

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors): 77
Offerings: Mennonite Central Committee (Meat Canning): \$1,361
The Gideons \$281

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Worldwide Communion observance Oct. 1
Annual Mtg @ Camp Mennoscah Oct. 1
Deacons meet 7 P.M., Oct. 3
Wed. Evening Activities resume Oct. 4
5:45-6:30 P.M. Supper
6:30-7:15 P.M. Children's Activities, Adult Choir practice
7:15-8:15 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Mowing church: Daryl Regier Before next Sun.
Greeters: Jim and Gladys Preheim Next Sun.
Musicians: Bonnie / Bonnie / Carol Next Sun.
Offering: Open Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Potluck/Baby Shower for the Duerksen's NOON, Oct. 8
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Oct. 9
BC Fall Festival Oct. 14
Mission Sunday w/ Sunoku Lin Oct. 15
Spiritual Life Board meets 6 P.M., Oct. 18
Church Workday 9 A.M.-?, Oct. 21

Pray This Week for...

- Pete and Lorena Klassen, both now at Wheat State Manor, as they and their family discern next steps.
- Jim Preheim, now continuing his recovery at home.
- Western District Conference pastors and chaplains who offer leadership in congregations and other institutions across WDC.
- Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network, who serve alongside communities in Ecuador to help *Vida Juvenil* become a thriving, locally organized project. Pray for them as they help mothers, children and youth become grounded in a better quality of life.

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 1, 2017: Worldwide Communion Sunday
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering Hymn "For the fruit of all creation" HWB #90
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship Adapting "All Good Gifts" from the musical *Godspell*

Leader: We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain.
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

**People: All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord, for all his love.**

L: We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!

**P: All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord, for all his love.**

All: I really want to thank you, Lord!

Children's Time Margaret Brewer

*Hymn "We worship God the Rock" SJ #28

Scripture Reading Joshua 1: 12-17

Sermon "Claiming an inheritance" Ray Reimer

*Response Hymn "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" HWB #582

Offering *Local Fund*

Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns; Prayer Rosie Epp

Hymn "I hunger and I thirst" HWB #474

Communion

Prayer of Confession SS #172

Invitation, Prayer, and Words of Institution

Sharing Supper with the Lord... and each other

Communion will be served at two stations at the front of the sanctuary; please break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you need or prefer to remain seated, please raise your hand to be served.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving HWB #789

*Sending Hymn "I am weak and I need thy strength" HWB #553

*Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Wes and Bonnie Brewer family

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer Musician: Karen Andres

Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

Pastors Ray and Rosie's Schedules/Contacts: One of them is at the church office several weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon. & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed. (all day); they'll be visiting in the community some afternoons. As they are no longer living in the parsonage, please use the church office phone (316-799-2071) or the cellphone numbers noted above to contact them... and please leave a voice message if they don't answer. Their new home address is 5 Jasper Court, PO Box 393, North Newton, KS 67117.

Thank You...

... to all who helped Ray and Rosie relocate to North Newton last weekend; the donated sweat and aching muscles were much appreciated! We'll schedule another day in a month or so, to tackle those books and files...

... to Liz Rutschman, who donated her time and labor in putting together and running off the bulletins the last couple months, as Ray was otherwise involved.

Lost and Found

A **key** was found by the west door of the church last weekend, labeled "Mom"; please see the pastors if this is yours.

Congregational Announcements

From Governing Council: "The **operating fund balance** is quite low; additional donations are needed if all bills are to be paid."

Oct. 4, 5:45-8:15 P.M.: **Wednesday Evening Activities** resume this week (see calendar for schedule). Supper will begin a bit earlier, so time won't be as cramped. Children's Activities will be similar to last year, with a variety of singing, Bible stories and activities, and Shalom Reader's Club on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month. Casey Guthals, a senior music major for Tabor, will be our Adult Choir director this year; she proposes the month of October be a Women's Ensemble as many men are still harvesting. Pastor Ray will lead the Adult Bible Study on "Digging into the Past: Slices of Holy Land History," exploring the impact of selected geographical sites on faith history from the biblical era to the present.

Oct. 7, 1-3 P.M.: A **book signing** will be held at the Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton for Brad Roth's (Pastor of West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge) new book *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*. This book is available to be checked out at the WDC Resource Library.

Oct. 8, NOON: A **potluck** will take place, followed by a **baby shower** for Ben and Halie Duerksen. Please bring sides, salads, or main dishes. Dessert will be provided. Don't forget to bring a gift and well wishes! They are registered at BuyBuy Baby.

Oct. 15: Zion will observe **Mission Sunday**. Our speaker will be Sunoku Lin, a bi-vocational pastor at Maranatha Christian Fellowship in Northridge, CA, as well as the CFO at TRACE Worldwide Corporation. He also serves on the boards of Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Central Committee US, is the treasurer of Mennonite World Conference, and is a leader with Anabaptist Renewal Circles. Adult Sunday School classes are also invited to hear him speak about the Mennonite Church in Indonesia during the education hour. (There will be no meal this year, as there'll be a potluck the prior week).

Other Organizations

Oct. 1, 5:30 P.M.: **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting** in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Please RSVP by registering online at campmennoscah.org or calling 620-297-3290.

Oct. 2, 6:30 P.M.: Getting ready to retire? Everence® Financial's informational seminar at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton on **retirement income strategy** will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To reserve a spot, contact (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Oct. 3, 6:30 P.M.: Gospel Echoes (a prison ministry) **Team Banquet**, at Journey at Yoder. Contact Dale and Miriam Lehman at 620-694-9823 for tickets.

Oct. 8, 2 P.M.: Hesston College **Bel Canto Singers concert:** "Living Water," at Hesston Menn. Ch. The program is created in partnership with the Hesston Common Read and will feature the work of Mennonite Central Committee, with an offering collected to support an MCC water project.

Oct. 8, 3 P.M.: Bethel College **Philharmonia Orchestra concert** at Memorial Hall, featuring music by von Weber, Debussy and Sibelius.

Oct. 8-9: This year's **Menno Simons Lecture series** at Bethel College, featuring renowned Lutheran writer and scholar Timothy J. Wengert, speaking on "Remembering 500 Years of Reformation Together" (2017 is the 500th-anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation). 1st lecture, "Martin Luther, the 95 Theses and the Mennonites," Sun., 7 P.M.; 2nd lecture, "What Makes Martin Luther a 'Father of the Faith'?" Mon., 11 A.M.; 3rd lecture, "What Can Christians Do When Their Leaders Err?" Mon., 7 P.M.; all in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Oct. 12-15: Bethel College **Fall Festival weekend**, with most events Sat., Oct. 14; see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/ for schedule.

Oct. 12, 3-5 P.M.: Kimberly Schmidt, author of the *Magpie's Blanket* historical novel about two women who survived the massacres of Plains Indians, will lead a workshop on "**Book Crafting and Research Methods**" at the MCC Center in North Newton. Cost: \$20 now (sent to Barb Orsi, 7217 E. Oxford St., Wichita, KS 67226 or [PayPal.me/barborsi](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/barborsi)) or \$25 at the door. Sponsored by StoryTellers of the Great Plains. Contact Kathy Goering for more information at [<kjgo@mtelco.net>](mailto:kjgo@mtelco.net).

Oct. 13-14: The Bethel College Women's Association is asking for **donations of baked goods** for the Market in the Round and Pie by the Slice booth at Fall Festival, Sat., Oct. 14. Baked goods of any kind may be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center on Fri., Oct. 13, 3 P.M.-5 P.M., or Saturday morning. Pies can be dropped off at Schultz Student Center, Seminar Room A near the cafeteria entrance, on Fri., Oct. 13, 4 P.M.-6:30 P.M., or Saturday morning at the Pie by the Slice booth. The request is for 9" pies; no cream pies, please. Please use an aluminum pie tin. If you have questions, contact Cindy Erb, cindy.l.erb@gmail.com. Thank you from BCWA!

Oct. 13-15: Bethel College Music and Theater present *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak as the **Fall Festival musical** – Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 P.M., Sat., Oct. 14, 3:30 P.M., Sun., Oct. 15, 2 P.M., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 A.M.-5 P.M., or a minimum of one hour before showtime in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.

Oct. 14, 7:45 A.M.: Kauffman Museum's **monthly bird walk** has moved to the second Saturday for October, to coincide with Bethel College's Fall Festival; meet in the museum parking lot.

Volunteer Opportunities: New Hope Shelter, Inc. (Newton) is now using an online volunteer opportunities calendar. It's a simple site that does not require you to register (it does ask for your email and telephone number, but this is for New Hope's reference only. It will also send you a reminder. Go to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2034727/false#/invitation> and check out the volunteer opportunities at New Hope.