

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 4 visitors and 1 dog): c. 70

Offering:

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Oct. 29

Worship 10:45 A.M., Oct. 29

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal 6:00 P.M., Nov. 1

Costume Parade 6:20 P.M., Nov. 1

Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Nov. 1

Elementary Youth Volunteers: Halie/Lillian

Choir 7:25 P.M., Nov. 1

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Matt Regier Next Sun.

Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Karen/Margaret Next Sun.

Children’s Time: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.

Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

AV: Wes Brewer Next Sun.

Greeters: Reynold & Deanna Entz Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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...

- peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. May we give everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives to You. Please guide our path through life and give us peace.
- us to assemble before God to hear His words so that we may learn to revere Him as long as we live, and that we may teach His word to our children and grandchildren. (Deuteronomy 4:10)

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 29, 2023

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

Gathering “Come on Children to the Gospel Feast” VT#511 (2x)

Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another

Announcements Deanna Entz

Prelude Jim Nickel

Call to Worship

Offering *Mennonite Central Committee*

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

Children’s Time Steph Entz

Song “You are Holy You are Whole” VT#61 (2x)

Scripture *Deuteronomy 4:9-10*

Sermon “*Hand this story on to your children and to your children’s children*” Pastor Micah

Response Song “See the Children, Here Before Us” VT#509

Sharing of Our Life Together

Prayer Ann Schowengerdt

Sending Song “Now Go in Peace” SJ#74

Benediction Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Deanna Entz

Music: Carol/Jim/Margaret

Sermon: Pastor Micah

AV: Andrew Wedel

Greeters: Matt & Lindsey Regier 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)

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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

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.

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.

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

You're invited to a **Panel Discussion on White Christian Nationalism** this Sunday, October 29, at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA) is holding a series of panel discussions throughout the state in October and November to explore White Christian Nationalism: what it is, how it is affecting state and national politics and policy, and how people of faith can effectively stand against it. Panelists include Jerrell Williams, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church, and Peter Goerzen, professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College.

Tabor Mennonite Church Men are holding their annual **Chicken BBQ Fundraiser** on November 2 from 5-7p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church (891 Chisholm Trail Rd, Newton, KS). Come, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship!

“Motherhood,” mixed media works by Eden Quispe, opens Monday, October 30 in the *Regier Art Gallery in Lukyen Fine Arts Center at Bethel College* (reception Nov. 16). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

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. 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

Kauffman Museum bird walk, Saturday, November 4 – 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

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.

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. ams.edu/online-short-courses

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.*

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

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.

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.

Schweitzers and Friends. An opportunity for the theatrically inclined! One of the events celebrating 150 years since ancestors came to the U.S. in 1874 is a musical drama to be given on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, 2024, by *Schweitzers and Friends.* The first informational meeting will be Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge, 401 18th Ave. Interested in being part of a drama depicting a history of Anabaptist Mennonites? There are parts for children and adults, as well as a choir. Rehearsals will begin the last week of January and be held twice a week (the evening that works best and Sunday afternoons). Questions: contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone 620-747-9158.

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!**

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

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