

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 3 visitor): c. 69

Offering: Local Fund giving in December \$3,850
Needed per month approximately \$11,500

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Dec. 10
Worship 10:45 A.M., Dec. 10
Congregational Meeting following worship, December 10
Martha Wedel Viewing 1-5 P.M., December 10
Martha Wedel Funeral 10 @ cemetery: 11 @ church, December 11
Council Meeting 7:00 P.M., December 11

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: Kara/Bonnie & Wes 6:00 P.M., Dec. 13
Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Dec. 13
Christmas Eve Practice 6:30 P.M., Dec. 13
Choir 7:25 P.M., Dec. 13

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Steph Entz & Family Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh & Kristy Next Sun.
Renee & Emma/Choir
Children's Time: Annette Voth Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.
AV: Kyle Rutschman Next Sun.
Greeters: Josh & Kristy Andres Family Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Christmas Eve Service 7 P.M., December 24

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- trust in waiting. God does not leave us alone during our waiting, He is still active in our world and still sends help in our times of need.
- the family and friends of Martha Wedel as they grieve her passing.

Zion Mennonite Church

P.O. Box 68, Elbing, KS 67041 (316) 799-2071
zionelbing@gmail.com www.zionmenno.org

December 10, 2023

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

Gathering "Longing for Light" VT#715
Pre-Service Music Jeremiah & Gracia Brewer
Asher & Cohen Andres
Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another
Announcements Steph Entz & Family
Prelude Donovan Brewer & David Janzen
Call to Worship Steph Entz & Family
Lighting of the Advent Candles and Peace Lamp
Song "Poor of the Earth" VT#213
Offering *Area Food Banks*
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)
Children's Time Bonnie Brewer
Drama Brett & Cassie Klingenberg
Song "Wait for the Lord" VT#288
Scripture *2 Peter 3:8-15a & Mark 1:1-8*
Sermon "How Will We Know...What Now?" Pastor Micah
Response Song "What Child/Helpless & Hungry" VT#267/268
Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer Pastor Micah
Sending Song "Oh Love, that will not let me go" HWB#577

Benediction

Pastor Micah

Micah: Together we wait.

People: God is patient with us, but how do we prepare while we're waiting?

Micah: Go, beloved, and while you wait for these things, strive to be found by God at peace. Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

Worship Leader: Steph Entz & Family

Music: Bonnie Brewer

Sermon: Pastor Micah

AV: Wesley Brewer

Greeters: Grant & Allie 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>

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #737503-A. All rights reserved.

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

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Office Administrators: All bulletin items, notes/information to be sent out to the congregation through email needs to be sent to:
office.zionelbing@gmail.com

Congregational Announcements

SERVICES FOR MARTHA WEDEL will be as follows:

Visitation will be held at Broadway Colonial in Newton, KS

Sunday, December 10th from 1-5 P.M. Family will be present

from 3 to 5 P.M. A graveside service will be held Monday,

December 11th at 10 A.M. Zion Mennonite Cemetery, followed by

the funeral service at Zion Mennonite Church at 11 A.M. Meal to

follow at the conclusion of the service.

THANK YOU to those who attended our Senior High Youth Group Advent breakfast last Sunday. The monies you gave will further the faith formation of our present and future senior youth.

Today's **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to begin after Worship Service includes the following agenda items: Approval of May 4 Minutes: 2024 Budget: Election of 2024 Church Officers. The next Congregational Meeting is set for January 3, 7:00 PM.

Please **SUBMIT YOUR 2023 BOARD OR COMMITTEE REPORT** for the Zion 2023 Report Book to Becky Nickel by December 15th in either a Word or Google document to her email: bnickel77@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE will take place in the sanctuary Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 P.M. and during the Sunday School hour December 24th. All youth need to bring their folders to practice. Thank you for your help in making this service a blessing!

KARA KLINGENBERG will again travel to the Dominican Republic in January, this year as Medical Director for the project. Supplies have been purchased for surgeries and medicine needed to make this a successful trip. Monetary donations are appreciated to offset the cost of these supplies. Around \$3000 was spent just for supplies this year. Any extra donations will be used to help pay expenses for other participants.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE (KMRS) will be held April 12-13, 2024. Kathy Preheim has KMRS bucks available to purchase. They would make great stocking stuffers. Start collecting your coins for My Coins Count for the KMRS. We will begin setting up a display to gather them starting in January.

Other Organizations

You still have an opportunity to participate in the **2024 SMCHA (Swiss Mennonite Cultural & Historical Association) 150th celebration musical drama.** We are particularly looking for young men (teens or slightly older), but will have openings for others as well. We have some very talented participants, and hope you will join them. If interested, contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone (620)747-9158.

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 Visit the initiative page here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence

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>

Melva Kauffman Lecture Series: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery This year the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to hear his presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 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 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 or call 1-888-563-4676.

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.

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. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.