

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, June 28**—The Gift of Our Voices: Pastor Komuesa Kalunga, Mennonite Church of Congo

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:40 AM Worship

2:30-5:00 PM Clarence Rempel's farewell at Western District Office

**Monday, June 29**

Jail Ministry: Willard Epp

**Tuesday, June 30**

12:00 Noon Youth Group leaves from Bethel College parking lot for KC 2015 Convention

**Wednesday, July 1**

4:00 PM Prayer Meeting

**Sunday, July 5**

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

### Upcoming Worship Services

July 5—The Gift of Our Voices: June Thomsen

Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:1-7

July 12—The Gift of Our Voices: Youth Sunday

3:00 PM—Casa Betania 7th Anniversary worship followed by fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

July 19—The Gift of Our Voices: Pastor Joel Schroeder



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# The Gift of Our Voices:

Pastor Adolphe Komuesa

First Mennonite Church  
Zion Mennonite Church

June 28, 2015

# Joint Worship Gathering of Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing and First Mennonite Church, Newton

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## Gathering to Worship and Praise

**Gathering music**..... Michael Combs, organist

**Songs of faith:** *Asithi: Amen* ..... \*H 64

*In your sickness* ..... H 585

*Christ has arisen* ..... H 267

Musicians: Rachel Unruh, chorister; Melody Bontrager, pianist; Joan Entz, Nora Miller, Daryl Unruh, Dan Miller, vocalists; Seth Bontrager, Steven Kauder, drums.

**Gathering words and prayer** ..... Dave and Elena Wiebe

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus**..... Stefanie Knopp

**The work of the people (announcements)**

**Offering:** Zion Mennonite Offering: Mennonite Mission Network  
First Mennonite Offering: Local Mission  
Please bring your offerings forward to the baskets.

**Offertory song of faith:** *We will walk with God*  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture** ..... John Janzen, reader in French

**Sermon:** Pastor Adolphe Komuesa, President of Mennonite Church of Congo  
Translator: Rod Hollinger-Janzen, AIMM

## Responding in Love

**Song of faith:** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* ..... H 76

Stanza 1 in French: led by Abby Schrag

Stanzas 2 & 3 in English

**Sharing celebrations and concerns**

**Pastoral prayer**

**The work of the people (announcements)**

**Sending song:** *Thuma Mina*..... H 434

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

\*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Allen Schmidt

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### Our Mission is to glorify God:

- Through expressing our love to God in worship.
- Through experiencing love in Christian community.
- Through extending God's love to the world.

**In Sympathy**—Earl Flickner (85) passed away on Tuesday, June 23. His memorial service was held on Saturday, June 27, here at First Mennonite Church. We extend our condolences to Gordon and family.

**Congratulations to** Daniel Pankratz and Teresa Ruedy who were married on Saturday, June 27, in Stillwater, OK. Daniel is the son of Mark and Joyce Pankratz.

**MC USA convention:** You are welcome to attend the following events without registration or cost: Opening worship at the Convention Center on Tuesday, June 30, from 7:15-8:45 PM; closing worship on Sunday, July 5, from 10-11:30 AM, with Shane Claiborne as the featured preacher; and the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus program on Friday evening, July 3, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, located at 415 W 13th Street.

**During Pastor Anita's sabbatical:** Pastor Joel will be the "go-to" person for administrative concerns and Pastor Kay will be the "go-to" person for pastoral care. Caregiving and Membership Commission members will be helping Kay and Joel as needed. For the week of June 28-July 5 (since Joel and Kay will be at the MC USA convention) if you have a pastoral care need or know of someone who is hospitalized, please contact the office or Caregiving & Membership Commission chair, June Thomsen (316-239-8747).

**Our trees from the front of the church** are serving in the exhibit area of MC USA convention in Kansas City.

**Over the next few weeks** you may start noticing different offering envelopes in the pews. Our supply of the tan envelopes is winding down and we will be replacing them with the older offering envelopes that we had left over from past years.

**If you have a church key,** please always remember to make sure you have locked the door before you leave. There have been several times recently that the church has been left unlocked. Thank you!

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

- Worship—252 Visitors—18
- Sunday School—191

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,179. The offering for July 5 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

**Prayer is one of God's gifts to us.** If you would like to pray in a set-aside room for that purpose, the prayer room is available whenever the church is open in Room #113. The weekly prayer and praise notes can remind you of some of the situations needing intercession. Prayer meetings take place each Wednesday at 4:00 PM in the Warkentin Room.

**Cards are available in the pews** for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

#### **Community Announcements**

**Farewell for Clarence Rempel, WDC Conference Minister**—Everyone is invited to a come-and-go farewell open house for Clarence Rempel today, June 28, 2:30-5:00 PM at the Western District Conference office, 2517 North Main in North Newton.

**The West Zion Mennonite Church will have a concert** today, June 28, at 7:00 PM. Featured performers include Kenna Frey Graber, flute; RoJean Loucks, Celtic harp; Laurie Voth Regehr, piano and Donna Stucky, organ and piano. During the concert a free-will offering will be received and following the concert there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments being served.

**There will be a bird walk at Kauffman Museum** on Saturday, July 4. Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen at 6:45 AM in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

**Volunteers and bakers needed for Kidron Bethel**—Kidron Bethel's July 4 Fireworks Extravaganza includes a cake walk and bake sale to benefit residents through the Health Care Benevolent Fund. Bakers are needed to make cakes or other baked goods. Bring your donations to Kidron's Welcome Center front desk at 6:00 PM, Saturday, July 4. During the event that evening, volunteer slots are open between 7:30-9:00 PM, leading kids' outdoor games, working in cake-walk or bake-sale areas, or selling ice cream sundaes. To volunteer for baking or manpower needs, contact Michelle Rider, 620-327-3497, or micheller@bluestemks.org.

**Celebrate the 4th at Fireworks Extravaganza!** Your family is invited to celebrate July 4 at the Fireworks Extravaganza at 7:30 PM on Saturday, July 4, at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive in North Newton. The fireworks show begins at 9:00 PM. Hotdogs, beverages and snacks will be available. The evening includes kids' games, a cake walk, bake sale and ice cream sundae sales. Bring your lawn chairs. Flashlights are recommended for navigating to and from parking areas. For more information call 316-836-4863.

**Casa Betania will be celebrating their 7th Anniversary** on Sunday, July 12. They will have a worship service at 3:00 PM followed by a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come!

**Camp Mennoscah's All-Ages Family Camp is July 25-26**—Alan Stucky and Katie Best will be our leaders for a weekend of fun with campfire and swimming, free time and activities, and even more of this and that. Grab a friend or family member and join us!

**Mark your calendars with the Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing** on August 9, at 6:00 PM at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Sing camp songs, enjoy pop and popcorn, and wear your favorite camp tee shirt!

**Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM)** has a new website [www.aimmintl.org](http://www.aimmintl.org). Check it out!

## College-Age Young Adults



**ALL College-age Young Adults** are invited to gather at **9:15 am on Sunday** in the "dungeon" (Rm 114) to begin exploration of **WHO GOD HAS CREATED YOU TO BE!**

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

Envite—Engage—Encourage  
Equip—Empower—rRepeat

### KC2015 Mennonite Youth Convention

- ▶ June 30-July 5—"ON THE WAY" Luke 24
- ▶ Departure: Tuesday, June 30 noon o'clock from the Bethel College stadium parking lot



**YOUTH SUNDAY**—July 12 The KC2015 Convention experience

**Senior Appreciation** — WEEK of July 12 (wait for more details)

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** who has come to worship and especially to those who are here for the first time. May you experience the loving embrace of God today. Nursery Care, infants to age 2, is provided during the worship service in the nursery located at the back of the Sanctuary. Child-care is available for children ages 2-4 during the worship service in Room 223. If you need help finding your way, ask an usher at the door. We would be glad to help you!

**We welcome our special guests who are joining us for worship today:**

- **Pastor Komuesa and Marcelline Mbalo: Adolphe Komuesa Kalunga** was born on April 9, 1955 into a family of 7 children. His primary and high school experiences were in Nyanga, one of the 8 mission stations established by Congo Inland Mission, and he was baptized there at the age of 11. He left Nyanga for Congo's capital city, Kinshasa, where he studied theology, eventually receiving a doctorate from the Congo Protestant University after research in Brussels. After his first wife passed away, he married **Marcelline Mbalo**. Pastor Komuesa has worked as a religion teacher, pastor, district pastoral supervisor, and university theology professor, all for Mennonite Church of Congo. In 2004 he was elected national President of the church, and is currently serving his second mandate in that role.
- **Rod Hollinger-Janzen:** Rod spent 17 years in West Africa- 14 with Mennonite Mission Network and 3 with Mennonite Central Committee. He has been in his executive coordinator role at AIMM now for 10 years. He is married to Lynda, and they have 3 adult children.
- **Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, KS;** Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp, pastors.

**Our delegates and the leaders of MCUSA** have earnestly asked that we pray for the meetings this week in Kansas City. Today as you leave the service there will be baskets of small candles. Please take one and use it as a reminder to pray at least once every day that God's will be done "on earth, as in heaven" as a result of the deliberations and decisions at the meeting.