

*Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (with 1 visitor): c. 50

**Offering:** MCC - \$300

**LOCAL FUND**

giving in November \$750 - giving for year \$121,767

budgeted to year's end \$138,831

needed in November to meet budget for FY \$17,064

*This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Nov. 12

**Worship** 10:45 A.M., Nov. 12

*Wednesday Evening Activities*

**Meal :** Lois/Jim/Micah 6:00 P.M., Nov. 15

**Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study** 6:30 P.M., Nov. 15

**Elementary Youth Volunteers:** Steph/Sharon

**Choir** 7:25 P.M., Nov. 15

*Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship Leader(s):** Matt Regier Next Sun.

**Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude:** Christina/Choir/Bonnie Next Sun.

**Children's Time: ...** Next Sun.

**Offering:** Camp Mennoscah Next Sun.

**AV:** Kyle Rutschman Next Sun.

**Greeters:** Jeremy & Steph Entz Family Next Sun.

*Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

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

**Christmas Caroling in Peabody** 5 P.M., December 2

**HS Youth Fundraiser Breakfast** 8:37 AM, December 3

*Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...*

- speaking truth in love in all relationships. Help to open our hearts when others express themselves, even when their ideas and opinions are different than our own. May the Holy Spirit be invited into all our conversations. Grant us wisdom as we seek healing, reconciliation and the discernment to act when we need to act or be still when we need to be still.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*November 12, 2023*

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

Gathering "Jesus Call Us" VT#30

Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another

Announcements Steven Kauder

Prelude Lois Friesen

Prayers for Peace with Candle Lighting Pastor Micah

Call to Worship VT #1024

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

Children's Time Kristy Andres

Song "I Will Follow" VT#775

Scripture *Matthew 25:35-40*

Sermon Sharing from MCC Duane Unruh

Response Song "Will You Come and Follow Me" VT#540

Sharing of Our Life Together  
Prayer John Janzen

Sending Song "Go My Children" VT#830

Benediction Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Steven Kauder Music: Josh/Kristy/Lois

Sermon: Duane Unruh AV: Wes Brewer

Greeters: Brett & Cassie Klingenberg 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](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. The youth will be serving a variety of soups, fruit, salad and dessert. We ask you to consider supporting the 12 youth and 4 sponsors as they prepare to attend Rocky Mountain Snow Camp and/or a variety of other group activities. We need approximately \$250 per person to cover costs for the year. We appreciate your support.

**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.

Please join us for a **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:37 AM. We will be raising money for a summer service project.

### *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.

**Grief Share** 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 Grief Share 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. [ams.edu/online-short-courses](http://ams.edu/online-short-courses)

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)

***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.

**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! We'll have snacks for you to enjoy – bring your family and friends! No RSVP necessary. For more information visit <http://www.mcc.org/evening-service>.

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

**All bakers and craft makers are invited** to make items for **Five Places of Christmas** on Saturday, December 2, at Goerz House, Bethel College. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your home-baked cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as peanut clusters, peanut butter balls, peanut brittle or fudge. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 1, from 1:00-4:00 pm or on Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am.

**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 DID IT!!**

We did it, friends! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring!

**So, what's next?** That's a good question! One thing is for sure: We don't want to stop the ball now that it is rolling! Camp is still in need of money for maintenance. We need to make sure we have the facilities working well so we can continue to be a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. We still need maintenance to do the mission.

Please consider giving to Camp Mennoscah and/or the M&M Project on **Giving Tuesday** - this year on November 28 - or as part of your end-of-the-year giving. It's not that we aren't thankful for all you've done - but there is a lot to be done at Camp, and we already know that God has touched your heart and called you to be part of Camp's mission. Let's not just finish the M&M Project strong - let's finish the year strong!

And who knows? Maybe - just maybe - someone may step up to match what we've contributed over and above our goal. Maybe that someone is someone you know. Maybe that someone is you!

**Thank you for being a part of Camp Mennoscah! 75 years - There is still so much ahead!**