

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (with 0 visitors): c. 59  
**Offering:** MCUSA - \$451.75 MCC - \$725  
**LOCAL FUND** Giving in Oct. - \$26,655; for year \$121,017  
Budgeted to date \$128,152  
Needed in Nov. to meet budget for FY \$17,814

### *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Nov. 5  
**Worship** 10:45 A.M., Nov. 5

### *Wednesday Evening Activities*

**Meal** 6:00 P.M., Nov. 8  
**Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study** 6:30 P.M., Nov. 8  
**Elementary Youth Volunteers:** Kristy/Carol  
**Choir** 7:25 P.M., Nov. 8

### *Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship Leader(s):** Steven Kauder Next Sun.  
**Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude:** Josh/Kristy/Lois Next Sun.  
**Children's Time:** Kristy Andres Next Sun.  
**Offering:** Harvest of Love Next Sun.  
**AV:** Wes Brewer Next Sun.  
**Greeters:** Brett & Cassie Klingenberg Family Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**Jr. High Youth Fundraiser Meal** after church, November 19

### *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.
- WDC's Israel Palestine Task Force, and for WDC congregations that are engaged in advocacy for peace and justice for all who suffer war and violence

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*November 5, 2023*

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

Gathering "Beauty for Brokenness" SS#115  
Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another  
Announcements Matt Regier  
Prelude Brewer Family  
Call to Worship  
Leader: Loving God, You have baptized us into one body and made us to drink the one Spirit.  
**People: Now grant us faithful hearts that we may serve one another diligently in love and find no cause to separate or divide.**  
Leader: Call each of us to esteem others better than ourselves so we may remain together in peace and joy.  
**All: Grant these mercies to us and all Your people. Amen.**  
Song "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" SJ#56  
Offering *Local Fund*  
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)  
Children's Time Bonnie Brewer  
Song "Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God" SS#121  
Scripture *Matthew 3:1-10*  
Sermon "Chosen: Does God Love Some More than Others?" Pastor Micah  
Response Song "We are People of God's Peace" VT#797

Sharing of Our Life Together

Prayer

Pastor Micah

Sending Song “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

SJ#76

Benediction

Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Matt Regier

Music: Karen/Bonnie

Sermon: Pastor Micah

AV: Wes Brewer

Greeters: Reynold & Deanna Entz

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

Contact Information

*Tuesday:* 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

*Wednesday:* 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*Email:* [zionelbing@gmail.com](mailto:zionelbing@gmail.com)

*Thursday:* 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**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](mailto:office.zionelbing@gmail.com)**

*Congregational Announcements*

Please join us for a **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

**FUNDRAISER MEAL** Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after church. We will be raising money for snow camp this winter. More details to come!

**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.

**ADVENT AT HOME 2023:** Mennonite Education Agency is announcing the upcoming publication of “How will we know?” The worship guide in English and Spanish will be available for free download from MEA’s website at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home/>. The expected publication date is November 13.

*Other Organizations*

Mennonite Church USA has launched “**Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence,**” an initiative to bring awareness to the complex issue that intersects with poverty, racism, discrimination, criminal justice, education and the environment. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj](http://mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj) Visit the initiative page here: [mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence](http://mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence)

**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](http://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](http://Hesston.edu/masterworks)

Join **First Mennonite Church of Halstead, KS** for their Annual Mission Supper at their church building at 427 W 4th in Halstead. This will take place on Saturday, Nov 11 from 5-7pm. The meal will be by donation to benefit missionaries Dave & Rebekka Stutzman (Germany) and Joseph and Rachel Givens (France), and local mission projects. The menu is German Sausage, Chicken Borscht, Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Zwiebach, and Pie.

**Living that Matters for Men: A half-day retreat.** Men, what kind of man do you want to be and how can you live a life that matters? In this half-day retreat, men will examine scripts we've been given, explore differing expressions of masculinity, and reconsider our purpose in life. This retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, director of Mennonite Men and author of *Living that Matters* (Herald Press, 2023), at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, KS from 8:00-12:00, on Saturday, November 11. See more information or register at <https://www.mennonitemen.org/>.

**GriefShare** offers a safe, welcoming support group to help you discover relief, comfort, and peace of mind in loss. Manhattan Mennonite Church will host an online GriefShare group beginning November 1, 6:30-8pm, and continuing every Wednesday night through January 31. This group meets intentionally through the holidays because grief can be especially difficult in these seasons. A zoom link and a workbook will be available to those who register. More information here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/175924>

**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](mailto: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. [ambse.org/online-short-courses](https://www.ambse.org/online-short-courses)

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

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](mailto:bmcpastor@gmail.com)

**Gaza Update:** Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN) will host a Zoom conversation Saturday, 11/11, 9-10 am with Tareq Abuhailima. Email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) to get the Zoom link. Tareq grew up in Gaza City and is the current graduate assistant at Bluffton University's The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center. Before beginning his graduate education at Bluffton University in January 2023, Tareq previously worked at Youth Vision Society in Gaza City as a project manager and served as MennoPIN's "Twinning with Gaza" Initiative Coordinator. He recently presented a seminar at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City and at our WDC Annual Assembly. He will share about his experience of growing up in Gaza and give an update on the disastrous human toll of the current war. Tareq recently learned that his sister was killed in the violence. He asked that this event not be postponed.

**Everence will hold an informative Medicaid and long-term care workshop** on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

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

**Get busy giving on Giving Tuesday at an Evening of Service at MCC!** Nov. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at MCC in North Newton, KS. Bring *new dark colored* hand towels with you to pack hygiene kits (the more towels you bring, the more kits we can pack!). MCC partner Offender Victim Ministries will be here with supplies to write holiday greetings to prisoners, we'll have comforters to tie and delicious snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give on Giving Tuesday!

**SAVE THE DATE** – The MCC Comforter Blitz will be March 4-6 in Yoder, Kansas.

**Julia Spicher Kasdorf: “Thinking of Certain Mennonite Women: Reading from her poems and those of others, with discussion,”** Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com) / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at [www.tourwithweldon.com](http://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!**