitchen. There will also be a list of other tasks posted on the bulletin board.

ZION WILL BE BRINGING BACK GREETERS in the coming weeks as a way to put our welcoming ideas into practice. Greeter responsibilities will include greeting people as they enter the sanctuary, welcoming guests and finding a youth or child to bring the offering plate to the front of the church during the service. Please email Matt Regier at regiermatt@gmail.com if you or your family would like to be added to the greeter rotation.

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.

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

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC’s work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel.

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.

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.

First Mennonite Halstead Annual Hog Roast – Sunday evening October 15 from 5-7pm. This will be held across from the church at the Gazebo in Scout Park, 401 W 4th in Halstead. Join us for BBQ and Bluegrass with a pulled pork meal and music by Prairie Highway! Cost will be by donation. Proceeds will support Camp Mennoscah and The A21 Campaign – Fighting to end Human Trafficking.

Hoffnungsa Mission Supper is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 5-6:30 pm at their church building, 43 13th Avenue, Inman, KS. This will be a fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah's Mission & Maintenance (M&M) project. It will be curbside pick-up and picnic tables will be available for those wanting to stay and eat. The menu includes German sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy, creamed peas, applesauce, zwiebach, and pie. Order meals by calling/texting Barb 620-543-6863 or Eric 620-899-6972. Cost is freewill donation.

Hesston College Masterworks: Peacing It Together will celebrate the career of Tony Brown as we honor his lifelong pursuit of peace building through music. All are invited to sing in the Masterworks Chorus! Rehearsals begin at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct 19 with the performance at 7 pm on Saturday, Nov 11. Repertoire and rehearsal schedule listed at Hesston.edu/masterworks

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

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. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Volunteers Needed! Newton Etc. Shop is seeking volunteers for October 21 at 6 P.M. as they are removing the old general managers and creating more space on the sales floor. Work will be done through the evening and Sunday afternoon if needed. Bring your own carpentry-like tools. If interested, contact James at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com or 316-283-9461.

Help the Etc. Shop prepare for their Christmas Open House Sunday, November 5th at 11 AM. They are seeking as many volunteers as possible. Lunch will be provided. If interested, contact James at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com or 316-283-9461. *Etc. Shop's Christmas Open House will take place Monday, November 6th.*

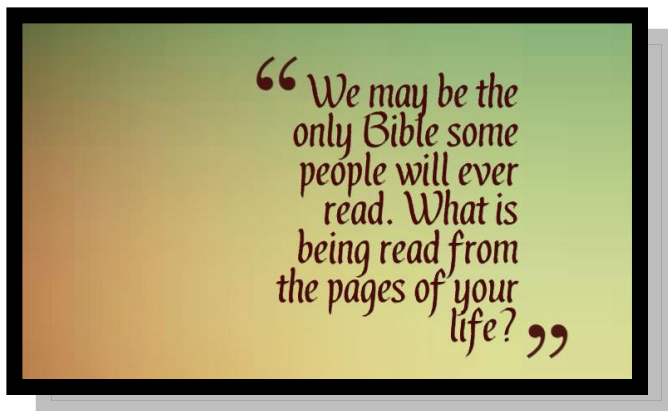
KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE - October 13-14, 2023, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-3, at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079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

On Saturday, November, 18, 2023 **Buhler Mennonite Church & IdeaTek need your help to package 50,000 meals.** The plan is to keep the meals local-- providing food for our local neighbors. There is a job for all ages 7 to 147 years of age. You can work one shift or both shifts. Job orientation is provided. For more information call 620-543-2733 or email: bmcpastor@gmail.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

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.

Take a seminary course this spring! AMBS's distance-friendly options include Church and Race; Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; The New Testament and Its Contexts; Numbers; Spiritual Practices: Play and Rest; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Courses run Jan. 9 – April 26; sign up by Jan. 2 ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Fully online seminary Graduate Certificate program.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies requires only 21 credit hours! Strengthen the biblical and theological foundation for your work by developing a customized plan of study that matches your interests. Ideal for church leaders, bivocational pastors and other professionals. ambs.edu/certificate