

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 7 visitors): 81
Offering: Local Fund: \$5,168.47

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Mission Sunday w/ Sunoku Lin Oct. 15
Women in Mission meet 1:30 P.M., Oct. 16
Spiritual Life Board meets 6 P.M., Oct. 18
Church Workday 9 A.M.-?, Oct. 21

Pray This Week for...

- the family of Pete Klassen, mourning his death this last Thur.
- Lorena Klassen, as she adjusts to new life circumstances and residence at Wheat State Manor. Her new address: 601 S Main, Rm 212; Whitewater, KS 67154. Her phone remains the same: (316) 799-2462. She'd appreciate keeping up contact with Zion members.
- those in our congregation continuing to deal with lingering ailments.
- thanks for the generous financial support received by Western District Conference to assist congregations in Houston to reach out to members and neighbors following Hurricane Harvey.
- those affected by this week's mass shooting. Mennonite Central Committee-Washington Office notes "our prayers and thoughts are with all those affected, as we affirm our commitment to work toward common-sense gun policies. Here are links to several resources related to the prevention of gun-violence: From MCC: <<https://washingtonmemo.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/mcc-u-s-gun-violence-prevention-guide.pdf>>; from Menno Media: <<http://thirdway.com/the-right-to-safety/>>."
- Indigenous Peoples Day (tomorrow). Mennonite Mission Network confesses the complicity many in our church have had in land theft and oppression. Pray for repentance, restitution, and for the many mission workers who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.

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October 8, 2017

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

*Gathering Hymn "Oh, have you not heard" HWB #606
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Bonnie Brewer
Call to Worship Insert
*Hymn "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand" HWB #610
Children's Time Rosie Epp
"Teach your children" -Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
Scripture Readings Deuteronomy 31:7-8; 32:44-47;
Joshua 3:1-4, 17; 4:1-7, 19-24
Sermon "What do these stones mean?" Rosie Epp
*Response Hymn "O God, who gives us life" HWB #483
Offering *Mennonite Disaster Service*
Offertory Bonnie Brewer
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns
Prayer Ray Reimer
*Sending Hymn "This is a day of new beginnings" HWB #640
*Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Jim and Gladys Preheim
Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer Musician: Carol Klingenberg
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

Mowing church: Matt Wedel Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Klingenberg / Duerksen Before next Sun.
Greeters: Ann Schowengerdt Next Sun.
Musicians: Reinhild / Reinhild / Karen Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.

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/barborsib](https://www.paypal.com/paytoee/barborsib)) or \$25 at the door. Sponsored by StoryTellers of the Great Plains. Contact Kathy Goering for more information at <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 and Lois Friesen!

Oct. 13-15: Bethel College departments of 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.

Opening: Web and Social Media Manager. Mennonite Church USA is seeking a .6 FTE Web and Social Media Manager. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

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.

Oct. 14: **New Year's cookie volunteers:** *Thank you* for being willing to help! Please bring an apron, a head covering (ball cap or scarf or visor); wear comfortable shoes, and enter by the west (delivery) door of the college kitchen. –Lois Friesen

Oct. 21, 1:00-3:30 P.M.: Peter Goerzen, who serves on the WDC End Death Penalty Task Force, forwarded information about an upcoming abolition conference: "**The Kansas Death Penalty: What a Waste, 2017,**" KCADP Abolition Conference, at McPherson Ch. of the Brethren, 200 N. Carrie, McPherson. Speakers include Roger Werholtz, retired Secretary of the KS Department of Corrections; Senator Carolyn McGinn, Chair of Senate Ways and Means Committee; and Celeste Dixon, murder victim family member. To register/RSVP, email info@ksabolition.org or call 785-235-2237.

Oct. 21, 5-7 P.M.: Please join us for our annual **Mission Supper** at Hoffnungsau Menn. Ch. Proceeds will benefit rebuilding projects of Mennonite Disaster Service and Camp Mennoscah playground replacement project. For a free will donation, diners served include baked sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, applesauce, rolls and homemade pie. HMC is located at 43 13th Avenue, or 5 miles east and 3.5 miles south of Inman. For more info contact 620-585-6733 or Facebook at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church.

Nov. 2, 7:30 P.M.: **Hesston Community Read** for 2017 is *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis* by Cynthia Barnett. A number of events (films, discussions, lectures) are scheduled for the fall including a presentation by Barnett on this date at the Hesston Menn. Ch. See flier on bulletin board.

Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 15-17: Camp Mennoscah offers two **Scrapbook & Crafts Retreats** this fall on. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for a paper registration.

Nov. 11: MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting, at Beemer Menn. Ch., Beemer, NE. More information and registration on bulletin board.

Nov. 17, 7:30 P.M.: “Slightly Left of Normal: Theatrical musing from Ted Swartz on life, God and other minor details.” **Drama** in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College; see board for details.

Nov. 18, 8:30 A.M.–5 P.M.: 4th Biennial **Worship and the Arts Symposium** at Bethel College, with Ted and Co. TheaterWorks leading reflection on “Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the mystery of faith.” Discount if 3 or more from same congregation attend (includes ticket to Fri. drama, Sat. lunch & supper).

Nov. 18, 7:30 P.M.: “Singing the Mystery of Faith,” a **worship service** in Memorial Hall of Bethel College featuring reflections by Ted Swartz, and the voices of the Bethel Concert Choir and singers from area churches (William Eash, conducting). Free and open to the public; offering of non-perishable food and funds accepted for Harvest of Love. (Area singers are invited to join the mass choir, rehearsing from 5–6:30 P.M. before the service; please indicate your interest to Carol Klingenberg soon, to receive music).

Nov. 19, 7 P.M.: Faith Menn. Ch. (Newton), in partnership with Western District Conference (MCUSA), MCC-CS and Bethel is sponsoring the Kansas premier production of “**DISCOVERY: A Comic Lament**” produced by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks. This is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice, land use, and Indigenous experience and nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. Several scenes have their roots in Kansas. The production will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium on Bethel College campus. Ticket information will be released soon.

Dec. 3, 6:30 P.M.: The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, working under the name Resonate Team, has invited regional congregations to a “**Great Day of Singing**” at Bethel College Menn. Ch. (North Newton), led by project director and general editor Bradley Kauffman. (*Note: not occurring on Nov. 19 as originally announced*).

Jan. 19–20, 2018: Mark your calendars for the **Year of Evangelism kick off event**, sponsored by the Western District Conference Resource Commission at the Alexanderwohl church in Goessel.

MCC is **responding to disasters** taking place around the world. Even before the most recent natural disasters from hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, MCC was running extremely low on comforters and relief kits. Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018 and we need 7,000 comforters by this November to reach that goal. Visit <mcc.org/mrc/kits> for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, KS 67117. It’s not too early to start thinking about holiday giving projects like a relief kit collection drive! Call MCC with questions at 316-283-2720.

Thank You...

“...so very much for your generous contributions given to us for Hurricane Harvey.” This recent message from pastor Simon Tlumang of Chin Emmanuel Church in Houston also expresses Western District Conference’s gratitude! As of today, \$16,050 has been received by WDC and distributed to our four congregations in Houston. Pastors report that funds are being used to pay for expenses such as temporary lodging, construction materials, furnishings, rent, utilities, medical expenses, and other needs for families displaced from their homes by flooding or dealing with loss of work income due to the storm. Pastor Alberto Parchment of Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero says, “The needs are not over. We as pastors are working hard, trying to help all whom we can. The whole congregation is very grateful for your kind contribution to their needs.” WDC continues to welcome contributions for this purpose. Send checks, designated for Hurricane Relief, to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 or give online at mennowdc.org. All designated contributions will be sent directly to Houston congregations to assist them as they continue to help members and neighbors in the community. Thank you for your generosity!

NEW BOOKS TO THE ZION LIBRARY

BIOGRAPHY

- Carter, Aaron; & Matt Ivey; *Steal Away Home: Unlikely friends on the passage to freedom (slavery)*
- Gray, Patrick; & Justin Skeesuck; *I'll Push You: A journey of 500 miles, two best friends and one wheelchair*
- Lesslie, Dr. Robert; *Angels to the Rescue: Inspirational real-life stories from an ER doctor*
- Perkins, John; *Dream with Me: Race, love and the struggle we must win*
- Peterson, Amy; *Dangerous Territory: My misguided quest to save the world*
- Spurlock, Michael; *All Saints: The surprising story of how refugees to America from Burma brought life to a dying church*
- Stucky, Dr. Leona; *Befriend: Surviving my impotent God*

GENERAL INTEREST

- Baker, Lisa-Jo; *Never unfriended: The secret to finding and keeping lasting friendships*
- Becker, Palmer; *Anabaptist Essentials: Ten signs of a unique Christian faith*
- Ehman, Karen; *Listen, Love, Repeat: Other-centered living in a self-centered world*
- Lamott, Anne; *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering mercy*
- Voskamp, Ann; *Broken Way: A daring path into the abundant life*

SOCIAL ISSUES

- Furlong, Wesley; *Smart Compassion: How to stop "doing outreach" and start making change*
- Gordon, Wayne; *Do All Lives Matter?: The issues we can no longer ignore and the solutions we all long for*
- Jeung, Russell; *At Home in Exile: Finding Jesus among my ancestors and refugee neighbors*
- Platt, David; *Counter Culture: Following Christ in an anti-Christian age*
- Rajendra, Tisha; *Migrants & Citizens: Justice and responsibility in the ethics of immigration*
- Sauls, Scott; *Befriend: Create belonging in an age of judgment, isolation and fear*
- Wallis, Jim; *America's Original Sin: Racism, white privilege and the bridge to a new America*

FICTION

- Benton, Lori; *Many Sparrows*
- Bischof, Joanne; *The Lady and the Lionheart*
- Brunstetter, Wanda; *Going Home*
- Brunstetter, Wanda; *Allison's Journey*
- Brunstetter; *Dear to Me*
- Chapman, Vanetta; *What the Bishop Saw*
- Chapman, Vanetta; *Light of Dawn*
- Coffey, Billy; *Some Small Magic*
- Denman, Varina; *Looking Glass Lies*
- Hauck, Rachel; *The Writing Desk*
- Karon, Jan; *These High Green Hills*
- Karon, Jan; *Mitford Bedside Companion, The*
- Mabry, Richard; *Doctor's Dilemma*
- Rae, Kemberly; *Shredded*
- Reed, Ken Yoder; *He Flew Too High*
- Tagg, Melissa; *Keep Holding On*
- Wingate, Lisa; *Before We Were Yours*

JUNIOR FICTION

- Armstrong, William; *Joanna's Miracle: Lame girl during Jesus' time* SR
- Hamilton, Dorothy; *Kerry*
- Hamilton, Dorothy; *Rosalie* SR
- Hamilton, Dorothy; *Linda's Rain Tree* SR
- Hering, Marianne; *Trouble on Orphan Train* (Imagination Station 18)
- Hering, Marianne; *Light in the Lion's Den* (Imagination Station 19)
- Mazer, Norma; *Good Night, Maman: Immigration to Canada after WWII* R
- Tekavec, Heather; *The Cost of Passage: From Russia to Canada* SR

CHILDREN'S BOOKS / SHALOM READERS

- Arroyo, Madeline; *Calie's Gift*
- English, Karen; *Hot Day on Abbott Avenue*
- Fleming, Candace; *Boxes for Katje*
- Henkes, Kevin; *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*
- Huff, Tim; *The Cardboard Shack*

Call to Worship: Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city
of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.**

L: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

Women: He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.

Men: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**P: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."**

*All: The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*