

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 5 visitors): 70

Offering (Zion Scholarship Fund): \$757

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing church: Virgil Epp	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Joe Friesen & Don Regier	Before next Sun.
Musicians: Carol/ Carol/ Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	during wk of Aug. 23-29
Spiritual Life Board meal / meeting	NOON, Aug. 27
Zion swim party @ Peabody pool; potluck after	5 P.M., Aug. 27
Renee Reimer preaches	Sept. 3
Deacons meet	7 P.M., Sept. 5
WDC Women and Girls Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	Sept. 8-10
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Sept. 11
Wheat State Manor Vespers ; 2 small classes lead	4 P.M., Sept. 17
Worldwide Communion observance	Oct. 1

Pray This Week for...

*Edna Andres, recovering at home.

*Pete Klaassen is in Newton Medical Center, as of Thursday. Please pray for healing.

*Thanksgiving for successful summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah.

*Ruth Andres, remembering her wedding anniversary on Sept. 1st.

*Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

*Pray for Stephen Wilcox as he is installed today at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, KS. Pray that God will bless his ministry as a new pastor in WDC.

*Jim Preheim: Thank you to the church family for your prayers, visit, calls and flowers during my hospital stay. We would appreciate your continued prayers in my recovery.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 27, 2017; Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering "Christ is Our Cornerstone" HWB #43

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" HWB #75

Children's Time Derek Klingenberg, Katie Schmidt, Chris Riesen

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-21 HWB # 850

Sermon "Responding to God's Mercy" Rosie Epp

*Response Hymn "O Breath Upon Us, Holy Spirit" SJ # 46

Offering *Mennonite Mission Network*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

*Sending Hymn "When All Thy Mercies" HWB #72

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Doug and Margaret Brewer
Worship Leader: Kara and Derek Klingenberg
Musicians: Karen Andres and Val Klaassen
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp

(316) 799-1200

Pastors Ray and Rosie's Schedules: Rosie will be at church most mornings. Monday she'll attend an MCC lunch and learn event. Wed. afternoon she meets with her Pastor peer group. Ray continues remodeling.

Congregational Announcements

Aug. 27, 5 P.M.: A free **Zion swim party** at the Peabody City Pool from 5-6 P.M. We'll plan to have a group potluck afterwards in the park; bring food, tableware (cups, plates, spoons and forks) and lawn chairs. We will provide drinks.

A new quarter of **religious education** starts next Sunday. New teachers of children are:

Karen Andres: 3 & 4 yr olds: Gracia & Wyatt

Steph Entz: Preschool & KG: Donovan, Audra, Renee, & Lauren

Liz Rutschman: 1st & 2nd: Anna, Alyssa, Emma, Drew, & Joy

Ann Schowengerdt: 3rd: Abi, Makayla, & Eva

Women In Mission: The offering for MCC Relief and School Kits was a blessing for the poor. Items for Relief Kits = \$625.18, approximately 30 kits and items for School Kits \$172.08, 40 kits with a balance of \$61.89. Thanks to everyone.

Other Organizations

Camp Mennoscah had 551 campers attending summer youth camps this year. Volunteer staff from Zion included: Amy Wedel, Clinton Unruh, Derek and Kara Klingenberg, and Lara Scott.

What a roof-raising success! The annual **Camp Sing for Camp Mennoscah** gathered over 200 people at Faith Mennonite Church for an hour of songs, popcorn, and fellowship. The event raised \$3,465.00 for upgrading the sound system at Camp Mennoscah. Thank you for supporting Camp Mennoscah!

Aug. 27, 3 P.M.: Ben Goossen will speak on “**Are Mennonites German?** Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora,” and sign his book *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (2017) at the Kauffman Museum (books will be available for purchase in the museum store).

Ben Goossen will also be at the MCC center in North Newton on Monday, Aug. 28 for Lunch & Learn. Historian Ben Goossen will discuss how narratives of Mennonite identity and history can help align Anabaptists with mainstream American culture and white privilege. To what extent do stories of martyrdom and separation from the world prevent us from engaging inequality in our own churches and beyond?

Sept. 3-4: **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah. Join us, all people affected by mental issues, including friends and families! We will have sessions on the theme of “Branching Out.” Also part of our time together are crafts, a hayrack ride, worship, swimming, and time to visit with old and new friends! Register online at <campmennoscah.org>. Scholarships are available. Contact us at (620) 297-3290 with questions.

Sept. 8: **The Mennonite, Inc.** welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our November 2017 print magazine issue and online content focusing on Transition. Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than Sept. 8. More details can be found at: <https://themennonite.org/november-transitions/>

Sept. 8-10: Registration is now open for the **Womens/Girls Retreat** (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah. Our theme is “Together: Rooted and Reaching” with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Schedules & registration forms are available on the bulletin board or at: <<http://mennowdc.org/calendar/>>. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Fri. evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Sat. morning and afternoon activities and seminars.

Sept. 12, 7 P.M.: **Leonard Pitts Jr.**, will speak in Bethel College's Memorial Hall, a change of venue from previous announcements and some printed material. Pitts will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books. This event is in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

Sept. 13: **Remington Elementary School** is holding a First Steps session focusing on parenting for families of children 0-3 years old. See flier on bulletin board.

Sept. 15, 6:30 P.M.: The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) **benefit dinner** will take place at First Menn. Ch. in Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow, featuring testimony from IBA students Vicky Velazquez and Jose Suastegui, a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania and some words and greetings from our new director, Marco Güete. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity for a Sunday School class, small group or individuals to come and hear how IBA is equipping Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at <VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org> or call (316) 281-4342.

Sept. 16: The annual **MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on this Sat., originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a water development project in India. Rides of app. 35, 45, and 65 miles—as well as a shorter family ride—are planned. A brochure is available on the bulletin board (make copies as needed); it's also at <mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>, where you can also register on-line. Both bikers and contributors are needed! Contributions for this MCC project from non-bikers should be made to MCC; "Flatlander Bike Ride" written on the memo line; and sent to: MCC, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117.

Sept. 19: 18-week "**Getting Ahead**" class with Harvey County Circle of Hope begins. Learn money management skills, set personal goals, build resources. Supper and childcare provided. Register at (316) 284-0000 or <www.peaceconnection.org>; more details posted.

Sept. 29–Oct. 3: **Work & Play Camp** for all ages at Camp Mennoscah! It's an adventure! Camp Mennoscah's Work & Play Camp is gearing up for 5 days of adventuresome projects and people. From Sept. 29-Oct. 3, we'll be conquering mountains (of tasks) and facing down hordes (during coffee breaks) and having a grand time. The only thing that could make it better is if you were there, too! This camp is for all ages, all people who love Camp Mennoscah, and for anyone who likes the satisfaction of completing projects. There is no cost for this retreat and attendees are welcome to come for a day or the whole adventure. Please let us know that you are coming by calling 620-297-3290 or registering online at campmennoscah.org

HELP DISPLACED PEOPLE IN DR CONGO: Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcc.org/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.