

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 17 visitor): c. 87

Offering: MWC - \$525; **Local Fund** - \$800
(Local Fund giving to date for year - \$103,267
budgeted amount thru Oct - \$128,152)

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Oct. 22

Worship 10:45 A.M., Oct. 22

Wednesday Evening Activities

There will no activities or meal at Zion, instead you are encouraged to attend one of the following activities (further details found in the Congregational Announcements section):

- Meat canning and/or to tie comforters at MCC Center in North Newton
- Program at Grace Hill Mennonite Church where Robert Atchison, Chair of the WDC Task Force on Israel Palestine, will present.

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Daryl Regier	Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Klingenberg Family (as needed)	Oct. 9-28
Worship Leader(s): Deanna Entz	Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Carol/Bonnie/Jim	Next Sun.
Children’s Time: Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Central Committee	Next Sun.
AV: Wesley Brewer	Next Sun.
Greeters:	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Meat Canning/Quilt Tying	6 to 8:00 P.M., October 25
Wednesday Evening Activities	6:00 P.M., November 1
Costume Parade	6:20 P.M., November 1
Church Work Day	8:00 A.M., November 4

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- O God, Eternal Father, in Your mercy hear our prayer which we raise up to You amidst the deafening noise and desperation of the world. We turn to You with great hope, full of trust in Your infinite Mercy. We ask for the gift of peace and of the elimination of the sore of violence.

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 22, 2023

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

Gathering	“God of our Strength”	VT#47
	“Praise Him! Praise Him!”	VT#100

Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another	
Announcements	Deanna Entz

Prelude	Caleb Klingenberg
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Call to Worship and Prayers for Peace	Deanna & Pastor Micah
Prayer Song by Choir “Gentle Sheperd, Come & Lead Us”	VT#718

Offering	<i>Mennonite Church USA</i>
	(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)

Children’s Time	Ann Schowendgerdt
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Song	“From the Apple in the Garden”	Choir
	By: Roy Hopp	

Scripture	<i>1 John 4:7-8</i>
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Sermon	“Dogs and God”	Pastor Micah
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Response Song	“Move in Our Midst”	VT#827
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Sharing of Our Life Together	
Prayer	Pastor Micah

Sending Song	“The Lord Lift You Up”	VT#832
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Benediction	Pastor Micah
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Worship Leader: Deanna Entz	Accompanist/Vocalist: Brett/Caleb/Choir
Sermon: Pastor Micah	AV: Andrew Wedel
Greeters: Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family	

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

Office Administrators: All bulletin items, notes/information to be sent out to the congregation through email need to be sent to:

office.zionelbing@gmail.com

Congregational Announcements

MEAT CANNING! There will no activities or meal at Zion, Wednesday, October 25th. EVERYONE is welcome to come to the MCC Center in North Newton from 6 to 8 PM for meat canning and to tie comforters. A time has been reserved for Zion Mennonite Church. We need workers through the final clean up shift so the canner can continue on to its next stop! Elementary children must be closely supervised by an adult. No organized transportation will be provided.

You are welcome to attend a program on **ISRAEL-PALESTINE AT GRACE HILL MENNONITE** Wednesday, October 25th.

Arrangements have been made for Robert Atchison, (Chair, MennoPIN and WDC Task Force - Israel-Palestine) to present at 6:50 P.M. He has followed this complex, challenging, and now tragic situation for 20 years. You are also invited to eat and fellowship at 6:15 P.M.

Come share your gift of physical labor 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 annual Zion **COSTUME PARADE** will take place Wednesday, November 1st at 6:20 P.M. in the basement. All ages are welcome to participate or bring treats to share.

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.

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 or call 1-888-563-4676.

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. 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.

The SMCHA Annual Fall Banquet will be held on October 26, 2023 at 6 pm in Newton, KS at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 North Anderson Ave. RSVP's can be made to Nancy Stucky via text message or phone call at 620-532- 5693 by October 23. The cost of the banquet, catered by The Breadbasket in Newton, will be \$25 per person payable at the door. Jerry Juhnke will be our featured speaker at the banquet.

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

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.*

Everence will hold an informative Medicaid and long-term care workshop on Monday, November 6th, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, what benefits are provided by Medicaid and who is eligible, how the Division of Assets process works, when long-term care insurance is a good fit, and how long-term care insurance can protect your heirs. There will also be time for your questions. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by guest speaker, Cynthia A. Wiens, attorney from Adrian & Pankratz, P.A. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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

Annual Menno Simons Lectures, "The Mennonites in Revolutionary Ukraine," with Dr. Aileen Friesen, professor of Mennonite studies at the University of Winnipeg, Sunday, October 29th at 7 p.m. and Monday, October 30th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.* Lecture 1: "Violence Among Neighbors: Revolution and Tragedy in Southern Ukraine"; Lecture 2: "Beyond the Red Gate: Mennonites and Emigration from Soviet Ukraine"; Lecture 3: "In Love, We Remain: Family and Loss under Stalin." Opportunity for discussion follows each lecture. <https://www.bethelks.edu/article/bethel-lecturer-will-look-historical-conflict-modern-war-zone>

Bethel College Chamber Orchestra Halloween Concert, directed by Kris Hilding, Tuesday, October 31st at 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Henry Waters, director, Sunday, November 5th 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church (2600 College Ave., North Newton 67117)

Julia Spicher Kasdorf: “Thinking of Certain Mennonite Women: Reading from her poems and those of others, with discussion,” Monday, November 6th at 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College. Sponsored by the Bethel College Women’s Association Carolyn Schultz Lecture Endowment. Kasdorf will also speak in convocation Monday, November 6th at 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, on “Documentary Poetry,” and lead a reading and open mic at 1887 Café, Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:30 p.m.

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 \$90,000!

The monies that have been brought in for the Mission and Maintenance Project (M&M) now total more than \$90,000! 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!**

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