

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 0 visitors; & 6x2 Twitchers): c.90
Offering: Camp Mennoscah \$527
Local fund giving in August \$5,100; needed per month \$11,600

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SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., August 20
Worship 10:45 A.M., August 20
Happy Birthday Lillian! 2 P.M., August 20
Zion / GH retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Aug. 26-27

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

NOTE: Worship will be at Camp Mennoscah next week, the following information is for September 3rd.

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Andrew Wedel Before next Sun.
Klingenberg Family Before Sept. 2
Mowing Cemetery: Josh & David Andres (as needed) Aug. 28 – Sept. 30
Worship Leader(s): Lisa Scott Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh & Kristy/Jim Nickel Next Sun.
Children's Time: Matt Regier Next Sun.
AV: Andrew Wedel Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Education Board meets after church, Sept. 3
Teacher Appreciation/Safe Sanctuaries Potluck Noon, Sept. 10
School Kit Work Night 6:30-7:30 P.M., Sept. 13

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- one another. May we find ways forward that are creative, that meet people and families where they are, and which leave behind anything holding us back. May we remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever – even as our world changes.
- children, youth and their families, teachers and mentors as a new school year begins. Give thanks for the blessing and privilege of education. Pray for kindness, protection, peace, integrity, trusting God, friendships, work ethic, wisdom and contentment in all circumstances.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 20, 2023

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

Gathering “Come Let us all Unite and Sing” VT#7
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Lois Friesen
Prelude Carol Klingenberg
Call to Worship Lois Friesen
L: Look for God in this place.
P: **We search for God’s love and peace.**
L: Jesus, you are our lord and our way to see the Father.
P: **Help us to see the Father through you.**
L: Fill us with your spirit,
All: **And help us to walk in your ways. AMEN.**
Offering *New Hope Shelter*
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary)
Song “Come on, Children to the Gospel Feast” VT#511
Children’s Time Lois Friesen
Scripture Part 1 *John 14:1-14*
Song “As I went down to the River to Pray” VT#453
Scripture Part 2 *John 14: 15-31*
Sermon “*The Center of the Center of the Center*” Pastor Micah
Response Song “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” VT#156
Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer *Close prayer time with the LORD’s prayer* Pastor Micah
Sending Song “Praise God from whom...” VT#70
Benediction Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Accompanist / Vocalist: Carol & Margaret
Sermon: Pastor Micah Hurst AV: Kyle Rutschman
(Our worship is live-streamed and recorded at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.twitch.tv/zionmennonite)>;
recorded services are available for 7 days. 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

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact Information

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Congregational Announcements

It's Lillian's Birthday!!! Join us in celebrating the lovely Lillian TODAY from 2-4:30 P.M. at the Zion Mennonite Church.

Our theme for the **Camp Mennoscah** weekend is "Creation Care". We invite everyone to share the ways they are caring for creation in their lives. We will have a space to post ideas, pictures and/or products that you use that help preserve God's creation.

Please share! We also invite you to bring snack foods to share for the weekend. Today is the last day to sign up! Hope to see you at Camp next Saturday and Sunday!

Safe Sanctuary Training POTLUCK will take place after church September 10th in the Zion Fellowship Basement. All who are interested in teaching, youth leaders and mentors need to make arrangements to attend. Please bring your favorite potluck dish. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Children are welcome to eat with us! *Sign-up by September 3rd.*

Come join us for a **School Kit** work night Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 at the MCC Center in North Newton! Alyssa and Lisa challenged us to collect school supplies for MCC and now it's time to put them together.

Other Organizations

Save the Date! A gathering of Sponsors and other Youth Workers will take place on Sunday, Aug 27 from 4-5:30pm at a location TBD. Virtual attendance also available. If you work with high school youth in your congregation, you are invited! This will be a time to talk, share, learn, and teach about what it takes to create meaningful conversations about faith with youth. Snacks will be provided. Contact Dwight Regier, Network Team Leader for youth ministry, WDC and SCMC with questions at dwightr@mennowdc.org

Hope Mennonite Church is delighted to invite you to an evening of fun and inspiring music Sunday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. You will be entertained by the lead vocalists of Everyday Lights, Paul Austin and Jennifer (Hope) Chlumsky from Salina, KS. They combine a variety of musical styles including folk, bluegrass, jazz, country, and traditional hymns. As you listen to the concert, a dessert and snack bar with sweet and salty snacks will be available. No tickets are necessary but a free-will donation will be gladly accepted with the proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Hope Mennonite Church – 868 N Maize Rd, Wichita, KS 67212

Friday, August 25 – “**Drinking from a New Well,**” ceramics by Tom and Pam Voth, opens in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (reception Sept. 21). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

The Women & Girls Retreat will be September 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by WDC Women in Mission. The theme this year is “Women Talking, Listening, and Creating.” Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and story-telling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Registration details will be coming soon!

SAVE THE DATES: Sun., Sept. 10, Dr. Caleb Stephens presents his film *Eat, Protest, Lift*, and a convocation lecture **Mon., Sept. 11,** at Bethel College.

M&M Project Update: Over the Halfway Point!

Thank you all so much! The money continues to come in for Camp MennoScah's M&M Project! Thanks to all of these faithful supporters for giving to this effort! As of this writing, Camp MennoScah has received more than \$56,000 toward our goal! That means we are over halfway to the \$100,000 our donor is offering to match! Now is the time to join the effort. If you haven't taken any action yet, we are sure you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ. For more info, check out the Camp MennoScah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh at <tammy.d.unruh@campmennoScah.org> or 316-207-3472.

You're invited to the **Regional 3 MDS Annual Meeting** September 15th & 16th in Boulder, Colorado. Throughout the weekend you will have the opportunity to meet/greet some of the MDS binational staff and learn about MDS activities. The focus of the celebration will be on identifying active partners as well as seeking new partnerships. For more information and registration visit <<http://www.mds.org/region/region-3>>

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for FALL 2023 begins August 23. This program is designed especially for person 60 and above. See the church bulletin board for program schedule details. If you have questions contact Gary Rediger at (316) 722-1965 or gary.rediger@gmail.com.

MCC is looking for a driver with a semi tractor that would be willing to transport cardboard paper bales for recycling from the MCC warehouse in North Newton to Wichita. This is an immediate need, but MCC anticipates needing help like this 4-5 times per year. If you can help or have questions, please reach out to Duane Unruh at MCC at 785.760.1390 or duaneunruh@mcc.org.

