

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 5 visitors): 85
Offering (Mennonite Mission Network): \$343.17

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing church: Mike Scott	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Thurman and Jeremy Entz	Before next Sun.
Musicians: Josh/ Josh/ Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite College (donor specification)	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Labor Day	Sept. 4
Deacons meet	7 P.M., Sept. 5
WDC Women and Girls Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	Sept. 8-10
MC USA Christian Education/Formation Sunday	Sept. 10
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Sept. 11
Wheat State Manor Vespers ; 2 small classes	4 P.M., Sept. 17
Women in Mission meets at the Breadbasket	12 P.M., Sept. 18
Intl. Day of Prayer for Peace	Thur., Sept. 21
Gideon Presentation	Sept. 24
Work and Play Camp @ Camp Mennoscah	Sept. 29-Oct. 3
Worldwide Communion observance	Oct. 1
Annual Mtg @ Camp Mennoscah	Oct. 1
Mission Sunday	Oct. 15

Pray This Week for...

*Pray for WDC congregations in Texas, as they cope with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, and for all who are responding with assistance and support for flood victims.

*Pete Klassen is now in the rehab unit at Wheat state manor, Whitewater. Please continue to pray for healing.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 3, 2017

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

*Gathering "We Gather Together" HWB #17

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (inspired by Ruth 1 and Mark 12)

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

*Hymn "Over My Head" SJ #18

Children's Time Rosie Epp

Presentation of Bibles and Shine On Story Bibles

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1-22

Sermon "Cultivating Strong Relationships" Renee Reimer

*Response Hymn "Be Thou my Vision" HWB # 545

Offering *Local Fund*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns Prayer

*Sending Hymn “God be with you” HWB #430

*Benediction

L: Go in the security of one another; walking with others in times of despair. Infiltrating love into all of your relationships and guiding others on paths that may seem troubling or confusing.

All: May the Lord empower us to do all this together in community.

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Gary and Sharon Wedel

Worship Leader: Mark

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Musician: Carol Klingenberg

Preaching: Renee Reimer

Co-Pastors: Rosie Epp, Ray Reimer

(316) 799-1200

Pastors Ray and Rosie's Schedules: Rosie will be at the church office Tuesday through Thursday mornings. Ray continues remodeling.

Congregational Announcements

Welcome to **Renee Reimer**. Renee is on the ministry staff at Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City. Her responsibilities include youth programming and outreach. She is also taking seminary classes through AMBS, and happens to be the daughter of Pastors Rosie and Ray.

Bibles will be presented to our 4th Graders: **Makayla, Eva, Abi**. The **Shine On Bible** story book will be presented to our Kindergarteners: **Audra, Donovan**.

Women in Mission meets on Monday, Sept. 18, at the Breadbasket for a noon meal. We will be at the MCC center from 1-4 p.m. working on MCC kits and have a meeting. All Ladies are invited.

Other Organizations

MCC has heard a call from many churches and individuals to work at gun violence prevention, in all of its forms. Suicide is among other parts of this work, as 2/3 of all gun deaths in the US are suicide. MCC is anxious to hear from others as we begin to work at this. Please share your voice with us in this survey, about your experiences with and perspectives of gun violence, so that we can understand how best to work with churches and communities. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDLP5IbrbeDKlisiSSCq_DX_vWScnqZETGF-FtSUNOEhSPQ/viewform
Questions? Contact Mike Martin at mike@rawtools.org and/or Jessica Buller at jessicabuller@mcc.org

Sept. 4: Bethel College: Centering Prayer **will not meet Mon., Sept. 4 (Labor Day)**, but continues most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

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 **Women's/Girl's 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. 10: **Rachel Waltner Goossen**, professor of history at Washburn University, will speak on "The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness," to introduce the special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," **3 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum*. **Opening reception for the exhibit is at 4 p.m.**

Sept. 11: Getting ready to retire? **Everence®** Financial will present informational seminars this fall to help you make informed decisions. *An overview of Medicare* will go over what's covered (and what's not), enrollment deadlines and plans that supplement Medicare. It will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 and Nov. 6. *Retirement income strategy* will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks than can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. It will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and Dec. 4. All seminars will be at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316)283-3800, (877)467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Sept. 11-12: **Tabor College Lecture:** Christians as Culture Creators by Scott McKnight, Professor of New Testament, Northern Seminary. Sept. 11 at 7 p.m., and Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church, 300 Prairie Pointe, Hillsboro, KS.

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. 14: **Outdoor concert, Cherokee Maidens with Sycamore Swing, 6 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum on the Bethel College campus (corner of Main and 27th, North Newton)*. Bring your own chairs; suggested donation: \$10 single/couple/family.

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. 17: **Furley United Methodist Church**, Valley Center is extending an invitation to joy in their homecoming celebration (130 years) on Sunday September 17. Worship at 10:45 am, followed by an afternoon of praise at 3 pm including cake and cookies.
Sept. 18: **M-2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity**
Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be on **Monday, Sept. 18** at **12:00pm** at Hutch Correctional Facility or **Tuesday, Sept. 19** at **6:30pm** at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at ben@offendervictimministries.org or (316) 281-5244.

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. 22-24: Don't miss out on the fun and learning planned for all ages and the whole community during **A Hesston College Homecoming** Sept. 22 to 24. The "Grounded in Community, Globally Engaged" weekend will speak to the tradition of a strong campus community, the college's role in the larger community, and the global perspectives and connections Hesston College maintains. The inauguration of Hesston's ninth president, Dr. Joseph A. Manickam, will also take place. Go to hesston.edu/homecoming for a full weekend schedule, event descriptions and registration.

Sept. 29-30: #ActionAlert from MCC - All the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Centers in the U.S. need a combined total of **7000 comforters by November!** Yes, you read that right, 7000 comforters are needed to fulfill the requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria! Save the dates to join the effort at the MCC Mini Comforter Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kansas on September 29 and 30. Check mcc.org/comforter-blitz for more details, or contact katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

Sept. 29–Oct. 3: **Camp Mennoscah** invites you and everyone you know to Work & Play Camp from September 29 to October 3! It's a hootin', rootin' good time for folks of all ages. We'll be working on projects and making camp shiny from head to toe. On Sunday, October 1, we'll break from our routine with worship and the **annual meeting**. Come for a day or for the full camp. NO COST for this retreat! Please let us know you're coming by registering online at campmennoscah.org or calling 620-297-3290.

Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 15-17: It's time to pull out your pictures and craft supplies! **Camp Mennoscah** offers two Scrapbook & Crafts Retreats this fall on Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 15-17. These long weekends are great for taking a break from what you do and spending some time crafting, creating, and cropping. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for a paper registration.