

*Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (with 1 visitor):

c. 67

**Offering:**

**HARVEST of LOVE - \$865**

**LOCAL FUND** Giving in November \$5,979; Giving for year \$126,996  
Budgeted to year's end \$138,831  
Needed in November to meet budget for FY \$11,835

*This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Nov. 19

**Worship** 10:45 A.M., Nov. 19

**Jr. High Fundraiser Meal** After Church, Nov. 19

*Wednesday Evening Activities*

*There will be no Wednesday evening activities this week.  
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!*

**Meal:** Deanna/Carol 6:00 P.M., Nov. 29  
**Adult Bible Study** 6:30 P.M., Nov. 29  
**\*Christmas Eve Practice** 6:30 P.M., Nov. 29  
**\*Choir** 7:25 P.M., Nov. 29

*Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship Leader:** Matt Regier Next Sun.  
**Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude:** Carol/Brett/Anna & Milo Next Sun.  
**Children's Time:** Matt Regier Next Sun.  
**Offering:** Zion Scholarship Fund Next Sun.  
**AV:** Andrew Wedel Next Sun.  
**Greeters:** Lillian Wedel Next Sun.

*Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**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...*

- spiritual gifts. Using these gifts for God's glory no matter what. Serving not to be recognized, but to be drawn closer to God. Also, helping others to discover their gifts and actively seeking ways God is calling each of us to use these gifts.
- forgiveness and healing. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*November 19, 2023*

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

Gathering "Oh, Healing River" VT#706

Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another

Announcements Matt Regier

Prelude Christina Liu

Prayers for Peace with Candle Lighting Pastor Micah

Call to Worship VT #902

Song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Choir  
Arr. by Michael Burkhardt  
Congregation join in singing verse 3 VT# 419

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

Children's Time Matt Regier

Song "There is a Balm in Gilead" VT#647

Scripture *Matthew 6:9-15*

Sermon "Unlocking the Full Power of Forgiveness" Pastor Micah

Response Song "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" VT#156

Sharing of Our Life Together  
Prayer Pastor Micah

Sending Song "God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song" VT#539

Benediction Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Matt Regier Music: Christina Liu/Bonnie/Choir  
Sermon: Pastor Micah AV: Kyle Rutschman  
Greeters: Jeremy & Steph Entz 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](mailto: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](mailto:office.zionelbing@gmail.com)**

*Congregational Announcements*

Please join us for a **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FUNDRAISER MEAL TODAY** after church.

**SEEKING ADVENT HELPERS** – If you or your family are interested in helping during the worship services throughout the Advent season, please see Pastor Micah.

\* **CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE** will take place Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. All Christmas Eve participants will meet to practice in the sanctuary at 6:30 P.M. All youth need to bring their folders to practice. The Faith Formation class will still be meeting with Pastor Micah 11/29, but will join for Christmas Eve practice Dec. 6 & 13. Thank you for your help in making this service a blessing!

**PARENTS** -- do you want to Christmas shop without the kids, or just have a night out with other grownups? Alyssa K and Lisa Scott will provide free babysitting for children 10 and younger on Friday, Dec 1, from 5:30 to 9:30ish, at the church. Sign up on the bulletin board.

\* **LOVE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?** December 2, 2023 at 5 P.M. we will be singing 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! Those singing need to meet at the Santa Fe Park in Peabody at 4:45 P.M. Bring your Hymnal of Worship book. *\*If you are able, please come to choir practice Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:25 P.M. to go over the songs we will be singing. ALL ages are welcome!*

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*

**Historian to present 'Mennonites on the Silk Road' at Newton Public Library** Historian and pastor John Sharp will return to Newton Public Library for a follow-up talk focusing on the Mennonite experience in Central Asia, Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. This is a hybrid program. Participants can attend in person, join online via Zoom webinars, or head to the Newton Public Library Facebook page at the time of the event for a livestream.

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 that 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 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)

***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.

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (6-12 month sizes); *new* bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); *new* hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's shirts (sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color) and men's underwear (sizes 2XL, 3XL -- any color). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**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)