

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 4 visitors): 81
Offering (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary): \$412

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Mowing church: Reynold and Russell Entz Before next Sun.
Greeters: Ben and Halie Duerksen Next Sun.
Musicians: Karen / Karen / Karen Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Thank You...

...to the many in this congregation and beyond who've supported Agri-Urban. Earlier this year the Board determined that changing agricultural realities meant the venture should end, but we celebrate that over the last 45 years, regional farm and urban dwellers raised a total of \$1,600,000 donated to Western District Conference, Bethel College, General Conference Menn. Ch. / Menn. Ch. USA, and several other non-profit organizations... all of which have benefited greatly from such generous support.

Pray This Week for...

- Delila Wedel, recovering from a second surgery on her kneecap last Mon.; she's on the rehab wing at Newton Medical Center.
- Bruce Janzen, recovering at home after a procedure last Thur. at St. Joseph to remove a stone in a kidney.
- Randy Preheim, recovering at home from a broken leg after a steer kick on Thur.
- Elmo Murray, who'll be reflecting this week on the anniversary of his wedding to Dejah in 1947.
- the Western District Conference Ministerial Leadership Commission meeting this week, as they provide support and accountability to leaders in our congregations.
- Margrit Kipfer Barrón, as she compiles a book-study of Luke to introduce non-Christians to Jesus in her assignment with Mennonite Mission Network. She wants this current project to be available to people living in remote areas of Bolivia where her pastor-husband, Freddy, helps to organize book fairs.

Zion Mennonite Church

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May 28, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering Hymn "My faith looks up to thee" HWB #565

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship SJ #134 (1: north side; 2: south side)

Children's Time "Father Abraham" Margaret Brewer

Scripture Genesis 12:1-3 and Romans 4:1-5, 16-17

Sermon "Justifying all of us" Ray Reimer

*Response Hymn "The God of Abraham praise" HWB #162

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Rosie Epp

*Sending Hymn "Will you come and follow me" SS #39

*Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Virgil and Nadine Epp Musician: Carol Klingenberg

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer

Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp (316) 799-1200

Pastors Ray and Rosie's Schedules: One of them is at the church office most weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon., Thur., & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed. This next weekend Rosie will be in Kansas City, visiting Renee and participating in a worship festival/carnival Renee helped plan at Rainbow Menn. Ch.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion leads Kidron Bethel Village **Vespers** 3:30 P.M., May 28
Pentecost communion observance 10:45 A.M., June 4
Pastors and deacons – **communion field trip** P.M., June 4
Teacher Appreciation supper (*note new time*) 5:30 P.M., June 4
Community VBS @ Remington MS June 5-9
Deacons meet 7 P.M., June 6
VBS program & ice cream social @ Remington MS 7 P.M., June 9
Zion SS Picnic @ King Park (Hesston) June 11
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., June 12
Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during week of June 14-20
Zion summer **congregational meeting** 9:00–10:35 A.M., June 18
MC USA **Biennial Assembly @ Orlando, FL** July 4-8

Congregational Announcements

June 5, 5:30 P.M.: **Teacher Appreciation supper** for all youth teachers and helpers for Sunday School and Wed. evening classes.

June 11, 10 A.M.: **Zion SS Congregational Picnic** at King Park shelter house, Hesston, with the theme of “Sharing and Friendship.” We request that each Sunday School class share one item: a song, a poster, a story, a skit, etc. Bring food to share and your own table service; drinks and dessert will be provided. Also, please bring items for local food banks.

June 18, 9 A.M.: A summer **congregational meeting** is planned for 9:00–10:35 A.M. on Sun., June 18. Agenda items include affirmation of WDC delegates, plans for parsonage, and the Mennonite Church USA resolution on Israel/Palestine that our delegates will vote on at Orlando in about 6 weeks. Additional topics may be added in coming weeks. A continental breakfast is planned. Children will have Sunday school during the regular time. *N.B.:* a few printed copies of the MCUSA “Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine” resolution are available under the mailboxes for individuals or Sunday School classes that would like to study it (this is a revision of the resolution which was tabled by delegates at Kansas City in 2015); digital copies can be found at <[http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/IP-](http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/IP-Resolution.pdf)

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Other Organizations

May 28, 3 P.M.: Impromptu **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum event**, Kauffman Museum. David Moon, professor of history, Un. of York (United Kingdom), will present “The Amerikan Steppe: Influences from Russia and Ukraine on the Great Plains, 1870s-1930s,” as a “prequel” to the film *America: Promised Land* that includes the story of Mennonite immigrants to KS, scheduled to air on the *History* channel May 29-30. May 28 is also the final day of the special exhibit “Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen.”

May 29: Centering Prayer will not meet this Mon. (Memorial Day), but continues to meet most Mondays from NOON-1 P.M. in Agape Center in Richert House on the BC campus. Try it once, come occasionally or regularly—all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more info, contact <2nathankoontz@gmail.com>, <mzuercher@bethelks.edu>.

June 2-3: A **Mini Comforter Blitz** will be held at MCC Central State Material Resource Center (121 E 30th St, North Newton). Pieced comforter tops will be tied and bound, and then distributed by MCC to those displaced by or seeking refuge from political unrest or natural disasters. The blitz will be open on Fri., June 2, from 1 to 8 P.M., and on Sat., June 3, from 8 A.M. to noon. Bring a snack to share with others, and bring a sack lunch if you are staying over a mealtime; drinks will be furnished. Need childcare? Please RSVP to Kara Klingenberg at (620) 983-9003. Every age is welcome, from youths to senior citizens.

Our visitors last week left a poster (by the photocopier) and several pamphlets (under the mailboxes) describing the research project into the **genetic aspects of bipolar disorder** which the National Institute of Mental Health is sponsoring, seeking in particular participation from Amish/Mennonite populations in view of their large families and detailed genealogical records. Members (or those they know) are encouraged to consider participating.

June 3, 6 A.M.–8 P.M.: The public is invited to “**Walk Sand Creek Trail Day**,” part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the BC campus, dawn to dusk, thanks to the Sand Creek Trail Committee.

June 3, 6:30 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **First-Saturday Bird Walk**. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

June 3, 10–11:30 A.M.: Shalom Menn. Ch. (800 E First, Newton) will host a **Community Conversation on Immigration** (*note that this is a new date & time from previous announcements*). It will be a moderated panel discussion with a question and answer time to follow. The discussion will focus on the panelists’ general perspectives on issues that affect refugees and immigrants in KS and Harvey County. The confirmed panel participants are Bob Myers (Newton City Manager) and Tim Hodge (State Representative). If you have questions about the event, contact office@shalomnewton.org.

June 5, 7 P.M.: Everence Financial will provide information about **retirement income** to help you determine if you have enough money to retire, what to do if the market doesn’t cooperate and how to know if your savings will last. The seminar to be held at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

June 5-9: **Community VBS** will be held at Remington Middle School in Whitewater with the theme “Over the Moat–Drawbridge to the King.” Our church is responsible for providing 15 dozen cookies. (Please remember that peanut allergies continue to be a huge issue. Anyone providing cookies may choose to buy commercial cookies which must be labeled for peanut allergies. Anyone making cookies—please label clearly regarding peanut contact with ingredients.) If you are willing to make cookies, or interested in being a co-teacher, please contact Carol Klingenberg. A VBS closing program including ice cream and a “castle carnival” will be held Fri., June 9 at 7 P.M. for everyone.

June 14–July 26 (excepting July 5): Children ages 3-8 are invited to **Summer Story Hour** at the Western District Conference Resource Library June 14 through July 26 (not July 5). Register TODAY at <https://goo.gl/forms/kQwNSzl9Bw8rr1q03> or by contacting the library at crlib@mennowdc.org or (316) 283-6300. Due to limited space, children should be able to attend at least 4 of the 6 weeks offered.

June 24-25: Hesston College alumni and friends are invited to **Explore KS!** The overnight tour includes Saturday at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art and Kansas City Royals game. Sunday worship service will be at Community Christian Church with professional baritone Anthony Brown performing, and the Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus concert at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka. Details available at hesston.edu/explore-kansas or call (620) 327-8147 to register *by June 12*.

July 4-8: Mennonite Church USA **Biennial Assembly** in Orlando, FL; John and Reinhild Janzen attend as Zion delegates, also Pastors Ray and Rosie (the former as a WDC delegate).

July 29-30: **Family Weekend** at Camp Mennoscah! Families of all shapes, sizes, and generations are invited to spend time swimming, playing in the river, crafting, and being with each other. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at (620) 297-3290.

Aug. 4-6: **Western District Conference Annual Assembly**, at Double Tree Hilton Hotel Arlington: DFW South in Texas.

Aug. 4-6: **Young Adult Weekend** at Camp Mennoscah; you can register online at campmennoscah.org.

Opening: MCC Central States is hiring a Donor Relations Associate. The Donor Relations Associate is responsible for assisting in implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to face contact in order to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This position is open within the 16-state MCC CS region. To see a full job description and to apply, please visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings>.